The hospital environment is important for the health of both patients and employees. Color can play a big role, as demonstrated at the new University Hospital Ahuja Medical Center in Beachwood, Ohio. “We know from evidence-based design research, that color, light, and access to nature and control over one’s environment improves clinical outcomes and promotes a sense of calm,” adds Patricia Malick, of Array Healthcare Facilities Solutions in King of Prussia, Pa., associate architect and interior designer on the project. “We utilized nature-inspired colors, textures and patterns that complement the exterior and provide strong visual cues to patients and visitors navigating the building.”

“Sherwin-Williams was our technical partner throughout the entire process.”

Inside the patient rooms and hallways at the Ahuja Medical Center, color plays an important role in the overall patient experience. Working in conjunction with the...
Sherwin-Williams Company, Array specified three and sometimes four colors in every patient room, focusing on soft greens, sunny saffrons and complex purples. The 27 colors included Tranquil Aqua, Empire Gold and Exclusive Plum. Hues are more saturated in the physical therapy rooms, meant to energize patients and encourage them to physically push themselves.

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The availability of Harmony in a variety of sheens also fulfilled the needs of the architect – walls were painted with eg-shel, ceilings and soffits with flat, and stair towers with semi-gloss. Pro Industrial™ coatings were used in operating rooms and housekeeping rooms where high performance coatings were required.

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