

Case Study

St. Mary's Hospital



Details

Location: Madison, WI
Description: 60,000 square-feet of
Forest fx
Flooring Choice:
Forest fx various color patterns

Project Needs

Durable
Easy to Clean
Attractive

Project Benefits

Wears well/durable
Easy to Clean
Attractive
Hygienic
Quiet Underfoot

Polyflor's Forest fx is St. Mary's Hospital's Flooring Standard

St. Mary's Hospital, located in Madison, Wisc., has been offering a variety of health and wellness services to south central Wisconsin since 1912. So when it was time to make renovations, St. Mary's wanted products that were both durable and attractive. This included replacing the carpet in the hospital's corridors and patient rooms with Polyflor's Forest fx. "We started using the product five years ago, when we built the new east wing," said Richard Stoughton, Director of Project Management for SSM Health Care of Wisconsin, which owns St. Mary's Hospital and is affiliated with Dean Clinic, its physician group. "It's in all the hallways and patient rooms." The east wing alone contains 40,000-square-feet of Forest fx. More recently, St. Mary's renovated more than 4,000-square-feet of flooring in the hospital's Ronald McDonald Family Room and approximately 13,000-squarefeet in the maternal services wing.

Polyflor's Forest fx is part of Ecore Commercial Flooring, a sales entity which encompasses five innovative brands - Everlast, QT, ECO98, ECOsurfaces and Polyflor - that are ideal for the commercial flooring market. Polyflor is distributed by Ecore Commercial Flooring in the U.S. This beautiful vinyl flooring looks like wood, but is more durable and easier to clean. The Ronald McDonald Family Room is on the third floor of the hospital. It was designed as a place of respite for families of critically ill children in the nearby pediatric and neonatal intensive care units. Among the largest in the country and provided at no cost, the Family Room features four sleep rooms, each with a private bathroom and shower; computers and free wireless internet; laundry facilities; dining area; and kitchen stocked with complimentary food and beverages.

The maternal services wing features birthing suites, which are private, home-like setting

where women are supported by nurses who specialize in labor and delivery, and family care suites that are quiet, spa-like rooms that include a double-size bed and in-room baby bathing area.

In addition to being easy to install, the hospital is impressed with Forest fx maintenance benefits. "It's a whole lot easier to clean than carpet," said Stoughton. "It shows wear a lot less. I don't think there has been any waxing."

"We have adopted Forest fx as our standard," said Stoughton. "We love the colors. St. Mary's is striving for a higher-end, hotel-like look in its patient rooms. The wood look helps the hospital look less institutional. We are very happy with it."

