

# University of Missouri Women's & Children's Hospital Pediatric Short Stay & Children's Blood Disorders & Cancer Unit



## LOCATION

Columbia, Missouri

## DESCRIPTION

6,900 sf renovation of 2 units with shared spaces

## COMPLETION DATE

June 2010

## CONSTRUCTION COST

\$1.1 million

## CLIENT REFERENCE

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With the relocation of Children's Hospital to Columbia Regional Hospital, auxiliary clinics, such as Pediatric Short Stay (PSS) and Children's Blood Disorders and Cancer Unit (CBCU), were slated for the Keene Medical Building. SOA worked through various challenges to create efficient clinics that served children and their families' health needs. Each unit provides unique health services that warrant separate entries: waiting and play areas, nurses' stations and procedure rooms. However, portions of PSS and CBCU were merged to maximize space usage and to centralize support staff and shared utilities. In addition, staff from each clinic are cross-trained to provide backup assistance for the other clinic, making it necessary to create high visibility and easy communication between the two units.

Despite the fact that these are outpatient clinics, many of the children will remain for multiple hours receiving and recovering from procedures and treatments. Creating a welcoming, comfortable and even entertaining environment was the goal. Much of the cost associated with the new clinic was attributed to power, medical gas and plumbing enhancements and upgrades. Therefore, the creative use of color and shapes enabled thrifty design features and a friendly environment. It was also important to create both social and private spaces, depending on the patient's desires. Cancer patients have the option to receive treatment in an open bay area, in a nearby playroom or within a private exam room, all of which offer television and game entertainment. Throughout the space, flexibility and visibility are key to ensure a comfortable, but safe environment for patients and staff.

