



Ritter®

MEDICAL

228 + 229 Barrier-Free® Examination Chairs

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Your patients are changing.

The number of elderly and patients of size in the US is steadily growing, and nearly 44% of adults in America aged 65+ have a disability.¹ Assisting patients with mobility limitations onto exam chairs has become a frequently performed task. As a result, more than 50% of nursing assistants' illnesses and injuries relate to musculoskeletal disorders.²

Exam tables in ambulatory settings typically have a fixed height of 33 inches, requiring caregivers to assist or lift patients with mobility limitations. In some cases, patients are unable to get onto the exam table, which inhibits the exam process, lowers the quality of care received and diminishes desired outcomes. Accessible exam chairs are designed to support safer transfers and lift-assisted mobility.

82
million

US adults projected to be age 65+ in 2050—a 42% increase from the 58 million older adults in the US in 2022.³



Nearly 1 in 2 adults in the US aged 65+ have some form of disability.¹

5x

Likelihood of patient-handling injuries when proper transfer equipment isn't used.⁴

Accessibility Standards

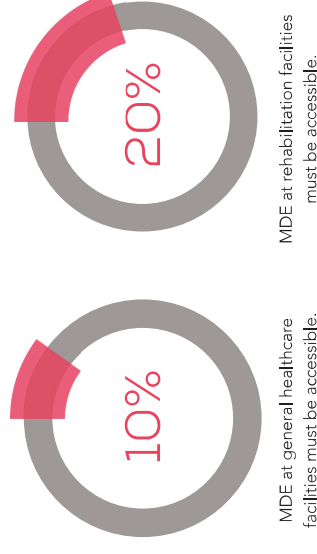
Healthcare is shifting—obesity, the aging population and disabilities are on the rise, creating a growing demand for accessibility. The US Access Board (USAB) is responding, and federal agencies are enforcing. Does your current equipment meet shifting accessibility standards? Here's what you need to know.

ARE YOUR EXAM CHAIRS COMPLIANT?

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are actively enforcing the 2017 USAB medical diagnostic equipment (MDE) standards requiring a low seat height between 17-19 inches.⁵ In 2024 the USAB issued new MDE design standards, recommending a low seat height of 17 inches or less,⁶ which the DOJ and HHS have signaled their intent to adopt in the future.

IN 2026, EVERY FACILITY MUST HAVE AT LEAST

- 1 exam or procedure chair and weight scale that meet the 2017 USAB Standards.
- 10-20% compliant MDE when purchasing new equipment.



INACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT IS COSTING YOU

More than 30 years after the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed, most patients with disabilities are not receiving care on accessible medical equipment.⁷ This gap compromises the quality of care, leading to unmet healthcare needs, missed diagnoses, treatment delays, worsening disability and increased secondary health complications.⁸

We can help.

Ritter Barrier-Free® Examination Chairs by Midmark adjust in height from 17 to 37 inches, improving accessibility to the exam chair and reducing the likelihood of staff injury. One study found that using a height-adjustable exam chair instead of a fixed-height table can reduce caregivers' perceived physical exertion by as much as 95% to 98%.⁹



Ritter 229 Barrier-Free
Examination Chair

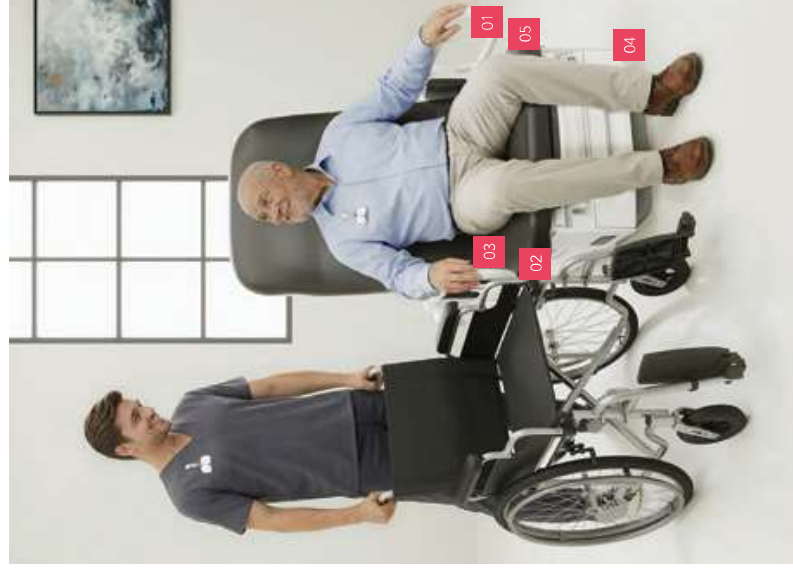
BUILT FOR CLINICAL RELIABILITY

Built on the trusted foundation of Midmark quality, the Ritter 228 and 229 Barrier-Free® Examination Chairs are designed for dependable performance in today's demanding clinical environments.

Using lifecycle testing informed by real-world usage patterns, the 228 and 229 demonstrated reliable performance under conditions more aggressive than observed field use, helping provide dependable operation, reduced downtime and confidence in high-volume patient care settings.

Ritter 228 + 229: Compliance without compromise

The Ritter 228 and 229 Barrier-Free® Examination Chairs offer compliance with the 2024 USAB accessibility standards⁶ without compromising patient comfort or provider ergonomics. These accessible exam chairs feature a 17-inch low seat height for easier patient access while maintaining a 37-inch working height to support ergonomic care.



- 01** The USAB-compliant Patient Support Rails assist patients in accessing the examination chair and provide a stable gripping surface while repositioning on the chair.
- 02** The Ritter 228 + 229 have USAB compliant 17-inch low seat heights (while maintaining 37-inch high seat heights).
- 03** The 28-inch-wide compliant transfer surface supports patient transfers
- 04** The chair is compatible with patient lifts and helps ensure safe patient transfers with no interference.
- 05** USAB compliant Articulating Knee Crutches support the patient's thigh, knee and calf during lower body exams and procedures.



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Accessories
broaden
accessibility
and help
keep you in
compliance



STANDARD FEATURES



STIRRUPS + PELVIC TILT*
Help position patients properly and comfortably for lower-body examinations.



FOOT CONTROL
Standard foot control designed to make patient positioning quick, effective and always within reach.



TAMPER-RESISTANT RECEPTACLES*
Receptacles on both sides of the chair provide a power connection for devices.



SPLINE
The spline allows accessories to be integrated without tools.

OPTIONAL FEATURE



CLEAN ASSIST ROLLER SYSTEM
The retractable roller base allows you to safely move the chair for cleaning.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES



RITTER® 253 LED EXAM LIGHT
Designed with easy access controls, high-intensity light and an adjustable focal spot. Available in chair mount, wall mount and mobile options.



ASSIST ARMS
Provide patients with a stable gripping surface for entering, exiting or repositioning on the exam chair.



THICK FOOTREST PAD
Enhance patient comfort during medical examinations with the thick footrest pad accessory.



STAINLESS STEEL DEBRIS TRAY
Ideal for lower-body exams or other situations in which removal of fluid and debris is necessary.

COMPLIANT ACCESSORIES

Your exam chairs must have these accessories to be USAB compliant.



PATIENT SUPPORT RAILS+
Help patients achieve proper and compliant arm positioning for phlebotomy procedures and blood pressure captures.



PATIENT SUPPORT RAILS
Provide patients with a USAB-compliant 1½-inch-diameter continuous gripping surface for entering, exiting or repositioning on the procedure chair.

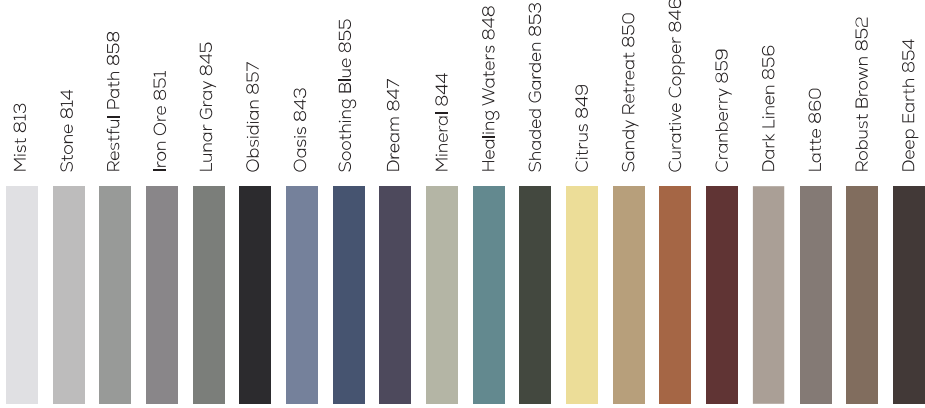


ARTICULATING KNEE CRUTCHES
Enhance patients' leg support and comfort while remaining compliant during lower body exams.

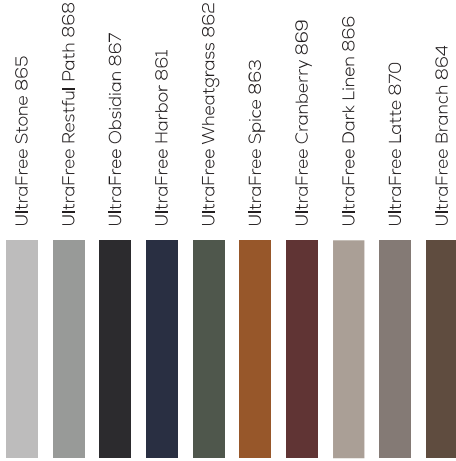
*Not available on 228-001 model

COLOR OPTIONS

PREMIUM UPHOLSTERY COLORS



ULTRAFREE UPHOLSTERY COLORS



BITTER 228/229/626 COMPARISON CHART

15.5" Seat Height (Uncompromised)	17" Seat Height (Uncompromised)	Powered Base	Chair Assist Arms System	Active Seating Technology	Adjustable Head & Neck Controls	Heated Upholstery	Integrated Digital Scale	150 Lb. Weight Capacity	150 Lb. Weight Capacity	Standard Accessory Bundle	Therapist-Resistant Reupholster	Owner's Manual & Parts Kit
626-001	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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228-003	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

SERVICES + SUPPORT

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

View technical specifications for the Midmark® 228 + 229 Examination Chairs.



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MIDMARK LIVE DESIGN

Our in-house design experts are ready to help you every step of the way.



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MIDMARK DELIVERY SERVICES

Coordination, delivery and setup right on time, every time.



SCAN TO VIEW YOUR OPTIONS.

REPAIR + SERVICE

Explore available support and service plans so you can obtain the level of coverage you need to keep your medical equipment and devices operational. This includes periodic maintenance and periodic inspection plans, as well as extended warranty plans.



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PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

Register your warranty today to receive prompt support when you need it.



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SOURCES

- <https://www.cdc.gov/disability-and-health/articles-documents/disability-and-health-data-now.html>
- <https://www.osha.gov/hospitals/patient-handling>
- <https://www.pfb.org/resources/fact-sheet-aging-in-the-united-states/>
- <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/21/12/1659>
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/09/2016-31186/standards-for-accessible-medical-diagnostic-equipment>
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- <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8464477/>
- https://www.ncd.gov/assets/uploads/reports/ncd_medical_equipment_report_508.pdf
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CARB 93120.2 Phase 2 Compliant and TSCA Title VI Compliant

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