

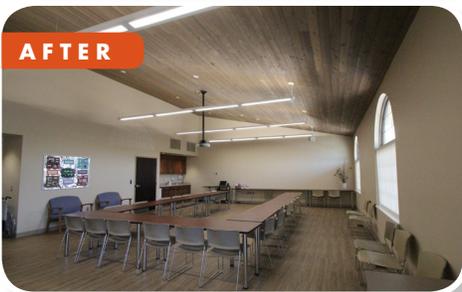
CASE STUDY



Designing a Higher Level of Comfort and Specialty Care



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When Hurley Medical Center's executive team contacted FUNchitecture about a new location for the Hurley Bariatric Center and the creation of a new Specialty Care Clinic, the existing building shell was a sight for sore eyes. The building had stood empty for nearly two decades and the interior was simply plywood subfloor and the outer perimeter walls and roof trusses. It was an architect's dream! A blank canvas in which to create the very best in healthcare outpatient clinics possible.

We set to work laying out the architectural program with Hurley's team. We quickly realized that more is not always better. When compassionately servicing the bariatric population, many small consultation rooms work against desired health outcomes for patients. Instead of creating more small rooms, we created fewer, much larger

We went from dead pigeons to providing the most state-of-the-art health care in the same space!

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and accommodating patient care spaces. Each patient room now has guest chairs and a consultation table for honesty and transparency in pre- and post-operative care. The rooms create a comforting environment for the patient and support them emotionally in a loving way by providing a patient room that is “right sized” for them. Finishes are warm and inviting and are the antithesis of traditional sterile clinical environments. A beautiful tongue and groove ceiling greets visitors in the waiting area and bright, modern and cheerful LED lighting provides enhanced illumination for wound care and patient procedures – all while providing the most energy efficiency possible! Space circulation provides ease of navigation for patients around a common core that supports staff and protects sensitive patient privacy information.

Likewise, the specialty care side provides maximum flexibility for a variety of outpatient clinics to rotate throughout the space on a weekly basis. The same tongue and groove wood ceiling provides continuity and a soft, inviting check-in and check-out area greets patients in the lobby. Again, a round central core provides ease of navigation while protecting sensitive patient records. Efficiencies in design were gained by sharing a large conference room for staff training and meeting space, while a large community education classroom provides an outpatient training center for after-hours care and education! It features warm finishes and a wide-open, flexible space complete with kitchenette, Wi-Fi and data projection and conference training capabilities to service all types of health training opportunities for patients in an off-campus, FUN and warm setting.

