ABOUT DESIGN INTENTIONS

A major one-story addition to an existing hospital was the result of a new conceptual campus plan for a critical access hospital in Central Iowa. After exceeding the facility’s original capacity, the first step of the refreshed masterplan was the design of a new outpatient clinic, promoting a zoned healthcare campus. All outpatient services, including primary care, therapy, rehabilitation, and wellness are consolidated in a state-of-the-art facility focused on quality of care. A unifying precept of the design was to deploy a formally simple diagram as a counterpoint to the existing facility. The wellness/therapy wing is clad in Ipé while the three clinic pods are identified by linen colored terracotta cladding, complementing the existing campus palette but providing a more progressive envelope design. A key component to the project is a new main entrance to the hospital, incorporating a new porte-cochère allowing covered cueing space for multiple vehicles. The new entry is framed by Ipé cladding and accented by glass which emanates light and serves as a beacon for the hospital and the community it serves.