CASE STUDY

INOVA HEALTH SYSTEM & UNICEL ARCHITECTURAL
A history of working together for patient privacy
Inova Health System

Inova is a not-for-profit healthcare system based in Northern Virginia that serves more than two million people each year from throughout the Washington, DC, metro area and beyond. Inova is a comprehensive network of hospitals, outpatient services and facilities, primary and specialty care practices, and health and wellness initiatives.

Hospitals under Inova provide much of the healthcare needs for citizens in Northern Virginia, including the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and Fairfax County and Loudoun County. The flagship hospital, Inova Fairfax Hospital, has been recognized as one of the best hospitals in the nation by HealthGrades and U.S. News & World Report.

Seeking the right privacy solutions

As part of their high standard of patient care, Inova healthcare facilities place a priority on selecting the right privacy design finishes and products for new construction and renovation projects. As such, Inova has partnered with Unicel for the employment of their Vision Control® integrated louvers for over 10 years since 2005. Ongoing projects for Vision Control® units in doors, sliding doors and windows have included:

- Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, North Tower and CCW Renovation
- Inova Health System, Women’s Hospital
- Ashburn Healthplex
- Inova Hospital, South Patient Tower
- Virginia Hospital Center
- Inova Loudoun Hospital
The results – optimal control of privacy, sound and light

Vision Control® is a patented, hermetically sealed glass unit combining louvers within glass that can be customized to virtually any shape for interior or exterior healthcare glazing applications. Its advanced louvered glazing technology eliminates strings, ensures alignment, requires no maintenance and provides the ideal privacy solution for Inova patient spaces.

Primary benefits for Inova healthcare facilities include:

- **Total privacy**
  Completely adjustable privacy and visibility levels for Inova personnel and patients.

- **Optimal hygiene**
  Reduced risk of infection and allergies for Inova patients.

- **No maintenance**
  Reduced cleaning costs and replacement costs for Inova facilities managers.

- **Tranquility**
  Sound wave barriers and 2”+ airspace thickness between glass panes help reduce noise to speed up patient recovery.

- **HIPAA compliance**
  Meets Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements for doctor-patient privacy.

- **Esthetic appeal**
  Perfectly aligned louvers support Inova’s interior design approaches.

Participants:
Owner: Inova Health System
Integrated Louvers Manufacturer: Unicel Architectural