

Taken to Access

FPS
Physical Access
Compliance Program

Volume 4, Issue 4 * April 1, 2015

Question of the month:

Q. Does Sutter Health have an approved "ADA compliant" Infusion Chair? If so, are we obligated to specify that particular model in new centers currently being designed?

R. Last December, Strategic Sourcing announced that the contract for the IOA Infusion Chair had been finalized and issued a "Buyers Guide" for the models selected. The guide has been uploaded to the ADA collaboration site: <http://mysutter/sites/shss/business/ogc/ecs/disability/WebpartPages/AMETools.aspx>
Images of the Matteo Motorized model (left) and the Connect Recliner with Trendelenburg model (right) are shown below. Any new designs of infusion bays/ clinics should take the specifications of these models into account and refer to the scoping requirements to purchase the right amount of chairs. For further inquiries please contact ADA Equipment Officer Jan Carroll at carrollj@sutterhealth.org.

INFUSION CHAIRS

Infusion Chair scoping requirements are being established by the designated Value Management Team (VMT). While the recommendations must still be approved by Class Counsel, they are as follows:

In Existing Spaces:

A minimum scoping baseline of 30% and a timeline of 2 years to reach this percentage or by the end of 2017 is required. It is recommended that any new purchases of infusion chairs for replacement equipment due to end of lifecycle, shall be the ADA complaint chair.

While many of our existing infusion bays may be small, the requirement to provide a 3 foot transfer clearance on at least one side must still be met. We are not recommending that these existing spaces be remodeled. However, it may be required that other equipment, guest seating or accessories be removed or relocated to provide the clearance.

In New Construction:

All new spaces must meet the minimum scoping baseline of 30%. To meet building code requirements, Sutter Health must provide 100% physically compliant space in new and remodel infusion projects. The 2013 CBC Section 1224.39.4.2.3 requires a minimum of 80 square feet per treatment station and 4 feet between beds or lounge chairs thus allowing for the required 3 foot clearance on each side of the chair as required by CBC 11B-805.4.1.

In Replacing Equipment:

It has been assessed that the normal lifecycle of infusion chairs is 4 to 5 years. It is **recommended** to replace all infusion chairs with the ADA compliant chairs through the normal equipment replacement process, unless the infusion center can establish its patient population is served by a percentage between 30 and 100%.

~~~~~

