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Area hospital selected for movie scenes

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OKLAHOMA CITY – McBride Orthopedic Hospital in Oklahoma City was used as a film location for the movie *Bringing Up Bobby*.

Director Famke Janssen selected the hospital after it was suggested as a film site by Payton Dunham, the location manager who helped choose Oklahoma sites for the production. He had previously visited the hospital when a friend underwent knee replacement surgery and thought it would be perfect.

“We wanted a hospital that didn’t feel like a big, cold place but somewhere that was warm and inviting,” Dunham said. “Famke loved the look and feel of McBride after her first visit to the hospital, and once she saw it, we never considered anywhere else.”

Actor Bill Pullman, known for his role as President Thomas Whitmore in *Independence Day*, said McBride was the first real hospital he had ever filmed in during the three decades of his career. Since the movie is about a mother-son duo that moves to Oklahoma for a better future, Janssen wanted to shoot at real Oklahoma locations to make the movie more genuine.

“Many films are shot on movie sets rather than in real and functioning locations, but I wanted to film at actual Oklahoma sites to bring a true authenticity to the movie,” Janssen said. “The McBride staff was wonderful to work with and their devotion to patient care was easy to see, which was exactly what we wanted to illustrate in these scenes.”

Once the hospital was chosen, Clinical Operations Officer Chris Weigel selected the patient room that would be featured in the film, ensured the waiting room was camera-ready and developed a plan to guarantee patients’ privacy throughout the filming process.

Weigel portrayed the role of receptionist as one of 10 McBride employees used as extras in the movie. McBride nurses were also consulted on how to place a patient in bed, monitor vitals and dress a patient.

*Bringing Up Bobby*, starring Milla Jovovich, Rory Cochrane, Pullman, Marcia Cross and Spencer List, was written and directed by Janssen and is scheduled for release in 2011.