# What are the FGI Guidelines for healthcare facilities?

## THE DIRECT ANSWER

The FGI Guidelines — now the FGI Codes as of the 2026 edition — are the consensus-based minimum requirements for planning and designing hospitals, outpatient facilities, and residential care settings in the United States, published by the Facility Guidelines Institute every four years. They cover program, space, infection prevention, architectural details, and building systems — and 43 states have adopted them for regulating new construction and major renovations.

## THE THREE DOCUMENTS

- FGI Code for Planning and Design of Hospitals — inpatient hospitals, including specialty units.
- FGI Code for Planning and Design of Outpatient Facilities — clinics, ambulatory surgery, imaging, and other outpatient settings.
- FGI Code for Planning and Design of Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities — nursing homes, assisted living, hospice, and related residential settings.

## GUIDELINES VS. CODES: THE 2026 RENAME

- The 2026 edition renamed the documents from "Guidelines" to "FGI Codes" — and the rename means something: the Codes now contain only minimum requirements .

## FIELD QUESTION

**What does FGI stand for?**

Facility Guidelines Institute — the publisher of the consensus-based planning and design requirements for U.S. healthcare facilities.

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