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- 1. Altro Operetta | Quartet | OP2113
- 2. Altro Wood | Vintage Cherry | WSM2052





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Lahey Hospital and Medical Center has dedicated itself to providing comprehensive care tailored to the needs of its patients for nearly a century. The facility recently became an important component of the Beth Israel Lahey Health system, a new entity committed to progressing the science and practice of medicine through advances in research and education.

To continue treating a wide variety of conditions and illnesses under one roof, Lahey Hospital sought a way to grow its available clinical services while making the most of its existing space. This inspired the decision to convert the hospital's former emergency unit into an updated version of its endoscopy department. The transition would allow the department to expand its patient capacity and incorporate fluoroscopic imaging technology as well as an innovative scope processing room into its layout.

Creating a hygienic environment that promotes the safety of both patients and staff is a key priority of healthcare design. While modern trends are leaning more towards materials with a residential aesthetic rather than a neutral, uniform look, the need for easy-to-clean surfaces that can help reduce the risk of hospital-acquired infections remains constant. In order to ensure that its endoscopy department would meet this requirement while retaining a calming, home-like appearance, Lahey Hospital enlisted the help of local architect firm Margulies Perruzzi.

After careful consideration, the firm specified four Altro smooth flooring products for the endoscopy department's interior – Altro Wood, Altro Wood Comfort, Altro Operetta and Altro Serenade. These ranges are unique in the sense that they share certain finishes while complementing each other with varying backing thickness. "The coordinating designs of Altro's smooth flooring lines allowed the design to be consistent and flow throughout the suite while accommodating different performance needs and comfort," explained Brittany Page, Senior Interior Designer at Margulies Perruzzi.

The installation featured Altro Operetta in the nurse station as well as Altro Wood throughout the corridors and patient bays. For the procedure rooms and decontamination area, Altro Wood Comfort and Altro Serenade's thicker backings provided ample support to staff standing for extended periods.

All four of the selected ranges are easy to clean and can endure consistent foot and rolling load traffic without surface erosion or splintering. Traditional carpet and VCT flooring commonly found in healthcare settings can harbor harmful bacteria and other contaminants within cracks and fibers. With the help of Altro's smooth flooring solutions, Lahey Hospital can continue offering patients high-quality care in a safe, comfortable and hygienic environment.



3. Altro Serenade | Mezzo | SE3913

4. Altro Wood Comfort | Washed Oak | WSMSC2808

