

Dear Healthcare Architect, Designer, Providers, and Facility Managers,

We are reaching out to you as fellow Healthcare professionals, because we need your help in completing two survey monkey questionnaires.

A number of certified healthcare interior designers are members of the Durable Coated Fabrics Task Force, a collaborative group working on solutions to upholstery failures in all types of healthcare settings. We are seeking your assistance in better understanding the magnitude of product failures within acute care, outpatient care, and long-term care. In providing responses to the two surveys noted below, you will be assisting the Task Force to better understand issues that we are facing, supporting development of solutions, and better understanding the magnitude of failure costs.

- **Survey 1 – Cleaner, Safer, Healthier Environments Survey (which will provide data regarding cleaning and disinfections products being used, how often, etc.):** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J6W3PDX>. This survey is for Environmental Services, Facility Management, Providers, and Designers (in-house and within healthcare design firms). Please forward to those who can provide valuable information related to cleaning and disinfection of durable coated fabrics (DCFs).
- **Survey 2 – The State of Durable Coated Fabrics in Healthcare Survey (which will provide data regarding actual problems and failures of various types of durable coated fabrics used in healthcare across the U.S.):** Please fill out the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HKBM67B> and share this link with Architects, Interior Designers, Providers, Facility Managers, and Other Colleagues who may have knowledge about these issues that can be shared.

Why this information is important:

AAHID is sponsoring an educational session for [HCD 2019](#) in New Orleans, entitled “New Information about Specifying and Cleaning Durable Coated Fabrics for Healthcare”. It is a follow-up to last year’s HCD presentation of “Vinyl, Polyurethane, or Silicone? What you need to know to specify Durable Coated Fabrics for Healthcare”. In order to prepare for the session, we would like to gather as much information as possible regarding how the materials are being cleaned as well as the current magnitude of failures, associated costs, and potential solutions and issues being discovered. **We need your help to be sure we understand your concerns!**

For additional resources and information about Durable Coated Fabrics, please visit www.durablecoatedfabrics.com.

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If you have any questions, we can be reached at durablecoatedfabrics@gmail.com. We appreciate your time (about 10 – 15 minutes per survey) to complete the surveys.

Thank you,
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