Women’s Health Center Wing at Metropolitan Hospital

New York City

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ISSUES
- Designing a new hospital wing with distinguishing visual elements, helping it to establish its own personality within the hospital
- Creating a warm, inviting environment that would put patients at ease
- Using durable, flexible materials that could be used in multiple healthcare applications

CHALLENGES
- Designing an inviting environment that would look fresh and clean without feeling sterile and cold
- Creating an ADA code-compliant healthcare atmosphere—with no sharp corners and edges—that was easy to clean and maintain
- Seeking out materials that offered optimal hygienic properties for a healthcare environment

SOLUTIONS
- Corian® versatility encouraged use in everything from reception desks to scratch-resistant walls to examination room vanities to picture frames
- Using a variety of Corian® colors helped to create a warm, calming and positive environment
- The nonporous, seamless qualities of Corian® prohibit bacterial growth on or beneath the surface

BENEFITS
- The technology behind Corian® assures excellent renewability. Inevitable scratches and stains could be removed easily by the maintenance staff
- Colors of Corian® range from soft and neutral to bright and bold, for endless design options
- Versatility of Corian® materials makes them ideal for coordinating surfaces that have diverse needs and uses

PROJECT COLORS

Corian® Primrose
Corian® Spruce
Corian® Mediterranean
Corian® Aurora
Corian® Prairie
Corian® Turkish Blue
Corian® Sequoia
The beauty of Corian® in healthcare.

Easy-to-clean, hygienic interiors don’t have to be cold and sterile. DuPont™ Corian® solid surfaces create warm, inviting environments that meet the tough demands of healthcare.

Discover the many great healthcare applications for Corian®:

- Worktops at nurses’ stations and other reception areas
- Windowsills and wainscoting
- Way-finding
- Cafeteria counters and tables
- Patient and public restroom vanities and bowls
- Patient bath and shower surrounds
- Wall cladding
- Tables, laboratory sinks and work surfaces
- Slabs and cladding for mortuaries
- Pharmacy counters and staining benches for histology labs
- Operating room walls and surfaces

Infection poses costly problems for hospitals.

Nosocomial (hospital acquired) infection is costing U.S. hospitals over $3 billion annually. Fungi, like aspergillus and mold, can grow and proliferate on porous surfaces that become and remain wet. Set-on backsplashes and seams on counters and walls are ideal locations for microbial growth.

Corian® has the cure.

Many healthcare certification agencies, such as Infection Control Specialist, recommend nonporous counters and wall cladding with minimal seams.

- Corian® is nonporous; bacteria and mildew cannot grow on its surface
- Corian® installation techniques virtually eliminate seams
- Corian® can be used for horizontal surfaces, sinks and vertical surfaces

Corian® is...

**HYGIENIC**
Nonporous, so it can’t support the growth of mold, mildew or bacteria

**EASY TO CLEAN**
No grout or seam gaps; maintenance costs and time are greatly reduced

**STAIN-RESISTANT**
Stains can’t permeate and are easily removed

**DURABLE**
Tough and long-lasting; stands up to heavy use and abuse; problems with wall damage are virtually eliminated

**AIR QUALITY FRIENDLY**
Maintains good indoor air quality—no off-gassing, no VOCs

**EASILY INSTALLED**
Can be installed or retrofitted over existing, sound tile—saving downtime

**RENEWABLE**
Marks and scratches can be easily removed to restore it to its original condition

**CODE COMPLIANT**
Class 1 fire-rated and NSF/ANSI 51 food contact certified. Can be molded and formed with no sharp edges or corners for ADA compliance

**WARM AND INVITING TO THE TOUCH**
The practical surface material that creates a unique, beautiful statement

**STYLISH**
Over 100 colors—more than any other solid surface—plus custom color options

the perfect surface for healthcare.

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