

## **Clair David takes the worry out of medical office design**

A young doctor fresh out of medical school who is working to establish a new practice and pay back those student loans has more than enough to worry about without adding office furniture to the list. Still, the choice of furnishings is an important one. Far from mere “window dressing,” the furniture in any medical setting not only has a significant impact on patient and staff comfort, but also creates a lasting impression in patients’ minds of the quality and professionalism they can expect from the practice.

To help take the worry out of medical office design, the expert interior designers at Clair David Office Furniture & Design are poised to guide medical professionals through the process of choosing quality furnishings that are functional, affordable, comfortable, and attractive.

“We have three interior designers on staff who really know how to bring a medical office setting to life while maximizing comfort and productivity,” states Kim Marion, owner of Clair David Office Furniture & Design. “They understand that no two offices share precisely the same needs, so they base their unique designs and furniture choices on a careful evaluation of the office and the way in which the staff and patients will be using the space. Best of all, we offer our design service to our clients at no charge.”

Interior designer Joey LeVally notes that, in addition to various products designed specifically for the healthcare industry, such as bariatric chairs, Clair David offers a line of antimicrobial fabrics that are impervious to moisture. Because they discourage the growth of bacteria and are so easy to clean, these fabrics are ideally suited for furnishings in medical waiting rooms and exam rooms. “We can also provide chairs with all-steel frames that are designed so you can completely remove all the fabric whenever it’s necessary to disinfect it,” she adds.

The Clair David designers understand that sick patients and toxic emissions produced by new fabrics and wood finishes are not a desirable mix. That’s why they specialize in green-certified products, which are manufactured using sustainable materials and production methods and do not contain materials that will produce emissions. “Joey has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to green design. She was very proactive in getting her LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] accreditation,” Marion says.

With environmental laws constantly changing, medical professionals can take comfort in the fact that the Clair David designers stay on top of environmental codes affecting office furniture design. For example, in some states, hospitals are required to use a certain level of materials in their furnishings, such as antimicrobial fabrics. “This is a relatively new development, but we have knowledge of any environmental codes that might affect our clients. Any medical professional who is considering investing in furnishings will want to do it right the first time around rather than have to spend money down the road to replace furnishings that are out of compliance,” LeVally explains.

Larger corporations looking to promote diversity will appreciate the fact that Clair David Office Furniture & Design is certified by the State of Ohio as an EDGE (Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity) vendor and has achieved WBE (Women’s Business Enterprise) status. Also, in addition to their space-planning and design services, Clair David Office Furniture & Design offers delivery, installation, and repair and service.

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