

The Art of Healing

One of the highlights of the new Pavilion is its extensive display of art. Created to complement the architectural beauty of the building, its airy indoor spaces filled with natural light and peaceful outdoor courtyards, the art collection is comprised of more than 360 pieces, including posters, limited editions, mixed media and original works.

To enrich the Pavilion's dramatic three-story Atrium, Paoli Hospital commissioned Teresa Camozzi, a San Francisco-based, multi-media artist who is well known for her work with healthcare facilities worldwide. Ms. Camozzi created a series of eight banners titled "*Flying*" to greet patients and visitors as they enter the spacious hall. The work was inspired by her photography series "*Migration*", as well as the design of the new hospital and her personal history with illness and healing.

Camozzi states: "I imagined the physical and emotional feelings a patient, their loved ones, or a caregiver might have during stressful times. The movement of the people within the Atrium and the expansiveness of the hall's architecture gave me a feeling of flying." The banners are meant to provide a visual extension of nature within the hospital, as the observance of nature helps promote healing.

The suspended mobiles feature photography reminiscent of the Pennsylvania area reproduced on semitransparent panels of chiffon. As the panels turn from the airflow inside the Atrium, images are superimposed upon one another, providing a continuous relationship between birds in flight, trees, rivers and skies.

The artwork displayed in other areas of the Pavilion was chosen with the same emphasis on nature — both scenic as well as images of nature's textures and patterns. Each piece was selected specifically for its location, to make the space visually welcoming and interesting. Through the use of color, texture and subject, the works enliven patient rooms, nurse stations, and waiting areas. They create a nurturing and restful environment for patients, their families, visitors and staff, easing stress and enhancing the overall healthcare experience.

