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FGI Announces New Managing Editor

ST. LOUIS – The Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) is pleased to announce Barbara Stretchberry has been appointed managing editor of the *Guidelines for Design and Construction* of hospitals, outpatient facilities, and residential health care, and support facilities.

Ms. Stretchberry began as FGI managing editor on November 13, 2023. Previously, she was executive editor at American Girl Brands, LLC, where she led the development of all nonfiction content for children and their caregivers.

“It’s a pleasure and an honor to be a member of this extraordinary team,” says Ms. Stretchberry. “I’m inspired and uplifted by the dedication of FGI and the volunteers on the Health Guidelines Revision Committee (HGRC) to their work. I look forward to collaborating with my thoughtful and skilled colleagues to improve the safety of health and residential care settings.”

Ms. Stretchberry’s primary responsibilities are to oversee day-to-day operations of the FGI editorial team, manage the schedule and activities of the HGRC, and be responsible for creation of the 2026 *Guidelines* documents, including managing the editing of drafts and final manuscripts and directing design, layout, and printing. In addition, she will spearhead development of a new handbook companion to the *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents.



“Barbara brings a wealth of experience in publishing, leading through strategic change, and strengthening professional relationships,” says CEO Heather Livingston. “We are absolutely thrilled to welcome her to the FGI team.”

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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.

About the FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction* Documents

The FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents are updated every four years to keep pace with new concepts, capabilities, and technologies in the delivery of health care. The *Guidelines* documents are used by states, through adoption by reference, to regulate health and residential care facility design and construction. FGI invests revenue derived from sales of the *Guidelines* to fund research and the activities of the next revision cycle. The *Guidelines* documents are protected by copyright and available exclusively at <https://shop.fgiguideines.org>.