Our Story

Architecture isn’t really about designing buildings

It’s about orienting spaces around people's needs. The people who use its rooms, who finance it, who construct it, those who make decisions that affect it. Designing a structure is about the people who live and work in and around it, and the lives it will impact for generations to come.

The people of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini know our responsibility extends further than architecture itself. Because the influence a place has extends far beyond walls, and the stakes involved are higher than any financial investment. To add to it, the needs of the communities a building lives within are changing at an ever-increasing pace. It is no longer enough to design beautiful spaces that abide by the standards of architecture awards. To create environments that better the way we work, learn, heal, play, and live requires innovation. And true innovation is only possible with a perspective that transcends sectors, vendors, clients, and cultures. It includes them all.

For over 60 years, our teams have woven together empathic insights through our diversity of knowledge and expertise, in turn designing places that serve a multitude of changing needs.

With offices in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini has a team of Health Care Specialists with a strong rehab portfolio across the country.
REHABILITATION + SKILLED NURSING

- Orthopedic Rehab - Presbyterian Hospital - 11 Bed Renovation
- Albuquerque VA Community Living Center - 16 Bed
- Fort Bayard Medical Center - 40 Bed Hospital
- Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico - 40 Bed Hospital
- South Texas Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- New Braunfels Regional Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Rehabilitation Hospital of the Northwest - 40 Bed Hospital
- Utah Valley Specialty Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Greenwood Regional Rehabilitation Hospital - 48 Bed Hospital
- Southwest Idaho Advanced Care Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Advanced Care Hospital of Montana - 40 Bed Hospital
- Elkhorn Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Lafayette Regional Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Laredo Regional Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Northern Utah Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- Spartanburg Rehabilitation Hospital - 40 Bed Hospital
- University Rehab Institute - 40 Bed Hospital
- Manzano del Sol Rehabilitation Gym Addition - Good Samaritan Society
- Skilled Nursing Remodel - Kaseman Hospital
- Peoria Good Shepherd Skilled Nursing Facility Remodel - Good Samaritan Society
- Skilled Nursing Remodel - Good Samaritan Society
- Betty Dare Skilled Nursing Facility - Good Samaritan Society
- Lovingston Skilled Nursing Facility - Good Samaritan Society
- The Cedar & Buena Vista Skilled Nursing Facility - Good Samaritan Society
- Ogden
- Provo
- Boise
- Billings
- Casper
- Johnstown
- Peoria
- Lubbock
- Mesquite
- Las Cruces
- Laredo
- New Braunfels
- Brownsville
- Corpus Christi
- Flagstaff
- Prescott
- Flagstaff Valley
- Toledo
- Lafayette
- Spartanburg
- Greenwood
- Elgin
- Albuquerque
- Peoria
Fifteen years of getting these projects designed and built has taught us a lot about what really makes these rehab hospitals successful, where the rubber meets the road.

Beginning with the end in mind, the department of health inspection is a key milestone in the project timeline - it’s the point the investment in the building is about to start generating returns, and the last thing any project needs is to get hung up in the inspection process. Experience with over 25 of these projects doesn’t mean we know everything about every state’s regulatory process, but it does mean that when we go to work in a state where we haven’t previously successfully licensed a facility, we do know what questions to ask, and how to get oriented to a new jurisdictions. There is a perspective that comes from doing similar projects across a wide range of geographies:

› Are there minor, low-cost modifications we can make to a design to ensure regulatory compliance across multiple states while still maintaining a facility standard?

› Whether a jurisdiction is FGI-based, or has their own criteria like Texas, what are inspectors really looking for, what are their hot-button concerns, and how do we participate in the inspection process in a way that makes it go smooth and quick?

› What are the issues where we may need to actually educate an inspector, and how do we do that diplomatically and effectively so that we get through the process with minimal delay?
Moving back through the early design process, our experience brings us other questions we can ask:

› We’ve done a lot of different patient room concepts - which one makes sense for your project? Here are some pros and cons to different scenarios, how do we balance those in a way that makes sense for you?

› What’s the optimal staffing concept for your right-sized hospital, and what does that mean for your design solution?

› How does an efficient approach to balancing cost and building code inform the design?

› Which material and finish systems give you the best balance of customer appeal with upfront and long-term maintenance costs?

› What’s the most effective way to get these project built, across multiple locations?

Our team does not begin your project assuming we have the right solutions pre-determined, but we do bring enough experience to help you quickly ask the right questions and develop the right answers.
TIME IS MONEY

For projects where we’ve implemented a templated floor plan, it’s not unusual for our team to go from starting entitlements to completing construction in about a year. Our in-house planning group positions us to be nimble and responsive to the approval environment in locations across the country. In-house structural engineering means the design process is integrated in one more way, speeding up communication and reducing gaps.
The Rehabilitation Hospital of Northern Arizona provides intensive inpatient rehabilitation services to people recovering from disabling injuries and illnesses. The 40-bed hospital offers therapy services - including physical, occupational, and speech therapies - that help patients perform important daily activities.

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini has worked with this client to design new facilities since 2005. The facility is designed to give prominence to the gymnasium. Its access to mountain views and natural daylight create an inviting and healing environment for patients as they participate in various therapies. All spaces, artwork, colors, and amenities are focused on promoting wellness and comfort for all levels of patient rehabilitation.