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Nov 5, 2012 - The Futrus® Casework System Wins Gold at the Nightingale Awards 2012

The Nightingale Awards showcase the best in excellence and innovation in healthcare design. Each submission is carefully judged on functionality, durability, aesthetics, sustainability, pricing and the ability to contribute to the overall quality of healthcare.

This year, the panel of distinguished judges, made up of healthcare facilities executives and interior judges, awarded the Gold Award for Architectural Products to the Futrus® Casework System, made with Dupont™ Corrian®.

“Our aim was to create a casework system that truly met the needs of the patient and healthcare staff, while providing architects with far greater design flexibility. It was a huge honor to receive the gold Nightingale Award from a panel of such prestigious healthcare experts,” said James Leigh, co-founder. “Evidence-based research was used throughout our extensive design process to create a solution that helps promote healthier environments for patients, their families and healthcare workers.”

Unlike traditional casework, the Futrus® Casework System is made almost entirely from Dupont™ Corrian® solid surface, which has many advantages over traditional materials, like laminate and wood. One key advantage is that it is non-porous and when properly cleaned does not support the growth of mold, mildew and bacteria. “Our aim is to help hospitals reduce the number of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs), which cost the healthcare industry billions of dollars and thousands of patient lives,” says Mark Allen, president. Other design features of the Futrus® Casework System, including seamless construction, covered jointures and rounded corners, disposable draw liners and the ability to be cleaned with high-concentrate disinfectants go even further to help lower the risk of patients being harmed in the healthcare environment.

Flexibility and adaptability were also key considerations in the design process. The Futrus® Casework System is fully modular, allowing architects and designers to create and customize any size of patient room, lab, clinic or care facility. It also enables hospitals to incorporate new technology, without having the huge expense of a full casework replacement.

Durability is another major advantage of the Futrus® Casework System. The Dupont™ Corrian® surfaces are solid throughout, so they won't chip, peel or crack. Scratches and stains can be buffed out so to keep them looking and performing as if new. The flexibility of the system increases life-cycle costs and provides a far greater long-term value for the healthcare facility.

In order to significantly reduce its cost, the Futrus® Casework System has been designed using a patent pending lightweight construction method ensuring a structurally sound and durable solution.

In terms of aesthetics Mark Allen highlights, “We wanted to create a softer feel for healthcare environments, so we used rounded corners and streamlined surfaces. Using Dupont™ Corrian® solid surface means it also feels softer to touch.” Designers also have a wide variety of Dupont™ Corrian® colors, patterns and exclusive wood-grain styles, enabling them the flexibility to compliment any design or environment.

Sustainability was also an important design consideration. Each component of the Futrus® Casework System is based on optimum material utilization and decreased shipping weight. Dupont™ has also achieved zero landfill in their Buildings Innovation Business.

To further protect the health of the patient Dupont™ Corian® solid surface is also certified as low VOC.

“The Futrus® Casework System is designed to bridge the gaps between form and function and the needs of today’s and tomorrow’s healthcare environments”

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