



Resources

from The Center for Health Design

The largest collection of healthcare design research, best practices, resources and tools.

Insights & solutions to today's most urgent and challenging healthcare design issues.

The industry's most dynamic, unique in-person and virtual learning and connecting experiences.

Who are these resources for?

Architects & Designers

Healthcare Executives

Facilities Managers

Product Manufacturers

Clinicians & Caregivers

Students & Educators

Government & Policymakers



THE CENTER FOR HEALTH DESIGN®

30 YEARS

Stand On Our Shoulders

Since 1993, The Center for Health Design has been creating, collecting, organizing and sharing the largest compendium of industry-changing healthcare design research, best practices, resources and tools.

Akron Children's Hospital Kay Jewelers Pavilion, Akron, OH

Today thousands of healthcare providers, architects, designers and product manufacturers reference our work, use our tools, employ our strategies and tap our experts as they endeavor to improve healthcare through the design of the built environment.

The largest collection of healthcare design research, best practices, resources, tools and experiences

- Research
- Tools & Resources
- Learning Events
- Webinars & Workshops
- Networking
- Publications
- Conferences
- EDAC Certification
- Affiliate Membership
- Industry Awards

Design Insights & Solutions to today's most urgent and challenging healthcare issues

- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Infection Control
- Impact of Aging
- Technology
- Safety
- Communication
- Noise
- Staff Wellbeing
- Population Health
- Perception of Cleanliness
- Patient-Centered Medical Home
- Process-Driven Design
- Emergency Department Throughput

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Create a free account to receive our newsletters – featuring new research, best practices, resources, industry news, event announcements and more.

See The Difference

Evidence-based design makes a positive, measurable difference in the safety, health and satisfaction of patients, their families and their caregivers.

Throughout our 30-year history, we've helped lead the evidence-based design movement in healthcare by initiating, directing and supporting research that documents and measures the impact that design of the physical environment has in improving healthcare outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

Be The Difference

The support of people like you has enabled The Center to fulfill its mission of improving health outcomes through design research, education and community.

With the support of our members – thousands of healthcare providers, architects, designers, researchers, product manufacturers, educators, students and professional associations around the world – The Center provides leadership to the healthcare design industry and addresses its ever-expanding needs.

ABOUT THE CENTER



The Center for Health Design, a San Francisco-based 501(c)3, strives to maximize health through informed design.

We challenge the status quo with bold vision, solid evidence, sound plans and extraordinary outcomes. We share information, passion and efforts to yield profound results. And we highlight how design can unleash the potential to improve people's lives where they live, work, play and heal.

To achieve these goals:

- We bring people together at regional and national events to share and learn.
- Through design research, education and community, we're leading the way in transforming hospitals, clinics, wellness centers, doctors offices, residential care facilities, and beyond to create built environments that optimize health.
- We equip industry professionals with strategies, resources, tools and training that enable them to effectively evaluate, test, prioritize, implement, and optimize facility investments.

The Center has established a proven track record of creating, launching and delivering programs that provide true value to the healthcare design industry – The Pebble Project, EDAC certification, the Affiliate Program, *Healthcare Design Magazine*, the *HERD Journal*, the Healthcare Design Conference & Expo, and much more.



University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro, Plainsboro Township, NJ

Affiliate Membership

By joining The Center's Affiliate or Affiliate+ programs you can:

- Stay current on advances in evidence-based facility design.
- Stay connected with a community of like-minded professionals.
- Support The Center's mission to improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs through design.



AFFILIATE

With Affiliate membership comes free or discount-priced access — depending upon your level — to a wide array of learning and networking opportunities, research, tools and resources* including:

Monthly Newsletter — featuring new research findings, resources, case studies & best practices

HERD Journal

Networking Events

Evidence-Based Design Journal Clubs

Online Company Profile, Project & Job Postings

Assessment & Planning Tools

Book, Multimedia & Event Discounts

EDAC Examination Discounts

**Subject to change*

AFFILIATE+

In addition to all of the standard Affiliate program benefits, plus greater public visibility and larger discounts on Center publications and events, Affiliate+ program members receive exclusive access to in-depth, high value, leading-edge content, expertly curated and delivered for their efficient use.

Affiliate+ member organizations will benefit from:

- Design insights, solutions and resources to help solve today's most pressing healthcare issues: Behavioral Health, Safety and Process-Driven Design, Infection Control, Impact of Aging, Technology, Population Health and more.
- Comprehensive, solution-driven “toolboxes” — created and curated for each topic — containing expert interviews, project briefs, issue briefs, design strategies, blogs, webinars, podcasts and more.
- Delivered throughout the year via our website for use by your entire organization.



For a complete list of Affiliate and Affiliate+ program benefits, fees and online sign-up, visit healthdesign.org/join.



Education & Networking Events

ICONS AND INNOVATORS WEBINARS

Live or on-demand, these high-quality, affordable, thought-provoking and convenient learning events provide opportunities to inform your work strategies, obtain Continuing Education Units (CEUs), and engage with industry icons and innovators who are championing change.

WORKSHOPS

These unique, immersive experiences dive deep into strategic design trends that are shaping tomorrow's healthcare and home environments. Whether online or in-person, attendees interact with healthcare industry leaders and colleagues, and learn through presentations and group think-tanks.

NETWORKING EVENTS

Created for The Center's Affiliate and Affiliate+ members, these regional and sometimes virtual networking events often feature an educational session worth one EDAC/AIA CEU, as well as plenty of social time to meet and connect with the regional healthcare design community.





Crown Sky Garden, Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Resources

KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY

Start your search for articles and research citations on healthcare design topics with a visit to The Center's Knowledge Repository — a complete, user-friendly library of healthcare design resources that continues to grow with the latest research.

INSIGHTS & SOLUTIONS

Get the latest trends, tools, and resources for improving healthcare environments. Browse our many free and members-only resources, including research reports and issue briefs, interviews, project briefs, design strategies, lessons learned, tools, and webinars.

EBD BOOKS, MULTIMEDIA & MORE

In our online store you'll find print and digital publications filled with insight and guidance from some of the industry's top innovators and experts.

INTERACTIVE DESIGN DIAGRAMS

Our interactive design diagrams provide a link between the evidence base, design strategies, and desired outcomes – in a visually intuitive and actionable format for a variety of settings.

SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

This toolkit provides a proactive process that facilitates multidisciplinary discussion to leverage design and mitigate risk. It utilizes an evidence-based design approach to identify actionable solutions, and targets six areas of safety: infections, falls, medication errors, security, injuries of behavioral health, and patient handling (as required in the FGI Guidelines).

Certification



Evidence-based Design Accreditation and Certification

Created by The Center in 2009 to educate and recognize individuals who demonstrate the ability to apply an evidence-based process to facility design, today over 3,000 professionals around the world have obtained EDAC certification.

Open to anyone involved in planning, designing, supplying, building or renovating healthcare facilities and beyond, EDAC certification offers numerous benefits including:

- Public recognition of evidence-based design expertise**
- Increased value with clients and employers**
- Ability to share a common language with other team members**
- Credibility when justifying expenditures for design decisions**
- Access to ongoing learning, tools and a professional network**

The Center provides resources to help prepare for the exam, opportunities to take the exam, and ongoing support to put EBD lessons learned into practice and earn CEUs for credential maintenance.

EDAC STUDY GUIDES

(available individually or as a set)

Volume 1: *An Introduction to Evidence-Based Design: Exploring Healthcare and Design*

Volume 2: *Building the Evidence Base: Understanding Research in Healthcare Design*

Volume 3: *Integrating Evidence-Based Design: Practicing the Healthcare Design Process*



EDAC EXAM PREP SESSIONS & VIDEOS

Join a live online prep session with opportunities for Q&A, and then refresh and get ready with on-demand prep videos.

EDAC SAMPLE EXAM & FLASHCARDS

The EDAC sample exam provides sample questions from the five key areas to help prepare for the EDAC exam. The flashcards are an official study tool to supplement the Study Guide materials. The flashcards and sample exam are available FREE to download.

Professional Industry Networks

The Center's premier collegial networks bring together executive-level facility, design and solutions professionals to learn and connect in open, strategic discussions, idea and resource exchanges, and personal dialog.



Built Environment Network
Pediatric Environment Network

Behavioral & Mental Health Environment Network
Resilient Aging Environments Network

Awards

Presented by The Center or together with our media and conference partners, these awards recognize outstanding projects, products, and individuals that have contributed to the evidence-based design field, helped advance the healthcare design industry, or demonstrated exemplary facility design.

Changemaker Award — Honors individuals or organizations that have significantly changed the way healthcare facilities are designed and built.



Touchstone Award — The Touchstone Award recognizes projects and products that use an evidence-based design (EBD) process.

Healthcare Environment Award — Created by The Center for Health Design in 1989, this award recognizes excellence in new or renovated healthcare facility design.

New Investigator Research Award — Created by The Center for Health Design in 1989, this award recognizes excellence in new or renovated healthcare facility design.

Nightingale Product Design Award — Created by The Center for Health Design in 1992, this award recognizes innovation and advancements in new product design.

The Russ Coile Lifetime Achievement Award — Named for one of The Center's founding directors, this award recognizes individuals who, like Russ, have dedicated their careers to the advancement of the healthcare design field.