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**Teal install Innovative new Salus patient chair at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust**



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An innovative new patient chair, designed to help keep bugs out has been installed at a new state-of-the art development at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust.

The new £90 million Hope Building at Salford Royal opened in September 2011 and houses a new A&E department and facilities for Renal, Intestinal Failure and Urology Services.

Salus, created by award winning international designer Tim Wallace is installed for use as a patient and visitor chair throughout the new Hope Building.

Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust is a large teaching trust that provides hospital and community care, aiming to provide "safe, clean and personal care" to patients. As part of this commitment the Trust's Infection Control

professionals chose Salus, which has antibacterial surfaces that can be wiped clean in seconds, in line with local infection control procedures.

The chair has simple, clean lines and comprises only five parts. Uniquely, Salus has no fabric joins or stitching and the chair frame is encased in Medipur™, which eliminates surfaces around the sides and under the chair that normally trap dust and dirt. The underside of the chair is smooth, with no visible frame or webbing, all carefully designed to aid infection control.

Medipur™ is a an antibacterial PU foam which contains an additive, providing continuous anti-bacterial and antifungal protection against over 50 common organisms such as MRSA, e.coli, Salmonella, Listeria and Aspergillus Niger.

Dual pressure relief is provided by the profiled seat and back, which improves support around the sacrum, lumbar and thoracic areas by replicating the shape of the body, compressing to offer continuous postural support. The seat is pressure sensitive with a sprung internal frame which reduces pressure around the Ischial Tuberosities. In addition, the contoured seat provides support for the thighs, improving load distribution.

With a 160kg (25 stones) maximum load Salus is suitable for the majority of patients on general ward or specialist areas.

Teal Furniture Ltd is part of the Senator International Group and a world-leading producer of Hospital furniture for over 25 years. The installation at the Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust is the first major installation of the new chair and follows its demonstration to the Trust in July this year.

“Salus offers great potential for the future and as a world-leading company in hospital furniture, we have blended a class leading aesthetic with unique understated design, which helps keep bugs out” says Managing Director Paul Goodall.

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**Teal Furniture Ltd**

Teal is a solutions based provider of high quality patient seating, ward furniture and specialist products for healthcare.

A UK manufacturer with substantial production, design and resting facilities, Teal is research-driven, working closely with healthcare professional to meet a diverse range of patient needs, commissioning work from external designers of international repute.

Since 1977, Teal has provided high performance, innovative products for reception, outpatients, ward and specialist treatment areas, including patient and visitor seating, recliners, overbed tables, bedside lockers, dining and cafeteria furniture.

The company operates a customer focussed, total quality culture ISO9001:2008 accreditation and ISO14001:2004 accreditation in addition to a commitment to the Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme (FISP)

Teal is an established provider to the NHS in England and Wales (Contract approved supplier NHS England and Wales 2009/S 77-100) and through National Services Scotland (NPT786/10 Patient furniture) with proven success in delivering large refurbishment and new build projects through a nationwide project management team.

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