

Dan S. Maddock Cancer Treatment Center, Taylor Regional Hospital

Hawkinsville, Georgia

Architect: Stegenga + PARTNERS, P.C.

The Dan S. Maddock Cancer Treatment Center at Taylor Regional Hospital located in Hawkinsville, Georgia introduces a “no secrets” design to medical practice. Its intent is to provide the patient with an open, clear view of all the workings in the Center helping to alleviate the patient’s anxiety and uncertainty.

The architectural design of the media space will control how work gets done which in turn has a direct impact on the income generating potential and efficiency of the facility. This center is designed around a central exam core allowing direct access to a full compliment of waiting areas, a chemotherapy laboratory and infusion area, a CT-simulator, the radiation treatment vault, a physics laboratory, a shielding room, and physician offices.

The exam modules are designed and uniquely laid out to maximize patient flow, minimize staff and physician travel, and provide the patient with a more comfortable experience. The open design enables easy visual identification of patient and visitor destination points and the arrangement of exam modules provides patient privacy, but never places them too far from natural light.

The interior color scheme used in the patient areas is warmed with earth tones and maple, yet held strong and rich with



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bold accent colors and striping. The finishes are designed for durability and low-maintenance considerations which help to convey a clean, professional environment.

The exterior of the building remains clean and professional also with its sharp line and solid, linear forms. The finishes and colors of the existing hospital are taken in context using EIFS with the addition of a split face wainscot for protection and weathering of the facade. The clock tower and lightning rod are prevalent design features that provide the com-

munity with both a landmark of distinction and a sense of place, time, and reference.

The local physicians feel that education is the key to prevention with many forms of cancer. The Cancer Center has a dedicated auditorium with a sloped floor and audio-visual equipment to educate both the community and physicians on cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.

The Technician Control area operates the CT-simulator and the Linear Accelerator which is located within an area commonly referred to as “The Vault” because of the seven-foot thick concrete ceiling and walls. The linear accelerator is the cutting-edge technology in radiation oncology. It provides conventional and conformal treatments, creating the neutrons and electrons through standing wave acceleration using an RF power source (electricity).

The chemotherapy laboratory and infusion area provide a sense of openness for patients and staff. The floor to ceiling windows looking out into a landscaped courtyard, with butterfly and humming bird feeders, creates a special opportunity for the patients to escape the boredom usually associated with the slow infusion process.



MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS

DIV 10: Clock: Electric Time; Wall & Corner Guards: Inpro Corporation.