

2018 FGI GUIDELINES SCHEDULE

2014		
Sept.	FGI/HGRC SC EC meetings	FGI board/SC EC
Dec.	FGI/HGRC SC EC meeting	FGI board/SC EC
2015		
Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start “substantiation” exercise Draft letters of reappointment, invitation, and release 	Dr. Hall Mr. Erickson
Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Steering Committee meeting Editorial study for Outpatient book 	Steering Committee Ms. Blumgart
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin update of 2014 proposal system Steering Committee Web meeting First two Web-based full HGRC meetings to kick off 2018 cycle and explain new process Cost/Benefit Committee begins work 	ASHE/Ms. Blumgart Steering Committee Full HGRC Mr. Gormley
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third Web-based full HGRC meeting “Substantiation” exercise for hospital content is completed Outpatient Document Group online kick-off meeting 	Dr. Hall
April – June	Hospital Document Group (and appointed task groups) meets online to develop proposals from results of “substantiation” exercise (proposals submitted ahead of June Steering Committee meeting)	Chairs and members
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Document Group 	
May – Oct. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public proposal period begins May 15 (ends Oct. 15) Document and topic groups meet online to develop proposals related to Steering Committee goals 	Public Topic group chairs and members
June	Steering Committee meeting	Steering Committee
Early Aug.	“Substantiation” exercise for outpatient content is completed	Dr. Hall
Aug. – Oct.	Outpatient Document Group (and appointed task groups) meets online to develop proposals from results of “substantiation” exercise	Chairs and members
Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public proposal period ends Oct. 15 Cost/Benefit Committee report due before Steering Committee meeting Steering Committee Web meeting 	Cost/Benefit Committee Steering Committee
Nov. – Dec.	Document and topic groups meet online to review/vote on proposals and assign task groups to write any proposals needed in response to public proposals	Document and topic groups
2016		
Jan.	Document and topic groups complete review/vote on proposals and writing of any proposals to respond to public proposals	Document and topic groups
Feb. – March	Document groups prepare presentations to HGRC	Document groups
Feb. 15	Topic groups report to document groups re: results of their	Topic group chairs

	efforts	
March	Steering Committee Web meeting	Steering Committee
April	Full HGRC meeting	HGRC
April – Aug.	Develop 3 draft manuscripts	Editorial team
July – Aug.	Enter 2018 drafts into comment system	ASHE
Sept. – Nov.	Public comment period	
2017		
Jan.	Full Steering Committee meeting	Steering Committee
Jan. – March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document and topic groups review/vote on comments in Web-based meetings Cost/Benefit Committee reviews comments 	Chairs and members Cost/Benefit Committee
March	Cost/Benefit Committee prepares report on comments	Cost/Benefit Committee
Mar. – April	Document groups prepare presentations to HGRC	Document groups
April	Full HGRC meeting	HGRC
May – Sept.	Develop 3 final manuscripts	Editorial team
May – Dec.	New groups develop beyond fundamentals	HGRC and others
Oct.	3 final manuscripts sent to HGRC for vote	Editorial team
Oct. – Dec.	Production of 3 books	Editorial team
2018		
Jan. – Feb.	Production of 3 books continues	Editorial team
Jan. – May	New groups continue development of beyond fundamentals	HGRC and others
Mar.	3 books published	
May – fall	Production for beyond fundamentals documents	Editorial team
Fall	Beyond fundamentals docs published	

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Public Proposal Period to Open for 2018 FGI *Guidelines* Documents

New Opportunities for Public Participation

At the end of the 2014 FGI *Guidelines* revision cycle, the Facility Guidelines Institute Board of Directors undertook two colloquiums focused on the future of health care. These gatherings brought together a diverse group of health care futurists who were tasked with envisioning the range of health care environments and trends that may emerge by the year 2026 and to help FGI lay out a roadmap for developing *Guidelines* documents that will remain relevant over the next several decades. The group noted that health care organizations are struggling to manage and reduce costs while improving clinical quality and the patient experience, along with continuing to face the challenges set in motion by shifting reimbursement policies, an aging population, an explosion in demand from newly insured patients, new information technologies, and the pursuit of new care models for the coming years. The discussions at these colloquiums have framed the direction for the 2018 revision cycle.

The 2018 *Guidelines* revision cycle, which is launching this month, will yield three *Guidelines* documents—one for hospitals, one for outpatient facilities, and one for residential health, care, and support facilities. As a result of the colloquiums, FGI has funded a research project to identify any existing *Guidelines* content that goes beyond fundamental requirements for design of a safe and effective environment of care and is directing the Health Guidelines Revision Committee (HGRC), the body responsible for updating the content of the *Guidelines*, to move all non-baseline material into a beyond fundamental series of publications. In addition, FGI tasked the HGRC Steering Committee with identifying topics that need particular attention during this revision cycle. The HGRC will focus on those areas in updating the content of the 2014 *Guidelines* documents. The topics identified are acoustics, bariatric accommodations, emergency preparedness, geriatric accommodations, infection prevention, security, sustainability, and technology.

“The *Guidelines* are written through a public consensus process, and we welcome all input for change,” says HGRC Chair Douglas Erickson. “These are exciting times, and we need to make sure our documents are properly positioned to reflect the future of health care.”

The public will have several opportunities for involvement in the 2018 revision cycle. One is the traditional public proposal period, during which changes may be proposed to the text of the 2014 FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Outpatient Facilities* and *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities*. The public proposal period will be open from June to October 15, 2015, using an electronic system that can be accessed through the FGI website at www.fgiguideines.org.

New is an opportunity for individuals knowledgeable in the subjects listed above to participate on small HGRC topic groups that will consider changes that may be needed to better address these areas across the 2018 documents. Those interested are invited to send a request to participate to Doug Erickson at doug@fgiguideines.org. Please include the reasons for your interest and something about your knowledge of the topic.

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About the Facility Guidelines Institute

Founded in 1998, the Facility Guidelines Institute is a not-for-profit corporation founded to provide leadership and continuity to the *Guidelines* revision process. FGI functions as the coordinating entity for development of the *Guidelines* series of documents using a multidisciplinary, consensus-based process and for provision of ancillary services that encourage and improve their application and use. FGI invests revenue derived from sales of the *Guidelines* to fund research and the activities of the next revision cycle.