

Spital Thun opens the doors to the new intensive care unit



Renovations have been under way in various areas of Spital Thun for several years. In 2018, earthquake safety measures throughout the building were improved; now the intensive care unit (ICU) and ward will be renovated.

To ensure that the work can be carried out during ongoing operations, a temporary container with 30 beds for the ward was installed on the roof of the surgical ward. As the ICU has been operating at its capacity limit of eight beds for some time, Spital STS AG is investing CHF 4 million in a new intensive care unit.

Work on the bright and colourful rooms was completed in February of this year. There are now beds for 14 patients in the new ICU. Gilgen Door Systems installed 22 sliding doors in this area of the hospital. The rooms are separated by manual telescopic doors and bi-parting sliding doors. To ensure privacy, the layered glass panes are equipped with integrated, automatic sun blinds. To satisfy the exacting aesthetic demands of the architects, the fire protection fronts and sliding doors are also equipped with layered glass. The sluice rooms feature Gilgen drive mechanisms in combination with wooden leaves. An ISO room for contaminated patients is enclosed by two sliding doors with an audible interlock control system. The first stage of the renovation is complete and the layered glass sliding doors are a perfect fit for the clean, modern architecture.

In the next step, the wards on the second through fourth floors will be renovated. Each floor will be completely gutted and renovated from the ground up. CHF 27 million has been set aside for the renovation of the wards alone, and the number of beds will increase from 160 to 190. The work is scheduled for completion in 2021.