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The Ark clinic in Mumbai is based on a simple philosophy of melding two medical fields in one distinctive space. While the specialisations and patients differ, the idea of providing visitors with comfort and relief in a practical and utilitarian space is the core of the design concept.

The clinic belongs to a gynaecologist and a spine specialist, and this comes through the very second you step through the elevator into the clinic. Two







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curved walls encase the reception area, one representing the curve of the spine and the other of the womb. The space then fans out into a horizontal waiting room with light spilling in through the wide windows, where visitors can comfortably idle away their waiting time.

A space as sensitive and high traffic as a medical clinic comes with an array of requirements, challenges, and even opportunities. Aspects like flow of light,

availability of adequate storage and use of low maintenance materials dictated many of the design details, including use of paint and laminate that can be wiped down, stain resistant flooring, and refurbished wooden doors with hazed glass panels to let sunlight filter into the rooms.

All in all, the thoughtful, coherent, and carefully considered design ensures that the space neither looks like a clinic, nor feels like one.

