

VOL. 1

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

SECTION 2

Design Philosophy

The design philosophy of Volume 1 establishes standards for building finishes, supports the healthcare environment, enhances the facility's public image, and promotes employee morale. The standards are established to meet the following criteria:

Durability

- Products meet all requirements in the Military Handbook 1191 and Interior Design Presentation format issued by HFFA.
- Products can easily be cleaned using solvent-free, water-based cleaner.
- Products are selected for maximum longevity according to their intended use.

Cost

- Products are cost effective over their anticipated life cycle.
- Consideration is given to sustainable products.
- Purchasing products in volume reduces costs.

Aesthetics

- Color palettes are based on warm and cool color schemes using appropriately placed accents with neutral backgrounds.
- Permanent architectural features remain in neutral colors.
- Random small-scaled patterns are encouraged; avoid large geometric or rigid patterns.

Life Safety

- Products specified are Class A or Class 1, are in accordance with NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and meet the requirements in the Military Handbook 1191 and the HFFA Interior Design Presentation Format.
- All adhesives are water-proof, non-toxic and emit no or low-levels VOC's.
- Applications of materials and finishes comply with ADA regulations.
- Wayfinding materials incorporate floor and wall finishes and lighting accents and are adapted to meet the needs of all patient populations.

Flexibility

- Maximize flexibility by creating MEDCOM standards for interior design.

