



## **Healthcare Furniture**

### **Suitability Check List**

**Does the product construction and design avoid unwanted stress and fatigue to the patient?** This requires consideration of the following seating characteristics:

- Are the products anatomically correct with respect to the seat height and depth and overall dimensions being appropriate for the largest segment of users?
- Lower lumbar support to maintain correct body alignment.
- Radius edge of the seat front so as not to restrict circulation to the lower leg.
- High density foam for better support of the skeletal frame.
- Stability and good design for ease of entering and exiting the chair.
- High back and low back model options, as well as Bariatric model option to accommodate various users' needs.
- Is the quality of materials used in construction suitable for long term usage?
- Are the quality of joints and fasteners designed for durability?
- Adjustable features to accommodate variable patient recuperation responses or facilitate residents' comfort and well-being?

**Does the product respond to housekeeping and infection control needs?** This requires the following product characteristics:

- Fire retardant product, including foam and material, for building code compliance.
- Is a moisture PROOF fabric essential for the area or will a moisture RESISTANT fabric being appropriate for the purpose?
- Anti-microbial and anti-bacterial inhibitors in material to meet infection control guidelines.
- Selection of fabric with good abrasion rating for high use areas.
- Fabric and finishes have a high rating for colourfastness and stain resistency.
- Latex free upholstery in response to allergy requirements.
- Spacing between components for easy sponge down and cleaning.
- No catch-alls for liquid spills, dirt and bacteria to lodge.
- Removable seat cushions for cleanability.
- Wallsaver on chairs add to the longevity of the space and decrease the repair work for building maintenance.

**Can I deal with future changes in floor plan and layout?**

- Good product mix within a series for multiple arrangement options.
- Is the product modular enough for present and future needs?
- Retrofittable accessories and options.
- Replacement covers in case of damage or need for redecorating.