

## ■ Carolinas Medical Center - Mercy 7 - South Orthopedics Wing Renovation:

Location: Charlotte, North Carolina  
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Square Feet: 16,400  
Cost: \$3,205,000  
Completion: September 1, 2014

■ CMC Mercy is a Plane Tree Facility, and the Renovation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor - South Wing Orthopedics Patient Unit exemplifies these concepts in the design. This patient-centered renovation took an existing 35-bed unit and turned it into a spacious, 22-bed unit. The small patient rooms designed in the 1970s were enlarged from 190 SF to approximately 300 SF. The new larger room size can accommodate a family zone with a writing/desk area, sleeper sofa, and private reading light. The patient enjoys raised ceilings, a wooden headwall/headboard, and direct views to the outside, while the staff has space at the bedside with direct eye contact on the patient for charting and ample room to maneuver around the bed. Enlarged roll-in Patient Toilet/Shower are in all patient rooms and allow for increased ability to assist the patients.

The Nurse Station was reconfigured to give the staff a front door presence when you walk onto the unit. Smaller, de-centralized nurse stations are located throughout the floor to allow flexibility of the staff and increasing bedside time for nurses. A separate Rehab and Physical Therapy Gym was also created on the unit to help with the healing of the Orthopedic patients.

A large Care Partner Lounge supports the family members and provides a place out of the room while their loved one is resting. This concept keeps the family members close by in comfort, while still supporting patient sleep.



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