Health care environments are ever-changing design spaces. Warm and inviting common areas put visitors at ease. Comfort is essential in therapeutic settings for patients, while functional and effective work areas are also critical. Panel processing is a great way to mass produce surfaces for many rooms while allowing for a level of customization. Materials that are well-suited for these spaces include three-dimensional laminate (3DL) and surfaces that incorporate antimicrobial silver ion technology. Keeping everything clean is essential for healing, while making the space beautiful is important for a satisfactory patient experience.

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1. HPL is the star in this reception area/waiting room, gracing both the vertical and horizontal surfaces, including side tables.

2. The durability of HPL makes it a perfect choice for countertops and cabinets doors in this exam room.

3. MDF is the perfect substrate for laminating a variety of materials—3-4mm engineered quartz in this case.

4. Examination rooms are often small, but they must be clean, attractive, durable and functional. HPL and 3DL are excellent choices for surfaces because of their beauty and durability, and 3DL is especially effective because its seamless makeup prevents dirt and germs from finding a home.
This exam room shows the perfect combination of TFL as a vertical application and HPL on the countertop. Combined, they provide high levels of attractiveness, durability and functionality. Often-busy stations need to be functional and durable yet look good. The combination of HPL and TFL fits the bill. Common areas in health care settings get heavy use, meaning durable HPL surfaces are great choices, while TFL and its attractive wood-grain look are appropriate for vertical applications. Reception areas and nurses stations must be attractive, inviting and comfortable while also providing the functionality and durability that TFL and HPL provide.

See pages 36-82 for more detailed product descriptions and performance characteristics.