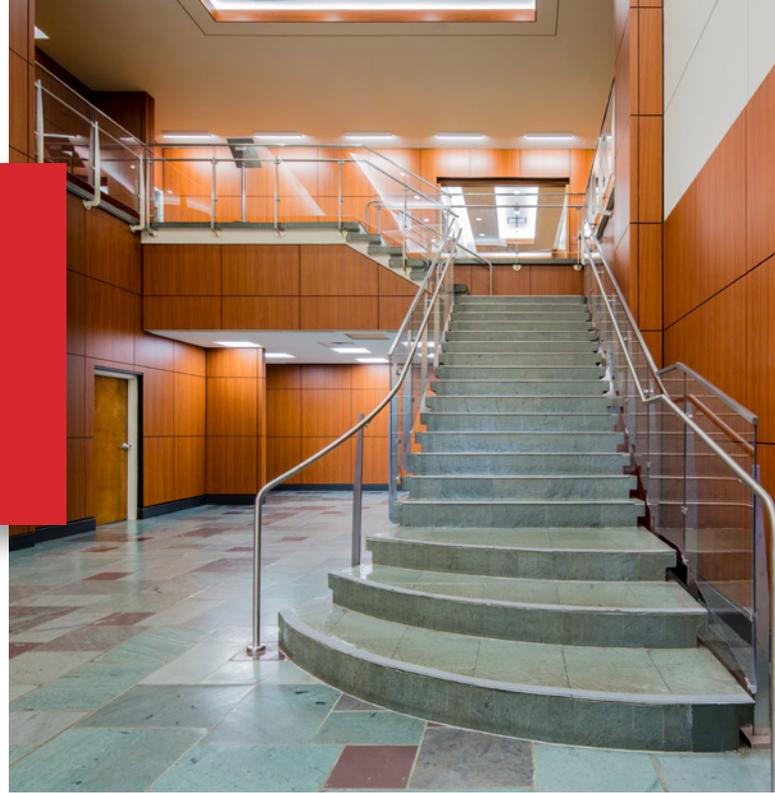


Project: University of South Alabama (USA)
Medical Center
Location: Mobile, AL
Architect: USA Medical Center
Contractor: USA Medical Center
Products: Acrovyn® Wall Panels



About the Project

USA Medical Center, part of the prominent academic health system USA Health, is the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center, regional burn center and a leading stroke and treatment center. Leadership initiated a lobby renovation with financial backing from the university to breathe new life into the hospital. While many historic and beloved elements would keep their forever home, the rest of the lobby would receive a dramatic upgrade.

Design Goals

USA Medical Center's main lobby needed wall protection that could be cleaned and removed easily, was durable enough to stand up to frequent activity and looked upscale without the lavish price tag. The space required natural-looking materials that would invite a new warmth into the space and complement the other building materials.

Results

Construction Specialties' (CS) Acrovyn Wall Panels were chosen for USA Medical Center because of their aesthetic options, functionality and maintenance benefits. The wall panels' depths were customized to achieve over 50 intricate elevations and intersections that span the entirety of the grand two-story lobby. Not only was the lobby's design and layout upgraded, but the wall panels' Sure Snap® mounting system enabled an easy installation, therefore improving the lobby's functionality by reducing labor times and intrusive maintenance demands for future replacements and repairs.

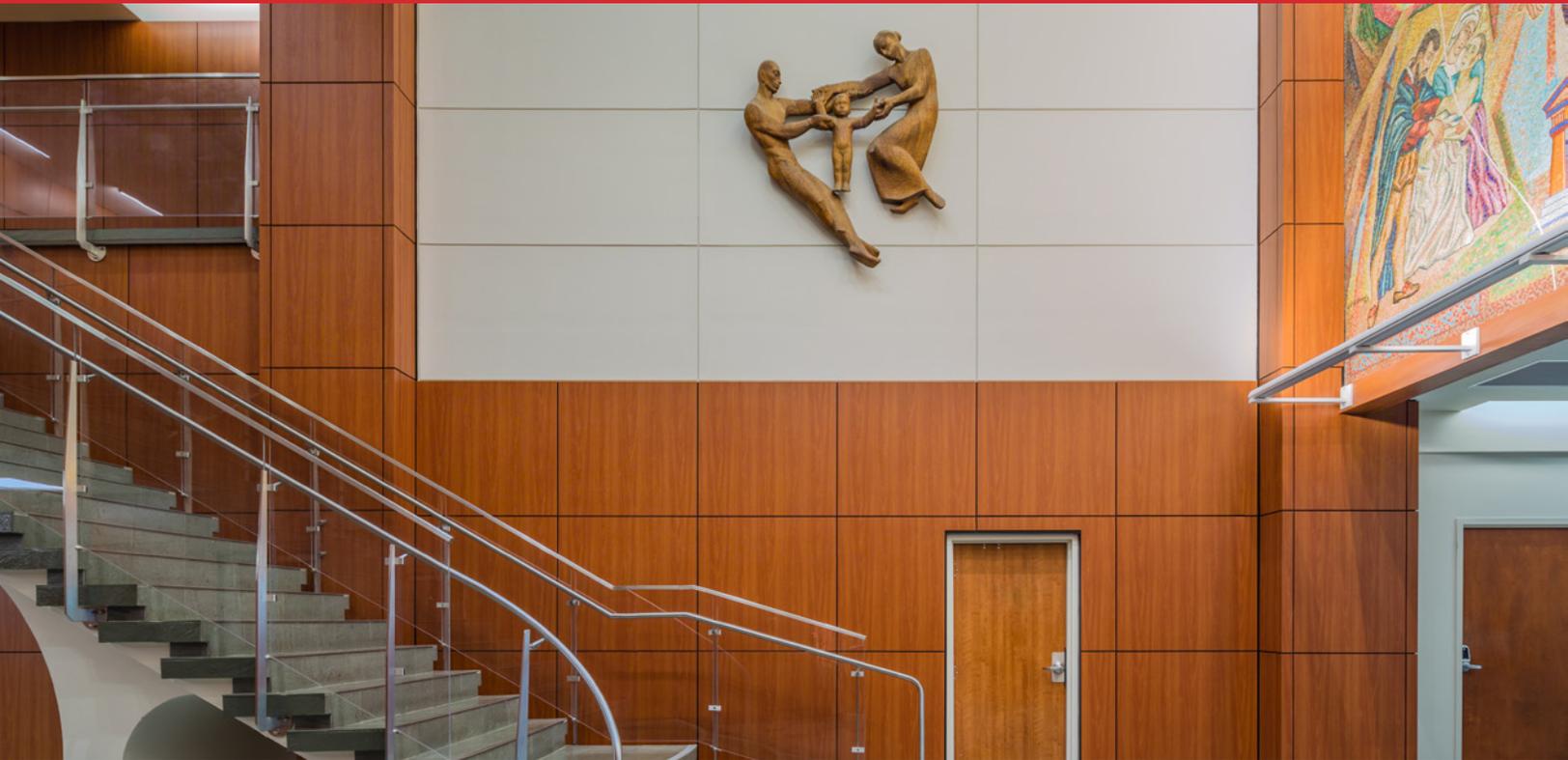
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At a Glance:

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The bacteria-resistant surface on the wall panels allows for quick and easy cleaning, a must-have for this healthcare facility.

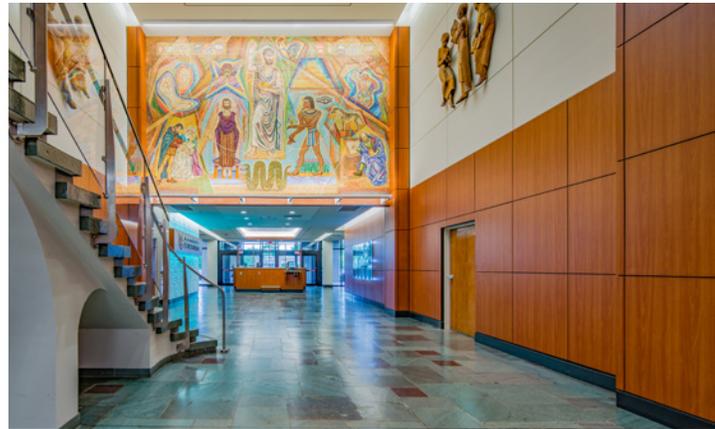
“We got exactly what we wanted with Acrovyn Wall Panels,” said Lawrence Gardner, head of facilities for University of South Alabama Medical Center. “We’ve heard everything from ‘outstanding’ to ‘incredible.’”

The design team loved the woodgrain patterns available within the Chameleon™ line and knew that they would fit perfectly with the elements being salvaged from the old lobby, including original marble tile floors and a mosaic mural. They were also confident that the woodgrain patterns would still look natural and intentional alongside new furniture and building materials.

“The new lobby looks excellent,” Gardner added.

“The wall panels upgraded the space and gave it the refined, upscale look the hospital was going for.”

The wall panels achieved a creative vision to transform the space into a work of art. After a successful installation and grand lobby opening in March 2018, the University of South Alabama Medical Center can continue to welcome patients and visitors into their renowned treatment facility with pride.



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