

# HEALTHCARE FURNITURE FINANCING

Providers often use financing to obtain the most up to date medical equipment, technology, and software. But with so many enhancements in healthcare furniture, providers are now using financing to ensure the best furniture is available for their patients.

## 5 Key Trends in Healthcare Furniture

### 1 CLEANABILITY

Selecting nonporous furniture is key for providers focused on infection control. The current trend is purchasing furniture made from vinyl and polyurethane textiles, which can be easily wiped down and sanitized. Bacteria can often live in crevices and cracks, so solid, smooth materials are preferred.

**Examples of healthcare furniture being upgraded or replaced:** Lobby furniture, chairs, benches, railing

### 2 SUSTAINABILITY

Designing and building environmentally friendly furniture is now standard in the health care industry, and investments must be safe and recyclable.

**Examples of healthcare furniture being upgraded or replaced:** Energy efficient lighting, HVAC systems, water filtration systems, cafeteria furniture

### 3 ERGONOMICS

Patients and staff come in all shapes and sizes, so providers are investing in furniture that has adaptable features that allow caregivers to customize solutions for their patient population, based on the patient's height, weight, strength, dexterity and other factors.

**Examples of healthcare furniture being upgraded or replaced:** Recliners, beds, exam tables, nurse stations

### 4 BARIATRICS

Given the growing number of obese and overweight people in the general population, bariatric furniture solutions are important today. Providers are replacing old furniture with furniture that has a universal design for all sizes and does not segregate users based on size. Safety is the main consideration when making furniture replacements.

**Examples of healthcare furniture being upgraded or replaced:** Bed frames, mattresses, chairs, recliners, lobby furniture, common area furniture, elevators

### 5 FAMILY FRIENDLY

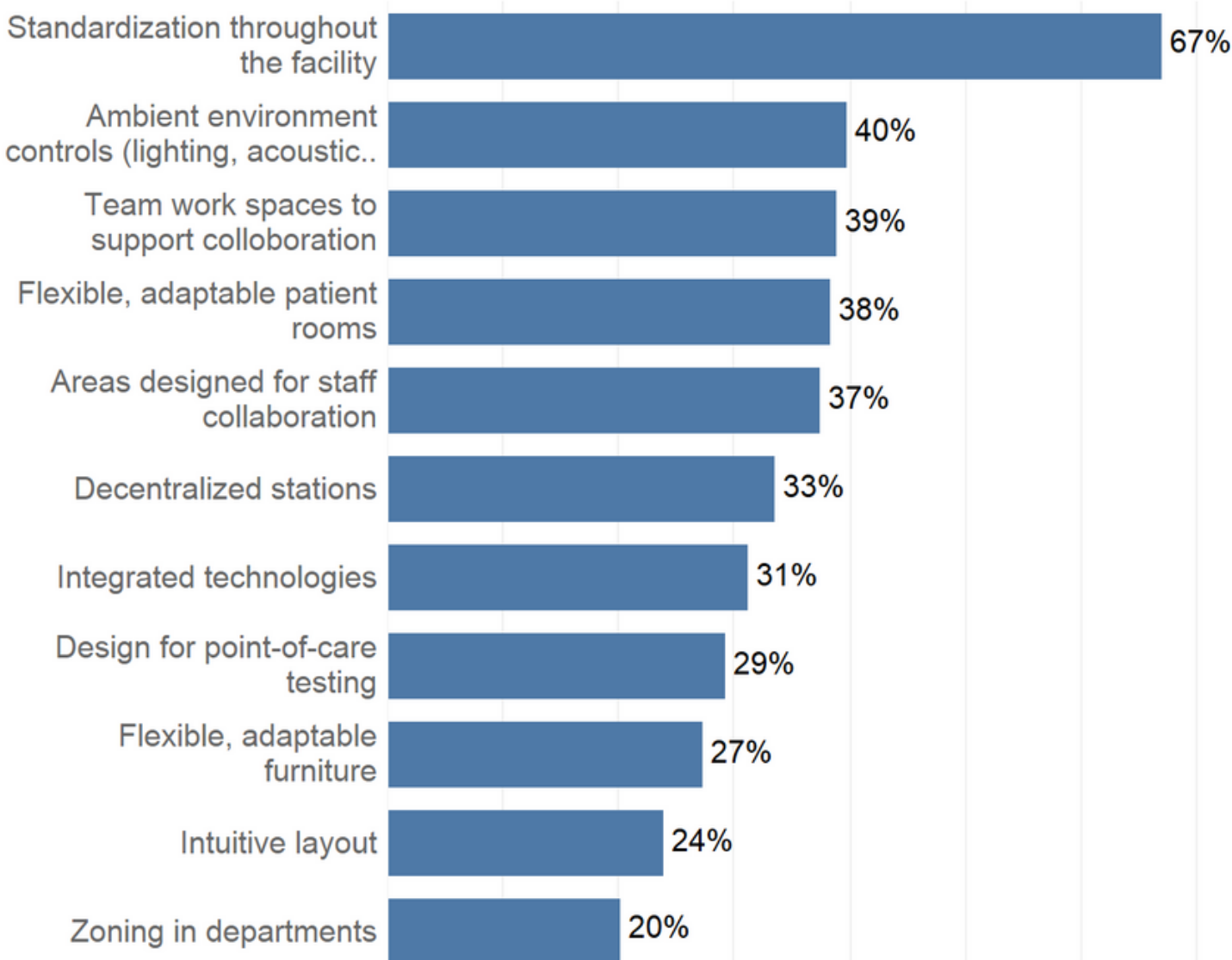
Providers are investing in flexible, adaptable furniture that can comfortably accommodate visitors, families, and children. Chairs and couches that fold out to sleepers, play areas for children, and flexible common spaces are all top areas of furniture investment for providers.

**Examples of healthcare furniture being upgraded or replaced:** Sleeper chairs and sofas, play areas, comfortable seating in rooms and common areas

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- <http://www.hfmmagazine.com/articles/2174-five-trends-shaping-health-care-furniture-design>

## Healthcare Furniture Investment: What do providers identify as the most important features?

Design features included to improve efficiency for staff and clinicians



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