With millions of square metres of our Marmoleum, Colorex and Flotex floor coverings installed in healthcare establishments around the world every year, Forbo is at the forefront when it comes to understanding the needs and concerns of the health sector in regards to flooring.

Stopping Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs) is one of the most talked about subjects when it comes to looking at best practice, and our Marmoleum and Flotex products are proven to inhibit the growth and spread of infections such as MRSA, C. Difficile and Norovirus, helping to contribute to a healthier and more hygienic environment in any area of a hospital.

Forbo's Marmoleum has been subject to independent testing by the University of Glasgow and its proven test results demonstrate its unique suitability for a diverse range of healthcare and clinical environments where control of MRSA and other HAIs is an everyday concern. Marmoleum's outstanding performance is due to the natural raw materials from which it is manufactured.

Scientifically proven in independent tests

“We have undertaken independent and extensive scientific tests on Marmoleum Flooring and these show that it is inhibitory to the growth of common hospital pathogens including MRSA. These are common causes of hospital acquired infection and the ability of Marmoleum to inhibit their growth supports the use of Marmoleum as a recommended product to be used in hospitals in the fight against infection.”

Professor Curtis G Gemmel B.Sc, Ph.D, FRCPath Professor of Bacterial Infection and Epidemiology at the University of Glasgow.

For more information on how Forbo’s products can help fight infection in healthcare establishments, or to request a visit from one of our representatives to discuss your needs in more detail, please visit www.forbo-flooring.co.uk/infectioncontrol
Strict standards of hygiene, durability and sustainability were set across all aspects of the design of the new Elective Care Centre at Liverpool’s Aintree University Hospital.

Forbo’s Marmoleum was fitted extensively throughout the building, in particular within the Day Surgery Unit which houses four operating suites. The natural and inherent bacteriostatic properties of Marmoleum ensure a hygienic floor finish in an area in which infection control is of paramount importance, without the need for complicated or extensive cleaning routines to maintain the performance of the floor.

Penny Hipwell, Day Surgery Manager said: “We are extremely pleased with the finished flooring, which delivers a practical solution to help maintain infection control in hygiene critical areas.”

Forbo Flooring Systems was the supplier of choice for the large and prestigious new build: NHS Fife at the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy.

As the main hub of the hospital, the new extension will be frequented by members of the public as well as patients being treated within the facility, and so stopping the possible spread of infection from public to treatment areas was a key factor in the design of the hospital. Specified in all of the corridors, as well as the wards, theatres and general clinic areas, Forbo’s Marmoleum is independently proven to give ultimate protection against the bacteria MRSA and E Coli.

Dominic Gallagher, Project Director at Consort Healthcare, on behalf of Victoria Hospital comments: “The aim was to create a high quality, hygienic and modern environment for all users of the hospital and we are all very pleased with the outcome.”

Forbo’s Flotex helps to prevent bacterial growth.

For Hellesdon Hospital in Norwich, the prevention of bacterial growth was at the top of the list of considerations when it came to choosing new flooring for the hospitals “Rivers” restaurant.

As a food service area which is open to patients, the flooring had to inhibit the development of bacteria, thereby reducing the risk of infection. Crucial to a healthcare environment, Flotex features Sanitized®, an effective antimicrobial treatment which guarantees a consistent performance over the lifetime of the product, even after multiple cleaning cycles. Sanitized® prevents the growth of bacteria including MRSA and E.coli as well as mould and stale odour development, making it ideal for use in buildings where high levels of hygiene have to be maintained.

Neil Stewart, Senior Food Safety/Hygiene Officer for the trust commented: “The floor covering has certainly fulfilled the brief in delivering a floor covering that is both durable and hygienic, helping to limit the spread of infection within the hospital.”

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