





Drawing of a traditional qasgi. Image from Eskimo Architecture 1.



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- The purpose of this project is to improve quality, access, continuity and capacity of health care services in the region. In the words of the YKHC leadership: "Through native self determination and culturally relevant health systems we strive to be the healthiest people."
- YKHC leadership's guiding principles for the project include:
  - 1. Represents the culture and identity of the people and region
  - 2. Promotes customer-centered care
  - 3. Affordable costs and sustainable operation
- · The goal is an investment in support of a new IHS-compliant clinic, renovated Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital and remodeled support spaces.
- Existing YKHC inpatient and outpatient medical services are generally provided at (3) current locations. Outpatient services are provided at the CHSB building, the West Wing and the main hospital while inpatient services are located in the main hospital. Administrative and support services are divided amongst the three locations. Patients often receive care and support services at multiple locations during a single visit prolonging the patient stay and causing some to leave before comprehensive care is administered.
- · The JVCP building project proposes to consolidate inpatient and outpatient services at the existing hospital and new clinic building. This consolidation supports four goals of care:
  - 1. Provide a single geographic location for patient and family medical services eliminating the inconvenience of receiving care at multiple locations during a single visit.
  - 2. Simplify patient access by dedicating two distinct patient care portals: a north portal for outpatient and inpatient services and a south portal for emergency services.
  - 3. Create a facility that supports the Improving Patient Care (IPC) model that delivers holistic medical, behavioral and social work treatment and support with minimal patient hand-off, transfer and movement.
  - 4. Encourage holistic health and well-being through consolidated patient and family centered amenities, support services and gathering places that reflect and reinforce regional cultural values and traditions.
- Campus improvements on the 23 acre hospital site include improved, safe & functional vehicular & pedestrian circulation with new access and main entry drive, accessible parking, site amenities such as native and natural tundra vegetation, play areas, and medicinal gardens.
- The project is required to meet LEED Silver status, as defined by the United States Green Building Council, as well as IHS Sustainability requirements.

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### SITE PLAN FEATURES

- Safe & functional vehicular & pedestrian circulation
- New entry access drives off of Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway
- Main entry drop off loop: Vehicular & pedestrian access to the main entrance at first floor grade
- The ramping entry drive reduces distance and eliminates stairs between drop-off and entry; it's connectivity to existing boardwalks and gentle ramp create a pedestrian friendly environment & access point.
- Drop off area: Accessible parking, taxi queuing & space for a public transit stop; consideration of space for seasonal parking of ATVs & snow machines
- Visitor & staff parking for approximately 250 vehicles
- Walkways: Safe & convenient access to clinic's main entry
- Landscaping: Native tundra vegetation and trees in planting beds at the drop off loop, parking areas & pedestrian circulation
- Consideration of views, solar aspect, seasonal weather patterns, & the seasonal subsistence calendar guide landscape design.
- Reorganized existing parking area: Main entry aligns directly with Old Hospital Road to provide safe vehicular patterns and a safer intersection for pedestrians







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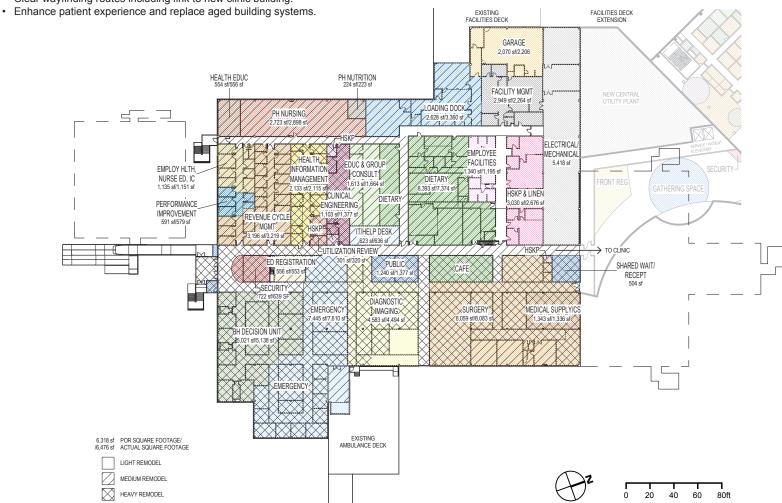


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## **HOSPITAL RENOVATION FEATURES**

- · Continue to provide inpatient care including Emergency, Diagnostic Imaging, and Surgery.
- · Behavioral Health Clinical Decision Unit located adjacent to Emergency with overnight stay capability.
- · Provide logical connections between services; e.g. connectivity of ER to Behavioral Health and to Diagnostic Imaging and Surgery.
- Allow for logical renovation phasing and minimize number of relocations in renovation.
- · Clear wayfinding routes including link to new clinic building.

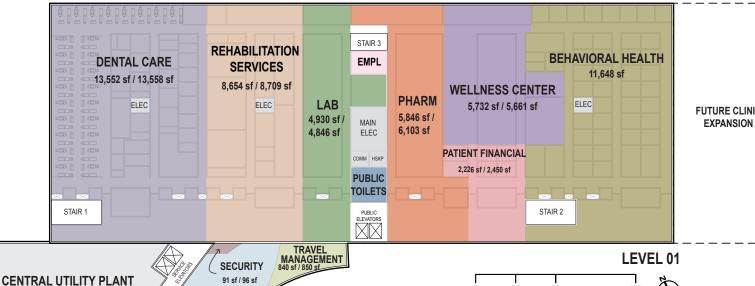


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**FUTURE CLINIC** 





# TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE

POR sf / actual sf **Primary Care** 25.468 sf / 28.824 sf **Specialty Care** 8.223 sf / 8.263 sf **Behavioral Health** 13,517 sf / 13,462 sf **Employee Facilities** 1.493 sf / 1.682 sf **Public Facilities** 

3.477 sf / 3.493 sf

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Legend

SCALE IN FEET

**NEW CLINIC FEATURES** 

- Flexible planning module allows for departmental growth and IHS Improving Patient Care (IPC) concepts.
- · Flexible and adaptable room types allow for multi-use or shared function.
- · Clinic module designs will be repeated in each care team, allowing for familiarity and efficiency.
- · Clinic module design will allow for natural light and exterior views wherever possible.
- · Clinic Team Room design will foster collaboration and interaction, while empowering each team member to work to the full capability of their license.
- Execution of Improving Patient Care (IPC) program.

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CLINIC FRONT

REGISTRATION

001 sf / 1,125 sf

PUBLIC GATHERING WAITING

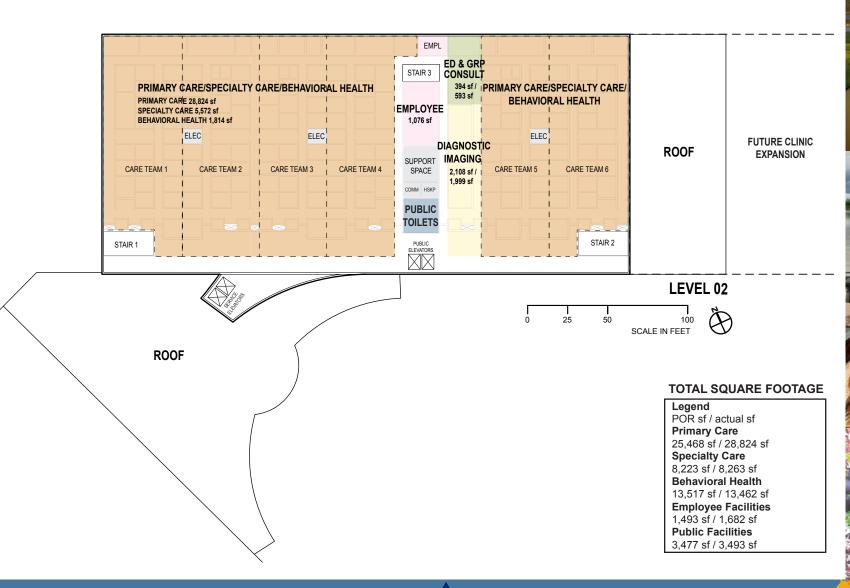
10,000 sf / 7,467 sf

**EXISTING** 

HOSPITAL



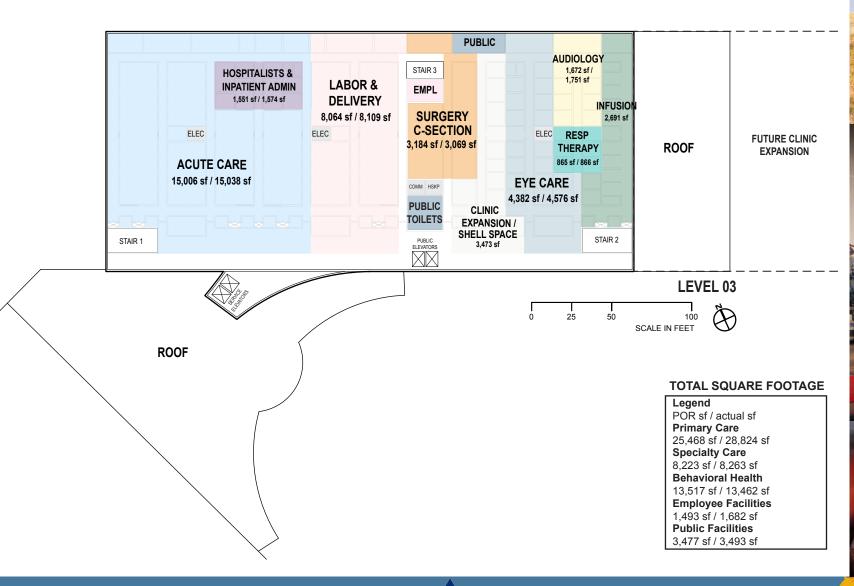
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## **ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES**

PHASE 01A

(LEVELS 1 & 2)

NEW CLINIC

AND CUP

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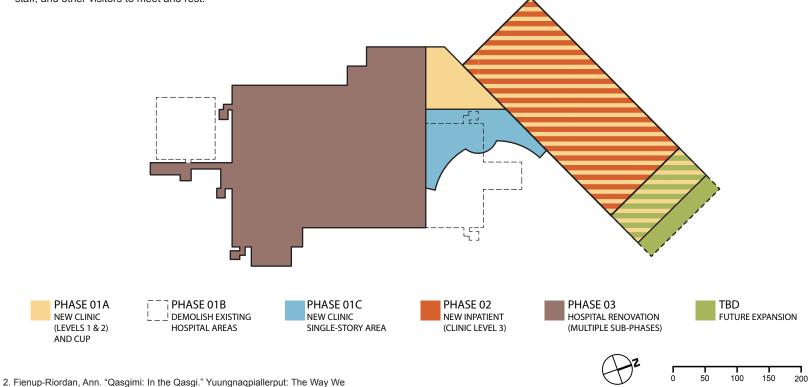
- · An efficient circulation spine connects the existing hospital and new clinic; consistent circulation & public areas on all three levels of the new clinic improves efficiency and wayfinding.
- · The greater volume of the new clinic steps down to the scale of the existing hospital through the main entry and connector volume.
- · Similar scale, massing, and matching materials and fenestration on the re-skinned hospital and new clinic create visual continuity between the two buildings.

· The knuckle between old and new construction is the hub of the YKHC medical campus both physically and metaphorically. It not only creates a clear and easily identifiable entry, but also creates a comfortable and welcoming space for patients, staff, and other visitors to meet and rest.

· The main clinic entry is a gathering space; it is a contemporary take on the traditional gasgi, or communal men's house.

During our ancestors' time, they said that the qasgi was the foundation of a community. A place without a gasgi wasn't recognized as a community. -Frank Andrew, Kwigillingok2

· As the principal architectural expression, this gathering space will promote social interaction, enhance the connection to the outdoors with views and daylight, and provide a vital community center within the hospital & clinic, the YKHC healthcare campus, Bethel, and the YK Delta region.



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