

Clinic design for safety during the pandemic: safety or teamwork, can we only pick one?

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Social distancing policies implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic challenged healthcare system leaders and providers to balance infection prevention [strategies](#) and providing collaborative, team-based patient care. In this article, four primary care clinics made changes to the clinic [design](#), operational protocols, and usage of spaces. Negative impacts of these changes, such as fewer opportunities for collaboration, communication, and coordination, were observed.