In 2006, Stanford Hospital & Clinics required a new, state-of-the-art facility that would replace existing clinical functions while maintaining and enhancing connections to its preexisting buildings. Rafael Viñoly Architects was selected for its unique approach to healthcare design: rather than creating the typical base-and-tower hospital building, the firm proposed a modular plan that can be easily adapted for a variety of uses, thus allowing both for incremental expansion of the hospital building and a horizontal development strategy that complements the low-rise campus context of Stanford University and its Medical Center.