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# ARCHITECTURAL SHOWCASE

DIALYSIS CENTER

**Tobin | Parnes** NEW YORK, NY

**Queens Long Island Renal Institute** NEW HYDE PARK, NY



The Queens Long Island Renal Institute (QLIRI), a new dialysis center located at The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation (PJI), offers state-of-the-art treatment for PJI's resident elders and people within NYC's five boroughs and Long Island. Recognizing the stressful, repetitive nature of kidney treatment and the lengthy time required for dialysis infusion, QLIRI presents a calm, healing environment within the primary treatment

area, a welcoming reception/waiting room, and comfortable staff areas.

Employing the principles of evidence-based design, the interior design for QLIRI involved a comprehensive approach in creating a user-friendly environment, a sense of comfort and safety, with clear wayfinding and exceptional facility maintenance. All elements strive to convey and achieve the highest standards of superior medical care in a nonhospital-like setting.

**Project category:** Remodel/Renovation (completed April 2010)

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**Total building area (sq. ft.):** 6,700

**Construction cost/sq. ft.:** Not available

**Total construction cost (excluding land):** Not available



The primary design goal of QLIRI was to create a noninstitutional, inviting, organic, healing environment that promotes life and encourages hope. Because of the architectural limitations of the existing facility, including spatial restraints and a lack of scenic views, the interior design goes beyond convention to suggest the feeling of being outdoors. The use of nature-inspired graphics, organic floor and ceiling patterns, sky-like elements, enhanced lighting, and an uplifting color palette activates the various architectural surfaces and offers patients and staff a soothing, comforting, and visually interest-

ing environment. Warm accents, large-scale nature graphics, and textural finishes, including faux river rock, porcelain-patterned wood flooring, and cherry-wood millwork, accentuate the noninstitutional, peaceful aesthetic and provide a welcoming park-like ambiance.

As a result, The Parker Jewish Institute continues to offer the community a comprehensive array of services, furthering its commitment to highly individualized care in a warm, culturally enriched, and reassuring medical environment.

