



## Gouverneur Healthcare

## A PERFECT MATCH

The seemingly simple, straightforward configurations created for Manhattan's Gouverneur Healthcare Services renovation were actually the result of a thoughtful refinement process. After initial contact with the architect was established by Jack Wiesel, Bob Medwin of Modern Office Systems meticulously considered every aspect of the furniture design and manufacture. Each stakeholder, from the architect to the hospital COO to the head of facilities, received an invitation to offer input on the initial plans for the 297 resident and 180 exam rooms.

As in any health facility, infection control was a major concern. Seals on all exposed surfaces to eliminate wicking is a standard feature of HAMILTON casework. To further reduce space for mold and dust to accumulate, headboards in resident rooms were built to lie flush against sometimes irregular existing walls and floors. Resident desks were anchored to the headboard wall. Desk legs that would require cleaning and obstruct floor mopping and wheelchair access were removed. Efficient wardrobes in each resident room housed a standard set of linens and sheets for

housekeeping in a base drawer as well as the patient's personal belongings above. A flexible sconce could be moved to illuminate the bed or the desk.

In the new exam rooms, a highly functional personal work space for the physician maximizes the modest square footage. A p-shaped writing area sits adjacent to  $36^{\prime\prime}$  wide locked cabinets that are just the right size to hold a sports jacket. Each exam room in a particular specialty utilizes the same layout. Staff can effortlessly locate supplies time after time as they move from room to room. HAMILTON created a custom-tailored durable solution to meet these specific needs.

"The casework is standardized and interchangeable," says Bob. "If a piece needs to be replaced or repaired six months or six years from now, it will match. And it is backed by a lifetime guarantee." HAMILTON's computer generated design and manufacturing specifications are archived to ensure a perfect reproduction in future orders. "Integral to the system is its modularity," says Bill. "It can easily adapt to incremental change. Our clients appreciate that this green product is not contributing to landfills in any way."

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