Vision
Each year more than 3.2 million people receive care at the Cleveland Clinic. The hospital frequently operated at 92% capacity, well over the industry norm of 85%. To meet demand and upgrade outdated facilities, the Clinic embarked on a 1.3 million square-foot, two-building expansion.

Breakthrough
Hospital floors are organized around the Clinic’s new “Institute” model, which organizes medical care around organ and disease systems, rather than physician-specific departments. While the buildings’ four components each addresses an independent set of needs and requirements, the integration of these units allows them to function as a single, comprehensive entity.

Value
The new buildings bring clarity, serenity and a distinctive new “front door” to the medical center’s difficult to navigate, 166-acre campus. Physician productivity is optimized, and staff travel and patient transfer distances are greatly reduced by consolidating all programs under one roof. Building Information Modeling (BIM) allowed for a 33-month fast track delivery of the Glickman Tower. Despite breaking ground one year after the Miller Pavilion, both buildings were completed and opened at the same time.

Insight
Conventional thinking has long held that patients base their choice of hospital on clinical reputation, location or physicians’ recommendations. Hospital executives are now recognizing that patients also consider non-clinical factors, such as room comfort, when choosing where to seek treatment. Creating a “total experience” where space supports the service approach has resulted in a significant competitive advantage for the hospital.

World-renowned Cleveland Clinic has long been a leader in attracting patients who choose quality over geography for complex medical procedures. NBBJ helped align services, space and brand as the medical center undertook the largest construction and philanthropy project in its 90-year history.
A SMARTER MODEL OF HEALTHCARE

The nation’s #1 heart and vascular institute—previously spread throughout the campus—is now consolidated in Miller Pavilion. The new 10-story facility features 128 exam rooms, 79 procedure rooms, 16 operating rooms, 110 intensive care beds and office space. The adjoining Glickman Tower houses the Urological and Kidney Institute, which is the clinic’s largest surgery center and one of its fastest growing programs.

The clinic’s new “Institute” model allows patients to better access the care they need. Multidisciplinary, disease-specific centers integrate the expertise of multiple medical experts into the comprehensive care of a single disease. By consolidating all programs—including outpatient clinics, inpatient beds, technology and procedure suites, and physician offices—under one roof, physician productivity is optimized and staff travel and patient transfer distances are greatly reduced.
Every day, 25,000 patients, visitors and caregivers pass through the front doors of the Cleveland Clinic.
Clinic officials stressed that feelings of intimidation and confusion can accompany a visit to the hospital, so the NBBJ design team created an entry facility that processes patients without losing them in the shuffle. The first floor is dedicated to quick and attentive “patient flow,” with new patients being registered, interviewed and given necessary screening tests with the least delay possible.

**EPICENTERS OF ACTIVITY**

Designed to reduce redundancy and the impact of large amounts of traffic, Miller Pavilion and Glickman Tower share the same ground floor. The circulation patterns are designed to flow around three epicenters of activity: a Service hub, an Amenity hub and a Learning hub. The hubs accommodate distinct user groups and disperse them across the main floor, reducing overlap and crowding.

The Service (entry) hub welcomes new patients. A staff of red-coat-wearing greeters answers questions and guides patients to their destination. The Learning hub accommodates medical professionals attending conferences and educational courses. The Amenities hub houses a café, bank and retail outlets. It provides a pleasant distraction for patients and caregivers who spend extended periods of time on the campus.

The lobbies are uncluttered and spacious, with clear sight lines and legible wayfinding signage. Comfortable seating is available every few steps.
The Miller Family Pavilion triples the space previously available to the Heart and Vascular Institute.

Teamwork, collaboration and innovation are built into the design. Clinical areas are built for ease of use by patients and medical professionals. Flow is managed to minimize patient wait times, which results in more time for physicians to spend with their patients. The sheer number of clinical facilities enhances the convenience and experience of patients and caregivers alike. Outpatient clinical areas are located along the curved glass façade to facilitate wayfinding and provide patients and families with continuous access to natural daylight and scenic views.
HEALING HOSPITALITY

The sickest of the sick come here, so care of the body, mind and spirit is integral to the design of both the Miller Pavilion and Glickman Tower. The project’s design concept—“healing hospitality”—minimizes the visual clutter that characterizes typical hospital environments. Landscape elements take people from the world outside and move them graciously inside the world of the clinic. A rooftop terrace overlooks the hospital’s reflection pool, providing a tranquil place for patients and staff.
Floor-to-ceiling windows offer an abundance of natural light and expansive views of nearby downtown Cleveland and Lake Erie.
All 278 private patient rooms include a wood-paneled accent wall with a flat screen television and a comfortable, pull-out sleeper sofa. Oxygen, suction and blood pressure equipment is easily accessible, but neatly hidden behind sliding panels. Bedside technology and wireless computer access gives the patient greater control over their environment. Workstations on wheels allow for efficient nurse documentation throughout each floor.

The role of the family has changed from concerned bystander to a member of the care team, often with family members staying around the clock. Designing family zones in patient rooms results in fewer patient falls, reduced patient stress and depression, improved communication and increased patient satisfaction. Alternate patient room floors are arrayed so that adjacent rooms can be converted to family suites.
During the same procedure, a patient may need an open cardiac surgical operation, thoracoscopy and coronary intervention, requiring operating rooms that are imaging intense. The nearly 700 square foot ORs in Miller Pavilion accommodate the large surgical teams necessary for the most complex cases, while still leaving space around the operating table to facilitate the surgical team’s movement and workflow. Each has its own cath lab for imaging, an air handling unit to minimize infection potential and terrazzo flooring to limit vibrations.
The Clinic’s fine art collection is dispersed throughout the public spaces and patient rooms, with seven site-specific pieces commissioned for the new buildings. The artwork reflects key concepts such as innovation, teamwork and service—fundamental cornerstones of Cleveland Clinic’s philosophy.
“The addition of Glickman Tower allows us to continue our momentum in pioneering new surgical techniques, incorporating the latest technology, and—most importantly—continuously improving outcomes for our patients.”

ANDREW C. NOVICK, M.D., CHAIRMAN
Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute
Glickman Tower houses the hospital’s Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute, which is the clinic’s largest surgery center and one of its fastest growing programs. The 12-story building is comprised of 74 exam rooms, 16 procedure rooms, a 21-bed dialysis unit and a chapel and meditation room.

The dialysis unit provides treatment for 42 patients at 21 treatment stations in two shifts. Four additional stations in the bed staging area and one additional station in the new Procedure Center can also be used for dialysis. The Center is comprised of two large open areas, each with a panoramic view of 10 or 11 treatment stations. The open layout contributes to greater functionality, safety and efficiency. The increased capacity results in a reduction of operating hours and an increase in the number of patients treated.

The building was designed with a 30-foot structural grid. Vertical distribution of infrastructure systems is located in the corners, leaving a very open floor plan that can accommodate anything from an office to an operating room to a laboratory. Exam floors feature dual corridors to separate medical traffic from the public, providing patients with increased privacy.

Glickman’s design accommodates flexibility and changes on demand. Outpatient office space was built on the same module as exam rooms, allowing for easy transitions. When the building was completed, the heart center was able to expand across buildings and make efficient use of previously unassigned space.
When it came time to address facilities for the Urology and Kidney Institutes, it became evident that the existing 1970s “F” building could not meet the needs of a state-of-the-art practice. CEO Dr. Toby Cosgrove challenged the team to devise a new solution. Although programming began more than a year after construction of the adjacent cardiac center was started, the hospital targeted the same completion time frame for both buildings.

Building Information Modeling (BIM) helped the project team meet the aggressive design and construction schedule on Glickman Tower. From the start, three-dimensional, integrated models were used to communicate with the client leaders, user groups, consultants and contractors to facilitate rapid understanding of the building design options and coordinate systems and details.

During construction, BIM and a cost/manpower scheduling program allowed for fast-track responses to major project changes without additional staffing. When an additional elevator needed to be added to the building after the contractor had started construction of the foundation, the design team was able to update the model in less than two days. Despite a one-year difference in start dates, Miller Pavilion and Glickman Tower were completed at the same time.
“These buildings have a real presence. They stand for something. What they stand for is the highest ideals of medicine, expressed in the mission, vision and values of Cleveland Clinic. They are solid and commanding, like our four cornerstones of quality, innovation, teamwork and service.”

— DELOS M. “TOBY” COSGROVE, M.D.
CEO AND PRESIDENT, CLEVELAND CLINIC
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