

UAB Women & Infants Center

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A projecting rotunda marks the entrance to UAB's new Women & Infants Center. Entrance to the radiation oncology center is on the right.

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The latest addition to UAB's regional health care complex in Birmingham city center is the Women & Infants Center, which opened in February. Offering both general and high-risk services, the center houses the largest single-room special care nursery in the U.S.

Built in 33 months under an innovative design-build partnership led by UAB, Gresham Smith & Partners, the architects-of-record, and Brasfield & Gorrie, the nine-story, 630,000-square-foot structure also houses the new Hazelrig-Salter Radiation Oncology Center, as well as two floors of related physicians and faculty offices.

Interior design creates a family-focused facility with a hotel-like character. All rooms are private and most include amenities like sleeper sofas, flat-screen TV's, DVD players and personal refrigerators. Much of the high-tech medical equipment can be concealed when not needed.

Other design credits: Perkins + Will, executive architects; Kahn Associates, interior design; LBYD Inc., structural engineer; I.C. Thomasson Associates, mechanical, electrical, plumbing engineer; Walter Schoel, civil engineer.



The curved lobby looks out onto a small park and UAB's urban campus.



High-performance materials, like the vinyl floor covering on this patient floor, were also selected for their home-like appearance.



All patient rooms are private and include space for family members.