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### **Facility management: Why is looking at projects from a whole life perspective is so crucial in the healthcare industry?**

Facility management is considered to be a new and growing profession that: “Encompasses multiple disciplines to ensure functionality of the built environment by integrating people, place, process and technology.” This is important for not only architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) professionals, but also, and even more to owners and users (tenants, vendors, customers, etc.) of these buildings. Decisions made early in the planning and design phases can help conserve an organization’s money and resources along its entire service life, but can also have detrimental long-term consequences. In today’s world, managing healthcare facilities has become more competitive, relies much more on advanced technologies to operate, focuses on the user experience and safety (“patient-care”), and is more

far-reaching (strategic) than in the past. This presentation will discuss about a different perspective on projects one that emphasizes the whole life view of projects, from the early phases of its initiation, all the way to its final stages of renovation, restoration, or demolition.

#### **Speaker Biography**

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