

Never Stop Learning

Near the end of his remarkable life, despite all of his amazing accomplishments, Italian sculptor, painter, architect, poet, and engineer Michelangelo (considered the archetypal “Renaissance Man”) said “I am still learning.”

That philosophy of lifelong exploration and education is central to Steelcase Health’s mission and our commitment to help our customers and partners develop the best possible healthcare environment solutions.

It’s evident in our recent involvement in TEDMED 2012 as well as our sponsorship support of last week’s IIDA Healthcare Education Day.

The Education Day was produced by HealthCare Design Webinars in conjunction with the Center for Health Design and the IIDA, with CEU credits offered for both architects and interior designers.

Steelcase Health’s Bill Coble, EDAC, who leads Steelcase Health’s design alliances, was able to welcome approximately 300 attendees (per webinar) to a series of excellent online presentations including:

- **Impacting Health Care: Green Codes & Guidelines:** Janet Rhode and Michael Sheerin discussed the basics of sustainability guidelines, as well as standards and codes that will impact the design, construction, and commissioning of health care environments.
- **Retail Centers for Healthcare:** Jocelyn Stoupe talked about the surge in ambulatory design & construction and the trend toward community based care facilities with retail center convenience.
- **Integrating the Process: Architecture - Operations - Technology:** Joyce Sensmeier and Debbie Gregory discussed how to effectively integrate technology in new design projects by incorporating key IT, clinical, biomedical and facilities representatives into the design process to appropriately prioritize technology investments.
- **Infection Control vs. Sustainability in a Healthcare Environment:** Janet Kobyłka and Debi Fuller addressed the tension between sustainable initiatives and best practices in infection control and offered alternatives that are less hazardous for both people and the environment.

Attendee response to the webinars has been outstanding and Steelcase Health will be looking for similar opportunities to bring valuable information to our partners later this year.

Watch the Steelcase Health blog as well as follow us on Twitter and Facebook to stay abreast of upcoming educational opportunities.

Philosopher and author Julia H. Gulliver said, “Let us never be betrayed into saying we have finished our education; because that would mean we had stopped growing.”

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