

EXAMPLE PROJECT

UCLA CHS SOUTH TOWER 10TH FLOOR COMPUTATIONAL MEDICINE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS

The Center for Health Sciences (CHS) at UCLA was built in 1954 and originally served as the university's research hospital until it moved across the street to the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Since its initial construction, CHS has undergone numerous additions and modifications which, as is often the case for buildings that cannot be shut down to renovate, has rendered CHS a jumble of existing systems and past work-arounds that can be cumbersome to work with. CHS's South Tower, however, underwent a significant seismic retrofit in 2014, cleaning up much of the project area and distribution of services.

While the services to the 10th floor of the South Tower of CHS all benefited from the seismic retrofit project, the floor itself was left generic and without program & demising walls. With the announcement that the department of Computational Medicine would be moving to the 10th floor, LEBA Architects and its consultants were tasked with subdividing the space to serve the needs of the department, while respecting the work completed to date.

Taking cues from UCLA's medical design standards, new, modular, VIA Wall partitions were used to subdivide spaces to provide the end users with maximum flexibility and with little negative impact to daylighting improvements. Utilities, including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, were all updated to accommodate the new computation-based program and interior partition wall layouts.

PROJECT DETAILS

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Project Type: Tenant Improvement

Description: Computational Laboratory Renovation

Project Completion: 2024

Construction Cost: \$1,400,000 (estimated)

Project Area: 7,690 ft²

Services Provided: Architectural Design, Design Coordination, & Construction Administration

KEY PERSONNEL

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