

Award-Winning Renovation Transforms Senior Living Space



Location: Fargo, North Dakota
 Details: Elim Rehab and Care Center
 Architect: Pope Architects

“First we renovated the shared rooms to private rooms and upgraded the lighting from one light source to three, which completely transforms the space.”

– Jill Schroeder, C.I.D., interior designer
 Pope Architects



Before



After

Project Summary

Challenge: Enhancing resident wellness and safety through senior center remodel.

Solution: New lighting design above beds and doorways fosters brighter and safer living conditions.

Benefit: Improved lighting provides enhanced accessibility and independence for seniors.

Luminaires Transform Residents' Rooms in Senior Care Center for Added Safety and Comfort

Elim Rehab and Care Center, Fargo, North Dakota



“Current lighting in residents' shared rooms consisted of one fixture placed over each bed resulting in dimly lit rooms.”

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Elim Rehab and Care Center provides senior resources, such housing, healthcare and skilled nursing, to enable its residents to lead healthier lifestyles for many years.

The Center recognizes the importance of an individual's spiritual growth and care in a home-like setting to advance healing.

Elim recently completed a \$4 million, 18,500 sq. ft. renovation and expansion of their Fargo, North Dakota facility. With the help of Pope Architects, they created 20 single-occupancy rooms and made rehabilitation services more accessible and person-centered.

The design of new lighting was a major initiative of the project. After a thorough specification process, Kenall's MedMaster™ luminaires were selected for the renovation.

The MedMaster wall-mount fixture, equipped with gentle, ambient lighting to promote overall patient wellness and a reading light, was installed over each bed.

The MedMaster LED step light, on a separate control system, was strategically placed in doorways to assist patient, staff and visitor wayfinding throughout the facility.

MedMaster Features:

- Sealed for infection control
- Ease of cleanability
- Multi-function capability
- Ease of maintenance

Benefits for Elim:

- Subtle delivery of light makes resident rooms feel like home
- Nighttime step lights enhance safety and security
- Above-the-bed lighting addresses individual needs for differing illumination levels
- Maintenance is made easy with hinged door frames and tool-less entry

“Residents and staff have commented on the improved lighting for comfortable living and general illumination.”

— Jill Schroeder



The MedMaster LED step lights are strategically placed in doorways to assist patient, staff and visitor orientation within the facility.

The luminaires also complement the Danish Modern design of the upgraded Center with their sleek, contemporary style.

The over-bed light source enhances the resident-centered care model by giving residents greater flexibility and independence, such as a reading light option.

Additionally, the LED night lights have reduced interruptions to sleeping residents when staff members enter the room during nightly rounds.

Award-Winning Renovation

The Center recently won two awards for the renovation – the Environments for Aging 2012 Remodel/Renovation Competition “Best in Category – Resident Rooms”; and the Minnesota Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments, 2013 Design Showcase Citation of Merit.

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