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SEATING CASE STUDY

CUSTOMER

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

SITUATION

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago opened in June, 2012, on the campus of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. As of the date of its opening, the 23-story, 288-bed facility was the tallest children's hospital in the world.

The commitment to exceptional medical care for patients as well as support for their families was the inspiration for the new hospital. The facility was built to provide superior pediatric care in a setting that offers the latest benefits and innovations in medical technology, research and family-friendly design. It features a layout to support patient care with a decentralized model in which each nurse has direct visual and audible access to the patient.

To accommodate this degree of accessibility, the nurses' workstations were customized to fit the relatively constricted secondary space between the patient room and general corridors. In order to maintain the necessary hallway clearances and ensure a safe environment at all times, designers turned to BioFit for a tailored seating solution.

SOLUTION

BioFit developed a custom chair design based on its Pogo wall-mountable seating line. Prototypes went through five rounds of mockups, numerous reviews from actual nurses and several modifications before the final model was approved for production.

The Lurie version of the Pogo model provides exceptional ergonomic functionality, a wide pivot angle that facilitates ease of entering and exiting the chair, durable construction, and a wide, comfortable seat pan selection for a range of body sizes. The chair delivers the ideal solution to the specifications for ergonomic performance, safety, ease in cleaning, and seating that will always be at the nurses' stations when needed.

PRODUCT PROFILE

Pogo vertical-surface-mounted, swing-away seating features adjustable seat heights and is equipped with casters or a nonskid glide. Available in many optional seat and backrest configurations, Pogo seating is ideal for the most challenging workstations or anyplace space is at a premium.

Pogo seating is another example of the BioFit goal of creating products that give architects alternatives to traditional seating when designing everything from their own workspaces to commercial and healthcare facilities, educational institutions, lounge and entertainment venues, food courts and beyond. To learn more about the Pogo line and how BioFit ergonomic seating, tables and specialty products are solving challenges worldwide, visit biofit.com or call 800-597-0246.

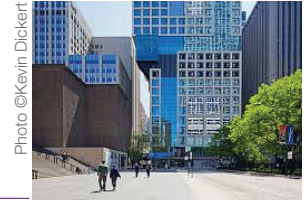


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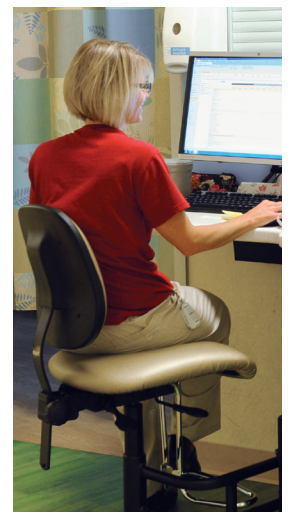


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