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If there were ever a place conceived for all the right reasons, it is this place.

Eighty miles outside of the red lights of the Big Apple, in the small town of Harris, NY, is somewhere intrinsically green. The place is **The Center For Discovery**, a residential school and outpatient facility for disabled children and adults. Its mission is to change lives—and opinions—for people with physical and medical difficulties. Its philosophy embodies the thought that change begins with careful consideration of those patients' environments. And the solution, they've found, lies in safer, healthier, more relevant building materials and methods that don't pollute our world—inside, or outside building walls.

Materials like Stratica flooring.

Eco-Polymeric™, non-PVC, and virtually VOC-free, Stratica was a perfect fit for the wide open public spaces of the The Center For Discovery's newest addition—**The Patrick H. Dollard Discovery Health Center**. A place where breathing easy doesn't always come naturally. A place where air quality correlates directly with quality of life.

"We were concerned about a number of factors with this facility," says Discovery Health Center architect Robin Guenther. "Primarily, we chose Stratica because of its ability to function without plastic coatings or waxes. And more importantly, without the products that are used to maintain them—harsh strippers and cleaners."

It is this durability, easy-to-clean nature, and unique matte appearance that makes Stratica so different from other resilient floorings. And so relevant to spaces like The Discovery Health Center, where slip-and-fall is a high-priority concern. Where glare can disrupt vision and hinder cognition. And where flooring warmth is so important, especially for those who spend so much time close to it.

It is also ironically these very attributes that are a challenge for some near-sighted specifiers.

Because the belief is that shiny equals clean.

"It's really a problem," says Guenther. "I see it time and again in healthcare facilities. To hospitals, if the floor isn't shiny it's not clean. But that's just not true. And the other benefits of having a floor like Stratica, a floor with a warm, soft, matte finish that doesn't need to be maintained with waxes or harsh chemicals, far outweigh the convention. It's time that these products are chosen for the right reasons. It's time that we change some opinions."

A sentiment that echoes from within The Center For Discovery's very core.

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PATRICK DOLLARD | CEO, THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY

At The Center For Discovery, we believe fully in the power of place.

Environment plays a critical role in the quality of each of our lives. But for people with significant disabilities, many of which were caused or are aggravated by impurities and toxins in the environment, this is particularly true. So when we designed The Discovery Health Center, we sought out products and practices that truly improve the spaces in which they are used—aesthetically, functionally, and environmentally. Stratica flooring fit this directive perfectly, and was among the select products we chose. It was above all else, simply right for the situation.

Initially, we selected Stratica because it is Eco-Polymeric™ non-PVC, and is virtually VOC-free. But we found that it also possesses a number of other traits that make it even more appropriate. Stratica doesn't discolor at the seams like some vinyl or plastic-coated floors. It doesn't track when wheelchairs roll across it. It's quiet. It has a warm, soft, matte finish. It works well with our radiant heating system. And most importantly, Stratica is very, very easy to maintain. Without waxes. Without strippers. Without the harsh chemicals that can be so damaging to the health of our residents and our staff.

The result of this careful thought and attention to detail is a facility that functions beautifully, safely, healthily for everyone that enters. An environment that improves quality of life for those that reside within. A groundbreaking structure that is the first ever "Green" healthcare building in the country.

An example of innovation that begins from the ground up.

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