

ARCHITECTURAL SHOWCASE

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital WHITTIER, CA



Project category: New construction (completed May 2005)

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Total building area (sq. ft.): 175,000

Construction cost/sq. ft.: \$318

Total construction cost (excluding land): \$55,595,000



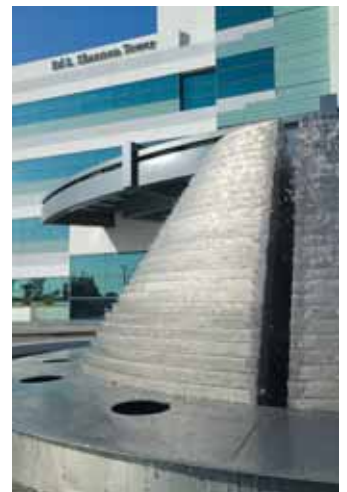
The redefined hospital is organized along a linear circulation spine that connects all essential services on the lower level, first floor, and second floor. The recently completed Shannon Tower provides 144 beds and includes four levels of Medical/Surgical nursing units over a lower level of hospital services.

A circular automobile turnaround has been provided at the first-floor lobby with a glass-covered canopy and a cone-shaped, stainless steel fountain on the structured deck over the lower level. Below is a landscaped outdoor dining patio, bringing natural light into the lower level.

The lobby is designed with a triangular skylight over the marble reception desk; lobby seating is on both sides. Behind the desk is the marble and etched-glass donor wall.

The nursing stations are designed with marble columns and desks to provide a durable, high-quality image. Carpeted corridors, along with indirect lighting and raised ceilings at intersections, provide a calming and noninstitutional environment.

The triangular nursing cores include a primary nursing station and two nursing substations for reception, patient registration, and nursing functions.



The typical patient rooms are single-bed rooms designed with wood-veneer headwalls and built-in armoires/televisions. A built-in window bench converts easily into a bed for a family member to spend the night.

Flexibility of the nursing functions on each floor is achieved through the use of 28 single rooms and a unique arrangement of 8 beds in "extra care" rooms on each nursing unit.

