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Leading the way

WJE is one of the leading firms in the Kansas City area specializing in healthcare architecture and design – and unlike most firms, our sole focus is on serving healthcare clients.

This focus gives our clients a powerful advantage. Our experience comes through in the planning and design process, in our ability to work effectively with project partners, and in our attention to detail.

WJE's success is rooted in relationships. From in-depth participatory planning to extensive on-site work with project partners, our time-tested process allows us to understand each client's philosophy and the environment. As a result, we are able to develop design concepts that maximize efficiency while meeting market demands.

Because we maintain an open dialogue with our clients, we consistently deliver successful solutions. And because we look at every project through the lens of experience, we are able to anticipate project needs and offer new solutions.

Healthcare systems place their confidence in WJE because we have the experience and insight to deliver great healthcare architecture and design.

“Because we specialize in healthcare, we understand the needs of our clients. We’re working on more than 200 healthcare projects across the country, and we’re proud to be leaders in serving the healthcare community.”

+ Richard L. Embers
Principal





Pursuing our passion

At WJE, healthcare architecture isn't a sideline: it's our primary focus – and our passion. We're doing what we love, and our experience in this highly demanding discipline helps ensure our clients' success.

Expertise

Since our founding in 1980, WJE has worked with more than 50 healthcare systems on more than a thousand projects — with extensive experience in both new construction and rehabilitation of older facilities. In the past five years alone, we've designed more than 7.5 M square feet of remodeled space.

In addition, WJE's extensive experience with Master Facility Planning and Space Allocation Planning allows us to understand client needs in changing markets. As the healthcare systems we partner with face new challenges and changing expectations, we are able to draw on our collective knowledge and established networks to offer solutions and suggest improvements.

Innovation

Healthcare architecture is constantly evolving, and WJE has kept pace with industry needs and changing expectations. As healthcare systems have become more focused on aesthetics as a component in providing a positive patient experience, interior design has become much more important to our clients. To respond to this growing need, we doubled our interior design team. We've also led the way in sustainable design by encouraging our clients to adopt green building practices.

Putting clients first

WJE is committed to providing the best possible service to our clients, and our experience in healthcare architecture gives us the edge in anticipating and responding to their needs. We have the capacity to work on the most challenging, complex projects in the healthcare industry – and we pride ourselves on responding quickly and effectively to the needs of every client, large and small.

“Healthcare systems are in a constant state of change, so healthcare facilities need to support people and processes over time. One way WJE achieves this is by creating full-scale mock-ups for hands-on testing and refinement of design choices. This allows us to create environments that fully support healthcare professionals in providing patient care – and to do so as efficiently as possible by getting things right the first time.”

+ Richard E. Johnson
Principal

Partnership

We have a proven track record of cultivating lasting partnerships with our clients. That’s because we get to know the people we work with, and we continue to build those relationships over time. Our knowledge of healthcare architecture allows us to understand the universal needs of healthcare facilities, while also appreciating and accommodating each healthcare system’s distinctive needs.

Teamwork

Every successful relationship starts with a great team. WJE cultivates a sense of ownership among all the professionals who have a stake in each design’s success – including administrators, doctors, nurses, and facilities maintenance – to ensure that everyone is focused on shared goals. We have extensive experience collaborating with healthcare providers during every stage of the design process.



Orchestrating excellence

At WJE, we achieve excellence through efficiency, delivering projects on time and on budget. We deliver the best possible design solutions as economically as possible, drawing on our extensive experience in healthcare architecture to bring added value to every project.

Creative Solutions

From initial planning to final inspection, we approach every project with precision and thoroughness. Our attention to detail during the planning process prevents problems – and saves money – by allowing us to anticipate the complexities of each project. When new challenges arise, we work with the client and project partners to implement a solution quickly and decisively.

Proven Strategies

We are committed to working within your budget and staying on schedule. One of WJE's most powerful strategies for saving time and money – and solving problems before they happen – is the creation of full-size mock-ups. This allows us to watch people interact with the planned environment and gather feedback on what needs to change. This is just one of the ways our experience and expertise benefits the healthcare systems who partner with us.



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“Our rigorous approach to every detail ensures that things are done right from start to finish – from phasing plans to minimize noise and disruptions during an expansion, to choosing design elements and materials that support infection control, to helping clients navigate the complex inspection and regulatory process.”

+ Richard L. Embers
Principal

Looking to the future

WJE is building on our experience, our knowledge, and our partnerships to help shape the future of healthcare architecture and design.

We know healthcare – and we understand our client’s distinctive needs.

To discuss your needs and explore how WJE can partner with you, call (913) 438.9095.