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FOR MANY BOOMERS, MEMORIES OF the orthodontist involve painful metal-mouthed darkness dispensed in unremittingly bland surroundings. But just as "designer" braces have made straightening teeth less torturous—even cool—Jill Bruno's office in Chevy Chase, Maryland, makes an appointment feel like a trip to the spa.

The 1,700-square-foot practice is small by conventional standards. To maximize the space, **Forma Design** principal Andreas Charalambous created a communal examination room that

holds four treatment stations. Each sits on a blue inset of rubber flooring that's echoed overhead by a blue-painted drywall soffit fitted with recessed and retractable dental lights.

Aside from the blue accents, the room is a soothing pearly white—white rubber for most of the floor, white plastic laminate for cabinets, white vinyl on the

From top: Rubber flooring extends through the reception area at orthodontist Jill Bruno's office in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The custom desktop and integral checkout counter are Corian.

