

Mercy Medical Center – West Lakes

Evidence-Based Design

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West Des Moines
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Projected Opening Date:
Late 2009

Evidence-based design provides the optimal healing environment for patients and their loved ones, and maximizes patient, visitor and employee safety.



Evidence-Based Design Features:

- Mercy Medical Center – West Lakes will offer a quiet, soothing healing atmosphere with plenty of natural light, modern designs and attractive colors and finishes.
- Spacious patient rooms will be large enough to accommodate caregivers, family members and modern medical technology. A universal room configuration will ensure patient rooms are “same-handed” and acuity adjustable, and their wide “footprint” will provide employees easier access to equipment, medications and the bedside.
- Patient rooms will include many features to improve nursing care and patient safety – including sinks for frequent hand washing and patient care needs, patient lifts built into the ceilings and eICU Connect service for continuous monitoring and support of intensive care patients.
- Nursing units will be configured to allow improved visibility of patients from nurses’ work areas.
- Family space in each patient room and comfortable family respite areas will encourage the involvement of loved ones in patient care.
- The facility will incorporate evidence-based design to provide the optimal healing environment for patients and their families and maximize patient safety.
- Mercy Medical Center – West Lakes will be the first hospital in central Iowa built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) specifications, meaning it will be an energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly building. An application for LEED certification will be submitted upon completion of construction in late 2009.
- The campus will feature an outdoor healing garden, green space and landscaping.



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