Manual: Ambulatory
Chapter: Environment of Care EC
Topic: Design Criteria - Clinical Sink in an Outpatient Setting

What is the requirement for hand washing sinks in an outpatient setting?

Any examples are for illustrative purposes only.

For new, altered, or renovated space, organizations are expected to comply with either state rules or regulations (if applicable), or in their absence the latest edition of *FGI Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities*.

The FGI Guidelines documents state "the number and placement of both hand-washing stations and hand sanitation dispensers shall be determined by the ICRA." (Section 2.1-7.2.2.8) The ICRA or infection control risk assessment, which should be done at the

programming stage of the project and should help guide the decisions on where to locate them. The individual facility chapters, though, have additional specific requirements for hand washing stations in certain locations. For example, each exam or treatment room is required to have one.

Additional Resources:
To access a read only copy of the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities the hyperlink is provided here for your convenience: FGI Guidelines

Reference EC.02.06.05 EP1

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