



## CASE STUDY

# Formé Urgent Care & Wellness Center

Indianapolis, IN

### Products Installed

- Forest Rx — 6,000 SF in *Oiled Oak*

### Project Needs

- Soothing Environment
- Ease of Maintenance
- Durable

### Product Benefits

- Aesthetically Pleasing
- Slip Resistant
- Sustainable

# Forest Rx Provides an Ergonomic Solution at Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center

## About the Project

In April of 2014, Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center opened in White Plains, N.Y., providing the community with its own state-of-the-art healthcare facility that provides an expansive list of medical services and wellness programs. According to those at Formé, the Urgent Care and Wellness Center provides “a broad spectrum of urgent care services, primary care, specialty medicine, rehabilitation and diagnostic health care services, as well as full service wellness programs with a registered dietitian, diabetes educator, and a certified psychologist for people of all ages.”

The Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center building was previously inhabited by the White Plains Building Department, responsible for the enforcement of laws and ordinances of the City of White Plains. The building’s preexisting floor consisted of 9 by 9-inch square stick-on tiles that were immediately removed and replaced with a fresh and even layer of concrete.

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According to Paul Garbuio, the Director of Operations at Formé Urgent Care and Wellness Center, the flooring selection process was primarily driven by the fact that many of Formé’s employees spend around 15-hours a day on their feet. In an effort to make the work environment as comfortable as possible, decision-makers selected flooring that would provide a proper level of ergonomic comfort. As a result, designer’s specialized Forest Rx, which is manufactured by ECOsurfaces.

Forest Rx provides a unique solution for many of the common problems in healthcare and senior living spaces. This product uses itsTRU technology to combine 5mm of an ECOsurfaces’ composition rubber backing with a vinyl wear layer. Forest Rx is designed to reduce the risk of injury associated with falls, reduce the severity of patient or resident injuries, and mitigate liability for the owners of healthcare facilities.

In addition to providing flooring with the ergonomic characteristics designers were looking for, Forest Rx offers the aesthetic qualities they had in mind. The wood like finish of the Oiled Oak colored flooring was very attractive to the eye. “Most people think its wood flooring throughout,” said Garbuio. “They are often surprised to find out it’s not.” The seamless nature of



the product was also quite appealing to the designers, since it provides consistency throughout the facility and makes the surface extremely easy to clean.

The flooring at Formé has been in use for approximately a year, and the feedback from those frequenting the facility have been overwhelming positive. In fact, those at Formé were so satisfied with the Forest Rx that they decided to use in again in the second phase of their renovations.