

Reduce Downtime with Temporary Dental Offices

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Whether you're remodeling your practice or your office has been damaged by a natural disaster, reducing downtime is critical to the well-being and future success of your practice.

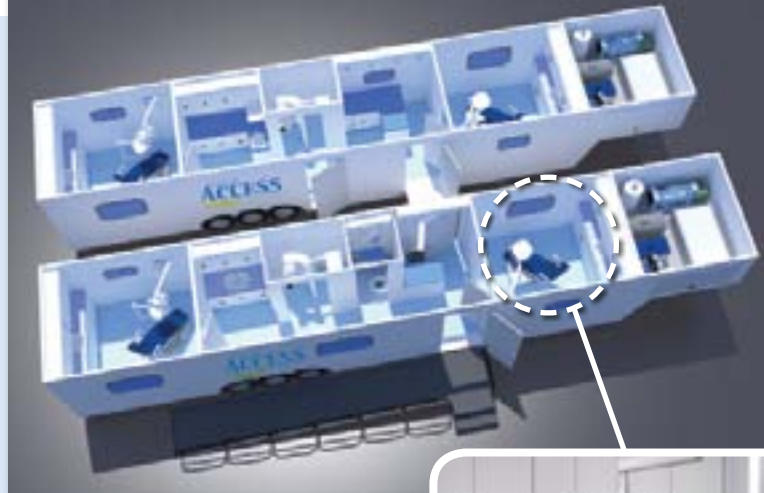
Fortunately, there's a solution to keep you up and running: temporary dental offices from Dental Access Mobile Clinics. Designed by dentist John E. Reese III, DMD, temporary dental offices are equipped with the latest equipment and technology from Patterson Dental. Each office comes standard with two spacious operatories that allow for true four-handed dentistry, including complex surgical and restorative procedures. "You can do any procedure in the van that you can do in a private office," Reese said.

Designed by Dentists, for Dentists

The temporary dental offices concept first started as a community service effort. After he began seeing Medicaid patients in his private practice in 2000, Reese realized that transportation was one of the biggest barriers for children to receive much needed dental care. To eliminate that barrier, he created a mobile dental clinic in an RV that visited elementary schools throughout the area. The concept was a big success, prompting Reese to sell his brick and mortar practice and expand into the mobile clinics full time. While the RV was functional, he quickly realized the need for a van designed specifically for dentistry to be more efficient and effective when treating patients.

In 2001, Reese contacted every RV and mobile medical unit manufacturer in the United States to find someone to produce his mobile dental clinics. None of them were able to create the mobile clinics with the specifications and price he required, so the doctor decided to design the mobile office on his own. Working with a specialty transportation manufacturer and Patterson Dental, Reese created a fully functional dental office on wheels – and the concept of making and selling the mobile clinics to other doctors was born. "Ours are the only vans designed by dentists for dentists," Reese said.

Reese often received calls from doctors asking to rent his vans after their offices were damaged, but he was unable to help. In 2007 a fire caused damage to the building that housed all of his patient records, forcing him out of the building for a month. During that tragedy, Reese realized how valuable a temporary dental office could be to another doctor going through a similar situation, so he designed



a fully equipped office that can be rented and placed on site at the location of the damage so the doctor can continue practicing while repairs were being made.

Each temporary dental office features two operatories with intraoral X-rays, a panoramic digital imaging system, sterilization and lab area and a reception room. If more space is necessary, the temporary office can be configured in four, six, eight or more operatories in multiples of two. Dental Access Mobile Clinics can be shipped anywhere in the country, and usually arrive within one week.



The first trailer Reese built was rented immediately by a Joplin, Missouri, dentist who lost his practice to a tornado. The doctor's insurance company paid for the temporary dental office for a full year while he rebuilt his practice. This allowed the doctor to provide his patients with the care they needed and retain his patient base during construction. "His was the only practice that remained in town after the disaster," Reese said. "The temporary dental office saved his practice and kept his employees working."

Disasters such as storms, fires or vandalism are not the only reason a doctor might need a temporary dental office. During an elective office remodel, doctors can continue seeing patients while construction crews work on the practice during normal hours. Not only does this reduce labor costs, patients will feel more comfortable in a temporary dental office than a loud and dusty construction zone. Doctors may also use temporary dental offices to test a new satellite location, reach patients located in remote areas who may not have access to a traditional brick and mortar practice or to help the underserved in their communities. "The uses for a temporary dental office are unlimited," Reese said.

For more information on temporary dental offices, contact Dental Access Mobile Clinics at 803.324.3220 or visit dentalaccess.com.