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## **Martha's Vineyard Hospital renovations complete**

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Oak Bluffs, MA Martha's Vineyard Hospital completed the renovation of 7,000 s/f of underutilized area in an existing building to expand its Primary Care services for the island community and seasonal visitors.

Design leaders from the Boston office of national architecture and engineering firm, HED, led the project, alongside hospital president and CEO Denise Schepici and MVH facilities director John Murray.

With 16 brand-new exam rooms and multiple spacious offices for care providers, the new MVH Primary Care Internal Medicine Suite affords much-needed, new space for hospital workers and the community they serve.

To establish an innovative, new workplace dynamic and care model, doctors and nurses, along with nurse practitioners and their assistants, are now also working side by side in the same offices as a result of the renovation. The restorative powers of nature that surround the hospital were the initial inspiration for the Primary Care suite's design. Upon entering the facility, the experience is influenced using color and forms that are reminiscent of elements that surround the facility: water, sand and stone. Natural light fills the patient/family support area where seating is provided, should waiting be required. And with direct access to the hospital's rear parking lot, the unit is designed to feel as accessible as a walk-in clinic, even amidst the 25-bed acute care hospital complex environment.

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