



# Session 4: Interiors & FGI

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# Interior Design & FGI

*How good Interior Design can support FGI while enhancing your project*

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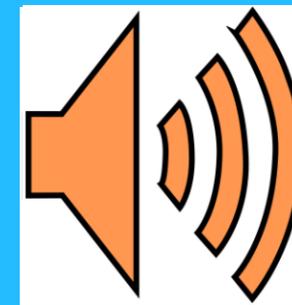


Implementing evidence based interior design practices that are informed by FGI requirements with a focus on:

Mitigating Fall Risk



Acoustics



Infection Control





# Primary Causes for Falls in the Built Environment

1. Floor Material/Finish (Slip Resistance)
2. Floor Transitions
3. Poor Visibility
4. Access to Support (grab bars, handrails, etc.)
5. Patient Environment Planning



# Types of Falls in the Built Environment



## Slips

Occur when there is too little friction of traction between the feet and the walking surface



## Trips

Occur when the foot strikes an object (or obstruction), and the momentum throws one off balance



## Falls from Elevation

While standing on a chair, from ladders or stairs, from non-moving vehicles, etc.



## Same-Level Falls

While walking or working, from a chair while sitting, tripping up stairs, etc.



# Data on Falls in the Built Environment

11,000

Fatal Falls occur in the Hospital Environment per Year

25%

Of fall injuries are preventable according to CMS estimates



The Joint Commission Requires Healthcare Organizations to Track Patient Falls and Injuries and Devise Programs to Reduce the Number of Occurrences.



Mitigate Fall Risk:

**FGI Regulates**

1. Functional Program Fall Risk Assessment
2. Thresholds & expansion/seismic joints & covers
3. Grab Bars
4. Handrails
5. Flooring & Wall Base

**ADA Considers**

1. Floor Transitions
2. Floor Incline
3. Floor Stability
4. Floor Firmness
5. Floor Slip Resistance

**Interior Design Strategies**

1. Light levels
2. Floor Finish Slip Resistance
3. Transitions between materials
4. Padded flooring with weldable top | Softens Falls
5. Low contrast between colors of flooring
6. Low Gloss Flooring
7. Contrast of wall base to floors for differentiation
8. Roll-In Showers with Barrier-Free transitions
9. Patient Mobility & Access to Personal Items

**Other Organizations & Agencies**

1. ANSI - American National Standards Institute
2. ASTM - American Society for Testing and Materials
3. TCNA - Tile Council of North America
4. OSHA – Occupational Safety & Health Administration



## Flooring Characteristics that Impact Fall Risk:

### Flooring Considerations

1. Floor Pattern
2. Floor Transitions
3. Slip Resistance

### Flooring Slip Resistance Factors

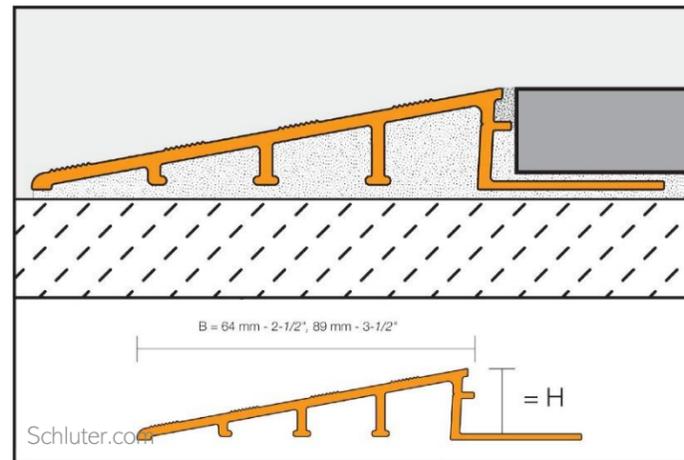
1. Friction between the floor and the shoe
2. Presence of suitable fine aggregate
3. Hardness of the floor
4. Applications for sealing floors during installation
5. Later modifications on the floor such as inappropriate varnishing/sealing/polishing



## Mitigate Fall Risk:

### Floor Finish Transitions

1. Same Height Flooring Options
2. Barrier- Free Ramp Transitions
3. Floor Leveling Compound
4. Minimizing Types of Floor Materials



Mitigate Fall Risk:

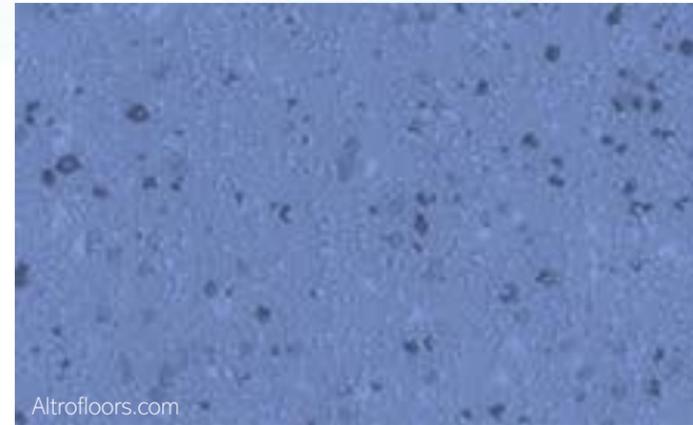
**Floor Finish Selections**

1. Vinyl Composition Tile
2. Luxury Vinyl Tile
3. Sheet Vinyl
4. Sheet Carpet
5. Carpet Tile
6. Ceramic Floor Tile



**Floor Finish Slip Resistance**

1. Safety Flooring | Wear Layer, Fine Aggregate
2. Tile Flooring | Honed or Unpolished
3. Rubber & Resilient Flooring | Embossing



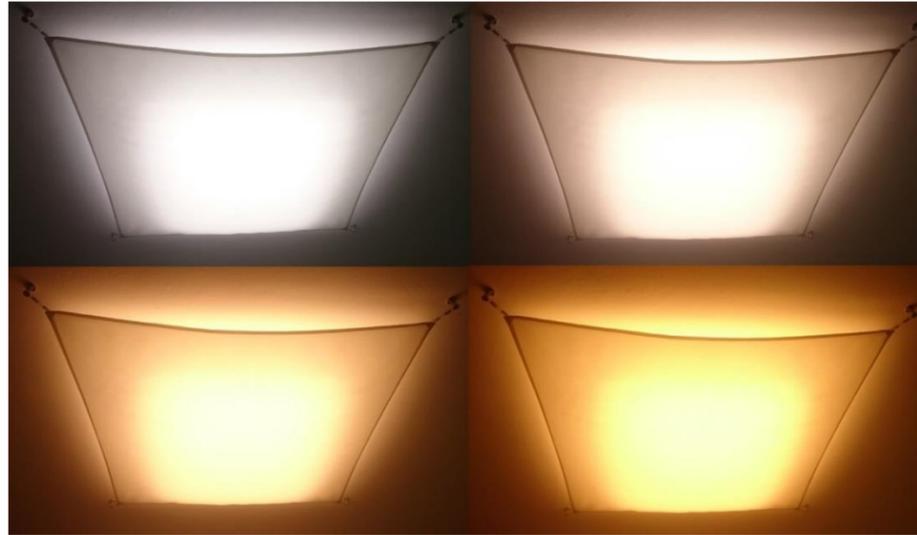
Visibility:

Lighting Considerations

1. Visible Contrast in Floor Material Changes
2. Visibility of Floor Material Patterns & Textures
3. Visibility of Barriers & Obstacles
4. Visibility of Supports/Handrails

Lighting Design Supports

1. Provider Task Performance
2. Telemedicine
3. Fall Risk Mitigation



**2500 LUMEN AT 80CRI - LOW OUTPUT**

PERFORMANCE				
LED output	Color Temp	Watts	Nominal Delivered Lumens	Efficacy LPW
low output	2700K	23	2500	108
low output	3000K	22.5	2500	111
low output	3500K	21.5	2500	115
low output	4000K	21	2500	118
low output	6500K	20	2500	125

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**3500 LUMEN AT 80CRI - MEDIUM OUTPUT**

PERFORMANCE				
LED output	Color Temp	Watts	Nominal Delivered Lumens	Efficacy LPW
medium output	2700K	33.5	3500	104
medium output	3000K	32.5	3500	107
medium output	3500K	32	3500	110
medium output	4000K	30.5	3500	114
medium output	6500K	29	3500	120

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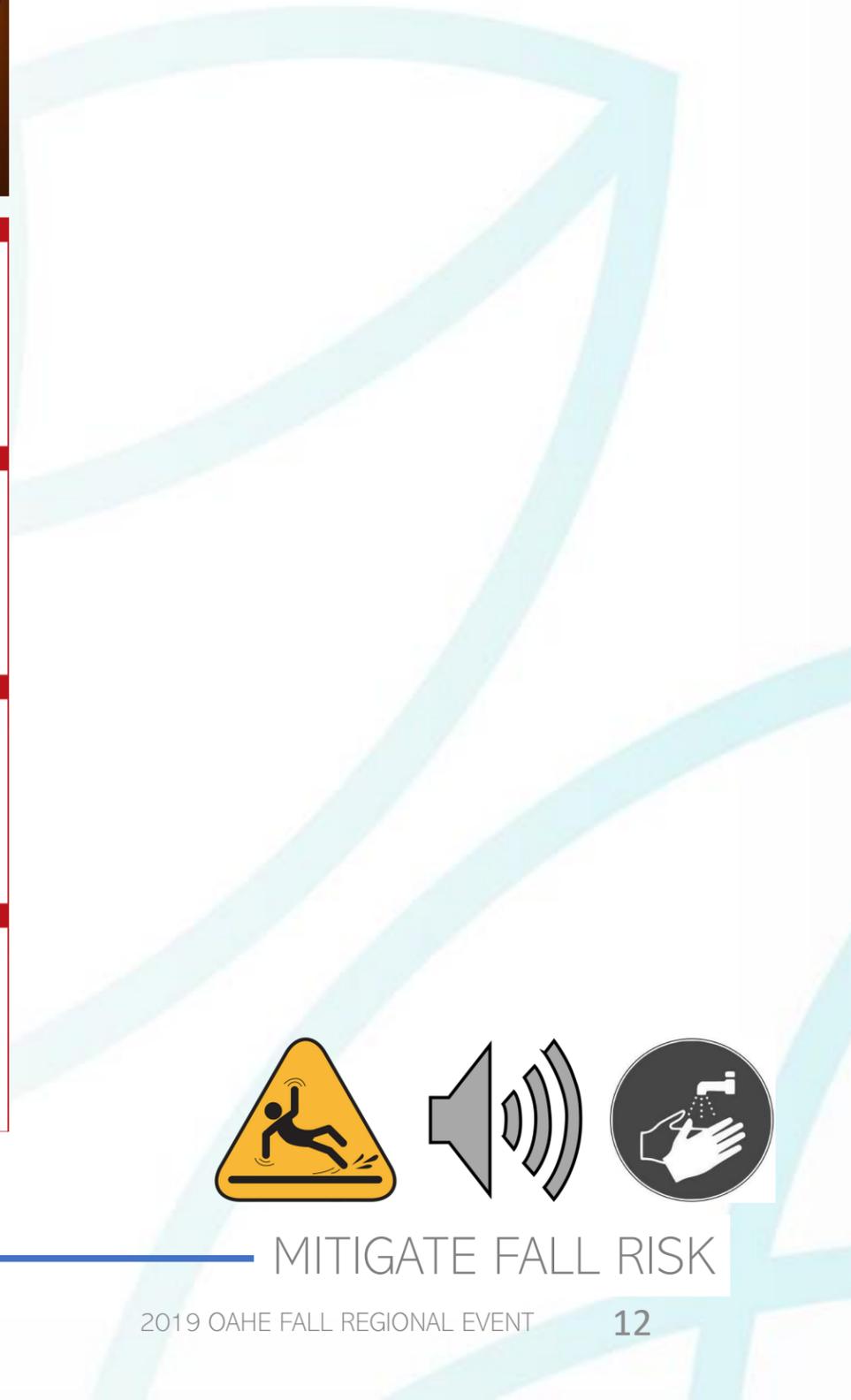
**4500 LUMEN AT 80CRI - HIGH OUTPUT**

PERFORMANCE				
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high output	2700K	44.5	4500	101
high output	3000K	43.5	4500	104
high output	3500K	42	4500	107
high output	4000K	41	4500	110
high output	6500K	39	4500	116

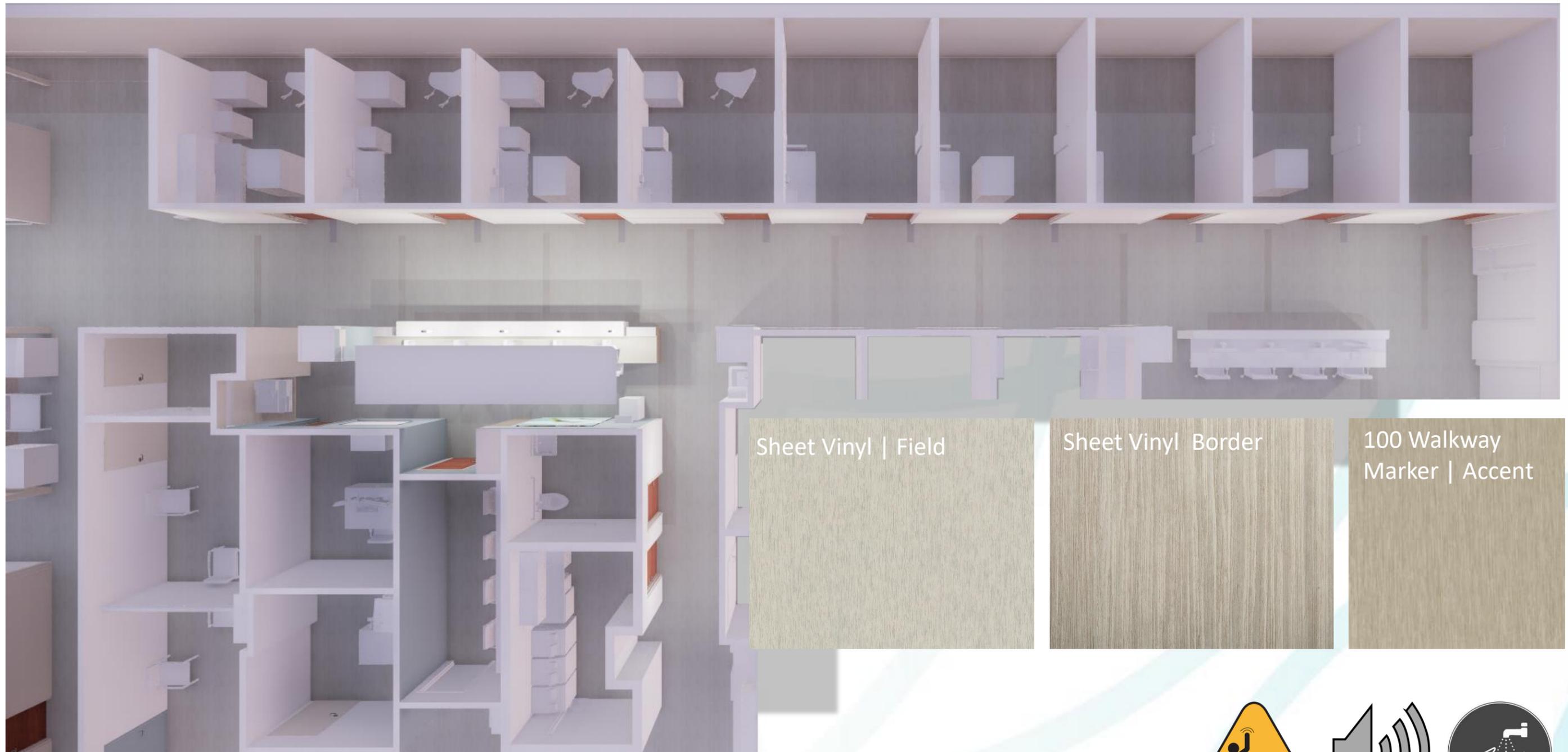
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**5000 LUMEN AT 80CRI - ULTRA HIGH OUTPUT**

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LED output	Color Temp	Watts	Nominal Delivered Lumens	Efficacy LPW
ultra high output	2700K	51	5000	98
ultra high output	3000K	50	5000	100
ultra high output	3500K	48.5	5000	103
ultra high output	4000K	46.5	5000	107
ultra high output	6500K	44.5	5000	112



# Mitigate Fall Risk: Floor Finish Visible Contrast



Key Fall Risk Mitigation Factors:

1. Floor Finish Selection
2. Floor Transitions
3. Visibility
4. Patient Environment Planning





# Primary Acoustical Concerns

1. Patient Privacy (HIPAA)
2. Alarm Fatigue
3. Provider Distraction
4. Patient Sleep/Rest
5. Medical Errors
6. Telemedicine



## Acoustics in the Built Environment:

### FGI Regulates

1. Minimum Design Room Sound Absorption Coefficients
2. Maximum Design Criteria for Noise in Interior Spaces Caused by Building Systems
3. Design Criteria for Minimum Sound Isolation Performance Between Enclosed Rooms
4. Design Criteria for Speech Privacy for Enclosed Rooms & Open-Plan Spaces
5. Maximum Limits on Floor Vibration Caused by Footfalls in Health Care Facilities
6. Interior wall and floor/ceiling construction (Table 1.2-6)
7. Speech privacy (Table 1.2-7)
8. OITC - Outdoor-Indoor Transmission Class
9. STC – Sound Transmission Class

### Interior Design Strategies

1. Space Planning, Room & Door Positioning
2. Wall, Ceiling and Floor Finishes
3. Visual Privacy - Sight Lines, Patient Information



Acoustics in the Built Environment:  
Center for Health Design– Evidence Based Design Strategies



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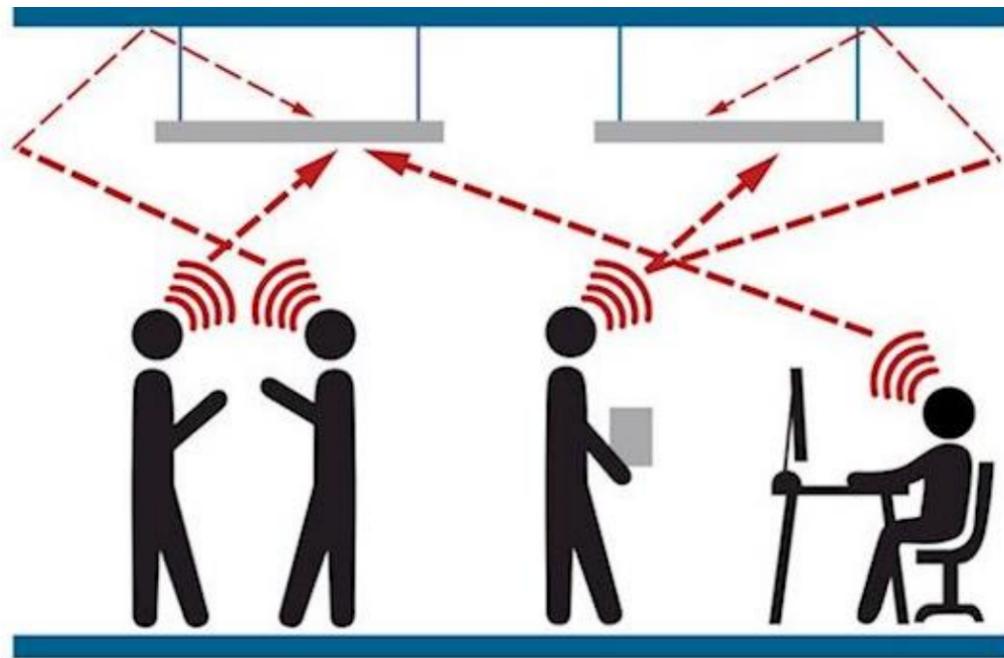


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### Also Consider

1. Staggered Floor Plans
2. Separating Quiet & Noisy Spaces



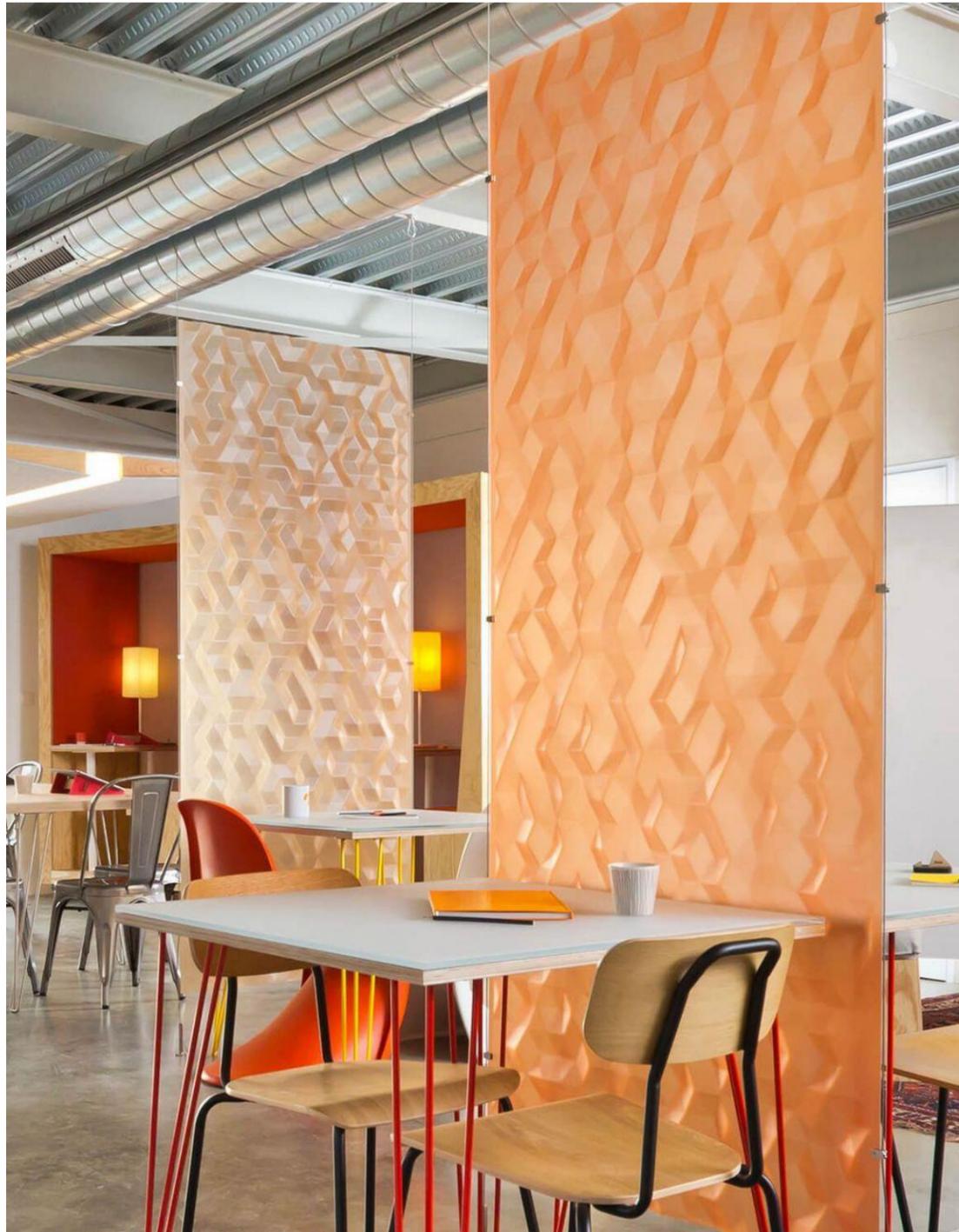
# Acoustics in the Built Environment:

## Acoustical Clouds and Ceilings



Acoustics in the Built Environment:  
Sound Absorbing Wall Finishes

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Acoustics in the Built Environment:  
New Sound Absorbing Products on the Market



Consequence of Poor Sleep:

Impaired Attention  
and Reaction Times

Decreased Memory  
and Concentration

Worse Mood,  
Depression

Impaired Task  
Completion

Psychosocial Difficulties

**Insufficient  
or  
Disordered  
Sleep**

Increased Consumption  
of Healthcare Resources

Risk of Injuries, Falls

Increased Incidence  
of Pain

Weight Gain

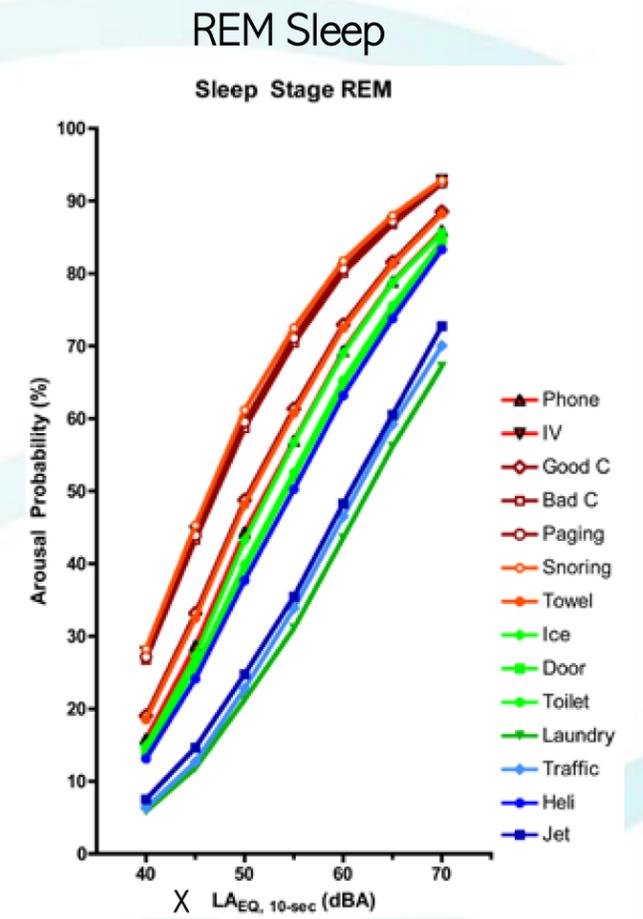
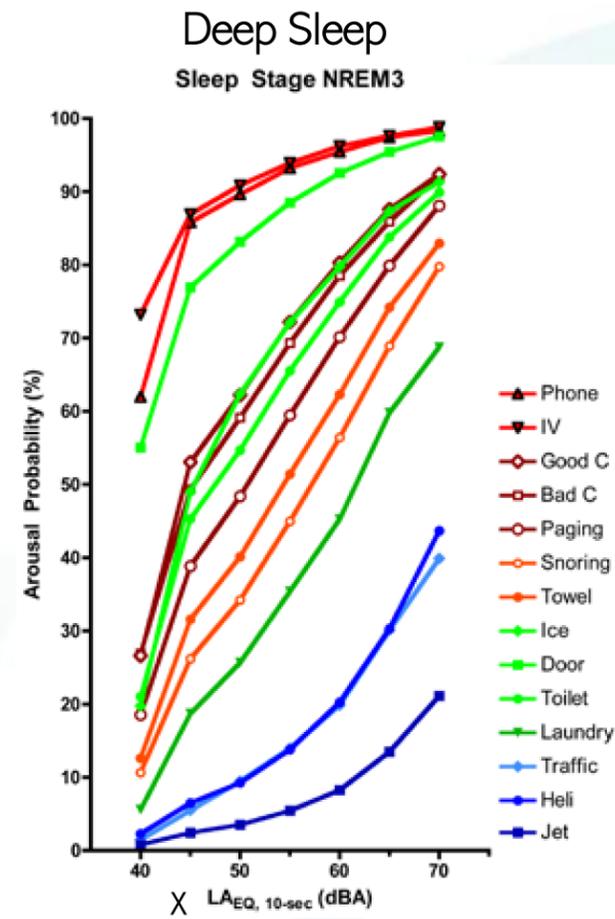
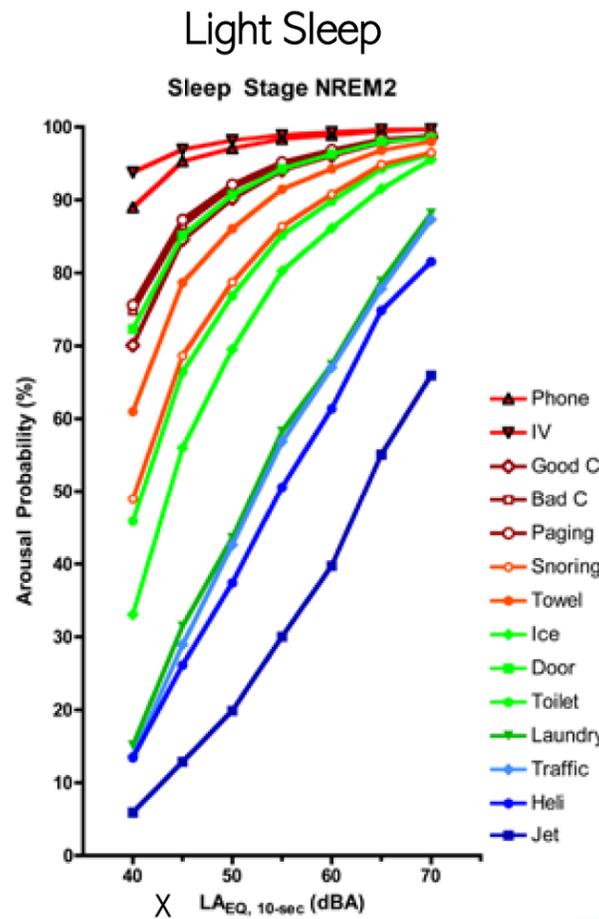
Diabetes  
Inflammation

Cardiovascular Disease



## Sources of Noise to Consider

1. Door
2. Helicopter
3. Ice Machine
4. IV Alarm
5. Jet
6. Laundry Cart
7. Phone
8. Snoring
9. Toilet
10. Traffic
11. Towel Dispenser (electric)
12. Bad Conversation
13. Good Conversation
14. Paging



## Sleep Study Findings

1. Phone & IV Alarms Resulted in the Greatest Disruption
  - a. Answer Alarms Promptly
  - b. Reduce Telephone Volumes to Limit Transmission Distance
  - c. Limit Number of Telephone Rings
2. Staff Conversations & Paging Resulted in Hight Disruption
  - a. Select Surfaces to Limit Sound Transmission in Staff Areas
  - b. Provide Private Spaces for Staff Conversation near Nursing Stations
  - c. Implement Visual Indicators as a “Quiet Cue”
3. Stimuli with Shifting Contours (dispensers, doors, toilets, ice machines, etc) were found to be more disruptive than those with Continuous Contours (traffic, carts, etc.)
  - a. Locate/Isolate Noisy Equipment from Patient Areas
  - b. Install Quite/Low-Tech Dispensers
  - c. Install Sound Mitigating Doors & Hardware
  - d. Re-Evaluate keeping patient doors open, and associated staffing & patient monitoring systems



Solet, J., Evidence-Based Design Meets Evidence-Based Medicine: The Sound Sleep Study. The Center for Health Design.

“Design and Construction Mandates Related to Acoustics can be Expected to Enhance Performance...”

1. More Accurate Communication
2. Increased Speech Privacy and HIPAA Compliance
3. Lowered Staff Stress Levels
4. Decreased Medical Errors
5. Limited Patient Sleep Disruption



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ACOUSTICS





# Primary Infection Control Concerns

1. High Touch Areas
2. Highly Durable Finishes
3. Designing Cleanable Millwork
4. Room Design for High Risk Areas



## Infection Control in the Built Environment:

### FGI Regulates

1. Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA)
2. Durable Finish Selections
  - a. Floor, Wall, & Ceiling Materials
  - b. Wall Base Materials & Heights
3. Cleanable Millwork Design
  - a. Casework Materials
  - b. Backsplash Heights
4. Room Design for High Risk Areas
  1. Handwash Sink Locations
  2. Hand Sanitizer Locations

### Interior Design Best Practices

1. Choosing the Best Monolithic Flooring for Your Project
2. Handwash Sink Positioning | Splash Prevention
3. Considering High Touch Surfaces
4. To Err is Human



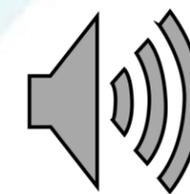
## Infection Control in the Built Environment:

### Choosing the Best Monolithic Floor Your Project

1. Heterogeneous Sheet Vinyl Vs. Homogeneous.
2. Stain Resistance
3. Puncture Resistance
4. Point and Rolling Load Characteristics
5. Integrated Wall to Floor Transitions

### Monolithic Flooring Options

1. Epoxy
2. Sheet Vinyl
3. Terrazzo Tile- Epoxy Sealed
4. Rubber Flooring

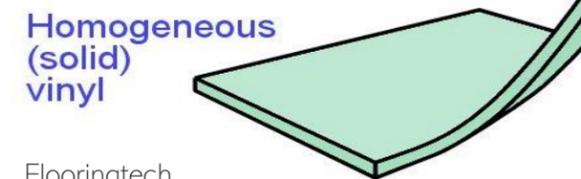
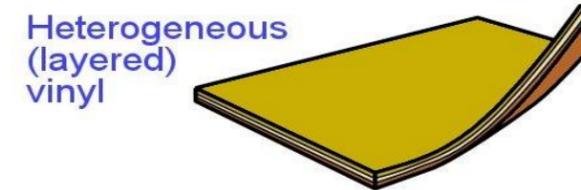


# Infection Control in the Built Environment:

## Choosing the Best Monolithic Floor Your Project

### Monolithic Flooring Options

- 1. Epoxy, Sheet Vinyl



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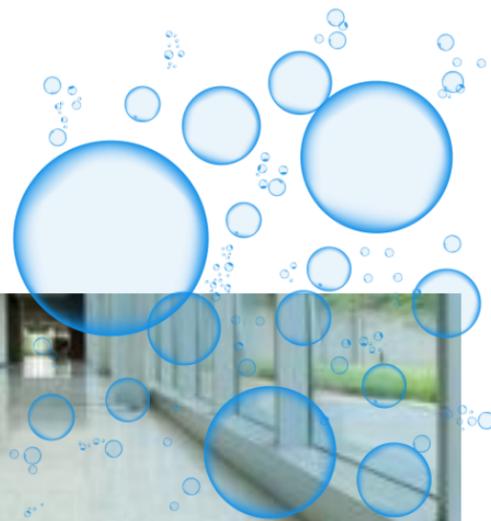
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- 1. Terrazzo, Tile- Epoxy Sealed, Rubber Flooring



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## Infection Control in the Built Environment:

High Touch Areas

Antimicrobial & Microbial Resistant Finishes

Do your Research!

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**EPD Transparency Summary**

**COMPANY NAME:** InPro Corporation

**PRODUCT TYPE:** Handrails

**PRODUCT NAME:** IPC A1200 Handrail

**PRODUCT DEFINITION:** IPC Corporation handrail systems are designed for pedestrian safety and wall protection. Handrails are comprised of an aluminum retainer and an extruded vinyl cover.

**PRODUCT CATEGORY RULE (PCR):** Construction Products and CPC 54 Construction Services Swedish Environmental Research Institut





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## Infection Control in High Risk Areas

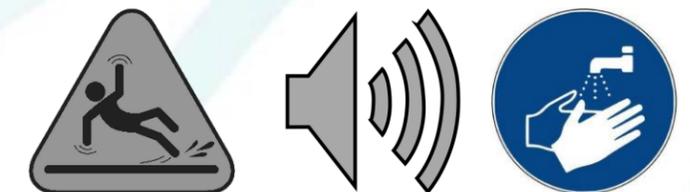
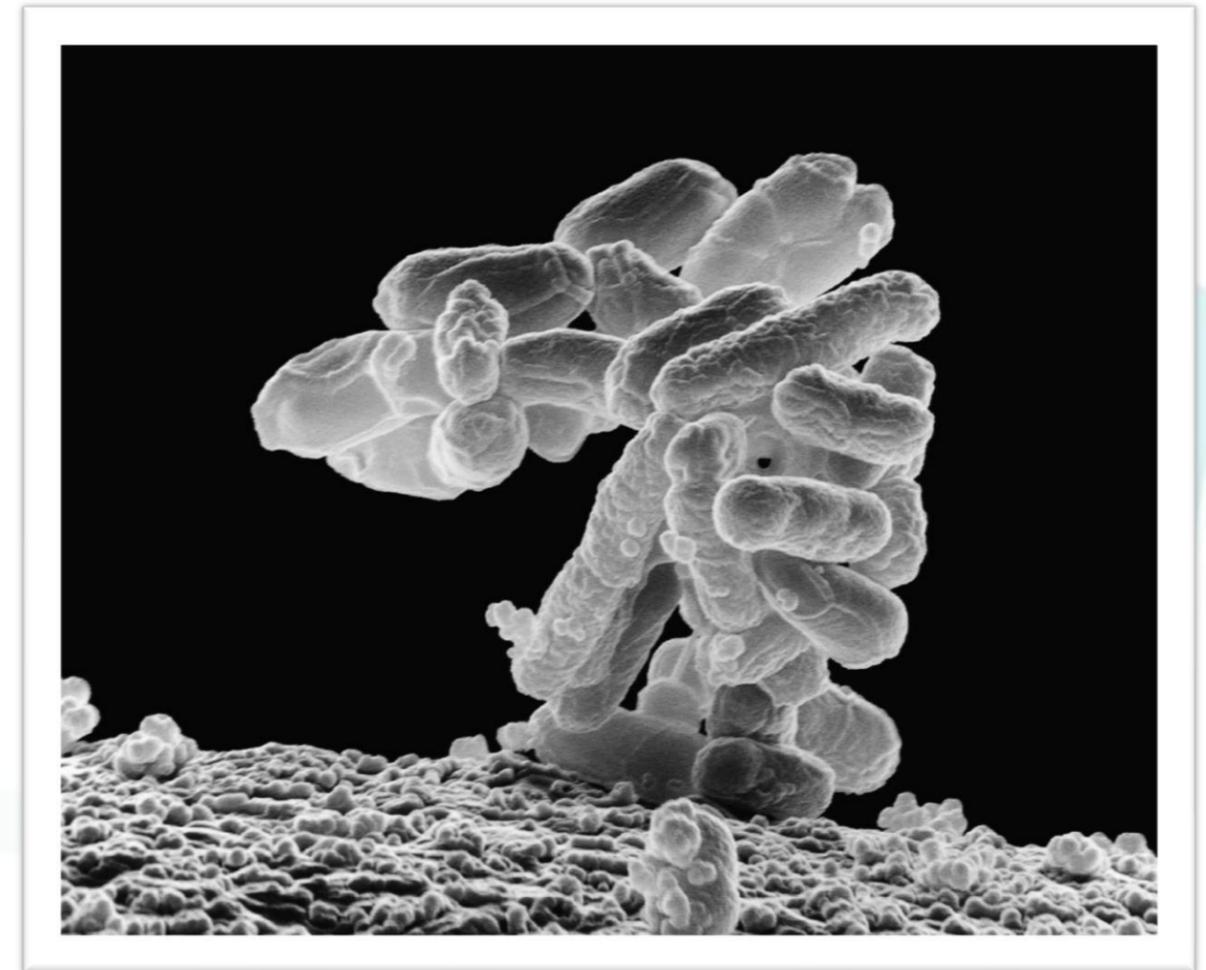
### Klebsiella Oxytoca (Klebsi) ICU Outbreak Assessment

1. Surfaces Initially Tested
  - a. Shared Equipment
  - b. Solutions used in Bronchoscope Areas
  - c. Glucometers
  - d. Hand Creams
  - e. Lubricating Gels
  - f. Disinfectant Swabs

## The Outbreak Persisted

2. Sinks & Tap Water were Tested
  - a. Disposal of Body Fluids in Handwash Sinks
  - b. Sinks were Cleaned & Left Unused for 48 hours with Disinfectant Standing in Traps
  - c. Month-long trials of cleaning with bleach and foaming hydrogen peroxide

## The Outbreak Persisted



## Infection Control in High Risk Areas – Case Study

### Klebsiella Oxytoca (Klebsi) ICU Outbreak Assessment

1. Sink Culture Screens Found
  - a. Rims Had the Lowest Yield
  - b. Basins Had Some Yield
  - c. Drains Had the Highest Yield
2. A 3x/day cleaning/disinfecting of sinks was implemented

The Outbreak Decreased  
but Persisted

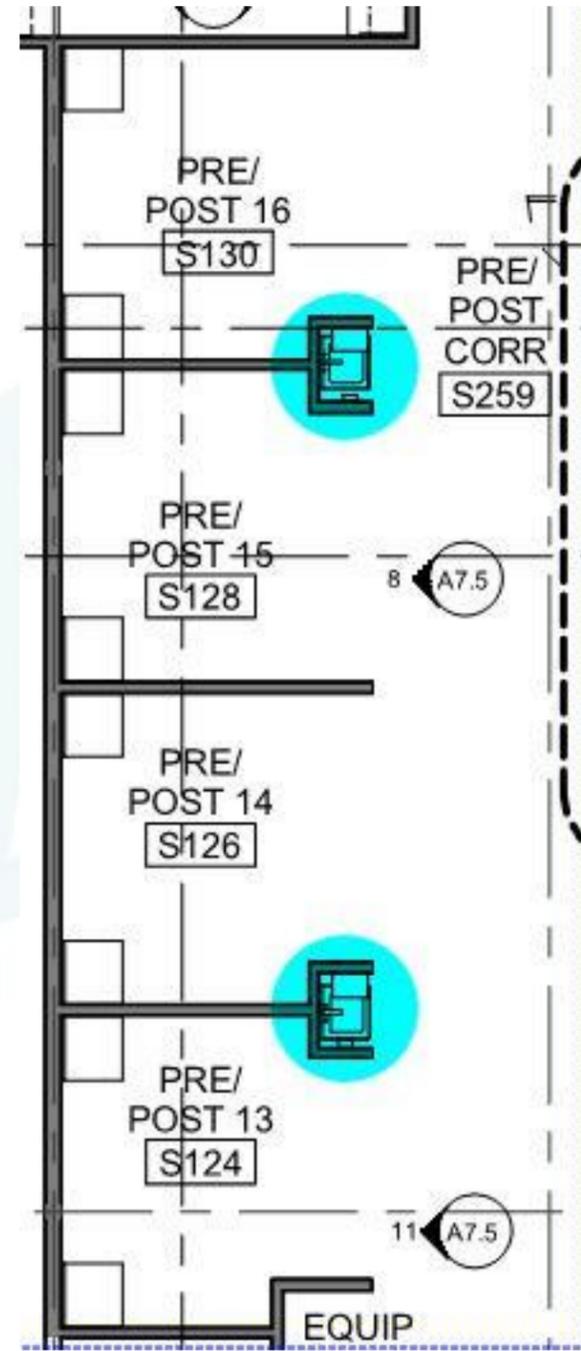
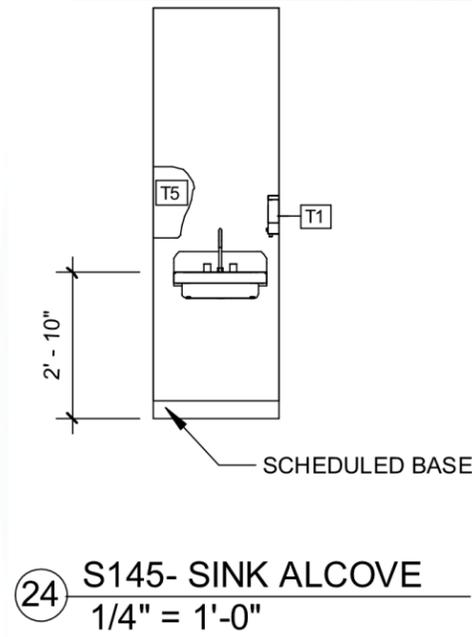
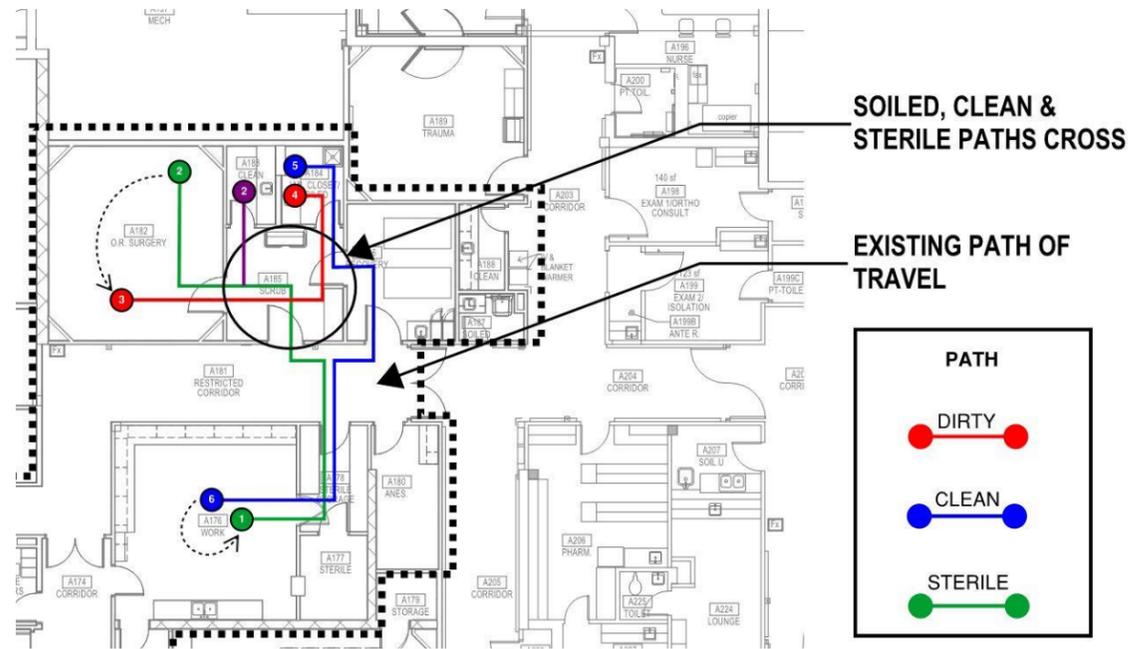


# Infection Control in High Risk Areas – Case Study

## Klebsiella Oxytoca (Klebsi) ICU Outbreak Assessment

### 1. Study Findings

- a. Handwashing sinks may act as a reservoir for infection
- b. Person-to-person transmission may occur
- c. Increased sink cleaning reduced clinical isolates
- d. Structural & plumbing changes reduced the outbreak
- e. Biofilm formation may have been a factor in the persistence of the *K. oxytoca* outbreak
- f. Staff/Patient flow & access to soiled/boi-hazard storage areas was a factor in the spread of infection



Lowe, C., Outbreak of Extended-Spectrum B-Lactamase-producing *Klebsiella oxytoca* Infections Associated with Contaminated Handwashing Sinks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

*“Sinks should be considered potential reservoirs when clusters of infection caused by K. oxytoca are investigated.”*

A multifaceted approach to infection control may include:

1. Reinforcement of infection control policies
2. Clear delineation of intended sink use
3. Intensified cleaning of sinks
4. Structural changes to sinks
5. Antimicrobial stewardship



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INFECTION CONTROL

## Infection Control in the Built Environment:

### To Err is Human

1. We All Make Mistakes!
2. Plans Systems so that it is difficult to do the WRONG thing.
  - a. Direction of Staff Flow in Clean and Dirty Areas
  - b. Making Handwash Sinks and Soiled Storage Convenient
  - c. Separating Handwash Sinks from Available Clean Surfaces

The Institute of Medicine published "To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System," in 1999 which highlighted the startling statistic that 98,000 Americans were dying every year due to medical errors. Annual patient mortality due to medical errors has since risen steadily to 440,000 lives, which brings medical errors into the country's third-leading cause of death.

-healthleadersmedia.com, To Err is Human

#1 Heart Disease #2 Cancer #3 Medical Error

