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# Flexible Furniture Aids Growing Healthcare Organization

With roots dating back to 1917, University Health is San Antonio's only locally owned and operated health system, and South Texas' first Magnet health care organization. As an academic medical center, they provide a full range of services, from preventive and primary care across their network of health centers, to the most advanced care and surgical procedures at their Level I trauma center at University Hospital in the South Texas Medical Center.

As one of the largest employers in San Antonio, with more than 9,000 employees, University Health is a fast-growing organization in a fast-growing region. They have been constantly adapting to changes in population needs and best business practices to achieve a work environment that is safe, efficient, and comfortable so that all staff members can do their best in support of this important mission.

# The Challenge

As University Health continues to grow and expand the services they offer, they purchased 2 buildings within a 3.2 million square foot business complex in University Park. Their challenge came in finding a way to furnish this massive space, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, that was both adaptable and expandable, while still offering the privacy required of a healthcare company.

They reached out to Vari® to create a custom-designed workspace plan, which allowed the flexibility University Health sought to meet the needs associated with their growth as a company.

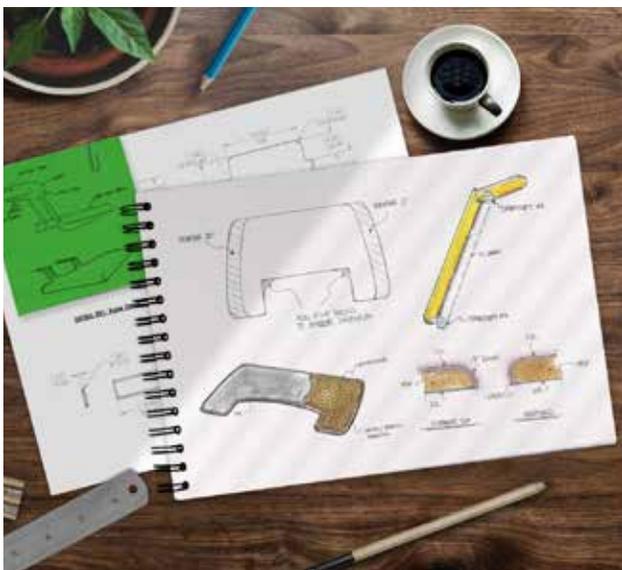


**“When COVID hit, we knew what we had to do for frontline workers, which we did, but we were also concerned about the back office function.”**



**Ed Banos**

University Health COO



# The Approach

This project launched during the COVID-19 pandemic. So, working in partnership with University Health, Vari was able to provide a safely distanced but hands-on team.

That team, which included Vari designer Aaron King, would be responsible for creating a customized workspace solution for University Health, which also adhered to strict COVID-19 distancing protocols.

Once the building purchase was completed in 2020 and work began on renovating the first of the 2 buildings, Vari was involved in each step of the office space planning.

The Vari Design Team knew that privacy was of the utmost importance to University Health and that they had to create a plan that would be flexible while still creating that much needed privacy.

“As University Health deals primarily in the medical industry, we knew privacy and noise control would be high priorities. We ended up enclosing almost every single desk on at least 3 sides with our QuickFlex Walls® System. This allowed us to negate noisy distractions as well as create that privacy required,” said King.

## The Results

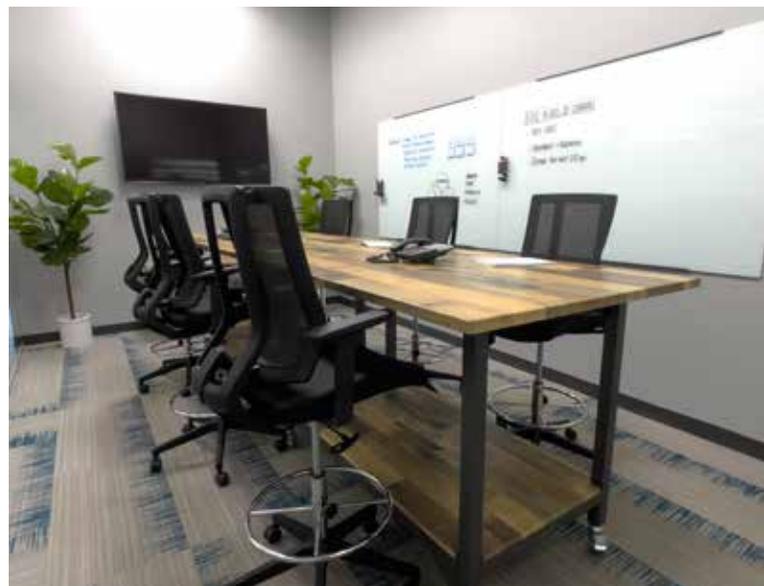
With the opening of the first of the 2 buildings on the new campus in February 2021, University Health leadership and Human Resources have praised the products and design provided by Vari as striking the perfect balance of flexibility and speed while still preserving the privacy and security required of their business. This is in direct response to the company’s growth goals through 2021 and beyond.

“ **What we like about the flexibility of the spaces is that we know some of our departments are going to grow. We’re a growing organization...**

**Ed Banos**  
University Health COO

I think that’s what we like about the furniture as well. We don’t need to bring in movers and people to put it together,” said Banos.

As work concludes on the second building on the new business campus, Vari’s commitment to providing customized workspace solutions to University Health and the one-on-one customer service experience throughout the process has not wavered.





# Project Details

**CLIENT**  
University Health System

**LOCATION**  
San Antonio, Texas

**INSTALLATION DATE**  
January 2021

**SPACE AVAILABLE**  
Approx. 88,000 SF

**WORKSTATIONS**  
488

**PRICE PER SQ.FT.**  
\$33

## Products Installed

- Electric Standing Desk 60x30
- Table 60x24
- Table 48x24
- File Cabinet
- Dual-Monitor Arm
- Power Hub
- Power Cords (All Sizes)
- Task Chair with Headrest
- QuickFlex Walls®
- Mobile Marker Board
- Round Table
- Wood Side Chair
- Standing Round Table
- Wood Conference Chair
- Meeting Table
- Drafting Chair
- Conference Table
- Arm Chair
- Round Side Table
- Modular Sofa
- Sectional Table
- High Back Sofa
- Lounge Table
- Laptop Side Table
- Glass Board 72x48
- High Back Chair



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