

# St. Michael's Hospital

Toronto, ON, Canada



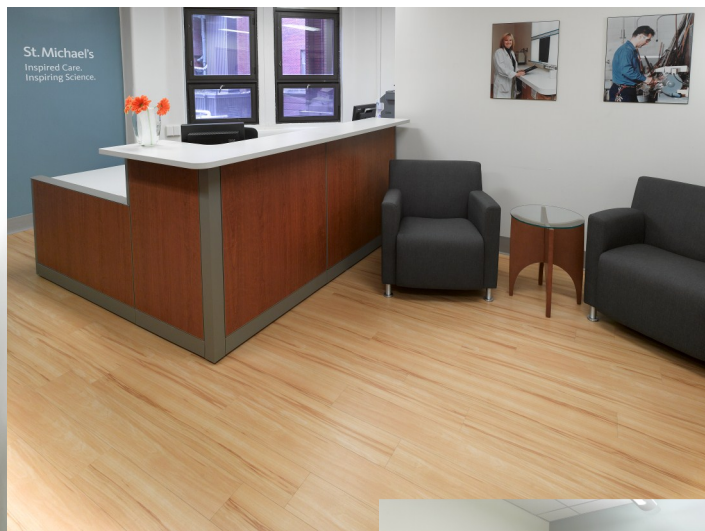
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St. Michael's is a remarkable story of extending an open hand of compassion and sharing. In the late 1800's, the Sisters of St. Joseph changed the boarding house they had established for working women in the heart of a growing metropolis into a place of medical care for this same community. They then expanded their reach to take care of the poor and sick in Toronto's inner city. This small endeavour very quickly evolved into a teaching facility as the Sisters drew in the interests of the University of Toronto.

Since its founding in 1892 the hospital has grown into a highly acclaimed teaching and research hospital. Fully affiliated with the University of Toronto, and recently associated with Humber College, according to its website; “St. Michael's provides outstanding medical education to health-care professionals in more than 23 academic disciplines. Home to the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, made up of the Keenan Research Centre and the Li Ka Shing International Healthcare Education Centre, the hospital is among the first in the world to bring together researchers, educators and clinicians to take best practices and research discoveries to patient bedsides faster.”



Continuing with the spirit of collaboration, St. Michael's and the University of Toronto formed a new relationship with Ryerson College, also of Toronto, to undertake an extensive renovation that would expand St. Michael's public health services in the areas of Dental, Psychiatry, and Social Work as well as to provide access to a Dietician and a Pharmacy. The services of Dialog, a Toronto-based design firm, were engaged.

The desire was to create an intimate environment with easy to maintain materials. Dialog and St. Michael's had used the LSI Floors products in other facilities, appreciated that it has been tested and approved for healthcare environments and had experienced its performance properties first-hand. The photo-realistic wood plank appearance of the LSI luxury vinyl planks helped create the warm and inviting atmosphere Dialog had designed into the new spaces.

Undertaken at the same time was the renovation of the HR reception area. This very public space often provides the first impression of the hospital or the lasting impression people take with them if they are interviewing with the facility. The desired impact here was also to be warm and welcoming. The tone of the wood image changed to the light Beech for this area but the maintenance and durability properties of the LSI luxury vinyl plank were still appreciated and provided a cost effective and easy to maintain solution.

Jennifer Heppner of Dialog sums up the project by stating; "The facilities people are happy with the spaces. They achieve the overall look and feel we were intending. The LSI product is a sweep, mop, and go solution. No harsh chemicals are required."

St. Michael's, affectionately known as the Urban Angel, is renowned for providing exceptional patient care. LSI Floors supports these efforts with high performance flooring from its Protective Floors™ collection.

Sector: Healthcare  
Product: Healthcare Wood,  
HC22713 Beech  
HC22516 Burnt Almond  
Sq. footage: 3276 sq.ft.

Designer: Dialog  
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