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CLEANING TIPS

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Coming into your doctor's waiting room is seldom a relaxing experience. You may be feeling ill, or you may be there for a physical, or you may be bringing your kids in for checkups.

No matter what, if you are well enough to survey your surroundings, you'll be making a judgment on your physician's practice that starts with your experience in the waiting room.

And there are certain places that cannot be skipped when it comes to cleaning and putting patients' minds at ease during their wait and are best handled by a professional cleaning company.

Are your handles and doorknobs the cleanest they can be?

Any high touch area should be cleaned daily at a minimum to reduce the spread of pathogens and germs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that commonly touched surfaces be cleaned and disinfected frequently because they contact so many hands carrying germs.

How clean are your floors?

Regular spot cleaning and vacuuming do not do the trick in a medical facility. Commercial carpeting can trap allergens, dust, and germs brought in by staff and patients. Professional carpet cleaners can perform the deep cleaning necessary to be sure rug fibers are clean and don't irritate patients with trapped allergens. Hard floors should be professionally cleaned and sanitized. Not only do professionally cleaned carpets and hard floors look attractive and allow for peace of mind for everyone entering your prac-



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tice, but you can be at ease knowing they're providing a safe space for everyone who enters.

Are you taking out your trash?

Health care environments produce a lot of waste and there are a lot of trash cans, hampers, and similar items to be kept emptied and disinfected. While it may be tempting to just wipe off the outside of your receptacles, the interiors must be cleaned and disinfected to reduce disease transmission and cut down on any unpleasant smells in your office. And never let a trash can overflow. Not only does it allow germs to grow, it goes a long way to providing a negative impression for your patients and visitors.

Did you miss some dust?

If patients notice a dusty window sill or door trim in your waiting room, they may wonder what else is less than top-notch in your health care facility. Window sills, trim, blinds, and potted plants are all victims of dusting neglect and can be red flags to set off your patient's concerns.

Keeping up with cleaning can be overwhelming for your staff, but it is crucial for the health of your medical practice as well as the health and peace of mind of your patients.

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