

SLIM JIM STEP-ON: A PERFECT FIT FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES



Parham Doctors' Hospital, a campus of Henrico Doctors' Hospital, is a 200-bed facility offering medical and surgical programs located in Richmond, Va. The award-winning facility has been named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for the last nine years by Healthgrades. The hospital sees about 95 patients per day, but currently utilizes a random and inconsistent assortment of containers and brands for their waste management needs.

Each hospital room has about 12-15 people interacting with the waste container each day, with some containers not having proper lids or capacity by OSHA and OBRA standards. On a typical day, containers are emptied two to three times and the majority of cans are compact enough to fit underneath the sink.

Daniel Nielsen, director of EVS/PBS at Parham Doctors' Hospital, met with Rubbermaid Commercial Products engineers four years ago to discuss struggles his team was having with their current waste management system, specifically that current lids sometimes damaged the walls and the grooved pedals were difficult to clean.

In an effort to find a solution, Parham Doctors' Hospital partnered with Rubbermaid Commercial Products to participate in a 30-day trial of the Slim Jim Step-On to see if the new container would improve efficiency and aesthetics in the five medical units around the hospital.



"WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE NEW DESIGN," NIELSEN SAID AT THE END OF THE TRIAL. "IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, ALMOST LIKE A PIECE OF FURNITURE."

The new Slim Jim Step-On features an internal hinge that reduces wall damage, added clearance on the foot pedal that improves efficiency in use and a flat foot pedal that allows for thorough cleaning. Participants at the Parham Doctors' Hospital also championed the additional features, including inside cinches to prevent the trash bag from hanging over the side and the larger, user-friendly opening.

"WE ABSOLUTELY RECOMMEND THE RCP SLIM JIM STEP-ON TO ALL OTHER HEALTHCARE FACILITIES," NIELSEN CONCLUDED.

