

Healthier Hospitals Initiative

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The Healthier Hospitals Initiative is a campaign to improve environmental health and sustainability in the health care sector, and AMQ products* meet this healthy criteria. The goal is to ensure that 30% of furnishing eliminates the use of formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), antimicrobials, and all flame retardants.

Note that this is not a certification. This is an opt-in resource used by participating hospitals who would like to find furniture that meets the Safer Chemicals challenge. It is up to the users of the directory to verify that the furniture meets the requirements.

*Excluding monitor arms



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Healthier Hospitals Criteria

1. Formaldehyde

New furniture and furnishings must be tested in accordance with ANSI/BIFMA Standard Method M7.1–2011. Comply with ANSI/BIFMA e3–2011 Furniture Sustainability Standard, Sections 7.6.1 and 7.6.2.

2. Per- And Poly-Fluorinated Compounds (PFCS)

Products supplied must not use stain or water-repellant treatments that contain a PFC, including perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, fluoropolymers, perfluoropolyether, or side-chain fluorinated polymers.

3. Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

Products supplied must not contain polyvinyl chloride (PVC), or vinyl.

4. Antimicrobials

Products supplied must not contain triclosan and triclocarban. No other added or built-in chemical antimicrobials are allowed unless they are registered with the U.S. EPA under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and have published data that show efficacy in a hospital/clinical setting measured by a reduction in healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

5. Flame Retardants

Products supplied must contain less than 1000 ppm of intentionally added flame retardants by weight of the homogeneous material where code permits. When flame retardant chemicals are necessary to meet code requirements, use chemicals that meet GreenScreen Benchmark 3 or 4 or their equivalent.



For more information about the Safer Chemicals Challenge, visit www.HealthierHospitals.org.