

Brookline Dental Center

Community dental center maximizes use of triangular neighborhood site

A growing community based dental practice acquired a buildable commercial pocket parcel with high visibility. The owners requested a recognizable contemporary image and a cutting edge clinical environment which would reflect the high level of care and professional sophistication provided to their patients.

Features

- Individualized pod-like operatories
- Creation of brand presence along high-speed boulevard
- Featured clinical laboratory
- Innovative solution for accommodating open parking under the building



Design Solution

The project delivers eight operatories to efficiently enable the scheduling of four dentists and two clinicians within a very tight allowable. Each operatory was developed as a distinct space in order to express an emphasis on individualized care. The pod-like enclosures are indented to maximize even ambient north light for the benefit of the dental procedures. X-ray equipment is shared between dentists using ceiling tracks and operable high wall openings.

Reinforcing the practice's reputation for exacting technical standards, the clinical laboratory is featured at the end of the widening operatory corridor. A prow-like conference room/ lounge provides a uniquely legible brand presence to speeding automobiles on the adjacent boulevard frontage. Of particular design note is the accommodation of required parking on the constricted site by suspending the building above it using an innovative column supported wood and steel structure.

JLA Role
Lead Design Architect

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Client Brookline Dental Center

Location Brookline, MA

Size 2,400 sf

Construction Cost \$950,000

Schematic Design Complete 2007

