



Project: Sardar Smarak Hospital, Bardoli
Designer: Mona Shah

Sardar Smarak Hospital in Bardoli, near Surat is spread over an area of 7,000 sq. ft., which has its pediatric ICU and the neo natal ICU designed by Mona Shah. The brief was to make these areas colourful and approachable than how conventionally it is. Mona believes that patients have a right to good ambience. Drab and boring colours make the patient feel sicker as they work on the psyche of the patient. With this in mind, Mona decided to use lively but subtle colours. Also, while designing she had to be careful with the materials. These spaces had to be easily maintained, no-fuss and should not get contaminated easily. In accordance with this, the materials that have been used are simple like laminates and aluminium. The walls are tiled and the ceiling is partly gypsum and partly mineral fibre.

All furniture apart from the patient beds, have been designed on site. There was a conscious effort to provide a music system, which provides a source of entertainment for the patients. Above each bed are interesting paintings that are symbolic to life which add a subtle character to the ceilings, as against plain colour. The neo natal ICU reflects bright colours and graphics, symbolizing the innocence of the new born.

This pediatric unit is kept simple, basic and straightforward owing to the fact that it is an ICU, and an extension of a hospital.