Paint Shield® Microbicidal Paint: Hospital Spec is Right for Patients – and Contractors

Paint Shield Project Profile:

NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL FORSYTH COUNTY SURGICAL TOWER ADDITION

The Northside Hospital Healthcare System is one of Georgia's largest and most respected health care delivery systems, with three full-service hospitals in Atlanta, Cherokee County and Forsyth County and more than 150 outpatient service locations across the state.

And their service to the people in the area keeps growing. Recently completed: A three-story vertical expansion to the existing five-story tower at their Forsyth County facility in Cumming, Ga. Northside engineers worked closely with their local Sherwin-Williams team to determine the best coatings for all phases of the project.

Sherwin-Williams Paint Shield Microbicidal Paint would be an integral part of the interior coatings spec. It was used throughout the entire seventh floor of the new structure – an area designed to serve as an oncology bed unit.

"The microbicidal properties* were attractive given the compromised immune system of our patient population for this floor," says Tom Doenitz, Engineering Manager at Northside Hospital.

Paint Shield is the first EPA-registered microbicidal paint and kills greater than 99.9 percent of Staph (*Staphylococcus aureus*), MRSA (Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus*

aureus), E. coli (*Escherichia coli*), VRE (Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecalis*) and *Enterobacter aerogenes* within two hours of exposure on the painted surface. It continues to kill 90 percent of these bacteria even after repeated contamination for up to four years when the integrity of the surface is maintained.

Our guys really liked it, and I'd compare it to Cashmere® Paint in its application."

All in all, the use of Paint Shield Microbicidal Paint has been a positive experience for everyone involved in the project.

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DACA Specialty Services of Norcross, Ga. was contracted to apply the paint. DACA painters brushed and rolled two coats of Paint Shield on the walls of the new oncology bed unit, and one of the best parts was that it was easy to apply and presented no significant learning curves for the crew.

"This product did exactly what Sherwin-Williams said it was going to do," says Ken Gibson of DACA. "My biggest concern going in was about touch-up, but Paint Shield feathers out extremely well. It doesn't flash like some eggshell paints do, and it has great coverage.

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