Thorndale Beach North condominiums, 5901 N. Sheridan Road alongside Lake Michigan in Chicago's Edgewater community, used for exterior establishing shots of the Hartleys' apartment building. The Hartleys lived in unit 523.

Rimpo Medical Arts Center

- Larry Gelman as *Dr. Bernie Tupperman, urologist* (12 episodes)
- Howard Platt as *Dr. Newman, cosmetic surgeon* (4)
- Shirley O'Hara as *Debbie, temp receptionist* (3)
- Phillip R. Allen as *Dr. Walburn, another psychologist* (2)
- Teri Garr as *Miss Brennan, Dr. Walburn's receptionist* (2)

Ratings

The show ranked in the Top 20 for its first three seasons (it followed the popular *Mary Tyler Moore Show*), but schedule changes eventually pushed it to #53 by its final season (1977-78).

Honors

The show was nominated for an Emmy as "Outstanding Comedy Series" in 1977. Newhart was nominated for Golden Globes as "Best TV Actor - Musical/Comedy" in 1975 and 1976. TV Guide's 50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time listed it as #44 on its list[^1]. In 2007, *Time* magazine placed the show on its unranked list of "100 Best TV Shows of All-TIME".[^2]

In 2004, TV Land commemorated the show with a statue of Newhart in character as Dr. Hartley, seated and facing an empty couch, as if conducting a therapy session in his office. The statue was temporarily installed in front of 430 North Michigan Avenue, the building used for exterior establishing shots of Hartley's office. The statue's permanent home is a scant few blocks to the east, in the sculpture park in front of Chicago's popular Navy Pier entertainment complex.

Final episode and after

In the show's final episode, "Happy Trails to You", Bob accepts a teaching position at a small college in Oregon, with the Hartleys leaving Chicago - as well as their friends and neighbors, and Bob's patients - behind them. The closing scene, in which the cast exchange tearful goodbyes and embrace before bursting into an impromptu refrain of "Oklahoma", is a wry nod to the *Mary Tyler Moore Show* finale (also produced by MTM) from the previous year.

Jack Riley reprised his Elliot Carlin role in 1985 for an episode of *St. Elsewhere*, partnered with Oliver Clark as the amnesiac John Doe Number Six. Carlin and Doe have been committed to the hospital's mental ward, where Carlin treats Doe with the same insultive abuse he directed toward Clark's "Mr. Herd" on *The Bob Newhart Show*. Carlin blames his insanity on an unnamed "quack in Chicago". While Oliver Clark's recurring portrayal of John Doe Number Six is