

## Uhlig paediatric practice, Hamburg

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Since December 2013, the paediatric practice of Doctor Uhlig & colleagues can be found in the premises of a former print shop in Hamburg's Harvestehude district. The client's main concern was the creation of a modern practice with a friendly ambiance for its little patients whilst, at the same time, keeping the historic heritage of the building alive.

With spatial requirements in a print shop obviously varying quite significantly from those in a paediatric practice, the architects of Henrik Diemann faced a particular challenge. Today, the loft-type commercial premises with the visible steel girders and posts are divided into patient examination rooms and a waiting area, connected by a corridor. All rooms were sound insulated where necessary and "set" into the floor without reaching all the way up to the ceiling. The intelligently devised interior concept from the designer Christiane von Wietersheim matches a special lighting concept perfectly, maintaining the industrial charm of the premises.

ERCO lighting tools illuminate the rooms with accentuated light, creating a really pleasant atmosphere. Developed in close dialogue with the client, the lighting concept for the

paediatric practice had been tested earlier in ERCO's showroom as well as on site. The dimmable LED spotlights Optec and Cantax were provided with interchangeable Spherolit lenses for highly uniform wall illumination. In harmony with the spatial concept, they are mounted on tracks to ensure maximum flexibility. Optec LED spotlights with RGBW technology complement their ambient lighting role by adding brilliant highlights. The resulting effects create an atmosphere which is quite unique for a medical practice – with visible benefits for both staff and patients.



