





Affiliated Dermatology

Clinic + Office

Location: Richmond, VA Market Sector: Corporate

Size: 9,000

Year Completed: 2011

Affiliated Dermatologists of Virginia's new medical complex was conceived as a pair of Zen pavilions, spare and elegant in their design. The new space creates a comforting environment for patients while strategically supporting the clinic's operations.

The site preserves the tree canopy along the road frontage, locating the buildings and parking to the rear of the site. The two pavilions, a 6,500 sf clinic and a 2,500 sf cosmetic/surgery center, form an inward-looking composition and define a walled garden.

DRIVERS

The new clinic is an intentional departure from the typical Richmond medical facility. The overall use of the site reflected the owner's concerns for the environment and her desire that the building would reflect her values and those of the practice.

APPROACH

A high sheltering roof floats over the waiting areas, connecting the two buildings and framing a garden view. Waiting areas and lobbies open onto this contained landscape, providing a serene and day lit environment for waiting patients. The layout of the interior was driven by a functional model designed for maximum efficiency in the movement of patients, physicians, staff and supplies. The orderly layout is easily navigable by patients, who no longer get lost in a maze of corridors and small rooms. In a marriage of architectural design and practice considerations, space creates a pleasing engagement with the landscape and admits filtered daylight into each of the exam rooms.













