



Angela Byrd, IIDA, LEED AP — Nationally recognized Interior Designer

Charlotte, N.C., October 7, 2008 - While FreemanWhite colleagues often mention her knowledge and experience, Angela Byrd has now been nationally recognized for her interior design expertise. Angela's contribution to a national discussion on lighting alternatives for healthcare facilities can be seen in "Lighting the WAY" published in *Medical Construction & Design* (Sept/Oct 2008). Not only is Angela quoted extensively throughout the article but all five images in this article were chosen by Angela to represent the following FreemanWhite clients:

- St. Joseph Hospital, Buffalo, NY
- San Antonio Community Hospital, Upland, California
- Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina

Angela's thoughts on multifunction florescent fixtures bear consideration---

"The multifunction florescent fixture has revolutionized lighting in patient rooms because it adjusts to meet every individual lighting need---whether it is a patient that wa soft soothing light or a staff member that needs to read a chart. As a matter of fact, I would like to see this light fixture become the new 'minimum lighting standard of care. With the simple flip of a switch, these fixtures brighten for focused examination lighting, general room lighting, indirect ambient lighting, night lighting and patient task lighting. This florescent fixture can also be easily inserted into either a new construct or renovation project."

As for the future of LEDs, this is Angela's cogent "take"---

"LEDs have been a part of healthcare environments for years---lighting our way through exit signs and emergency egress lights. But LEDs positive attributes have expanded the market into decorative commercial fixtures, wall sconces, mini-recessed down lights and lamps. Since they are some of the newest technology, they are a bit more expensive than the compact florescent and Incandescent fixtures we have been specifying for years. But, as most things, we anticipate the cost to decrease over time as production and availability increases. I envision heavier use of LEDs, based on the lower maintenance and energy usage, in healthcare settings into the future."

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