

Case Study

Brookville Hospital



Challenge

Founded in 1919, Brookville Hospital is a 25-bed critical access emergency hospital located in central Pennsylvania. The facility includes an OR and ICU plus 21 additional beds for inpatient and outpatient care.

Brookville's floors are comprised mostly of vinyl tile, linoleum and terrazzo. Like every healthcare facility, the hospital requires clean, shiny and safe floors to maintain the optimum healthcare environment. Given its high-traffic areas, Brookville also needs a floorcare program that is durable and easy to maintain.

For more than 20 years, the facility utilized the same brand of floorcare products. When these products were discontinued, the staff tried other products from the same manufacturer; but the new products failed to perform to the hospital's expectations. This prompted the Facility Manager to seek a new solution.

In addition to evaluating conventional floorcare products, Brookville decided to include green products as well in month-long tests. A number of brands were tested including EnviroStar Green FloorCare Products from Amano Pioneer Eclipse Corporation.

During the tests the staff voiced a number of concerns regarding performance capabilities of the products relative to general wear, staining, shine and slip resistance. They were also concerned with the lingering odor characteristics of many of the products tested. The test results found but one floorcare system rising to the top.

Result

An EnviroStar Green FloorCare System was tested in a high-traffic corridor with vinyl tile flooring. The maintenance personnel found the products quite easy to use and were pleased to learn that with proper

application and maintenance the stripping cycle could be extended.

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Most importantly, they were delighted with the performance and the lasting shine. “Even after a month, the floors look as good as when the coating was first applied,” says Lavonne Best, Brookville's Environmental Service Manager.

Currently, Brookville Hospital employs two staff members focused on floor maintenance. Because EnviroStar Green products are so easy to use, additional facility personnel have begun training on how to apply the products. “I can honestly say that the nursing staff has been really working with us to get other areas done,” said Best.

In fact, the EnviroStar Green products have performed so well that Brookville plans to initiate the same floorcare system at its ancillary centers, including doctors' offices, clinics and labs.



Using the EnviroStar Green FloorCare Program, Brookville has saved a significant amount of overtime dollars as a result of the simplified maintenance program. The first-class look of the floors and the greatly improved overall appearance of the hospital have also instilled the staff with a newfound sense of pride.

“We are extremely satisfied with the performance of the EnviroStar Green products. I receive compliments from the staff and even patients on how nice our floors look. We're looking forward to a long relationship with Amano Pioneer Eclipse.”

Lavonne Best
Environmental Services Manager
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