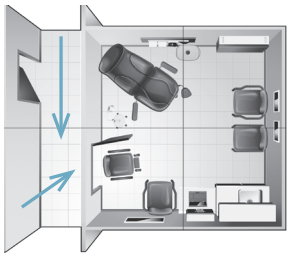
ABCs of the Accessible Exam Room

The accessible exam room has features that make it possible for all patients, including those who are disabled and/or use wheelchairs or other mobility devices, to receive equal medical care. Under the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, all patients should be able to enter the exam room, move around in the room, and utilize the equipment provided. **How does your facility measure up?**



Accessible Routes and Entryways

- ☐ Accessible hallways to the exam room and other common use areas
- ☐ Entry door has 32" minimum width when door is open to 90 degrees
- ☐ Hallways outside of room and area inside the doorway free of obstacles such as boxes, chairs and tables

Barrier-Free® Exam Table and Scales

- ☐ Exam surface lowers between 17" to 19" above the floor, or wheelchair height, so there is no need to step up to access the exam table
- ☐ Removable/adjustable support rails
- ☐ Articulating exam surface for support during patient transfers and positioning
- ☐ Exam surface extensions, such as head and foot rests, for additional support and positioning options
- ☐ Accessible scale with a platform large enough to fit a wheelchair and a high weight capacity, or a scale integrated into a patient lift, hospital bed or exam table

Clear Floor Space

- ☐ A minimum of 30" x 48" of clear floor space around the exam table for patient entry, exit and transfer, or to accommodate a portable lift device
- ☐ Space for an individual using a wheelchair to make a 180-degree turn, using a clear space of 60" in diameter or 60" x 60"

For more information about ADA guidelines, visit the ADA website at ada.gov or call the ADA Information Line toll-free at 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY).

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