



Cabinetry Considerations

Clinical work is demanding and can be physically strenuous. In fact, one out of five of all injuries reported in the US is healthcare related. And healthcare workers are almost three times as likely to suffer from work-related injuries than construction workers.¹ Cabinetry and storage in the medical environment can contribute to bodily stress and strain as well as inefficiencies and infection prevention concerns. That's why we designed Synthesis® Cabinetry to improve ergonomic reach and visibility, storage efficiency and infection prevention while helping reduce the risk of stress and strain injuries.

This checklist can be used to help reevaluate the design and function of your cabinetry.

Visibility + Access

- Are the majority of your clinicians female? If so, do they ever use stools or other devices to reach supplies?
- Are there items on upper shelves that you can't see or items stored on top of the cabinetry?
- Are there drawers or shelving that are not being utilized because staff can't access it?
- Where do you store frequently used items and are they easily accessible to everyone?

Organization

- Is most of your countertop space covered with supplies?
- Are your supplies expiring before you are able to use them? How much money would you say is wasted in expired/ unusable supplies?
- Is your facility set up to easily facilitate a first in/first out (FIFO) supply workflow?

Workflow

- Are there multiple facilities/sites in your organization? If so, do you think a standardized configuration/workflow would benefit your organization?
- If you are tasked with standardizing multiple locations, what are your biggest challenges?
- If you could have all the space you wanted, what would it look like and how would it function?
- How much time would you say that you spend restocking items?
- Do you find yourself having to leave the exam/procedure room to track down necessary supplies?
- Would it be helpful to have mobile treatment cabinets or procedure carts for storage, cleaning or ease of restocking?

Infection Prevention

- Do you have a cleaning protocol for your cabinetry?
- Is your cabinetry starting to delaminate?
- Are there seams on the cabinetry panels and in the drawers? If so, how do you effectively clean these gaps?
- What is being stored under the sinks or on top of the cabinetry?

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¹ <https://www.bls.gov/iif/osch0060.pdf>