



MARIANJOY REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

DEVELOPMENT OF NEURO REHABILITATION CENTER IN WESTERN CHICAGO SUBURBS

CLIENT Northwestern Medicine | **LOCATION** Wheaton, Illinois | **SIZE** 5,000 sf

PROJECT SCOPE

Marianjoy is a well-respected rehabilitation hospital located in Wheaton, Illinois. Eckenhoff Saunders converted space previously occupied by an inpatient unit to the new, 5,000 SF outpatient neuro rehab center. The renovation involved complete gutting and redesigning the interior space, including its electrical, lighting, and mechanical systems and structural changes. The new center accommodates stroke and accident victims and assists them in relearning the essential functions of balance, walking, gait, and hand/eye coordination. The high-tech patient rehab equipment includes a zeroG gait/balance system, an Alter G Anti Gravity Treadmill, and Electric Therapy Mat tables. All therapy areas are housed within an open space ideal for staff to assist patients and promote connectivity among patients and families.

Eckenhoff Saunders also renovated the lobby area immediately outside the neuro suite to provide continuity with the adjacent MARTI space. The rehabilitation of an older hospital space was a metaphor for patients' rehabilitation. Open, intricate white ceilings, uplighting, soft yet warm colors, and an open plan strengthen staff interaction, help uplift patients and facilitate their recovery. The heavily wooded, beautiful campus is also brought inside through new large window openings and custom tree murals printed on wall coverings.