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Dear Ed,

It is a pleasure to provide a reference for the use of "Sky-Scapes" lighting diffuser panels.

Our hospital began using them approximately eight months ago as part of a general upgrade of our hospital patient care areas. We first used them in our newly remodeled Cat Scan Room, where we replace all of the diffusers of the existing 2' x 4' light fixtures with various sky scenes. We used several cloud panels and a balloon panel. We also retrofitted the fluorescent fixtures with dimmable electronic ballasts so that the "Sky-Scapes" could be utilized during C.T. procedures at the primary lighting, adjusted as needed. The positive effect on patients and staff was marvelous.

There has been a lot of science developed over the last two decades that suggests that providing healthcare environments with connections to nature is clinically efficacious. It produces a calming effect in patients and reduces anxiety and blood pressure. As we remodel our facility we incorporate as many of those evidence based features as we are able. New color schemes, fountains, wood flooring, artwork and also "Sky-Scapes". Together these elements begin to create the "healing environment" that is the highly favored model of today's health care design.

We've had many positive comments from patients and staff about the relaxing qualities the new lighting diffusers add to the environment. They certainly provide more visual stimulation than a plain lighting diffuser and that is a significant benefit for patients who may need to stare at the ceiling for long periods of time. With the addition of high CRI (color rendition index) lighting tubes the natural light provided by fixtures, fitted with the "Sky-Scape" panels, provides soothing lighting that supports high quality patient care as well as improving the quality of the work environment for staff.

We have added "Sky-Scapes" to clinical diagnostic areas as well as patient rooms. We intend to continue installing these lighting diffusers throughout the facility as time goes by and remodel projects continue. In my personal opinion the "Sky-Scapes" diffusers are an affordable, quality addition to most any environment and especially useful in healthcare.

Sincerely,

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