



Case study

JACKSONVILLE CLINIC PARKING GARAGE





PROJECT DETAILS

Owner

Jacksonville Clinic Parking Garage

Architect

RDB

Mesh Type

Omega 1520



MEDICAL MESH

In the 1980s, a prominent family in Jacksonville, Fla., lobbied the community and donated land for a prominent healthcare provider to open a new outpatient center in their beloved city. The family wanted to ensure that residents of the community and surrounding locations could access top-level care.

The family's dream became a reality and since opening in 1986, this major medical facility has grown significantly. In 2018, planning began on a new parking structure, which needed to be welcoming and contribute to the positive experience of patients.

"The garage is located at one of the clinic's most prominent campus entries and the primary hospital entry," explains Carlos G. DelValle AIA, LEED AP BD + C, Principal, Architect with RDB Design Associates, a local firm that has provided ongoing architectural and interior design services for the clinic for 20 years. "The owner wanted the garage to create a visual impact, so we researched several screening solutions that met the requirements of open-air circulation, architectural appearance, and could withstand the corrosive coastal conditions."

The project team worked with GKD to come up with something attractive and durable that involved 17,678 square feet of GKD's Omega 1520, embodied in 22 panels that are approximately 39' tall by 20' wide. The unique installation used 904L cabling in conjunction with T316L stainless rods, providing superior resistance to oxidation.

"We were working to secure a public hospital against solar heat gain while simultaneously beautifying the project," says Andy Franks, GKD Regional Sales Manager. "Staying within budget and finishing on time were important project goals."

"The marine grade stainless steel materials and architectural aesthetics drove the product selection," DelValle says. "We coupled the GKD screens/mesh with LED lighting that allows the appearance to change for yearly events and holidays. GKD provided exceptional support during the architectural and structural detailing. The construction assembly met all our expectations."

Completed in late summer of 2020, the garage now is serving with style.

"The combination of the mesh and lighting has been very well received by the owner," DelValle says. "RDB appreciates the architectural appearance and quality of the product. We constantly receive compliments and feel very comfortable recommending it for future projects."



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