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## **Margulies Perruzzi Architects breaks ground on three-story, 36,000 s/f medical office building for Oriol Health Care**

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA) recently broke ground on a new three-story, 36,000 s/f medical office building for Oriol Health Care, a family-owned and operated healthcare organization, and its primary tenant Reliant Medical Group, a multi-specialty medical group formerly known as Fallon Clinic. MPA designed the new base building for Oriol, and provided interior architecture and healthcare design services for Reliant's 17,000 s/f tenant fit-out.

Reliant Medical Group is an independent group of physicians with more than 250 doctors and 1,700 employees at over 20 practices throughout Central Mass. Reliant is relocating its current facilities on Shrewsbury St. and Main St. to a newly constructed patient care building on Oriol's healthcare campus, located on the site of the former Holden District Hospital on Boyden Rd. Built by Cutler Associates, an integrated design and construction management firm, the project is expected to be completed by early spring 2013. The building, which will house Reliant as well as other health care providers, will complement Oriol's other medical arts buildings and skilled nursing facility on the site. An affiliate of Atrius Health, Reliant Medical Group will occupy 17,000 s/f of the new facility, offering a family medical practice, laboratory, pharmacy, radiology, OB/GYN services, and an optical center. The new Holden location will offer more space, services, and upgraded technology for patients, and provides additional space for growth. Reliant established a Patient Advisory Council to involve patients in the design of the clinical setting.

"MPA and Reliant have enjoyed a long working relationship, and this Holden project is the latest example of how we draw on our prior experience to design an efficient, patient-centered facility," said Marc Margulies, AIA, LEED AP, principal at Margulies Perruzzi Architects. "Reliant's focus on patient concerns has been paramount in the design of this new building, and we are excited to see our design vision realized."

Together, MPA and Cutler previously designed and constructed Reliant's ReadyMED, a physician-staffed, walk-in medical care clinic in Shrewsbury, offering convenient, non-emergency medical services for adults, infants and children.

MPA also completed for Reliant the design of a 15,000 s/f "medical home" family practice facility in Leominster, as well as New England Scope, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant located in Worcester, that provides outpatient endoscopic services.

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