

Case Study

Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center



Details

Location: White Plains, NY
Description: Forest rx
Flooring Choice:
Forest rx Oiled Oak

Project Needs

Ergonomic comfort
Aesthetically pleasing

Project Benefits

Easy to maintain
Anti-fatigue benefit
Seamless
Sustainable

Forest rx Provides an Ergonomic Solution at Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center

In April of 2014, Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center opened in White Plains, N.Y., providing the community with its own state-of-the-art healthcare facility that provides an expansive list of medical services and wellness programs.

According to those at Formé, the Urgent Care and Wellness Center provides “a broad spectrum of urgent care services, primary care, specialty medicine, rehabilitation and diagnostic health care services, as well as full service wellness programs with a registered dietician, diabetes educator, and a certified psychologist for people of all ages.”

The Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center building was previously inhabited by the White Plains Building Department, responsible for the enforcement of laws and ordinances of the City of White Plains. The building’s preexisting floor consisted of 9 by 9-inch square stick-on tiles that were immediately removed and replaced with a fresh and even layer of concrete.

According to Paul Garbuio, the Director of Operations at Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center, the flooring selection process was primarily driven by the fact that many of Formé’s employees spend around 15 hours a day on their feet. In an effort to make the work environment as comfortable as possible, decision-makers selected flooring that would provide a proper level of ergonomic comfort. As a result, designers specified Forest rx, which is manufactured by Ecore International, a company that transforms reclaimed waste into unique performance surfacing.

Ecore Commercial Flooring’s (ECF) Forest rx provides a unique solution for many of the common problems in healthcare and senior living spaces. This product uses its tru technology to combine 5mm of an Ecore recycled rubber backing with Polyflor’s proven Forest fx, a vinyl wear layer. Combined, Forest rx is designed to reduce the risk of injury associated with falls, reduce the severity of patient or resident injuries, and mitigate liability for the owners of healthcare facilities.

In addition to providing flooring with the ergonomic characteristics designers were looking for, Forest rx offers the aesthetic qualities they had in mind. The wood like finish of the Oiled Oak colored flooring was very attractive to the eye. “Most people think its wood flooring throughout,” said Garbuio. “They are often surprised to find out it’s not.” The seamless nature of the product was also quite appealing to the designers, since it provides consistency throughout the facility and makes the surface extremely easy to clean.

The flooring at Formé has been in use for approximately a year, and the feedback from those frequenting the facility has been overwhelming positive. In fact, those at Formé were so satisfied with the Forest rx that they decided to use it again in the second phase of their office renovations, set to open just after the new year.

