

# EP.7 Overcoming Organizational Obstacles - Part 2

Streamlining and Organizing Your Office for Efficiency  
Overcoming the "I don't have time" barrier.

Do the math: how much time is wasted going to find something?  
Every "It only takes a minute" adds up. Following this will create time!

**Hygiene Bootcamp Bonus:** Use Michelle's article and tracking sheets for examples

## Top Priorities:

### 3. Patient Preparation

1. Use a standard sheet for everyone
2. Does not have to be YOUR patient you prep for
  - a. Ex: full time or part time, someone did the prep for you
3. Prep the day BEFORE
  - a. In-between appointments or during open time
4. Look for:
  - a. Name
  - b. Doctor they are seeing today
  - c. Doctors they have seen in the past
  - d. Previous blood pressure
  - e. X-rays
  - f. Oral cancer screening-
  - g. Perio Charting
  - h. Fluoride
  - i. Products they have been offered/purchased in the past
  - j. Medical history
  - k. Additional notes: outstanding treatment
    - i. Same day dentistry opportunity?

### 4. Patient Appointments

Making every appointment flow as efficient as possible.

1. Do this as a team! Bring different perspectives
2. Start with your most common appointment types
3. Break down every step of the appointment
  - a. Track where your time is being spent
  - b. How can you multitask?
    - i. Discuss Medical History at the same time the BP is being taken while you are pulling up their charts in an intentional order
    - ii. When do you make your first call for the doctor?
    - iii. Hand offs to the doctor
4. Must follow your standard of care
  - a. Don't strip away the patient's experience when developing
  - b. Do not skip the 4 minute rule
5. Use kits
  - a. Looks cleaner and has everything together ready to go
  - b. Make sure you have the instruments that everyone uses
  - c. Create the perfect kit everyone agrees on

This is a continuous improvement project that will take up to 6 months to complete! Give yourselves time and it will be worth it!