

## New Research 2 opens



*New research lab on Anschutz Medical Campus  
by Fentress Architects, in association with KlingStubbins*

**News.** Occupants began moving into the Research 2 facility last month on the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. Construction was completed in June 2008. At \$204 million and 500,000 square feet, the facility is the latest addition to the new research park.

*“Consistent with Research 1, the functional design of the laboratories gives UCD researchers the inherent flexibility necessary to meet the changing needs of research in the years ahead.”*

**– Jeff Olson, AIA, Project Manager and Principal, Fentress Architects**

**Design inspiration.** Research 2 (R2) forms the western edge of the new research park and echoes the architectural vernacular of Research 1 (R1) to the east, also by Fentress Architects, in association with KlingStubbins. R2 features a blue glass and aluminum curtainwall facing east toward the courtyard and brick on the laboratory side. The design on the office side is open, accessible and inviting, symbolic of bringing new discoveries into the light and making them available to the world. The laboratory side consists of rose brick with a simple structural frame expression in the window openings. This design is more inward-looking, like the introspective nature of the research conducted within.

**Facilities.** The new 11-story building supports various clinical and basic science research. Laboratory configurations range from wet bench to more instrument-oriented facilities. A full complement of research support spaces and core labs are designed to foster interaction and communication. Consistent with the R1 laboratory design, R2 laboratory and support space is designed to be as flexible as possible. This ensures adaptability and the capability for interchange of space and activities among the various research departments and programs as funding dictates and for modification over time in response to changing research protocols.

R2 features a coffee shop on the ground floor, two-story corner break rooms joining adjacent lab floors and numerous daylit conference rooms, designed to facilitate communication and collaboration among researchers. A 4,000-square-foot divisible conference room, located on the second floor, connects directly via an enclosed walkway to the two auditoriums and pre-function space in R1, forming a genuine conference center for the research complex. An outdoor amphitheater and courtyard formed by the two research labs offers an ideal space for casual gatherings and formal campus events.

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*Architect of Record:* Fentress Architects

*General Contractor:* Mortenson Construction

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