

# ARCHITECTURAL SHOWCASE

## DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CENTER

**Ratcliff Architects** EMERYVILLE, CA

**Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Imaging Center** OAKLAND, CA

In January 2010, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, a Sutter Health affiliate in Oakland, California, completed major renovation of a little-used, 25-year-old inpatient/outpatient imaging department in its Providence Pavilion to create a new Imaging Center. Imaging services and staff from two different locations on the hospital campus were brought together to create this new patient-friendly center. The Imaging Center is also located to support a recently completed Women's Breast Health Center.

"Different Ways of Seeing" is the overarching focus of the design, inspired by the concept of the various types of light and energy utilized in the imaging process. This was achieved through creative use of lighting and materials to activate and animate the spaces. Technology is softened by many passive diversions of light and texture treatments and through the use of original artwork. Special care was taken to create a nonthreatening, pleasant patient environment, as well as one that was aesthetically pleasing, efficient for staff, and that used best practices for safety, implementing hierarchical zoning of spaces to control how areas are accessed. The design gives the new outpatient Imaging Center a strong front-door presence and identity.

The design team and general



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contractor were integrated into the process at the concept phase and provided valuable site assessments of existing conditions, resulting in solutions that were appropriate to site-specific conditions. This integration also resulted in quick agency review of and approval for the project, completed under budget and within schedule.

**Project category:** Remodel/Renovation (completed January 2010)  
**Chief administrator:** Warren Kirk, Chief Executive Officer, (510) 869-6199  
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**Design team:** Peter Tsugawa, AIA, Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager; Linda Mahle, AIA, Sr. Medical Planner; Young Jae Kim, LEED AP, Project Architect; Lynn Drover, IIDA, AIA, AIAID, CID, LEED AP, ID+C, Interior Designer (Ratcliff Architects); Rob Pelfini, General Contractor/Pre-design Services (Herrero Constructors, Inc.)  
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**Total building area (sq. ft.):** 10,700  
**Construction cost/sq. ft.:** \$533  
**Total construction cost (excluding land):** \$5,700,000



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