

Manhattan PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DESIGN

NEW BUILD FACILITY FOCUSED ON WELLBEING



A mental health facility built two new state-of-the-art buildings on their Toronto, Ontario campus. The buildings opened in late 2020 and were created to provide a healthier, holistic patient experience by integrating the design of the new campus with the surrounding neighborhood. Located on historic Queen Street West, the campus has a long history as a mental health institution. Originally built as an asylum in 1850, with various iterations and ownerships in between, the new portion consists of two buildings constructed with wellbeing and recovery in mind. Consisting of an inpatient facility and a critical care and emergency assessment unit, both buildings have plenty of natural light and green spaces that include indoor and outdoor patient areas and other patient-focused services.



Spec products from behavioral health to public seating and tables are integrated into the new design, creating soothing patient spaces and a mental health resource library that's open to the public and filled with books and resources for the community.

When entering the building, visitors are welcomed into an open foyer with Dignity2 and Drum tables before reaching a nurse's station. Dignity's heavy-duty build is placed throughout the facility in supervised or semi-supervised areas bringing continuity to the space. Dignity2 offers comfort while the design of the chair ensures durability. All seating throughout the patient areas consists of single seats, which give patients the ability to maintain personal space when interacting with others. Safety for both patients and caregivers directed the decision for the soft-seating solutions through the facility. Features such as tamper-proof hardware, the option to add weight, and durable arm caps all factored into the product selection for the project. The Drum HD table was topped with a Corian® surface for added durability and cleanability with its scratch and stain-resistant properties.

The patient lounge, day rooms, or shared areas contain a mix of products including, Snowball 2 HD, Dignity2, Midway HD, and heavy-duty tables. Snowball 2 HD chairs offer a lighter look, but the H base design and weighted steel ensure a heavy-duty build designed to prevent the chair from being used as a weapon. Specified in both standard and bariatric widths, Snowball 2 HD provides a comfortable seat for all by preventing patients from feeling alienated when trying to find a seat. Using a mix of products puts the choice in the patient's hands and is designed to work with their comfort levels. Seating is not ganged, but it is weighted to 95 lbs, which prevents patients from moving furniture and posing a safety risk.



Creating a comfortable atmosphere for patients mattered and influenced the choice of product for each space. Midway HD, found in common areas throughout the buildings, offers a soothing motion with its unique flex back. Midway HD is weighted and features a sled base design and a lighter look for healthcare spaces.

With no detail left unturned, the cafeteria spaces give patients and caregivers both campus and nature views and plenty of natural light to promote wellbeing. Snowball 2 HD and Disc base



HD tables are both weighted and designed to prevent patients from removing or picking up the furniture. The tabletops have a 2MM bio edge that's pick-proof and either in a round or square shape with radiused edges to prevent potential hazards with sharp edges.

Snowball 2 HD can be found in the consulting rooms as well. The caregiver and patient chairs have the same design to promote a sense of equality when treatment takes place. Patients and caregivers are seated at the same level to encourage a healthier treatment experience.

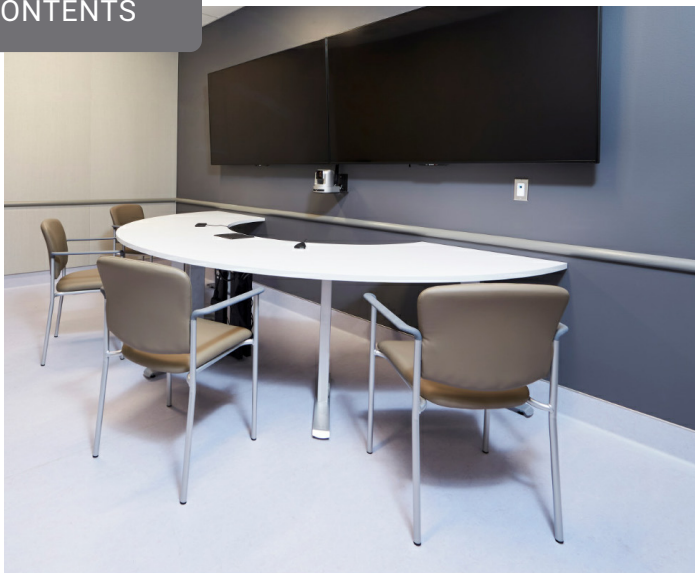




Rooms in the facility with the most privacy and least supervision include patient rooms and therapy rooms. Select roto-molded Hardi products are outfitted in these spaces due to their durable build and rounded edges with few pickup points. Hardi dining without arms is specified throughout the patient rooms, and Hardi Rocker in therapy rooms. Both products can be weighted with sand onsite if needed, and Hardi Dining can be fastened to the floor. Therapy rooms benefit from the soothing rocking motion of Hardi Rocker, which can aid in calming the patient. Constructed of polyethylene materials, Hardi is also used in a patient bathing suite. The durable nature of the roto-mold material also provides an impervious surface.

A unique space in the facility includes a community library that is open to the public and full of mental health resources. The room is fully supervised, meaning that it can have non-heavy-duty products included in the design. With its friendly-looking picnic inspired base, Annex table is used in a light-filled area of the library, and Snowball 2 chairs with a 4-point base surround the table. Manhattan tables and Urban seating can be found in the library, along with Dignity2 and Drum HD tables. Design continuity throughout the space is evident with the mix of HD and standard products using the same design.





Rehabilitation is a key aspect of treatment for specific psychiatric disorders, and the new facility includes a commercial-grade teaching kitchen for patients. Because the kitchen is a fully supervised space standard (non-heavy-duty), product was selected. Annex table is specified at 166" long with a 3 base design, creating ample personal space for patients when seated on the Snowball 2 chairs.

Another area that supports patient rehabilitation and life skills includes a light-filled art studio using standard Spec products. Manhattan

As telepsychiatry has become a widely accepted form of therapy during the ongoing pandemic and access to care a necessity, incorporating these spaces into the building became essential. The facility includes three telepsychiatry dedicated spaces. Power modules and technology had to be included in the design of the tables for easy connectivity. The table configurations included a custom tabletop shape that allows full visibility when conducting therapy sessions.





tables are specified with casters and flip-top functionality for easy reconfiguration and storage when needed. Urban 4-point chairs have upholstered seats for comfort and plastic backs for durability. Urban chairs can be stacked neatly when not in use or to make more space.

The facility's design includes the use of natural light, access to nature views, and wall murals that support healing—the fabrics and finishes used on the products can also influence patient

wellbeing. Color selection for the new products ranges from cool blues that evoke water to browns found in nature and the use of brighter colors such as oranges and greens in patient lounge and activity areas. The therapy or quiet rooms use blue for the Hardi Rocker with wood tones on the Drum HD tables to bring warmth to the space. The same blue hue can be found on the fabric on Dignity2 in the entrance lobby, tying in the facility's nature-inspired design. Bright colors often evoke excitement, whereas neutrals and earthy tones provide a sense of calm. A balance of color throughout the new facility allows patients and caregivers defined spaces for any mood.

While the new buildings now house patients and offer valuable mental health services and resources for the community, a phase 2 project is underway. ■



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

WAYPOINT CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE



New Campus Expansion

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care has been at the forefront of behavioral health rehabilitation in Canada since its inception in 1904. Employing over 1200 employees and 80 dedicated volunteers, the hospital currently has over 300 beds. In an effort to adapt to new therapies and treatment philosophies, Waypoint acts as a resource within the community by operating outpatient, rehabilitation and housing programs in the neighboring areas.

With the original Oak Ridge building dating as far back as 1933, the hospital had been working on an expansion project for several years—after 3 years of construction, Waypoint reopened its doors in March 2014. The purpose-built state-of-the-art building offers more space in the inpatient areas for group and individual therapy, bright patient activity centers and larger patient rooms. A central entrance, lobby with gift shop, cafeteria, pool, gym and office space for organizational development, volunteer resources and research and academic staff, have all been renovated and/or newly added to the facility.



Lounge Area Featuring Dignity + Disc Base Occasional Tables

With it's breathtaking views of Georgian Bay, the goal of the new Waypoint building was to emphasize patient healing in a safe and inclusive environment. A great deal of research and development went into the establishment in order to create a welcoming space for patients, with focus on creating an environment in which staff and patients can work and live cohesively.



Theatre Room with Freestanding Dignity



Lounge Area Featuring HD Snowball + HD Disc Base Table



Lounge Area with Single and Two-Seater Dignity



Patient Cafeteria with HD Snowball and Disc Base Tables

The hospital mainly specified Spec for supervised and semi-supervised areas. In order to ensure patient and staff safety, these areas were furnished with weighted, tamper-proof designs like our award winning Dignity chair, heavy duty Snowball 2 and weighted disc base tables. Additionally, Waypoint often hosts seminars and training for industry professionals at their facility – Manhattan flip top tables with power options and height adjustable cafeteria tables were specified to provide accessible and efficient learning environments for staff and behavioral health experts.



Training Room with Manhattan T-Base Tables on Casters



Activity Room Featuring Custom Post Leg Table

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CENTRE *for* MENTAL HEALTH CARE
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Lobby Located in the New Atrium



Height Adjustable ManhattanTable



Folding Post Leg Table



Staff Cafeteria with Height Adjustable Tables



Heavy Duty Snowball + Disc Base Tables

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

SAFER, PHYSICALLY-DISTANCED OFFICE SPACES



To create a safer and physically-distanced workplace for returning employees, this Ontario-based manufacturing company utilized multiple Spec™ seating and tables to reinvent their meeting rooms and collaborative areas. The wide range of color and customization options made Spec the standout choice for this project.



Office areas where we gather are seeing numerous updates, with mobile options being of importance. On casters, Manhattan and Urban become easy to reconfigure as needed; Urban can be stacked, and Manhattan nested if specified with a flip-top, maximizing space and allowing companies to scale their workplaces if the need arises.

Even with safety protocols in place, creating productive and inviting spaces still matters. Manhattan is outfitted with power modules, giving users the option of charging devices

and plugging-in when seated. A vibrant orange fabric adds warmth and color to the room, complemented with the silver and grey accents on Urban's frame, back, and arms.

Manhattan tables and Urban seating can also be found in the employee cafeteria, but with a much different look that fits the ongoing pandemic. Plexiglass barriers are installed onto Manhattan tables, providing for adequate personal space, while Factory is barrier-free, but spatial considerations are met by placing Urban stools apart.





Color is boldly added to a breakout space by incorporating a geometric printed fabric with bright tones on Tailor Booth, and bright green is chosen for Urban's upholstered backs. The protective screens are used again, but this time with EndZone to allow for safer touchdown meetings.

With the way we work and interact in the office changing rapidly over the last year, a thoughtful design approach that offers a safe, welcoming space for employees and visitors prevails with this design. Classic Spec products, Manhattan, Urban, and EndZone, prove the test of time, while Tailor Booth and Factory gain popularity with their clean lines and timeless appeal, bringing together a design that offers enjoyment for years to come.

