The need for change in the medical field calls for special water closets to meet the needs of bariatric health care patients.

Zurn Meets Health Care Challenges

Bariatric Health Care Patients on the Rise

There are 127 million adults in the United States that are classified as overweight, with over half of that number being considered obese. Nine million are considered to be extremely obese or bariatric patients. Due to the increasing number of bariatric patients, there has been a spike in gastric bypasses, stomach reductions, and banding operations which has led to an increase in the amount of bariatric patients in hospitals. In order to help meet the needs of special bariatric care, Zurn has developed both bariatric designed toilets and support carriers for hospital restrooms.
**Zurn Accepts the Bariatric Challenge**

Zurn engineering has developed optimal performance support carriers for both the 750- and 1,000-pound enduring bariatric toilets fixtures. Zurn is always awaiting a new challenge in order to better meet the commercial plumbing customers’ needs. These carriers and toilets are designed for both new and retrofit construction applications. The support carriers use 5/8” studs that are standard for all wall hung toilet fixtures providing optimum safety and support for the patients. The carriers also provide an integral frame that is squared up with the finished wall, reducing installation time and providing additional support. The two water closet fixtures are designed to withstand 750 pounds and 1,000 pounds, respectively. The paired performance of the carrier and the toilet guarantee optimal system operation and safeguard against catastrophic failure from using one manufacturer’s carrier and another manufacturer’s toilet fixture. There is a 3-year Zurn One System warranty on both bariatric fixtures and both are in full compliance with ASME/ANSI A112.19.2 flush performance testing standards.

**Company Specs Zurn for California Medical Center**

The contractor, Lescure Company, has used Zurn products in the past and based on those experiences they were proud to specify Zurn for a recent job at a local West Coast medical facility. Lescure Company possesses the knowledge to design and build high-quality mechanical systems for all types of projects. With 60 years of experience, they have been able to span a wide variety of jobs, including colleges, office buildings, and hospitals. Lescure is one of the first contractors to specify the Zurn bariatric product line. Pictured at right is a recent installation of a Zurn Z5691 (1,000 pound) bariatric wall hung water closet placed within a medical facility in Stanford, California.

**Zurn Continues Down the Path of Innovation …**

Zurn One Systems has continued to expand its horizons not only through healthcare fixtures but also through its water conservation line, EcoVantage™, which has provided the commercial plumbing market with a better means of going “green” and conserving water, nature’s most precious resource.