

As I'm sure others may also be encountering, the use of tape in patient care areas has been a major focus of recent regulatory preparedness and infection control efforts. We have traditionally used various forms of tape on the floors in our gyms, hallways, etc. to demarcate various standardized test items (e.g. Peabody, BOT, functional hop testing). We are looking into various tape alternatives, and I wondered if anyone has come up with a solution that has worked well and been acceptable from an infection control standpoint? We are currently looking into inlay and surface paint options and I'm curious what

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- ORG A** We have not been able to use tape for years now. We replaced all tape with inlaid color tile lines. It has worked extremely well.
- ORG B** Functional hop test (see photos): Our flooring is also the poured-type flooring, so it is probably the same thing. The company that installed the floor made a customized template of the hop test design. It is painted on top of the rubber flooring, not an inlay.
- ORG C** We had the test line for running built into our floor design. We are moving next year and plan to continue that as it worked well.
- ORG D** For most of our standardized tests, we've been able to have the markings included as part of the flooring. Our gym flooring was re-done in sheet vinyl a year or so ago and we just included the marks as part of the design.
- ORG E** We have had the lines, and even a hopscotch, embedded in the VCT/LVT flooring, so it's part of the design in the floor.
- ORG F** We have used laminated distance markers that are rubber velcro'd to the wall at the floor line.
Painted lines - "It does work really well, we have had it in one of our gyms for 6 years now and it is still perfect."; From architect:
- ORG G** "There are a couple of different products out there, but it all depends on the surface you are applying it too. I think we used Gameliner paint at "
- ORG H** Per our manager of development OT/PT, we use inlays in our flooring.
Also, from our inpatient therapies manager, "We have also done more permeant solutions such as paint, or working landmarks into the floor design. We may still occasionally use tape, but it has to be removed immediately."
- ORG I** we had the measurements installed as part of the floor design.
They will let us use tape until the point it's rolling up on the edges. This happens a lot, so we don't use the tape as much as we used to. We are expanding our clinic and have plans to use the have different patterns on the floors to demarcate the needs for
- ORG J** standardized testing.
- ORG K** We do use some tape, but have inlayed some items within the tile.
We have had the same issue and have not been able to come up with a good solution. We continue to use tape, but end up having
- ORG L** to remove it repeatedly.
We put the test designs in the floor using colored tiles to distinguish lines, circles, etc. We did this on floors that were laminate or
- ORG M** tile.
- ORG N** We are using roll out floor marking, can be purchased in a roll, cut to length, is rubber and can be cut to size. We laid out diagrams to have therapy aids set –up / clean up for therapist. It's ok, sometimes doesn't lay flat on the floor...
- ORG O** We are using painters tape. Once it becomes dirty or the sides start to roll up we replace it. It is easy to remove and does not leave any residue. In any new space we have installed colored tile to designate the distance for commonly used standardized tests.

- ORG P** We have implemented just what you suggest; inlays (carpet or tiles). Our Facilities Department has done quite a nice job at incorporating inlays in such a way that they meet the needs as well as offer a creative decorative touch.
- ORG Q** We have permanent lines and marks to coordinate with the standardized testing we do (6MW, 10MW, BOT, PDMS, GMFM, etc), in our linoleum and carpet. Expensive, but worth it for time, cleanliness, and esthetics. This is not to say that we never have tape on the floor, when a therapist needs other marks!
- ORG R** any new spaces that we build, we now inlay testing lines into the flooring and color code for various tests.
- ORG S** we are using painter's tape – 1" and 2". Less sticky – more waxey. It's easier to pull up when needed and doesn't leave the adhesive mess.
- ORG T** We have used Dycem and precut for standardized test markings and laid that on the tile floor.
- ORG U** When we built our newest building we embedded testing protocols in the concrete floor by sandblasting lines, circles or Xs. We inlayed the vinyl flooring with some protocols as well. this worked well until the testing protocols changed! Staff then taped lines on the floor which did not raise any issues for us except as the tape started to wear and the flooring contractor resurfaced the concrete floor right over the tape. We don't like it because it looks bad but I was wondering if that is how you/we could use tape in the future. Lay down the tape and then put the finish over the top so that it can be easily cleaned. Just a thought.