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A conversation with William Andrews

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*William Andrews is the founder and president of **Andrews Architects Inc.** in Dublin. For more than 30 years, the firm has provided a variety of architecture and interior design services with a specialty in outpatient health-care and senior living markets. Andrews, 57, is a licensed architect in Ohio and in seven other states. The firm provided interior architecture and design services for **Ohio State University's JamesCare Breast Center** being built south of OSU at Gowdy Field. A native of New Philadelphia, Andrews earned bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from Ohio State.*

What are some of the unique design features of the JamesCare center?

Ohio State's cancer program attracts some of the world's best researchers and oncologists. Their laboratory and treatment environments must help them achieve their vision of creating a cancer-free world. To do that, we must continue to design facilities for them that foster the translation of discoveries into treatments and prevention. We created many such environments within this facility including a new procedure suite for plastic and reconstructive surgery, a gym for rehabilitative services and consult suites.

How will the facility accommodate advanced medical research?

It will help scientists, oncologists and patients to work together by creating new knowledge and integrating research with excellence in education and patient-centered care through meticulous planning and design of this facility. There will be a full-service pharmacy that will dispense experimental chemotherapeutic agents for clinical trials, a nuclear imaging laboratory for molecular and gene therapies, presence of research specialists on-site and the availability of consult space for patients on clinical trials.

How are medical technology advancements reflected in the design?

The facility will feature the latest in diagnostic and therapeutic modalities and techniques including digital mammography, diagnostic imaging, nuclear imaging, access to clinical trials, chemotherapeutic agents and reconstructive surgery – all blended within a calming environment, designed with the patients' comfort in mind. The facility also incorporates cancer prevention and survivorship by including a state-of-the-art rehabilitation gym, conference rooms for classes and support groups.

How is it more user friendly than the current JamesCare site in Dublin?

The cancer experts at the **Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center** – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute wanted to create an environment that facilitated their multidisciplinary, evidence-based approach to cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. As design architect for the interior, we had to create an environment that helped the researchers and oncologists translate discoveries into treatments. At the same time, we needed to create a healing environment that helped patients and their families, whether through soothing places or convenient access to all the services needed. The new center includes many respite areas, cafeteria with an outdoor patio, meditation room, library, counseling suites, water features, semi-private lounges, private spaces for families to meet with clinicians and specialists, meeting rooms for classes and group therapy, boutique (wig-fitting, retail and intimate apparel) and break rooms. There also are way-finding assistance, soothing color schemes and pleasing artwork.



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William Andrews' architecture firm drew up the plans for the new JamesCare Breast Center. His goal was to create a soothing space using respite areas, meditation rooms and water features.

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