Rethink the Podiatry Space



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The integration of new technologies and advancements in outpatient procedures are shaping the future of the podiatry practice. Enhanced functionality, clinical efficiency and versatility are key to an effective podiatry room design—and at the center of it all is the procedure zone.

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in the center. A procedures chair specifically designed for podiatry procedures with a specialized foot section (like the **Midmark** 647) is positioned at an angle, giving the physician unobstructed access to the foot area and the flexibility to work comfortably from a seated or standing position.

Ideally, all table controls as well as any necessary instruments, devices or supplies will be located right at the physician's fingertips requiring little to no need for bending or reaching. This can be achieved using well-orga-



nized, mobile supply carts and workstations, and/or table accessories such as an instrument tray mounted directly to the procedures chair.

Lastly, the room should have an additional family/visitor zone, also known as the public zone, which can be used for

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additional seating or consultation. The public zone should not encroach on the movement of the caregiver and should be clearly separated from the procedure zone for privacy.

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