

Healthcare Fountains

In a healthcare setting, a water feature is more than just part of the decor; it's **part of the treatment**. Science is just beginning to unlock the secrets of the healing powers of water-based design.

The sound of falling water has been shown to lower heart rate, slow breathing and speed healing. For this reason, waterfalls have become extremely popular in spa and healthcare environments. Falling water also produces negative ions, which have been shown to improve the mood and health of those in the vicinity. As if all that isn't enough, a recent study has shown that a large, freestanding waterfall **cleans the air more thoroughly than many HEPA filtration systems**. Irritants, allergens, smoke and harmful pathogens are pulled from the air and trapped by the water, where they can no longer cause any harm.

Many healthcare facilities are reluctant to add a water feature due to concerns about bacteria breeding in the reservoir. Every fountain shown in this section has a reservoir coated with [Saniguard](#), which **kills harmful bacteria, viruses and fungi** on contact. As an added level of protection, the water in these fountains circulates through an **ultraviolet antimicrobial system**.