



FACT SHEET

The Center for Health Design is a nonprofit research, education, and advocacy organization whose mission is to transform healthcare settings into healing environments that improve outcomes through the creative use of evidence-based design. We envision a future where healing environments are recognized as a vital part of therapeutic treatment; and where the design of healthcare settings contributes to health and does not add to the burden of stress.

The Center serves a network of more than 25,000 professionals worldwide. The main areas of our focus are research, education, advocacy, environmental standards, and technical assistance.

Research: Since 1993, The Center has initiated research on consumer satisfaction, medical outcomes, and facility design. Our latest initiatives are 1) a report funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that summarizes the available evidence-based design research; and 2) the Pebble Project, whose purpose is to create a ripple effect in the healthcare community by providing researched and documented examples of projects that have created life enhancing environments for patients, families, and staff.

Education/Information: Through annual conferences such as HEALTHCARE DESIGN, and *HEALTHCARE DESIGN* magazine, both produced by Vendome Group, LLC in association with The Center, we continue to communicate new ideas and information about how the quality of healthcare can be enhanced by the design of the built environment. We are currently producing an executive program with Turner Construction called "The Business Case for Better Buildings."

The Center's website (www.healthdesign.org), which is visited by more than 6,000 people a month, provides valuable information and resources for those planning and designing new or renovated facilities.

Advocacy: The Center is an advocate for better healthcare buildings. The Center's quest to promote the use of evidence-based design to create healing environments in hospitals, clinics, physician offices, nursing homes, and other healthcare facilities has led it to create several healthcare design awards as well as a task force to change the building codes and standards.

Environmental Standards: As an advocate for standards changes within the various accrediting and regulatory agencies, we are actively engaged in ongoing initiatives with the JCAHO, AIA, and others.

Technical Assistance: Every day, The Center's staff answers questions and provides free information to healthcare and design professionals all over the world. The Center also offers more formal "second opinion" advisory services to organizations that are planning new healthcare facilities.

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