

Two Exam Tables in Nicaragua



Look closely - the examination table to the left is made of plywood, and covered only with a sheet. Plywood is difficult to clean well, and cannot be sanitized. The sheet covering it is no barrier against germs.

The table is not appropriate for use in a medical setting, but the clinic shown here had no options. The doctors and nurses don't like it, and neither do the patients.

The hospital to the right has worked with Global Links to improve patient safety and dignity. This exam table was donated to Global Links by a healthcare facility that no longer needed it. Donating it to Global Links kept it out of a landfill, and enabled it to be sent to a large women's hospital in Managua, Nicaragua. Everybody is happier. And, everybody is safer.

Collaborating with Global Links reduces environmental impact — and improves healthcare.



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