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ABOUT THE COVER



The authors of this month's cover feature, "Promoting Safe Hygiene Practices in Public Restrooms: A Pilot Study," wanted to determine the impact that hygiene posters placed in

public restrooms had on toilet tissue disposal practices in rural New Mexico. One long-held hygiene norm in this area is to put used toilet tissue in a trash can instead of flushing it. When this practice occurs in public restrooms, it increases the potential for pathogen transmission. The authors found that putting posters such as the one shown on our cover in public restrooms led to a reduction in observations of toilet tissue on floors or in trash cans.

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