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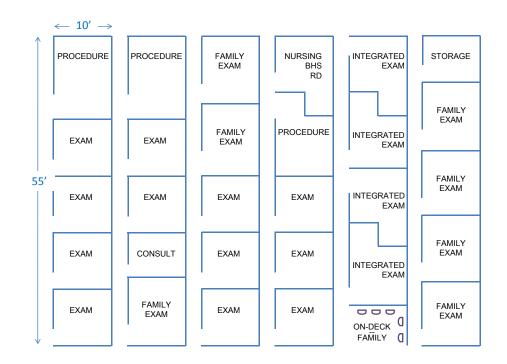
Transforming Primary Care Environments Through Evidence-Based Design

Creating Spaces for Alternative Types of Patient Visits

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Re-Creating the Footprint of the Exam Room:

The objective of the exercise was to stimulate discussion leading to the creation of health center pilot projects along existing exam room corridors in an effort to inform alternative exam room groupings to accommodate family- centered, technology-enhanced and interdisciplinary patient visits in a new or expanded facility. Discussion centered on the concept that within a defined amount of square feet, fewer but better functioning exam rooms can lead to increased efficiency and effectiveness.



Adapting / Creating Spaces for Group Medical and Group Education Visits:

Discussion centered on the need for group medical visits to occur within or adjacent to the clinical exam area to accommodate individual evaluation and management. The paper medical records area, typically between the waiting /reception area and the clinical area is ideal for repurposing for group medical visits. Alternately, group education visits are best accommodated near the front entrance of the site to increase pre-visit knowledge and visit access without interrupting the flow of simultaneous clinical visits. Tips for accommodating both in the same group room by dispersing exam areas for rotating specialists, walk-in triage and screening events were explored.

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