

SOLUTIONS

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'Mod' carpet proves all the rage at Virginia hospital

When the broadloom carpet at Sentara Virginia Beach (Va.) General Hospital began to separate and curl at the seams, the 274-bed acute care facility came to Paul Findley, a designer with HDR, Omaha,

dimensionally stable and do not separate or curl at the seams, even under the duress of wheeled traffic. The system uses TractionBack technology that allows carpet to be installed without the use of adhesives. This provides reduced installation time and supports the hospital's emphasis on indoor air quality. The organic botanical design softens the interiors, providing more of a hospitality look. This is particularly important in the lobby, where the carpet breaks up a long, linear mall by establishing conversation areas.

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Neb., for a solution. He recommended something that wouldn't shift on the floor, was easier to maintain and had better roller mobility and improved acoustics.



The hospital also wanted flooring that would elevate the hospital's aesthetic appeal and incorporate wayfinding through the use of different color schemes. Ultimately, Milliken Carpet's Sense modular collection was selected for the nurses' stations, family waiting rooms and lobby. "Finding the right carpet is like buying a car," says Carl Gaborik, Sentara director of corporate design and construction. "There are a lot of things to consider: prior experience with the company, durability, antimicrobial treatments, price, design and color."

The 36-inch modular tiles are

HDR used the collection's color selection to create different palettes for patient floors, helping visitors to navigate more easily, and hospital staff noticed the improvement in carpet appearance immediately. The Invista Antron Legacy nylon is easy to clean and protected by Milliken's antimicrobial, moisture barrier, bleach and stain resistance and soil protection technologies. Moreover, if part of the carpet is damaged, maintenance workers can lift the adhesive-free tile and replace it without messy floor preparation.

Nursing staff have also commented on the improved underfoot comfort and sound absorption. ■

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