

## New UAMS Hospital Fact Sheet

Size: 10 floors, 540,000 square feet

Beds: The new hospital gives UAMS Medical Center 437 total patient beds – 333 adult beds and 64 newborn bassinets between the new facility and the existing Harry P. Ward Patient Tower that was completed in 1999, and 40 beds in the adjacent UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute that opened in December 2008.

In addition, the hospital includes 31 private patient rooms in the Emergency Department and 25 beds in a short-stay unit.

The top floor of the new hospital will be shelled, or unfinished space, providing space for 60 additional adult patient beds in the future.

### Design concept

The design team was asked to create a new “front door” for the hospital. The team invited in put from visitors, patients and staff regarding the hospital’s brand, image and range of services.

With the input, the team designed the building and entry to be celebrated as the “gateway to healing” for the state of Arkansas.

### Among the design elements

- New hospital consists of private, single-patient rooms promoting family-centered care, infection control and caregiver access.
- Patient rooms are designed to include family members as part of the caregiving team. Family sleeping accommodations as well as seating areas with computer access are part of each of the non-critical care patient rooms.
- The design separates staff areas from public areas to protect patient privacy and promote a welcoming, healing environment for both patients and visitors.
- Family waiting areas incorporate private coves with views to nature and public seating areas with televisions and café tables for eating or playing games.
- The lobby elements, which include pillars of Arkansas limestone, express the geographic regions and cultures unique to Arkansas.

### Architects

Wilcox Group Architects  
Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter Architects  
HKS Inc.

### Contractors

CDI Contractors Inc.