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How can natural light and nature help a patient heal?

Healing in hospitals is generally thought of as a process that occurs when doctors and nurses treat patients. But what if a hospital building itself could help patients heal? What if its very design could make patients feel better faster?

Building a hospital designed to enhance healing.

That was the goal when Virtua began to design its new hospital in Voorhees. Research has proven that natural light and views of nature enhance the healing process and the Voorhees hospital is designed with this in mind. Patient rooms have wall-to-wall windows with sweeping views of the natural landscape. Light pours in through dramatic skylights and rooftop gardens bring nature within reach.

Every patient room is private and each is furnished to accommodate family, even for an overnight stay for a primary caregiver.

Dedication to the highest possible quality of care is a cornerstone of this hospital design, as it is throughout Virtua's network of hospitals in Burlington and Camden counties.

The room design was based on input from clinicians and the community. The result: rooms that are efficient for medical care and comfortable for patients and families. From small ideas – more shelf space for toiletries in the bathroom – to larger ideas – better placement of medical supplies and sinks for easy handwashing, the environment is designed to provide an outstanding patient experience.

You're invited to see it for yourself.

Join us at our Community Open House on Sunday, May 1 to tour the new Voorhees hospital prior to its official opening on Sunday, May 22. Watch for more details on www.virtua.org or on Facebook at VirtuaHealth.

The new Virtua Voorhees hospital opens Sunday, May 22, 2011.

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Virtua Voorhees Hospital

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