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**Empath™**  
recliner seating

**Steelcase**  
HEALTH



## An Insight-Driven Solution

The Empath™ recliner is a crucial step forward in the patient care process – one developed entirely from real-world insights. Across healthcare applications, Empath is designed to reduce stress and the potential for injury for both patients and clinicians while increasing physical and emotional connectedness.



## Easing Patient Transfer

The move from bed to chair is a key moment in a patient's healthcare journey. For clinicians, it's an inherently difficult process due to patient limitations and the number of times these transfers are performed in healthcare environments.

Our team spent 2,000+ hours observing interactions around patient seating. Then, we surveyed 300+ nurses and other clinicians on their needs and concerns at work.

We saw how conventional recliners caused undue strain and stress for clinicians and their patients. And we found opportunities to improve the experience.

## 1 in 3

clinicians surveyed has experienced an injury related to patient transfers.<sup>1</sup>

## 2<sup>nd</sup>

ranking of nursing staff among other professions for back injuries suffered on the job. Only truck drivers rank higher.<sup>2</sup>

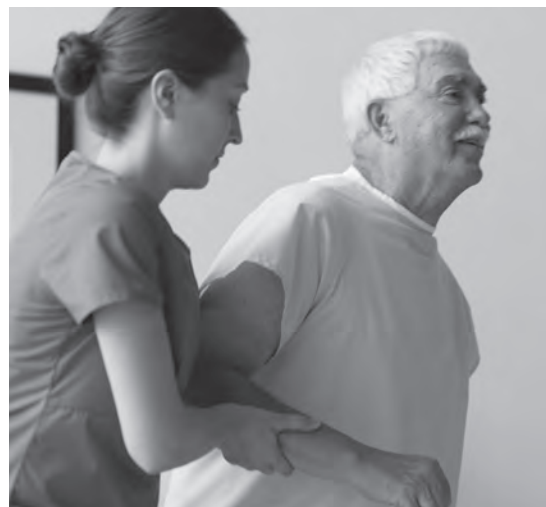
## 80%

of patient falls occur in the patient room.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Steelcase Health survey of 300+ clinicians and nurses in U.S. and Canada, conducted in 2013.

<sup>2</sup> de Castro, A.B. "Handle With Care®: The American Nurses Association's Campaign to Address Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders," *Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*, 9, no. 3 (September 30, 2004). [www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAMarketplace/ANAPeriodicals/QJIN/TableOfContents/Volume92004/No3Sept04/HandleWithCare.aspx](http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAMarketplace/ANAPeriodicals/QJIN/TableOfContents/Volume92004/No3Sept04/HandleWithCare.aspx)

<sup>3</sup> Richter, Greg. "Raising Awareness Reduces Falls," *Penn Medicine*, last modified March 28, 2011, <http://news.pennmedicine.org>



## Promoting Safety and Connection

Our research revealed that clinicians' top concerns are keeping patients comfortable and safe while promoting overall quality of care. Empath is designed to meet these needs and help empower patients, which can lead to enhancing the wellbeing, empathy and connection of clinicians and patients alike.



### CONVENIENT CENTRAL LOCK

After seeing clinicians struggle to lock multiple individual casters, we developed a central locking system with easy-to-activate pedals that are located where caregivers need them – tucked in toward the front, on both sides of the chair.



### EASY-ACCESS ARMS

We discovered that chairs with fixed arms made patient transfers difficult. Empath dual flip-down arms allow for easy access no matter where the chair is positioned in a space.



### SUPPORTIVE DESIGN

Often, we observed arms that were less than forgiving. Empath arms are cushioned to avoid injury, while remaining supportive enough to steady patients. They're also contoured for easy grip when getting in and out of the chair.



# Suited for Many Spaces

The Empath recliner offers the safety, versatility and quality needed to serve a number of healthcare environments and applications. With both essential and advanced features, it adapts to a wide range of uses – including patient rooms, treatment areas, exam spaces, emergency departments and outpatient centers.

## ADJUSTABLE HEADREST

Moves up and down, or can flip over the top when not in use. Attached with zipper for easy removal.

## HEAT AND MASSAGE

With three settings for each function, patients benefit from comfort and control.

## DUAL FLIP-DOWN ARMS

Provide barrier-free patient transfers from either side of the chair.

## TRENDELENBURG (DUAL-SIDED)

Foot-activated by the clinician from either side, it raises patient's feet above the head.

## FOOTREST CONTROL LEVER

Opens and closes the footrest separately from reclining motion for maximum control. **S**

**S** = standard feature



## PASS-THROUGH DESIGN

Avoids trapping liquids and debris for easier cleanup. **S**

## MOLDED ARMS

Provide a natural grip and offer patients both stability and comfort. **S**

## PULL-OUT FOOTREST

Slides out easily to support patient's feet when seated.

## FOOTREST SCALLOP

Provides comfort and durability and helps facilitate exiting the chair. **S**

## BACK RECLINE PADDLE (DUAL-SIDED)

Long ergonomic shape is easy for patients to reach, whether upright or reclined. **S**



## PUSH BAR

Ergonomically shaped for easy grip and chair maneuverability.

## IV POLE AND HOLDER

Height adjustable, the ¾" stainless steel pole fits into the holder located at the back of the arm panel, saving valuable floor space. The holder also accommodates ½" IV poles for added flexibility.

## BUMPERS

Offer a refined aesthetic while protecting the bottom of the recliner. **S**

## CASTERS

Four-inch non-marring casters glide silently for smooth operation. **S**

## DRAINAGE BAG HANGER

Accommodates a wide variety of drainage bags and lays flat when not in use.

## CENTRAL LOCK (DUAL-SIDED)

Pedals can be easily activated from either side of the chair. **S**

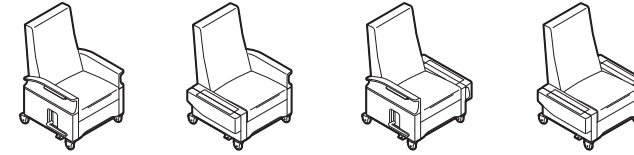


## Made to Last

Count on Empath to stand up to the rigors of high-use spaces. Our research process to develop this recliner was surpassed only by our investment in its quality design and construction. Empath adheres to stringent Steelcase standards for durability and performance and a thorough testing process that exceeds industry standards. The result is exceptional ease of movement and a long product lifespan.

- Tested to support 300 pounds dynamic, 750 pounds static
- Back frame, seat frame and chassis are welded tubular steel
- Upper arms are strengthened by diecast aluminum inserts
- Recline mechanism is heavy-duty plate steel

## STATEMENT OF LINE



Fixed Arms

Left Flip-down Arm

Right Flip-down Arm

Dual Flip-down Arms

Each configuration is available as standard or with Trendelenburg.

## DIMENSIONS

Overall depth	31 1/4"
Overall width	31 5/8"
Overall height	46 5/16"
Seat depth	21"
Seat width	23"
Seat height	20"
Arm height	26 3/8"
Full recline	73 3/16"

## STANDARD FEATURES

- Central lock (dual-sided)
- Back recline paddles (dual-sided)
- Footrest control lever
- Molded urethane upper arms
- Casters
- Footrest scallop
- Bumpers

## SURFACE MATERIALS

Surface materials shown in brochure:

### PLASTIC

- 6259 Midnight
- 6059 Sterling Dark
- 6249 Platinum Solid

Colors are representative and may vary slightly from actual material.

For further options visit us online.

## OPTIONAL FEATURES

- Dual flip-down arms
- Trendelenburg (dual-sided)
- Adjustable headrest
- Push bar
- Pull-out footrest
- Heat and massage
- IV pole and holder
- Drainage bag holder

## SUSTAINABILITY

### PEOPLE. PLANET. PROFIT.

By rethinking our business systems and designing our products to avoid negative impacts on humans and the environment, we contribute to a sustainable future for the planet and its people. We commit to advance our practices through continuous learning and building partnerships with our customers, business partners and environmental thought leaders to optimize our performance and contribute to the science and practice of sustainability.

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Level® 1 certified to ANSI/BIFMA e3



Empath is made with 25% recycled content, is designed to withstand the demands of healthcare cleaning protocols and is 89% recyclable at the end of its long lifespan. It may contribute to LEED certification for recycled content, regional materials, rapidly renewable materials, sustainable purchasing, and furniture and medical furnishings.



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