



## GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL : MEDICAL RECORD STORAGE

### The Challenge

Nearly 12,000 patients are admitted each year, and each one is entitled to privacy at the hospital and continued confidentiality about all medical information. The hospital needed secure but easily accessible storage for each patient's medical records. Out-patient records, in-patient records, analysis charts, admission folders, physician holding charts, research charts, and various other medical records are kept in end-tab file folders and on CD-Rom in the Health Information Management Department. Space in the new hospital storage area was not adequate for rotary-style filing and mobile shelving was not an option.



### The Solution

The narrow 14-1/2" deep SlimCase is space-conservative, especially when compared with typical 18" deep lateral files. Because SlimCase laterals are available in 36", 42" and 48" width, the hospital was able to mix sizes and achieve optimum storage without any wasted space. Each SlimCase is equipped with a locking tambour door that provides security and medical record privacy. Paulette Smith, GWU Hospital's Director of Health Information "likes the smooth operation of the tambour doors and the lock-ability." SlimCase interiors can be field-retrofitted without tools. As storage methods migrate from end-tab folder format to CD-ROM or other future formats, shelves can be replaced from a wide selection of other style shelves and drawers.

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