



**BETTY RUTH &  
MILTON B. HOLLANDER  
HEALING GARDEN  
SMILOW CANCER HOSPITAL  
AT YALE-NEW HAVEN**

This innovative seventh floor rooftop healing garden provides an outdoor place for relaxation, contemplation or intimate conversation. Patients can meet with family members or health care professionals at one of the seating areas, or visit the garden alone. The resultant garden design was governed more by the needs and desires of cancer patients who favored images of nature, reminiscent of patients' own backyards. The patient-centered design was carefully vetted through meetings with hospital staff, patients and their families.

One can traverse the circulation loop on foot or via wheelchair, experiencing different views of the garden or the city beyond. An unexpected naturalistic, re-circulating stream meanders through the garden, terminating in a reflecting pool. Light-weight materials and additional steel supports were utilized.

CLIENT	<i>Yale-New Haven Hospital</i>
LOCATION	<i>New Haven, Connecticut</i>
PROJECT COST	<i>\$2.1 million</i>
ARCHITECT	<i>Shepley Bulfinch</i>
CERTIFICATION	<i>Seeking LEED Silver</i>