

# ABCs of the Accessible Exam Room Checklist



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 + 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 are free of obstacles such as boxes, chairs and tables

## Barrier-Free Exam Chair + 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 chair

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 chair

## Clear Floor Space

A minimum of 30" x 48" of clear floor space around the exam chair 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](http://ada.gov) or call the ADA Information Line toll-free at 800.514.0301 (voice) or 800.514.0383 (TTY).

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