

# EMR LINEAR WORKFLOW 3



The EMR linear workflow is set up to assess and capture all vital signs in the exam room, and can include a scale, stadiometer and automated blood pressure and pulse device in the exam room. The patient is directed to a side chair to support proper posture. Depending on the design of the exam room, the patient is seated next to a work surface or workstation that has a computer with EMR and/or an automated vital signs device.



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## Patient Considerations

Capturing all vital signs in the exam room reduces conveyance time and provides convenient storage for patient belongings.

- For additional patient safety, rails adjacent to the scale are provided.
- After vital signs are taken, the patient moves to the exam table and may need additional time for assistance by a caregiver.
- Space is designated for the comfort of family members.

## Caregiver Considerations

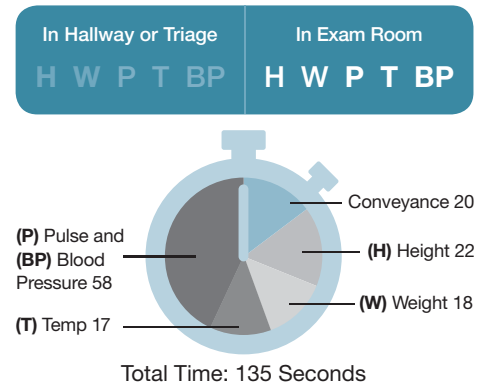
The EMR linear workflow provides better patient positioning, with vitals often transcribed directly into the EMR, reducing the chance for errors.

- The work area can be set up for the caregiver to stand or be seated.
- The process is task-focused for the caregiver, allowing more open communication with the patient.
- Time may be lost assisting patients with mobility issues onto the exam table.

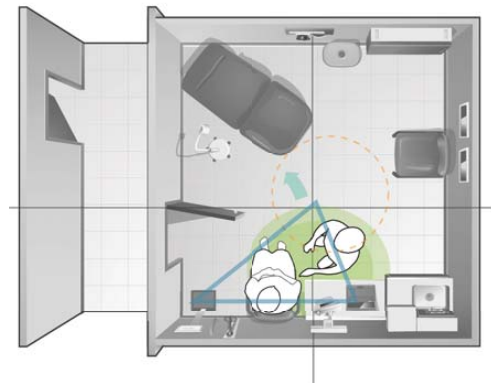
## Overall Observations

The EMR linear workflow may require more equipment overall, but creates a more efficient workflow with greater ease for the patient.

- There is better patient positioning and less movement overall.
- The patient has more time to rest before taking a BP reading.
- The interaction between patient and caregiver has better ongoing eye contact throughout the exam.
- Patient and health data are integrated for increased efficiency.
- A special room setup may be required for obese patients.



The EMR linear workflow, when compared with the triage nook, saves 22 seconds in conveyance time by moving all vitals to the exam room.



## EMR Linear

Upon entering the exam room, weight and height are captured. The patient is then seated in a side chair to support proper posture next to a work surface or workstation to gather patient vitals and health information. All patient-related health information can be discussed during this process.

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