

CALCULATING YOUR IDEAL DENTAL OFFICE

Whether you plan to build, buy, or lease, selecting your space is the first tangible step and can make or break the longevity of your business. Too small will limit future growth, and too large can strain funds so it is important to understand your needs when deciding on the perfect space*.



PATIENT LOAD

DR: A dentist sees an average of 10-15 patients/day.

HYGIENIST: Each hygienist sees an average of 8 patients/day

1 **DOCTOR** x 12 = 12 patients (+)

3 **HYGIENIST** x 8 = 24 patients

36 **PATIENTS**



TREATMENT ROOMS

DR: A full-time doctors need a minimum of 2 treatment rooms.

HYGIENIST: A full-time hygienist needs 1 treatment room.

A practice should plan for 1 flexible or overflow room for emergency patients.

1 **DOCTOR** x 2 = 2 tre. rooms (+)

3 **HYGIENIST** x 3 = 3 tre. rooms

5 **TREATMENT ROOMS**



SQUARE FOOTAGE

Plan for 450 SF per treatment room. A standard treatment room is 12'x10' (120 SF.) The remaining 330 SF is accounting for treatment support, the public and staff zones, and circulation.

5 **TREATMENT ROOMS**

(x) 450 SF

2,250 **SQUARE FEET****



PUBLIC ZONE

Maintain at least two staff in the business office, one for checking patients in, and the other for check-out. A business manager acts as flex support and oversees front office needs.

In waiting, we recommend about 1.5 seats per treatment chair to accommodate guests or caretakers.

5 **TREATMENT ROOMS**

(x) 1.5 seats

8 **SEATS IN WAITING**



STAFF ZONE

Staff areas are often the last space on a designer's list. Depending on the rest of the practice's needs, the square footage can be lacking. Below are a of couple questions to consider when evaluating your space and communicating needs with your designer:

Where will you conduct your team huddles? If you are planning gather for huddles or training, make sure there is enough space for your entire team.

Private or shared offices: Private offices are not going out of style, but they are often downsized or shared with other doctors or business managers. Consider creating more of a private nook for individual workstations or utilize desking systems to create a comfortable, clean shared space.