



FOUNTAIN PLAZA

The fountain plaza provides a resource and coping mechanism for stress reduction by providing visitors to the garden with a sense of "getting away". The sound of the cascading water along with the beauty of the pool and the surrounding landscape provides a positive distraction from the often stressful conditions found within the health care campus. The curved fountain lies opposite a sitting area with comfortable benches, rocking chairs, and small tables. The fountain consists of a stone wall that has six Mediterranean bronze scuppers that gracefully pour water into a pool with a decorative granite blue finish. Water is a universal symbol of healing and scuppers have been an enduring source of water dating back to ancient communities. The scuppers not only produce a relaxing sound of falling water, but they also symbolize a source of healing. In the center of the fountain, a cascading sheet of water flows in front of a backdrop of decorative Motawi tiles. The fountain area is a distinct space separate from the rest of the gardens. However, it is easily accessible from the main walking path and the pleasant sounds of the fountain can be heard throughout much of the gardens.