

THE LATEST APPROACHES AND TRENDS IN HOSPITALS DESIGN

CASE STUDIES: MEDICAL CITIES PROJECTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

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Abstract

This presentation will examine the latest approaches and trends seen in designing hospitals. Case studies of the latest medical cities coming out of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will be shared, highlighting the design elements that are reshaping the way healthcare is perceived and delivered. The presentation will be given from the perspective of the architect and the Saudi Ministry of Health, with both sharing their viewpoints on the design trends that are influencing the way we design for hospitals of the future.

The presentation will focus on the following points:

- Hospitality trends and ideas that could be extracted and applied to the patient, visitor and caregiver experience.
- Cultural-specific design considerations that have proven to be effective, whether based on belief systems, local climates, building codes or industry best practices.
- Tools and design approaches to reducing travel distances and increasing caregiver access to patients.
- Signage and wayfinding strategies that are proven to help orient people and simplify navigation in complex, large facilities.
- Master planning strategies and benchmarks that enable short and long-term growth.