



MAXIMIZING Space Constraints for a Research Pharmacy

This research-focused hospital came to Spacesaver Interiors to create a new dedicated research pharmacy.

Their current pharmacy was in a large room filled with static shelving. The constraints of the shelving, from non-adjustable shelf heights to static aisles wasting space, left it less than optimal for the busy hospital. Not to mention the less than ideal location.



In need of an improved pharmacy space, the hospital identified an old office in the research wing of their campus. Retrofitting an existing space that is no longer used for its intended purpose can present unique challenges to installations. In this case, the new room was significantly smaller than the existing pharmacy.

MAXIMIZING THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT

To maximize the storage capacity of the new research pharmacy, Spacesaver Interiors chose a combination of high-density mobile storage, extra-wide static shelving, and flat-stack static shelving.

EXTRA-WIDE STATIC SHELVING

The extra-wide shelving would become a processing area for packages and deliveries while the flat-stack shelving would be placed against the back wall to store extra inventory in large boxes.

HIGH-DENSITY MOBILE SHELVING

The high-density mobile shelving would create the bulk of the storage. Three double-sided shelving sections installed on a track can be moved side to side with the turn of a crank. The shelves themselves would be flexible as well, capable of being adjusted up or down to fit different sizes of items. Mounted on these shelving frames would be adjustable bins of various heights to accommodate all the different types of items being stored. The design of the bins included a sloped mounting bracket that allowed for an efficient gravity-fed, first-in-first-out method of restocking, ideal for pharmaceuticals.



LASTING & TRUSTWORTHY RELATIONSHIP

The relationship between Spacesaver Interiors and the hospital is not new; over several years of projects, Spacesaver Interiors has built a relationship with the University Hospital. It was a no-brainer to go with Spacesaver Interiors yet again when the need arose to retrofit an old office into a functional pharmacy.

From previous work with the design team, there was trust between them and Spacesaver Interiors. The design team knew that Spacesaver Interiors would provide them with quality equipment that would last for a long time. It was also known that Spacesaver Interiors offers quality service from design to installation.

SMOOTH INSTALLATION FOR A FUTURE-PROOFED SOLUTION

This pharmacy installation in particular was incredibly smooth. Purchasing was a breeze due to Spacesaver Interiors' purchasing contracts, and only requiring standard parts, the product was delivered in a timely fashion. The actual installation of the storage system was similarly smooth, due to the experienced installation team at Spacesaver Interiors.

DESIGN PROCESS

Spacesaver Interiors presented the hospital with three different renderings of what the new storage space could look like. The clients particularly enjoyed that the renderings allowed them to see what the new pharmacy would look like, as if they were walking down the aisles and looking from side to side. They chose to move ahead with the first rendering, which was optimized for the volume of people that would be using the pharmacy daily.



Looking to the future, the storage system Spacesaver Interiors installed was designed to be flexible and future-proofed. Agile enough to meet the changing demands of a pharmacy, and a hospital. The research pharmacy could easily be converted into central storage for other hospital supplies, without a need to complete another retrofit.