COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

**OP2: Outpatient Laboratory Suites**

The following checklist is intended to be used in the plan review applications for health care facilities submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This checklist summarizes and references the applicable requirements from the Licensure Regulations and the 2018 Edition of the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities. Applicants must verify compliance of the plans submitted to the Department with all referenced requirements from the Licensure Regulations and FGI Guidelines when completing this Checklist. A separate Checklist must be completed for each nursing unit, hospital or clinic department, or clinical suite.

Other jurisdictions, regulations and codes may have additional requirements which are not included in this checklist, such as:
- State Building Code (780 CMR)
- Accreditation requirements of The Joint Commission
- CDC Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Health Care Facilities
- USP 797
- Regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy
- Accessibility Guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Architectural Access Board Regulations (521 CMR)
- Local Authorities having jurisdiction.

Instructions:
1. All requirement lines must be completed according to the following instructions and included in the plan submissions for Self-Certification Process or Abbreviated Review Process.
2. This checklist must be completed by the project architect or engineer based on the design actually reflected in the plans at the time of completion of the checklist.
3. Each requirement line (___) of this Checklist must be completed exclusively with one of the following marks, unless otherwise directed in the checklist. If a functional space is not affected by a renovation project, the mark “E” may be indicated on the requirement line (___) before the name of the functional space (associated requirements on indented lines below that name, or associated MEP requirements do not have to be completed in this case). If more than one functional space serves a given required function (e.g. patient room or exam room), that clarification should be provided in the Project Narrative, and the requirement lines are understood to only address the functional spaces that are involved in the project.
   - X = Requirement is met, for new space, for renovated space, or for existing direct support space for an expanded service.
   - E = Requirement relative to an existing suite or area that has been licensed for its designated function, is not affected by the construction project and does not pertain to a required direct support space for the specific service affected by the project. “E” must not be used for an existing required support space associated with a new patient care room or area.
   - W = Waiver requested for specific section of the Regulations or FGI Guidelines, where hardship in meeting requirement can be demonstrated (a Physical Plant Waiver Form must be completed for each waiver request). An explicit floor plan or plan detail must be attached to each waiver request.
4. All room functions marked with “X” must be shown on the plans with the same name labels as in this checklist.
5. Mechanical, electrical & plumbing requirements are only partially mentioned in this checklist. The relevant section of the FGI Guidelines must be used for project compliance with all MEP requirements and for waiver references.
6. Oxygen, vacuum, medical air, and waste anesthesia gas disposal outlets (if required) are identified respectively by the abbreviations “OX”, “VAC”, “MA”, & “WAGD”.
7. Requirements referenced with “FI” result from formal interpretations from the FGI Interpretations Task Group.
8. The location requirements including asterisks (*) refer to the definitions of the Glossary in the beginning section of the FGI Guidelines and reproduced in this checklist.

Facility Name:

Facility Address:

Satellite Name: (if applicable)

Satellite Address: (if applicable)

Project Description:

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Architectural Requirements

2.1-4.1.1 LABORATORY SERVICES

2.1-4.1.1.1 Facilities for laboratory services provided on-site are located in or immediately accessible* to outpatient facility

2.1-4.1.1.2 All laboratory equipment requiring permanent connections to power, water, ventilation or other utility systems are identified in equipment plan

□ equipment plan & equipment schedule have been submitted to DPH Plan Review

2.1-4.1.2 Laboratory work area

2.1-4.1.2.1 separate dedicated room

☐ check if not included in project (only if laboratory testing in open laboratory is limited to CLIA waived tests)

2.1-4.1.2.2 laboratory workstations

(1)(a) work counter

(1)(b) laboratory sink

2.1-4.1.2.3 handwashing station

2.1-4.1.2.4 all work counters in areas used for specimen handling, preparation of specimens or reagents & laboratory testing are constructed of non-porous materials

Ventilation:

□ Min. 6 air changes per hour

□ Negative pressure

Table 8.1/Policy

2.1-4.1.2.5(1) terminal sterilization provisions facilities & equipment (autoclave or electric oven) provided for terminal sterilization of bio-hazardous waste before transport

2.1-4.1.8 SUPPORT AREAS FOR LABORATORY

2.1-4.1.8.1 Storage cabinet or closet

(1)

☐ storage for reagents, specimens, flammable materials, acids, bases & other supplies used in laboratory

2.1-4.1.8.2 Specimen collection facilities

(1)

☐ urine or feces specimen collection

☐ check if not included in project

☐ dedicated specimen toilet room

☐ handwashing station

☐ staff-controlled access

Ventilation:

□ Min. 10 air changes per hour

□ Exhaust

□ Negative pressure

□ No recirculating room units

Table 8.1
**Architectural Requirements**

(2) ___ urine collection for drug screening  
    □ check if not included in project  
    ___ handwashing station located directly outside toilet room & under staff control  
    or  
    ___ handwashing station located in toilet room  
    ___ water controlled by shutoff valves located outside room & directly accessible* to staff

(3) ___ blood collection facilities  
    (a) ___ work counter  
    (b) ___ seating space for patients  
    (c) ___ handwashing station  
    (d) ___ supply storage

2.2-4.1.8.2 ___ Specimen storage  
(1) ___ accommodations for storage of blood, urine & other specimens  
(2) ___ blood storage facilities meet requirements of CLIA standards for blood banks  
§493.1103(c)(1) ___ blood specimen stored in monitored refrigerator  
    or  
    ___ blood storage conditions, including temperature, are appropriate to prevent deterioration of blood specimens

2.1-5.3.1 ___ Environmental services room  
2.1-5.3.1.1(3) (may serve more than one clinical service area on same floor)  
2.1-5.3.1.1(1) ___ min. one ES room per floor  
2.1-5.3.1.1(2) ___ additional ES rooms provided on floor according to needs of areas served  
2.1-5.3.1.2(1) ___ service sink or floor-mounted mop sink  
2.1-5.3.1.2(2) ___ provisions for storage of supplies & housekeeping equipment  
2.1-5.3.1.2(3) ___ handwashing station or hand sanitation dispenser

2.1-4.1.8.3 Administrative Area:  
___ space for clerical work, filing & record maintenance/storage

**Building Systems Requirements**

Ventilation:  
___ Min. 10 air changes per hour  
___ Exhaust  
___ Negative pressure  
___ No recirculating room units  

Table 8.1/Policy
SUPPORT AREAS FOR LABORATORY STAFF

(2.1-4.1.9, may be shared with other clinical services)

- Staff lounge & lockers
- Staff toilet room
- read readily accessible* for laboratory staff

Ventilation:
- Min. 10 air changes per hour
- No recirculating room units

*LOCATION TERMINOLOGY:

Directly accessible: Connected to the identified area or room through a doorway, pass-through, or other opening without going through an intervening room or public space

Adjacent: Located next to but not necessarily connected to the identified area or room

Immediately accessible: Available either in or adjacent to the identified area or room

Readily accessible: Available on the same floor or in the same clinic as the identified area or room

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS

CORRIDOR WIDTH:

- Min. 44" or
- Detailed code review incorporated in Project Narrative

Corridors include turning spaces for wheelchairs

CEILING HEIGHT:

- Min. ceiling height 7'-6" in corridors & in normally unoccupied spaces
- Min. height 7'-6" above floor of suspended tracks, rails & pipes located in traffic path
- Min. ceiling height 7'-10" in other areas

DOORS & DOOR HARDWARE:

Door Type:

- doors between corridors, rooms, or spaces subject to occupancy swing type or sliding doors
- sliding doors
  - check if not included in project

Manual or automatic sliding doors comply with NFPA 101
- detailed code review incorporated in Project Narrative
- no floor tracks

Door Opening:

- min. 34" clear door width
- min. 83.5" clear door height

Door Swing:

- doors do not swing into corridors except doors to non-occupiable spaces (e.g. environmental services rooms & electrical closets) & doors with emergency breakaway hardware

Lever hardware or push/pull latch hardware

Doors for Patient Toilet Facilities:

- door that swings outward
- door equipped with emergency rescue hardware (permits quick access from outside the room to prevent blockage of the door)
- sliding door other than pocket door

Toilet room opens on public area or corridor
- check if not included in project
- visual privacy is maintained

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2.1-7.2.2.8 HANDWASHING STATIONS:

(3) Handwashing station countertops made of porcelain, stainless steel, solid-surface materials or impervious plastic laminate assembly

(a) Handwashing station countertops made of porcelain, stainless steel, solid-surface materials or impervious plastic laminate assembly

(b) Countertops substrate
   ☐ check if not included in project
   ☐ marine-grade plywood (or equivalent material) with impervious seal

(4) Handwashing station casework
   ☐ check if not included in project
   ☐ designed to prevent storage beneath sink

(5) Provisions for drying hands
   ☐ check if not included in project
   ☐ only at hand scrub facilities
   (a) hand-drying device does not require hands to contact dispenser
   (b) hand-drying device is enclosed to prevent against dust or soil

(6) Liquid or foam soap dispensers

2.1-7.2.2.9 GRAB BARS:

(1) Grab bars anchored to sustain concentrated load 250 pounds

(3) Ends of grab bars constructed to prevent snagging clothes of patients staff & visitors

2.1-7.2.2.10 HANDRAILS:

☐ check if not included in project

(2) Rail ends return to wall or floor

(3) Handrail gripping surfaces & fasteners are smooth (free of sharp or abrasive elements) with 1/8-inch min. radius

(4) Handrails have eased edges & corners

(5) Handrail finishes are cleanable

2.1-7.2.3 SURFACES

2.1-7.2.3.1 FLOORING & WALL BASES:

(1) Flooring surfaces cleanable & wear-resistant for location

(3) Smooth transitions provided between different flooring materials

(4) Flooring surfaces including those on stairways are stable, firm & slip-resistant

(5) Floors & wall bases of all areas subject to frequent wet cleaning are constructed of materials that are not physically affected by germicidal or other types of cleaning solutions

2.1-7.2.3.2 WALLS & WALL PROTECTION:

(1)(a) Wall finishes are washable

(1)(b) Wall finishes near plumbing fixtures are smooth, scrubbable & water-resistant

(2) Wall surfaces in areas routinely subjected to wet spray or splatter (e.g. environmental services rooms) are monolithic or have sealed seams that are tight & smooth

(4) Wall protection devices & corner guards durable & scrubbable

2.1-7.2.3.3 CEILINGS:

(1) Ceilings provided in all areas except mechanical, electrical & communications equipment rooms

(a) Ceilings cleanable with routine housekeeping equipment

(b) Acoustic & lay-in ceilings where used do not create ledges or crevices

2.1-7.2.4.3 Privacy curtains in patient care areas are washable

2.1-8.2 HEATING VENTILATION & AIR-CONDITIONING (HVAC) SYSTEMS

2.1-8.2.1.3/Policy Ventilation rates meet requirements of Table 8.1 in Part 3 ASHRAE Standard 170 (Policy based on input from Facility Guidelines Institute)

2.2-8.3 ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

2.2-8.3.4 EMERGENCY EGRESS LIGHTING

☐ Automatic emergency lighting

☐ Facility has total floor area of not more than 1,000 sf, is located at grade level & has direct access to exits to grade