

Infection Control

Hospital acquired infections, including highly resistant and potentially serious superbugs such as **MRSA** have increased sharply in recent years. Knightsbridge products are designed to reduce risk and aid in the fight against infection.

Around 15% of the 100,000 hospital-acquired infections that occur each year in the UK are believed to be preventable, potentially saving significant amounts of patient suffering as well as an estimated £150M per year.

Because Knightsbridge design and manufacture furniture specifically for the healthcare market, we recognise the importance of facilitating infection control to our customers. Although scrupulous hand washing is undoubtedly the single most important infection control measure, dust and surfaces (and therefore seating) can also become contaminated. We have therefore put together this information to outline the design features we incorporate into seating for clinical areas to facilitate infection control measures as well as information on the materials and stock fabrics we use.

KINTYK0200
**Compact Arm Recliner
Standard Back**
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- Upholstered in modern, pliable vinyl to allow seams to be positioned away from high contact areas, creating a completely seam-free seating area which is easily decontaminated

- Incorporates easy-clean castors for infection control purposes

- Stitching details are minimised

HAMILK2030
Armchair High Back
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- Hygiene gap between seat and back prevents trapping of dirt and bacteria

- Completely removable seat cushion to allow easy cleaning of seat and frame

Design

Many of the models we supply into clinical areas incorporate features to address infection control, the **Hamilton** and **Kintyre** ranges are two excellent examples.

Timber

The exposed wooden components of our chairs are coated with two layers of lacquer which seals the grain of the timber to give a uniform and lasting finish. This finish allows the surface to be damp dusted, with a suitable antibacterial solution if required. The surface finish we apply complies with BS6250 for durability and is detergent repellent; therefore the wood will not stain or discolour.

Lacquer

Knightsbridge have introduced the latest lacquer technology, incorporating biocidal properties designed to help in the battle against infection. This lacquer has been independently tested and has been shown to kill bacteria and fungal spores including MRSA, food poisoning, septicaemia, meningitis and pneumonia, whilst remaining easy and practical to clean. More details can be obtained by telephoning +44 (0)1274 731900

Fabrics

There are an increasing number of easy-clean, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-microbial fabrics available for healthcare environments.

Some of the most widely used examples are Lionella/Chieftan vinyls and Parvelle.

We would be pleased to provide written cleaning/care instructions - these can be obtained by telephoning 01274 731900.

Future Developments

Infection control is a hugely important issue to our customers and therefore to us. In the future we will continue to design features to facilitate infection control into our seating. We will also ensure we are up to date with the latest innovations in fabrics and finishes designed to help tackle hospital-acquired infection and pass the benefits of these on to our customers.

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