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WRNS STUDIO COMPLETES TWO BUILDINGS FOR EL CAMINO HEALTH PART OF MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS EXPANSION MASTER PLAN

The new Behavioral Health Services Taube Pavilion and Integrated Medical Sobrato Pavilion strengthen El Camino Health's reputation as "The Hospital of Silicon Valley"



*Left: Behavioral Health Services Taube Pavilion. Right: Integrated Medical Sobrato Pavilion.
Photography Jeremy Bittermann; courtesy WRNS Studio.*

San Francisco, CA - September 17, 2020 – WRNS Studio has completed two buildings for El Camino Health (ECH) – **Behavioral Health Services Taube Pavilion** (BHS) and **Integrated Medical Sobrato Pavilion** – as part of its Mountain View campus Master Plan. Both projects leverage innovations in patient-centered care, such as integrated care and specialty services to improve patient outcomes. With its updated campus, ECH will continue to explore what's next in healthcare, delivering a high-quality experience tailored to individual needs.

Strengthening ECH's reputation as "The Hospital of Silicon Valley," the **Behavioral Health Services Taube Pavilion** accommodates both inpatients and outpatients in a modern 55,000 sq ft, 36 bed building. Completed in 2019, the new building and updated site creates a safe and tranquil environment that provides quality treatment for patients experiencing acute mental health crisis.

Replacing an existing building, BHS creates a prominent and welcoming two-story glass form that is easily recognizable within the park-like setting of ECH. Organized to connect both visually and functionally to the existing campus, the building creates a new landscaped entry plaza between South Drive and the Old Main Hospital Building. A covered walkway at the east side of the plaza serves as the primary entry point to the building, while a quieter seating area defined by a grove of trees marks the west side. Four courtyards, including a secure quad within the entry plaza and three interior spaces, offer opportunities for patients to be outside in both supervised and unsupervised conditions, for a natural, contemplative, calming and quiet experience.

To maximize the efficiency of the building for current and future patient needs it was organized into Care Suites. Lining the southern perimeter of the facility, the Care Suites are more residential and hotellike in character with access to daylight and nature, interesting materials, and soothing colors to support the therapeutic program goals. Code and fire protection statures require that they are

geographically isolated. To counterbalance this rigidity, ancillary nursing stations allow for Care Suites to be apportioned, both physically and by service. BHS is targeting LEED Gold certification for Healthcare.

The **Integrated Medical Sobrato Pavilion** is a 267,149 square foot, 7 story multi-disciplinary outpatient center and medical office building. It houses ECH's Centers of Excellence in the areas of Cancer, Heart & Vascular, and Neurosciences, with spaces that support integrated care and partnerships with both providers and research institutions. To accommodate the evolving nature of partnerships and advances in healthcare delivery, the building is designed to be highly flexible, now and into the future. The Building is organized to connect both visually and functionally to the existing New Main Hospital while creating a welcoming and easily identifiable western entry off Hospital

Located at the center of ECH's Mountain View campus, which has undergone over a decade of upgrades and new construction, the Sobrato Pavilion helps stitch together existing architectural and landscape features with a design that is clean, elegant, and sympathetic to the park-like character of ECH. The building is organized as a plinth and tower to connect both visually and functionally to the existing main hospital, while creating a welcoming and easily identifiable western entry off the campus's main vehicular access road. Similar in scale and connected to the main hospital, the plinth completes a central courtyard, creating a new center of gravity for the campus.

The lower floors are dedicated to outpatient procedures, including suites for orthoscopic, endoscopic and robotic surgery, reducing the need for overnight stays while providing a direct connection to main hospital functions in cases of emergency. By contrast, the upper floors house both the Centers of Excellent and flexible clinic space for lease to partner health providers.

The Sobrato Pavilion takes cues from the material palette of the main hospital—colored GFRC panels, anodized aluminum, and clear glass—while adjusting the pattern of fenestration to a finer grain suitable for office functions. The resulting pattern of double-high bays creates a subtle but dynamic vertical texture that catches sunlight at different times of the day. The use of these more richly textured natural materials ground the Sobrato Pavilion in the pedestrian scaled realm of sidewalk and landscape. The project also includes much needed additional parking to provide adequate physician, staff and patient parking in close proximity to where it is needed. The Sobrato Pavilion is targeting LEED Gold certification.

A complete set of photography for both projects can be found [here](#).

About WRNS Studio

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