



## PEDIATRIC OUTPATIENT CENTER

2-STORY MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING IN PREVIOUS RETAIL OUTLET IN CHICAGO'S NORTH SHORE SUBURBS

**CLIENT** Chicagoland Children's Health Alliance | **LOCATION** Wilmette, Illinois | **SIZE** 2-story, 34,000 sf

**RECOGNITION** IIDA RED Award Winner - Healthcare (2021)

### PROJECT SCOPE

Advocate Children's Hospital (Advocate) and NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) recently announced a strategic partnership, the Chicagoland Children's Health Alliance, to expand wide-ranging pediatric care in Illinois. As part of that new strategic alliance, Eckenhoff Saunders (ESA) teamed up with Advocate and NorthShore to convert a former two-story furniture store located in Edens Plaza in Wilmette, Illinois, into a new pediatric care center.

Patients, staff, and visitors are greeted by a playfully designed crosswalk leading to a newly redesigned entrance and canopy. The 34,000 sf facility includes immediate care, physical and occupational therapy, outpatient lab, radiology, and approximately 30 universal exam rooms. Clinical areas are grouped into four pods distinguished by color schemes centered around various nature settings.

Each floor has a waiting area linked by an open staircase within a forest-like interior setting behind the new multi-story pleated curtain wall. These waiting areas include abstract tree elements, natural materials, and spaces of various scales for kids of all ages. The goal throughout the project was to create positive distractions that invite young patient's intellectual curiosity.