The landscape images chosen for the space reflect the desires of patients and staff to live with nature's beauty. Realistic artwork guides visitors through corridors and provides an invitation to relax during their visit. Various natural images encourage a soothing recovery and provide a positive distraction to patients, visitors, and staff. Therapeutic scenes enhance the healing process.

CONCEPT:
Designing with a special emphasis on chromotherapy creates the perfect healing atmosphere for an individual's physical and psychological wellness. Color is used as an alternative treatment, which contributes to the holistic experience. Warm yellows, browns, hints of green and purple are used to achieve healing. Hues found in nature can evoke emotions and thoughts that are calm, energized and full of inspiration. Warm hues and soft finishes are used to produce a relaxing environment desirable for oncology and hospice patients at Ball Memorial Hospital. Sharp edges are softened through the use of irregular octagonal lines throughout the unit. An octagon parallels circular forms, in that they both connect with smooth transitions. The octagon abstractly alludes to the life cycle. A person is faced with challenges and choices throughout life, and must turn in a new direction and look forward to future events. Elements of home, such as framed artwork, resilient material selections, and personalization of infusion bays will influence a patient's stay in the hospital. Nature is integrated by wood flooring, exterior views, faux stone wall features, and realistic landscape photos. We hope that patients and staff will enjoy time spent here as a result of careful considerations to colors and atmosphere provided on the Oncology floor.
"An oncology ward is a battlefield, and there are definite hierarchies of command. The patients, they're the ones doing the tour of duty. The doctors breeze in and out like conquering heroes. . . It is the nurses who are the seasoned sergeants . . . The doctors may be mapping out the war games, but it is the nurses who make the conflict bearable."
— Jodi Picoult (My Sister's Keeper)
This charting station allows nurses an opportunity to provide patients with more comprehensive care because of the proximity to the patient rooms. Nurses and staff will walk fewer steps to reach a charting location if they are distant from the central station. A patient will feel more comfortable in this arrangement because he has the knowledge and satisfaction that nurses are available just a short distance from his room. The station adds visual interest to the hallway and helps with wayfinding.

Conference Room: North Wall Elevation
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Conference Room: West Wall Elevation
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"