



Block Center for Integrative Cancer Care

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LOCATION

Skokie, Illinois

PROJECT DELIVERY

General Contracting

ARCHITECT

Yas Architecture, LLC

Founded nearly 30 years ago, the Block Center for Integrative Cancer Care is a leader in the field of cancer treatment. Patients turn to the Block Center for a combination of state-of-the-art conventional cancer treatments and scientifically-based integrative therapies. These integrative therapies are customized to the individual's needs and can include anything from personalized nutrition plans to targeted molecular therapies to physical exercise regimens.

The Block Center team that develops these treatments and therapies includes board-certified oncologists, internists, physicians assistants, oncology nurses, psychologists, social workers, registered dieticians, physical and massage therapists, medical researchers, complementary

care specialists, medical researchers and patient care coordinators.

This large group of specialists depends upon an environment that allows their patients the best opportunity to improve their overall quality of life while undergoing cancer treatment. For this reason, their newly renovated and expanded 18,000 SF space in Skokie contains a variety of unique spaces with a common theme: providing comfort to those undergoing treatment.

International Contractors collaborated with YAS Architecture on the construction of this 4,500 SF first floor addition and 13,500 SF renovation. ICI constructed twenty-two chemotherapy rooms, five wellness/exam rooms, a physical therapy





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space, men's and women's saunas, a demonstration kitchen, lecture area, patient lounge, physicians' offices and clinical areas.

The project incorporated many complex components and upgraded finishes to provide patients with a high degree of comfort. The design called for an abundance of natural light throughout the space, creating a calming atmosphere for those receiving treatment. The patient lounge in the atrium uses both natural light and soft artificial lighting and plush furniture to create a comforting, home-like environment. The large, sweeping

staircase in the center of the building links the floors in an open, spacious manner and the exam rooms avoid a sterile feel through the use images from nature on the walls. A Zen Garden at the entry of the building also serves to reduce patient apprehension and boost treatment effectiveness.

