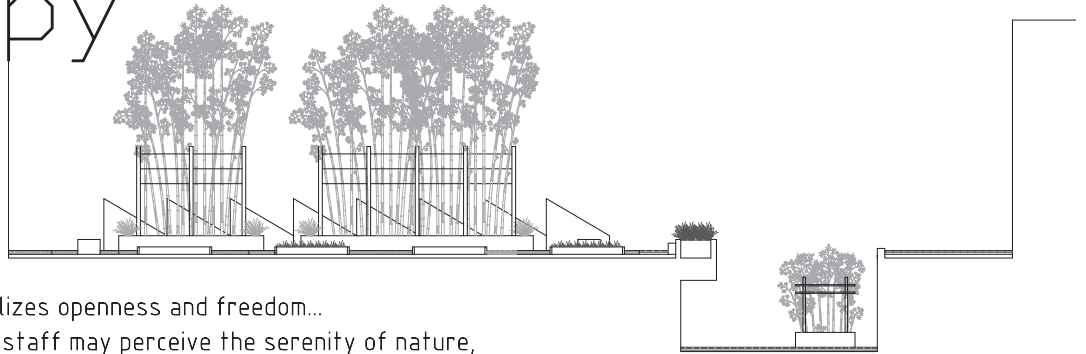




VISUAL therapy

As part of the UW Medical Center's expansion project, renovations to the existing Level 4 courtyard transformed this highly visible open space. The new garden is both visually engaging and peaceful, offering a restorative view and opportunity for contemplation from the surrounding patient rooms. Groves of timber bamboo provide an architectural presence that moves with the wind; shallow copper basins collect rainwater to reflect the sky overhead; river cobbles, glass mulch and flagstone surfacing provide visual contrast; and raised translucent bands, along with the bamboo, are illuminated from within to create a soothing nighttime atmosphere.



"The window aperture symbolizes openness and freedom...

Through them, patients and staff may perceive the serenity of nature, the intensity of urban life, the transformation of one season to the next, the diurnal patterns of day becoming night..."

-Stephen F. Verderber

