

## HOW TO FRESHEN UP THE LOOK ON AN OLD FACILITY

- 1) Thorough clean up in and out of the facility
- 2) New paint both in and outside
- 3) Windows clean, If very old possibly replace with energy efficient ones  
(Larger also an option for more natural lighting)
- 4) Exterior doors, same idea
- 5) Lighting of the interior – consider some low voltage over reception, LEDS throughout for both energy efficiency and to spruce up place
- 6) Solutubes – easily installed, not overly expensive – in waiting area, treatment, and exam rooms for natural lighting supplement
- 7) Condition of floors – Many older places still have one 12 by 12 tiles, newer floors (heat sealed linoleum, epoxy (if solid non moving base) or ceramic tiles and all make a place look 20 years younger.
- 8) Ceilings? Acoustical ? dropped?, consider raising to give impression of more open space- at the very least – new ceiling tiles – will brighten up the place a lot
- 9) Client beverage center? If none, consider bringing in a coffee pot, or hot water. All sorts of new options to diversify this in the past few years
- 10) Client education center? Previously often was a large flat screen tv. Now we can use tablets and create an interactive area for more learning. Or even a computer for client use.
- 11) If the building is located in a sunny area, consider adding exterior shutters to decrease the sun or a remote controlled sunscreen (Helps with energy expense also.
- 12) Newest options also include automation for exam rooms ( when empty, everything is shut down automatically, but when in use the lights and HVAC system are also controlled automatically by sensors.
- 13) Exam rooms may need some freshening up (Options include new flooring, table coverings, wall decorations, new paint, FRP to protect the walls and even (mid wall metal/wooden line horizontally)
- 14) Many older facilities have (over the years) accumulated “stuff” on the walls(take them down) Anything on a wall should be professionally framed and espouse the professional atmosphere of a hospital.
- 15) Exterior signs are often worn down and not “exciting” . Interior lit one are significantly more visible than ones that often had lights (usually broken) shinning on them
- 16) Exterior front yard – consider adding a koi pond, waterfall, bird feeders, topiaries, :”quiet place”
- 17) Receptionist desk, can be replaced by a small (newer facilities often are employing a much smaller receptionist area )- The greeter desk or area ( with new technology, we can conduct the entire check in and check out procedure within the exam room thus eliminating the need for a big reception desk)

I WILL TRY TO PUT SOME PHOTO COMPARAISONS TOGETHER AS EXAMPLES