What does FGI say about exam room size requirements?

THE DIRECT ANSWER

FGI sets a minimum clear floor area of 80 square feet for exam rooms in the 2022 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities — and the room must also contain an exam light (portable or fixed), supply storage, accommodations for written or electronic documentation, space for a visitor's chair, and a handwashing station. In practice, most designers plan around 100 square feet as the typical exam room, which comfortably fits patient, provider, and equipment with maneuvering room.

MINIMUM VS. TYPICAL: WHY THE TWO NUMBERS

- The 80-square-foot figure is the code minimum — the smallest room an authority having jurisdiction will approve. The ~100-square-foot figure is the planning norm that accounts for real-world needs: wheelchair turning radius, a visitor chair that doesn't block the door swing, and.

WHAT ELSE THE ROOM MUST CONTAIN

- Handwashing station in the room (in addition to any toilet room sink)
- Privacy — walls, doors, and layout that protect conversations and examinations
- Cleanable surfaces — all surfaces, equipment, and furniture easily cleanable; carpet restricted to waiting and administrative areas
- Sharps safety — where sharps are stored, locked cabinets; wall-mounted sharps containers at proper heights

FIELD QUESTION

What is the minimum exam room size per FGI?

80 square feet of clear floor area under the 2022 Outpatient Guidelines, with required contents (exam light, storage, documentation space, visitor chair, handwashing station).

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