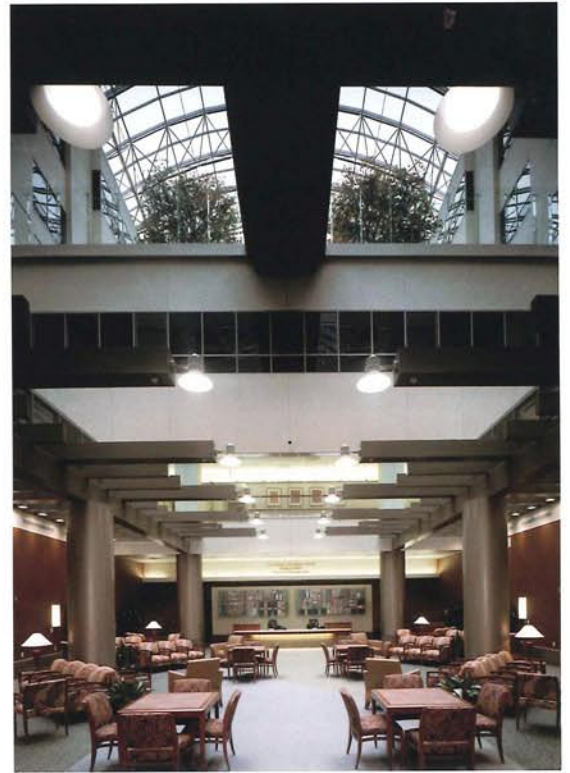


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**William Beaumont Hospital
South Tower Addition
Royal Oak, Michigan**



From a small community hospital that opened on January 24, 1955, William Beaumont Hospital has evolved into a 1,061-bed tertiary care, teaching and referral center that ranks third in the nation for inpatient admissions and second in outpatient surgeries. Serving Royal Oak, Michigan and its environs with quality care that often traces the leading edge of medical practice, its single largest expansion, the new South Tower, embodies yet another step forward. This award-winning, eight-level, 656,000-square foot facility, designed by Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum as associate architect, Harley Ellis as architect of

record and WHR Architects as associate architect, supports a radically new, decentralized work and patient care flow model. With physician teams, nursing staff, care supplies and satellite pharmacies placed close to patients, every aspect of operations has been redesigned. Thus, the South Tower's 432 inpatient beds, 16 operating rooms, outpatient surgical center, short-stay units, imaging center, administrative offices, support areas, and retail concourse, atrium and food court are arranged within a "U" shaped building abutting the existing hospital to streamline the flow of patient care. Yet the environment feels expansive, attractive and non-insti-

tutional. Patient rooms, for example, are clustered around decentralized nursing "pods" or patient care stations for efficiency, flexibility and proximity to medical care, charting, cabinets and storage, yet enjoy daylight and views, including the impressive landscaped atrium. Mark d'Arcy, project manager, Beaumont Services Company, declares, "For the South Tower Addition, we had the 'A' team."

Top right: Entry lobby/lounge.
Top left: Wintergarden.
Below left: Atrium artwork.
Bottom left: Exterior.
Opposite: Atrium and Cafe.
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