

Fairmont Health Care

Chicago, Illinois



Interior Design: Hanna Z Interiors, Ltd.; **Architecture:** 2401 Architects; **Contractor, Paint and Wallpaper:** GF Builder; **Carpeting:** Lees Carpet; **Floor Installation:** Jarek Carpeting; **Furniture:** St. Timothy; **Lighting:** Uttermost, Willow Electric; **Lighting Contractor:** Luco Electric; **Vinyl Wood Planks:** Centiva; **Wallcovering:** J.M. Lynne; **Window Treatment:** United Supply.com



The most difficult job of any facility is to make residents feel at home. This is especially challenging when every day is set by the clock and schedules for various activities. The objective of Fairmont Health Care's remodel-renovation was to redefine the existing space to drive increased resident and family social engagement.

This design met the owner's goal of increasing person-centered care, and facilitated a deep cultural change by decentralizing dining into neighborhoods, while centralizing activities into zoned social hubs. This approach encourages residents to become involved in activities on their own and with the group. The energy of engaged residents transfers to those who might not otherwise participate.

Staff can easily increase the number of activities at the same time, involving residents in baking cookies, playing cards, watching TV, surfing the Internet, or just reading.

Everyone likes to do a variety of different activities, and wants to be able to choose or change those as they wish. Sometimes, simply delivering a different set up or changing the ambiance means a lot—not only for the residents but for the staff. Happily occupied residents produce a happy, less stressed staff.

Jury comments:

- *The photos show the ability to completely transform an outdated and very medical-model type of activity/dining room into something that is warm and beautiful!*
- *This renovation created a dramatic change from the institutional feel of the original space. The finishes and color palette are very well done. Incorporating the seating area adjacent to the dining area is a good decision.*
- *The finishes and details provide an upscale feeling to this space. The change in floor materials defines separate activity zones while the space remains open.*

Reader comments:

- *Very nice!*
- *Great update for these residents to enjoy. Now warm and inviting.*
- *The difference is amazing!*
- *Window, flow, and furniture changes really make a difference here as well as the lighter, softer earth tones. Looks airy, inviting, and comfortable. The room previously looked large and busy, with old tile floors and table-top covers that didn't go well with the rest of the green coloring in the room. Nice job!*

The Pratt Pavilion

Glen Cove, New York

The new Pratt Pavilion synthesizes proud history, architectural design, and a passion to deliver the highest caliber rehab experience in an extraordinary setting. Long Island's Pratt Institute, noted for its architects, was named after the owner of Glengariff's Pratt Pavilion; and the Pratt Mansion is one of the area's proudest landmarks.

When Glengariff Healthcare was purchased in 2008, the new owners were determined to create a campus that would be a haven of cutting-edge medicine and luxury. The mission was to integrate a wholehearted approach of "patient-centered care," and attract a younger and healthier population in need of short-term rehabilitation.

Patients and families thrive at Pratt Pavilion. Five-star amenities provide patients with the sense that they are guests in an opulent hotel, connected to the world via Wi-Fi, cable, and TV. Integral to creating a high-end rehab and nursing facility was the upgrade of patient areas for everyone to enjoy. The lobby was significantly "opened" to allow residents/patients and their families an area to socialize and congregate. The staff is energized by the bright, aesthetic environment and is enormously proud.

The remodel-renovation team encountered a myriad of challenges, particularly when they had to open up the lobby and remove a weight-bearing wall. Seren-

dipitously, assisted by Pratt Institute-trained architects and engineers, they worked for one year to close off the area and the sections above it in order to place support to bolster the building, while they took down the wall.

Pictured is some of the work done in Pratt Pavilion to create a physical therapy room using innovative technology.

Jury comments:

- *This is a truly awesome physical therapy room.*
- *The colors are soothing and energetic. I also like the fact that the flooring does not have a lot of glare.*
- *Finally—a modern, bright space that says it's OK to feel young and contemporary, and to come here to work out to maintain the feeling.*

Reader comments:

- *Excellent, open, airy, and cool design.*
- *Looks like a five-star hotel.*
- *This architectural design is very unique.*



Architecture: John W. Baumgarten Architect, P.C.; **Interior Design:** Helene Marcus Healthcare Design; **Flooring:** Estrie Products International; **Ceiling Tiling:** Armstrong Worldwide Products; **Wall Protection:** Construction Specialist

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