

Susan Rachtman, EDAC

Green Belt Lean Certified for Healthcare

Experienced Medical Equipment Planner...

With more than 20 years of varied medical industry experience Susan brings an international focus to Medical Equipment Planning for hospital and clinic projects. She holds an Evidence-Based Design Accreditation and Certification (EDAC) through the Center for Health Design and is Green Belt Lean Certified for Healthcare.



Susan comes from a background of 'hands on experience' starting as a nurse working in both England and New Zealand.

She spent several years as a highly successful medical & surgical sales representative and product manager for a range of technical surgical products. Working in the operating room with surgeons and staff has given her a knowledge of hospital procedures and how to work most effectively with end users as well as vendors.

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She started to build her experience in hospital design and workflow after forming her own company which was the importer and distributor of *Herman Miller for Healthcare*, New Zealand.

Running her own business gave her a strong respect for deadlines and the financial bottom line.

Since coming to America in 2008 (now a US Citizen), she has worked as an Equipment Planner on a broad range of projects, from major & government facilities to small community hospitals.

She has a strong focus on teamwork and communications with all stakeholders. Her attention to detail will help to keep your project on time and on budget.

Experience includes

- Inpatient Medical Centers (Level 1 & 2 Trauma)
- Ambulatory Care Centers
- Critical Access / Micro- Hospitals
- Cancer Centers
- Outpatient Medical Facilities
- Dental Clinics

While Susan can adapt and work within all disciplines of a hospital environment 'Surgical Services' would be one of her specialty areas (including Endo, Post Anesthetic Care and Sterile Processing).

Services

- Analysis of Existing Equipment
- Development and/or Validation of Equipment Specifications
- Budgeting
- Facilitation of User Group Meetings
- Architectural & Engineering Communications Support
- Equipment Validation
- Procurement Coordination & Support
- Installation & Activation Support

Projects have included:

- Pinedale Rural Access Hospital – Hospital & LTC Addition, Pinedale, WY
- Mobridge Regional Hospital & Clinics – Remodel & Hospital Addition, SD
- Middle Park Health – Fraser Health Center; Granby Facility Addition & Kremmling Replacement Micro-Hospital, CO
- St. Vincent General Hospital – Replacement Rural Access Hospital, Leadville, CO
- Denver Health – 7-storey Ambulatory Care Center, Denver, CO
- VA Denver (Eastern Colorado Healthcare System) – Replacement Medical Center, Aurora, CO
- St Rose Dominican Hospital, Siena Campus – 143 bed Medical Tower, Henderson, NV
- UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center – Chemotherapy Unit extension; 'Women & Multi-Disciplinary' Outpatient Clinics, Albuquerque, NM
- UNM Dental – Ambulatory Surgery Center & Clinic, Albuquerque, NM
- Guadalupe County Hospital – Replacement Rural Access Hospital, Santa Rosa, NM

Clients/Employers include:

- GDM inc. Architects + Engineers, Anchorage, AK
 - Davis Partnership Architects, Denver, CO
 - SMPC Architects, Albuquerque, NM
 - Envision Planning, Greeley, CO
 - General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT), Fairfax, VA
 - FDI Planning Consultants, Phoenix, AZ
 - UNM Office of Capital Projects, Albuquerque, NM
 - RMKM Architecture, Albuquerque, NM
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International (Prior to 2008)

NZ Importer/Distributor “Herman Miller for Healthcare”

Medical Equipment Product Manager (NZ)

Medical & Surgical Sales Representative (NZ)

Nursing (UK, New Zealand and Australia)

Professional Education

Sussex Downs School of Nursing, Sussex, England

Business Studies, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand

Certifications

EDAC – Evidence Based Design Accreditation and Certification (November 2010 - present)

ACP – Attainia Certified Professional (November 2013 – present)

LEAN – Green Belt Lean Certified for Healthcare (August 2016)