

The three **E**s of dental furniture.

“A cabinet is a cabinet.” Or is it?

If you've been in the dental industry for any length of time, you know the furniture you choose for your operatories can have a profound impact on the health, productivity and profitability of the entire dental team. Specialized dental furniture that's designed by experts in the industry and built specifically for the operator not only works the way you do, but is made to stand up to the harsh environment. (It can take a beating that ordinary cabinets can't!) Here are some things to look for when you purchase cabinetry for your office.

1. Is it **E**rgonomic?

With 40–60% of dental professionals suffering from work-related musculoskeletal injuries, comfort isn't a factor you want to sacrifice. Look for furniture that works the way you do, with moveable, customizable features such as shelves and work surfaces that move to you and help you avoid extreme movements. It should be based off body mechanics research, and designed with career longevity in mind.

2. Is it **E**fficient?

Is the furniture built on task-based design? A-dec has worked directly with dentists and dental teams for many years, engineering furniture that streamlines workflow. In the sterilization center, for example, tasks are grouped to not only conform to CDC guidelines, but also to eliminate backtracking and streamline processing for efficient materials management. Specialized furniture designed for the dental operatory will also offer procedure-based storage with a place for everything and hands-free operation of faucets and dispensers to promote asepsis.

3. Is it **E**conomic?

Specialized dental furniture includes sinks, plumbing and electrical—items that must be added to locally made cabinets and factored into the cost. And once it's in, it's in. If you are in a rented space, the property owner may own built-ins—but you own freestanding cabinets. You can take them with you when you move, or sell them at retirement. Just like other dental equipment, dental cabinets are considered capital equipment (not leasehold improvements), making them eligible for investment tax credit and accelerated depreciation schedules and Section 179. Traditional built-in cabinetry is classified as a leasehold improvement and can't be used as collateral, while lending institutions treat freestanding cabinetry as capital equipment, allowing it to be used as loan collateral. Consult with your accountant for guidance.

Your furniture is a long-term investment into your practice and your team. A-dec has spent years working directly with dental professionals to ensure that our furniture reflects everything you need in a dental environment. And now the newly launched A-dec Inspire™ dental furniture collection offers swing-out shelves, rotating work surfaces and a telescoping, gliding monitor mount bringing everything comfortably within reach. Integrated LED task lighting color matches A-dec LED dental lights to help ease eyestrain. And a range of design options including elegant glass vessel sinks and stunning infill patterns, let you express your individual style.

When it comes right down to it, only specialized furniture can deliver on the 3 Es—and inspire great performance.

