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.

Who are these resources for?
Healthcare Administrators
Caregivers
Architects
Designers
Product Manufacturers
Students & Educators

Moving Healthcare Forward
For more than 25 years 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.

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 and tools

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

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

- Behavioral Health
- Infection Control
- Impact of Aging
- Technology
- Safety
- Communication
- Noise
- Healthcare Reform
- Population Health
- Perception of Cleanliness
- Patient-Centered Medical Home
- Sustainability
- Emergency Department Throughput

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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 25+ 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 Organizations like Yours Has Enabled The Center to Fulfill its Mission of Improving Health Outcomes through Design Research, Education and Advocacy

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, transforms healthcare environments for a healthier, safer world through design research, education, and advocacy.

We advance best practices and empower healthcare leaders, design professionals and product manufacturers with quality research that demonstrates the value of design to improve health outcomes, patient experience of care and provider/staff satisfaction and performance.

To accomplish this:

• We bring people together at regional and national events to share and learn.

• Through design research, education and advocacy, we’re leading the way in transforming hospitals, clinics, wellness centers, doctors offices and residential care facilities for a safer, healthier tomorrow.

• 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 Expo & Conference, and much more.
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.

AFILIATE

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
Healthcare Design Magazine
HERD Journal
Research Design Connections
Networking Events

Evidence-Based Design Journal Clubs
Online Company Profile, Project & Job Postings
Assessment & Planning Tools
Book, Multimedia & Webinar 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:


• 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.

PEBBLE IN PRACTICE WORKSHOPS
These unique, immersive experiences dive deep into strategic design trends that are shaping tomorrow's healthcare and home environments. Attendees interact with healthcare industry leaders and colleagues, tour exemplary facilities, and learn through presentations and group think-tanks.

HEALTH DESIGN INSIGHTS NETWORKING EVENTS
Created for The Center’s Affiliate and Affiliate+ members, these regional networking events 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.

CONFERENCES
In collaboration with our conference partner Emerald Expositions, The Center produces two of the leading healthcare design-related educational programs and professional gatherings.

Healthcare Design Expo & Conference is the industry's premier event devoted to how the design of built environments directly impacts the safety, operation, clinical outcomes and financial success of healthcare facilities. Attendees can earn up to 23 continuing education credits, network with peers, and influence the direction of the industry.

Environments for Aging Expo & Conference offers the latest strategies and ideas for creating living environments that meet the needs of our aging population. During this comprehensive three-day learning experience, attendees will network with peers while learning the latest innovations and best practices in the design, architecture and building of long-term and residential care settings.
Resources & Services

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 here. 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. A full range of topics will help you design and build hospitals, clinics, doctor’s offices, wellness centers and residential care facilities with improved satisfaction rates, increased safety, fewer medical errors, better medical outcomes and a healthier bottom line.

RESEARCH SERVICES
Get research expertise when you need it. Our team of top-notch researchers at The Center for Health Design can provide you with timely healthcare industry research advice, along with project management support that will help propel your healthcare facility projects. Whether you need expert advice on a research project, need an expert to do research for you, or you simply need to be pointed to the right resources, we can help.

PEBBLE PROJECT
In this unique dynamic collaborative, forward thinking healthcare organizations, architects, designers and industry partners forge strategies and relationships in pursuit of improved patient and worker safety, clinical outcomes, environmental performance and operating efficiency. Tools support and validate the design decision-making process, while expert guidance from The Center keeps participating organizations and their projects on the path to successful and measurable improvement.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING
Interested in having an expert on a particular topic speak at one of your corporate gatherings, industry conferences, or other events? Our knowledgeable staff and board members are available to provide educational consulting through a special program offered to our valued members. We also welcome the opportunity to consult with non-members, who can contact us for more details.
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 2,600 professionals around the world have obtained EDAC certification.

Open to anyone involved in planning, designing, supplying, building or renovating healthcare facilities, 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 PREPARATION VIDEOS
Available on demand, you can view each video as many times as you want during a selected time period.

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.
Built Environment Network

As The Center for Health Design’s premier collegial network, the Built Environment Network (BEN) consists of executive-level facility professionals who are dedicated to improving safety, quality, and sustainability in healthcare. Learn and connect with industry leaders by participating in open, strategic discussions that set the direction for the future of the built environment.

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.

Evidence-Based Design Touchstone Award — The Evidence-Based Design Touchstone Award recognizes the use of an evidence-based design (EBD) process in the pursuit of:

- increasing value for patients, families, staff, and healthcare organizations,
- improving outcomes (health outcomes, satisfaction, productivity, safety, and quality)
- engaging everyone affected in a healthcare design project (patients, staff, families, and more).

Healthcare Environment Award — Co-sponsored by Contract magazine and The Center for Health Design, this award honors healthcare interior architecture and design at Healthcare Design Expo & Conference.

New Investigator Research Award — Recognizes high-quality research studies by new investigators which are likely to fill critical gaps in evidence-based healthcare facility design.

Nightingale Product Design Award — Co-sponsored by Healthcare Design Magazine and The Center for Health Design, recognizing the best new products exhibited at the annual Healthcare Design Expo & Conference.

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.