



English Tower Lobby

Parkview Hospital Randallia – Parkview Health System

Location: Fort Wayne, Indiana
Architect, Contractor: Vintage Archonics
Products: Acrovyn® Wall Panels



Woodgrain-patterned wall panels are a warm welcome into the English Tower lobby.

About the Project

More than 570 babies are born each year at Parkview Hospital Randallia's Family Birthing Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As the local community has continued to grow, the birthing center required upgrades to meet residents' healthcare needs and ensure that families felt welcome.

The hospital's \$55 million renovation created a more modern and welcoming environment for patients and their families. One major project element was the Family Birthing Center's relocation to the more accessible first floor, which allowed its bustling English Tower lobby to be re-envisioned.





Design Goals

Growing research shows that thoughtfully designed healthcare environments can reduce anxiety, satisfy patients and improve outcomes. With a clear understanding of the impact of design on the patient experience, Vintage Archonics redesigned the birthing center's English Tower lobby to emphasize a soothing atmosphere with ample room for new parents, friends and family according to Parkview Health System's vision.

"As the demand for our care and services has exceeded our expectations, we continue to make significant investments into new services and improvements at our hospital to provide patients with the highest quality of care," said Michael Zawahri, finance manager at Parkview Health. "When we redesigned the Family Birthing Center, we recognized the need to provide better access to the unit for patients, staff and visitors. Our design goal was an open, warm aesthetic."

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Results

Vintage Archonics upgraded the birthing center's English Tower lobby with a grand staircase, a spacious elevator and an accessible guest services desk. The 33-foot lobby walls were refreshed with Construction Specialties' revitalized Acrovyn Wall Panel system in a warm Brazilian Nut woodgrain from the new Chameleon™ pattern collection.

The installation was a breeze with the new Sure Snap™ mounting system. In fact, the product's simple installation method was a key factor in the designers' product selection decision.



Acrovyn Wall Panels provide a polished, crisp upgrade for the lobby walls.



“The lobby walls could be installed in a short period of time without compromising quality.”

“When we first saw the wall panel system, we were impressed with the new method of installation,” said Jessica Detweiler, architect at Vintage Archonics.

Acrovyn Wall Panels consist of a PVC-free rigid sheet embedded with a moisture-resistant barrier, providing high-quality protection and durability.

“The expansive lobby was brought to life by the more than 215 panels, which make it feel even more spacious and open,” said Detweiler. Now, the Family Birthing Center's expansive new English Tower lobby is as stunningly beautiful as it is functional.



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