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90 STANDARD COMPONENTS

COMPONENTS OF THE UNIT

Planning

500051 90.1.00 This section describes a range of standard rooms that fulfil the same or similar purpose across many Health Planning Units. Key planning considerations only are addressed for each.

For more detail in regard to finishes, recommended dimensions, equipment and building service requirements including data, power and lighting refer to the Room Data Sheets (RDS), Room Layout Sheets (RLS) for each room, Part E of these Guidelines and to TS11 Engineering Services and Sustainable Development Guideline.

Floor areas given are recommended spatial allocations, and increases or decreases must be justified.

It is the responsibility of the designer to work with the recommended spatial allocations in planning the Facility.

Where recommended dimensions of rooms are considered essential, they have been included and shown on RLS.

Rooms List

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ROOM NAME	Area M2	Room Data Sheet Code	Room Layout Sheet Dwg
1 BED ROOM (INBOARD ENSUITE)	15	1BR-ST	1BR-ST-A
1 BED ROOM - INBOARD ENSUITE (ALT OPTION)	15	1BR-ST	1BR-ST-A2
1 BED ROOM - INBOARD ENSUITE (ALT OPTION)	15	1BR-ST	1BR-ST-A3
1 BED ROOM (OUTBOARD ENSUITE)	15	1BR-ST	1BR-ST-B
1 BED ROOM (SHARED ENSUITE)	15	1BR-ST	1BR-ST-A
1 BED ROOM - ISOLATION (NEGATIVE PRESSURE)	15	1BR-IS-N	1BR-IS-N
1 BED ROOM - ISOLATION (POSITIVE PRESSURE)	15	1BR-IS-P	1BR-IS-P
1 BED ROOM - ISOLATION (STANDARD)	15	1BRI-S	1BRI-S
1 BED ROOM - MENTAL HEALTH (INBOARD)	15	1BR-MH	1BR-MH-A
1 BED ROOM - MENTAL HEALTH (SHARED)	15	1BR-MH	1BR-MH-B
1 BED ROOM - MENTAL HEALTH (BACK TO BACK)	15	1BR-MH	1BR-MH-C
1 BED ROOM - SPECIAL	18	1BR-SP-A	1BR-SP-A
1 BED ROOM - SPECIAL CCU	20	1 BR-SP-B	1 BR-SP-B
2 BED ROOM (INBOARD ENSUITE)	25	2BR-ST	2BR-ST-A
2 BED ROOM (OUTBOARD ENSUITE)	25	2BR-ST	2BR-ST-B
2 BED ROOM (SHARED ENSUITE)	25	2BR-ST	2BR-ST-C
2 BED ROOM - MENTAL HEALTH (INBOARD)	28	2BR-MH	2BR-MH-A
2 BED ROOM - MENTAL HEALTH (SHARED)	28	2BR-MH	2BR-MH-B

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2 BED ROOM - MENTAL HEALTH (BACK TO BACK)	28	2BR-MH	2BR-MH-D
4 BED ROOM (INBOARD ENSUITE)	42	4BR-ST	4BR-ST-A
4 BED ROOM (OUTBOARD ENSUITE)	42	4BR-ST	4BR-ST-B
ADL BATHROOM	12	ADLB	ADLB
ADL BEDROOM	15	ADLBR	ADLBR
ADL DINING	6	ADLD	ADLD
ADL KITCHEN - OPEN BAY,	12	ADLK-OP	ADLK-OP
ADL KITCHEN - ROOM, 12M2	12	ADLK-ENC	ADLK-ENC
ADL LAUNDRY	8	ADLL	ADLL
AFTER HOURS DRUG STORE	4	AHDR	AHDR
AFTER HOURS BLOOD FRIDGE	3	AHBBF	AHBBF
AIRLOCK - ENTRY, 6M2	6	AIRLE-6	AIRLE-6
AIRLOCK - ENTRY, 10M2	10	AIRLE-10	AIRLE-10
AMBULANCE TRIAGE	12	AMBRT	AMBRT
ANAESTHETIC INDUCTION ROOM	15	ANIN	ANIN
ANGIOGRAPHY CONTROL / REPORTING ROOM	14	ANCRT	ANCRT
ANGIOGRAPHY PROCEDURE ROOM	42	ANPR	ANPR
ANGIOGRAPHY STERILE STORE / SET-UP	10	ANSS	ANSS
ANTE - ROOM	8	ANRM	ANRM
ASSEMBLY / PREPARATION	20	ASPR-20	ASPR-20
ASSEMBLY / PREPARATION	30	ASPR-30	ASPR-30
AUDIOLOGY TESTING ROOM	10	AUDIO	AUDIO
BATHROOM	10, 12	BATH	BATH
BAY - BEVERAGE, ENCLOSED	5	BBEV-ENC	BBEV-ENC
BAY - BEVERAGE, OPEN	4	BBEV-OP	BBEV-OP
BAY - BLANKET / FLUID WARMER	1	BBW	BBW
BAY - FLOWERS, ENCLOSED	4	BFLW-ENC	BFLW-ENC
BAY - FLOWERS, OPEN	2	BFLW-OP	BFLW-OP
BAY - HANDWASHING, TYPE A	1	BHWS-A	BHWS-A
BAY - HANDWASHING, TYPE B	1	BHWS-B	BHWS-B
BAY - HANDWASHING, TYPE C	1	BHWS-C	BHWS-C
BAY - HANDWASHING- PPE	1.5	BHWS-PPE	BHWS-PPE
BAY - LINEN	2	BLIN	BLIN
BAY - MEAL TROLLEY	4	BMT - 4	BMT - 4
BAY - MOBILE EQUIPMENT, 4M2	4	BMEQ-4	BMEQ-4
BAY - MOBILE EQUIPMENT, 6M2	6	BMEQ-6	BMEQ-6

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BAY - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	1.5	BPPE	BPPE
BAY - PUBLIC TELEPHONE	2	BPH	BPH
BAY - RESUSCITATION TROLLEY	1.5	BRES	BRES
BAY - STORAGE, 1M2	1	BS-1	BS-1
BAY - STORAGE, 2M2	2	BS-2	BS-2
BAY - STORAGE, 3M2	3	BS-3	BS-3
BAY - STORAGE, 4M2	4	BS-4	BS-4
BAY - STORAGE (ENCLOSED), 1M2	1	BSE	BSE
BAY - UTILITY, 1M2	1	BUT-1	BUT-1
BAY - UTILITY, 1.5M2	1.5	BUT-1.5	BUT-1.5
BAY - UTILITY, 2M2	2	BUT-2	BUT-2
BAY - VENDING MACHINES, 3M2	3	BVM-3	BVM-3
BAY - WHEELCHAIR PARK	4	BWC	BWC
BIRTHING ROOM - LDR	28	BIRM	BIRM
BLOOD STORE	2	BLST	BLST
CATHETER LABORATORY - PROCEDURE	42	CLAB	CLAB
CATHETER LABORATORY - CONTROL	14	CLCRT	CLCRT
CHANGE - STAFF (MALE / FEMALE)	10	CHST-10	CHST-10
CHANGE STAFF (MALE / FEMALE), 35M2	35	CHST-35	CHST-35
CHANGE CUBICLE - PATIENT	2	CHPT	CHPT
CHANGE CUBICLE - ACCESSIBLE	4	CHPT-D	CHPT-D
CLEAN UTILITY - SUB, 8M2	8	CLUR-8	CLUR-8
CLEAN UTILITY, 12M2	12	CLUR - 12	CLUR - 12
CLEAN UTILITY, 14M2	14	CLUR-14	CLUR-14
COMMUNICATION ROOM	12	COMM	COMM
CLEANER'S ROOM	5	CLRM-5	CLRM-5
CLEANER'S ROOM	10	CLRM -10	CLRM - 10
CLEAN-UP ROOM	7	CLUP-7	CLUP-7
CLEAN-UP ROOM - PATHOLOGY	12	CLUP -P	CLUP-P
CLEAN-UP ROOM - SHARED, 15M2	15	CLUP-15	CLUP-15
CONSULT ROOM	12	CONS	CONS
CONSULT ROOM - ENT / OPHTHALMOLOGY	12	CONS-ENT	CONS-ENT
CT SCANNER - CONTROL ROOM	6	CTCR	CTCR
CT SCANNER - PROCEDURE ROOM	45	CTPR	CTPR
DARK ROOM	6	DARK	DARK
DAYLIGHT PROCESSING	16	DPRO	DPRO

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DENTAL SURGERY, 14M2	14	DENSR - 14	DENSR - 14
DENTAL SURGERY, 16M2	16	DENSR - 16	DENSR - 16
DENTAL WORKROOM	12	DENW	DENW
DINING ROOM / BEVERAGE BAY (MENTAL)	25	DINBEV-25	DINBEV-25
DIRTY UTILITY - SUB, 8M2	8	DTUR-S	DTUR-S
DIRTY UTILITY, 10M2	10	DTUR-10	DTUR-10
DIRTY UTILITY, 12M2	12	DTUR-12	DTUR-12
DIRTY UTILITY, 14M2	14	DTUR-14	DTUR-14
DISPOSAL ROOM, 8M2	8	DISP-8	DISP-8
DISPOSAL ROOM, 10M2	10	DISP-10	DISP-10
ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY- TRANS-OESOPHAGEAL	30	ECHO	ECHO
ENSUITE (INBOARD)	5	ENS-ST	ENS-ST-A
ENSUITE - INBOARD (ALT OPTION)	5	ENS-ST	ENS-ST-A2
ENSUITE (OUTBOARD)	5	ENS-ST	ENS-ST-B
ENSUITE - STANDARD - ADDITIONAL ACCESS	5	ENS-ST-C	ENS-ST-C
ENSUITE (SHARED)	6	ENS-SH	ENS-SH
ENSUITE (SPECIAL)	7	ENS-SP	ENS-SP-A
ENSUITE - BIRTHING ROOM	10	ENS-BR-A	ENS-BR-A
ENSUITE - BIRTHING ROOM (ALTERNATIVE)	5	ENS-BR-B	ENS-BR-B
ENSUITE - MENTAL HEALTH (INBOARD)	5	ENS-MH	ENS-MH-A
ENSUITE - MENTAL HEALTH (INBOARD -	5	ENS-MH	ENS-MH-B
EQUIPMENT CLEAN-UP, 8M2	8	ECL-8	ECL-8
EQUIPMENT CLEAN-UP, 10M2	10	ECL-10	ECL-10
EQUIPMENT CLEAN-UP, 12M2	12	ECL-12	ECL-12
EQUIPMENT CLEAN-UP, 14M2	14	ECL-14	ECL-14
FEEDING ROOM	7	FEED	FEED
FORMULA ROOM	7	FORM	FORM
FILM PROCESSING, VIEWING & REPORTING	16	FPVR	FPVR
GENERAL X-RAY	30	GENXR	GENXR
GOODS RECEIPT - PHARMACY	5	GRE	GRE
GYMNASIUM, 45M2	45	GYAH-45	GYAH-45
GYMNASIUM, 60M2	60	GYAH-60	GYAH-60
HYDROTHERAPY POOL	90	HYDP	HYDP
INTERVIEW ROOM - FAMILY / LARGE, 12M2	12	INTF	INTF
LAUNDRY - MENTAL HEALTH	6	LAUN-MH	LAUN-MH
LAUNDRY - PATIENT	6	LAUN-PT	LAUN-PT

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LOUNGE - PARENT	12	LNPA-12	LNPA-12
LOUNGE - PATIENT, 10M2	10	LNPT-10	LNPT-10
LOUNGE - PATIENT, 15M2	15	LNPT-15	LNPT-15
LOUNGE - PATIENT, 30M2	30	LNPT-30	LNPT-30
MAMMOGRAPHY	16	MAMMO	MAMMO
MEETING ROOM - SMALL, 9M2	9	MEET-9	MEET-9
MEETING ROOM - SMALL, 12M2	12	MEET-12	MEET-12
MEETING ROOM - MEDIUM / LARGE, 15M2	15	MEET-L-15	MEET-L-15
MEETING ROOM - MEDIUM / LARGE, 20M2	20	MEET-L-20	MEET-L-20
MEETING ROOM - MEDIUM / LARGE, 30M2	30	MEET-L-30	MEET-L-30
MORTUARY - AUTOPSY	30	MOR-AU	MOR-AU
MORTUARY - CLEAN-UP AREA	6	MOR-CU	MOR-CU
MORTUARY - CONCEPT PLAN	-	Not Required	MOR-PL
MORTUARY-COOL STORE	25	MOR-CS	MOR-CS
MORTUARY-EXIT	7	MOR-EX	MOR-EX
MORTUARY - VIEWING ROOM	8	MOR-VR	MOR-VR
MORTUARY - WAITING ROOM	9	MOR-W	MOR-W
NEONATAL BAY - GENERAL CARE	5	NBGC	NBGC
NEONATAL BAY - INTENSIVE CARE	12	NBICU	NBICU
NEONATAL BAY - SPECIAL CARE	10	NBSC	NBSC
OFFICE - 2 PERSON SHARED	12	OFF-2P	OFF-2P
OFFICE - 3 PERSON SHARED	15	OFF-3P	OFF-3P
OFFICE - 4 PERSON SHARED	20	OFF-4P	OFF-4P
OFFICE - CLINICAL / HANDOVER	15	OFF-CLN	OFF-CLN
OFFICE - SINGLE PERSON 9M2	9	OFF-S9	OFF-S9
OFFICE - SINGLE PERSON 12M2	12	OFF-S12	OFF-S12
OFFICE - WRITE-UP, 3M2	3	OFF-WI-3	OFF-WI-3
OPERATING ROOM - MINOR, 36M2	36	ORMS	ORMS
OPERATING ROOM - GENERAL, 42M2	42	ORGN	ORGN
OPERATING ROOM - LARGE, 52M2	52	ORLA	ORLA
OVERNIGHT STAY - BEDROOM	10	OVBR	OVBR
OVERNIGHT STAY - ENSUITE	4	OVES	OVES
PACS STORAGE & VIEWING	16	PACS	PACS
PANTRY	8	PTRY	PTRY
PARENTING ROOM	6	PAR	PAR
PATIENT BAY - ACUTE TREATMENT, 10M2	10	PBTR-A10	PBTR-A10

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PATIENT BAY - ACUTE TREATMENT, 12M2	12	PBTR-A12	PBTR-A12
PATIENT BAY - HOLDING, 6M2	6	PBTR-H-6	PBTR-H-6
PATIENT BAY - HOLDING, 9M2	9	PBTR-H-9	PBTR-H-9
PATIENT BAY - HOLDING 12M2, (ENCLOSED)	12	PBTR-H-E-12	PBTR-H-E-12
PATIENT BAY - RESUSCITATION	25	PBTR-R	PBTR-R
PATIENT BAY - CRITICAL, 20M2	20	PBC-20	PBC-20
PATIENT BAY CRITICAL, 24M2	24	PBC-24	PBC-24
PATIENT BAY - CRITICAL (ENCLOSED), 20M2	20	PBCE-20	PBCE-20
PATIENT BAY - CRITICAL (ENCLOSED), 25M2	25	PBCE-25	PBCE-25
PATIENT BAY - NON ACUTE TREATMENT, 10M2	10	PBTR-NA	PBTR-NA
PATIENT BAY - RECOVERY, STAGE 1	9	PBTR-RS1	PBTR-RS1
PHARMACY - COUNTER, 9M2	9	PHA-CO	PHA-CO
PLASTER ROOM	14	PLST	PLST
PLAY AREA - PAEDIATRIC, 10M2	10	PLAP-10	PLAP-10
PLAY AREA - PAEDIATRIC, 15M2	15	PLAP-15	PLAP-15
PLAY AREA - PAEDIATRIC, 20M2	20	PLAP-20	PLAP-20
PODIATRY TREATMENT, 12M2	12	PODTR-12	PODTR-12
PODIATRY TREATMENT, 14M2	14	PODTR-14	PODTR-14
PREPARATION ROOM - NON STERILE	12	PREP	PREP
PREPARATION/ SETUP ROOM (IMAGING)	9	PREP-S	PREP-S
PROCEDURE ROOM, 16M2	16	PROC-16	PROC-16
PROCEDURE ROOM, 20M2	20	PROC-20	PROC-20
PROPERTY BAY - STAFF, 2M2	2	PROP-2	PROP-2
RECEPTION / CLERICAL, 10M2	10	RECL-10	RECL-10
RECEPTION / CLERICAL, 12M2	12	RECL-12	RECL-12
RECEPTION / CLERICAL, 15M2	15	RECL-15	RECL-15
RECEPTION / EMERGENCY	20	REC-E	REC-E
SCREENING ROOM (FLUOROSCOPY)	36	SCRN	SCRN
SCRUB-UP/ GOWNING - SHARED	10	SCRBS	SCRBS
SCRUB UP / GOWNING, 6M2	6	SCRB-6	SCRB-6
SCRUB-UP / GOWNING, 8M2	8	SCRB-8	SCRB-8
SECURITY ROOM, 10M2	10	SECR-10	SECR-10
SECURITY ROOM, 14M2	14	SECR-14	SECR-14
SECLUSION ROOM	14	SECL	SECL
SET-UP ROOM	8	SETUP-8	SETUP-8
SHOWER - ACCESSIBLE	4	SHD	SHD

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SHOWER - DECONTAMINATION	8	SHDEC	SHDEC
SHOWER - PATIENT	4	SHDT	SHPT
SHOWER - STAFF	3	SHST	SHST
SPECIMEN COLLECTION BAY, 9M2	9	SPECC	SPECC
SPECIMEN RECEPTION / SORT / PREPARATION	20	SPREC	SPREC
STAFF ROOM, 15M2	15	SRM-15	SRM-15
STAFF ROOM, 18M2	18	SRM-18	SRM-18
STAFF ROOM, 25M2	25	SRM-25	SRM-25
STAFF ROOM, 30M2	30	SRM-30	SRM-30
STAFF ROOM, 35M2	35	SRM-35	SRM-35
STAFF STATION, 10M2	10	SSTN-10	SSTN-10
STAFF STATION, 12M2	12	SSTN-12	SSTN-12
STAFF STATION, 14M2	14	SSTN-14	SSTN-14
STAFF STATION, 20M2	20	SSTN-20	SSTN-20
STORE - ACCOUNTABLE DRUGS	5	STAD	STAD
STORE - BULK, 20M2	20	STBK-20	STBK-20
STORE - BULK, 40M2	40	STBK	STBK-40
STORE - CLEANER'S	12	STCL	STCL
STORE-DISASTER EQUIPMENT	8	STDE	STDE
STORE - DRUGS, 5M2	5	STDR-5	STDR-5
STORE - DRUGS, 10M2	10	STDR-10	STDR-10
STORE - EQUIPMENT, 14M2	14	STEQ-14	STEQ-14
STORE - EQUIPMENT, 20M2	20	STEQ-20	STEQ-20
STORE - FILES	8	STFS-8	STFS-8
STORE - FILES, 10M2	10	STFS-10	STFS-10
STORE - FILES COMPACTUS, 20M2	20	STFS-20	STFS-20
STORE - FILES, STATIC, 20M2	20	STFS-20	STFS-20
STORE - GENERAL, 8M2	8	STGN-8	STGN-8
STORE - GENERAL, 9M2	9	STGN-9	STGN-9
STORE - PATIENT PROPERTY	8	STPP	STPP
STORE - PHOTOCOPY / STATIONERY, 8M2	8	STPS-8	STPS-8
STORE - PHOTOCOPY / STATIONERY, 10M2	10	STPS-10	STPS-10
STORE - STERILE STOCK, 12M2	12	STSS-12	STSS-12
STORE - STERILE STOCK, 20M2 (CSSU)	20	STSS-20	STSS-20
STORE - STERILE STOCK, 24M2	24	STSS-24	STSS-24
STORE - STERILE STOCK, 44M2	44	STSS-44	STSS-44

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STRESS TESTING	12	STRT	STRT
TOILET - ACCESSIBLE	5	WCAS	WCAS
TOILET - PATIENT	4	WCPT	WCPT
TOILET - PUBLIC, 3M2	3	WCPU-3	WCPU-3
TOILET PUBLIC, 4M2	4	WCPU-4	WCPU-4
TOILET - STAFF	2	WCST	WCST
TREATMENT BAY - CHEMOTHERAPY	9	TRMT-CHE	TRMT-CHE
TREATMENT BAY - RENAL DIALYSIS	9	TRMT-RD	TRMT-RD
TREATMENT ROOM	14	TRMT	TRMT
ULTRASOUND ROOM	14	ULTR	ULTR
WAITING - SUB, 5M2	5	WAIT-SUB	WAIT-SUB
WAITING, 10M2	10	WAIT-10	WAIT-10
WAITING - PATIENT, 20M2	20	WAIT-20	WAIT-20
WAITING, 25M2	25	WAIT-25	WAIT-25
WAITING, 30M2	30	WAIT-30	WAIT-30
WAITING, 50M2	50	WAIT-50	WAIT-50
WAITING - SECURE, 6M2	6	WAIT-SEC	WAIT-SEC
WATER TREATMENT PLANT ROOM	-	WTPL	WTPL
X-RAY VIEWING AND REPORTING	12	XRRR	XRRR

1 Bed Room

600197 90.3.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A 1 Bed Room should accommodate one patient for the delivery of medical and nursing care and treatment and can be used for standard isolation without the need for positive or negative air-conditioning.

Dedicated en suites should be directly accessible from within the bedroom.

A staff handbasin should be provided in each bedroom.

External windows should be provided in accordance with the BCA.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A 1 Bed Room should be 15m². Where required for special care such as accommodation for bariatric patients, a 1 Bed Room should be 18m². (Refer Bedroom Special).

Patients to be accommodated may include:

- noisy or disturbed patients
- palliative care and rooming-in of relatives
- high dependency patients
- patients requiring privacy
- mothers and babies rooming in
- patients with a lowered resistance to disease or infection.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Where possible, single bedrooms should be located close to and observable from the Staff Station and with natural light and outlook.

Three options are available for the relationship between bedroom and en suite:

- Type 1 - 1 BR-ST-A Inboard
- Type 2 - 1 BR-ST-B Outboard
- Type 3 - 1 BR-ST-C Back-to-back.

These variations are shown in the RLS for this room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For staff handwashing facilities and PPE bays refer to Part D of these Guidelines.

For additional details, refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

1 Bed Room - Isolation

600283 90.3.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Isolation Rooms are used to isolate patients with known infectious conditions, or to protect patients from infection. They should have positive or negative pressure airconditioning.

Each Isolation Room should have a dedicated Ensuite.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Class N or P Isolation Rooms will generally only be provided in special Units and according to service demand. It is noted that all standard and special 1 Bed Rooms may function as Class S Isolation Rooms.

These are described in detail in Part D of these Guidelines.

CONSIDERATIONS

For Anterooms, staff handwashing facilities, PPE Bays and further information regarding Isolation Rooms refer to Part D of these Guidelines.

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

1 Bed Room - Special

600198 90.3.10 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A 1 Bed Room - Special should accommodate one patient for the delivery of nursing and medical care, and treatment.

It should be a larger bedroom to accommodate special needs patients such as bariatric and palliative care patients. The additional floor area allows for larger or additional furniture and equipment. It also permits overnight stay by carers.

A 1 Bed Room - Special may be used as a Class S Isolation Room without positive or negative air conditioning.

Each 1 Bed Room - Special should have a 'Super' Ensuite, which will facilitate the assistance of the patient by 2 carers.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A 1 Bed Room - Special should be 18m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The recommended provision of 1 Bed Rooms - Special is as follows:

- one per facility where that facility has fewer than 50 beds.
- one per 60 beds or one per two Inpatient Units in larger facilities, whichever is the lesser.

The number of rooms should be determined by considering factors such as type of services, proportion of dependent patients requiring rooming in, and proportion of bariatric patients.

CONSIDERATIONS

Doors from the Unit corridor to the room should allow for 1400 clear opening to allow passage of bariatric beds and other over-size equipment.

For staff handwashing facilities and PPE Bays refer to Part D of these Guidelines.

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

1 Bed Room - Special Coronary Care

600712 90.3.15

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

One Bed Room for accommodation of one patient requiring cardiac care and treatment.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The 1 Bed Room - Special, Coronary Care should be a minimum of 20m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Coronary Care Bed Rooms should be visible from a Staff Station.

Each Coronary Care Bed Room should have a dedicated En Suite directly accessible from within the bedroom.

CONSIDERATIONS

Each Bed Room - Special Coronary Care should include a clinical handwashing basin within the room.

Glazed doors and partition walls are recommended for patient visibility and privacy.

Provisions are required for patient monitoring which may be hard wired or telemetry.

Bedside monitoring equipment should be located to permit easy access and viewing and should not interfere with the visualisation of or access to the patient.

For additional considerations and details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

2 Bed Room

600199 90.4.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A 2 Bed Room should accommodate two patients with similar nursing needs for the delivery of nursing and medical care and treatments.

External windows should be provided, in accordance with BCA requirements.

Each 2 Bed Room should include a clinical handwashing basin within the room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

2 Bed Rooms are not recommended for general medical/surgical Inpatient Units. They are most often used in Maternity and Rehabilitation Inpatient Units. They are commonly provided in Maternity Units in lieu of 4 Bed Rooms to reduce disturbance caused by the rooming-in of babies.

A 2 Bed Room should be 25m² (not including an Ensuite).

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Bed Rooms should be located close to, and visible from, a Staff Station and with natural light and outlook. Ensuites should be directly accessible from the Bed Room, or from directly adjacent to the entry door.

Three options are available for the relationship between Bed Room and Ensuite:

- A Inboard Ensuite
- B Outboard Ensuite
- C Back-to-back Ensuite (as per DS26)

These variations are shown in the RLS for this room.

CONSIDERATIONS

Careful consideration should be given to their use in other types of Inpatient Units.

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

4 Bed Room

600284 90.4.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A 4 Bed Room should accommodate four patients with similar nursing needs for the delivery of nursing and medical care and treatment.

Visual privacy from casual observation by other patients and visitors should be provided for each patient. The design for privacy should not restrict patient access to the room entrance, the patient toilet or shower. This includes access via mobility equipment such as wheelchair, shower chair or hoist, and for resuscitation trolley.

The space within the privacy curtain should be sufficient to allow for use of equipment and to carry out medical procedures without entanglement in the curtain and encroachment on the space of other patient.

Ensuite shower and toilet should be directly accessible from the bedroom or from adjacent to the entry door.

External windows should be provided in accordance with BCA requirements.

Each 4 Bed Room should include a clinical handwashing basin within the

room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A 4 Bed Room should be 42m² (not including an ensuite). Provision of 42m² allows for flexibility of use, as well as space for extra equipment and reduction of clutter.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Bedrooms should be located close to, and visible from, a Staff Station and with natural light and outlook.

Two options are available for the relationship between Bed Room and Ensuite:

- A Inboard Ensuite Shower and Ensuite Toilet
- B Outboard Ensuite Shower and Ensuite Toilet.

These variations are shown in the RLS for this room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

ADL - Bathroom

600201 90.5.00

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Domestic style Bathroom for patient Activities of Daily Living assessment and training to assist patients to return to normal living. It provides for training to use a domestic bath, showering, dressing / undressing, grooming and toileting.

The shower should not have a raised hob or steps.

Patient / nurse and emergency call points are required.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Use of wheelchairs, lifting equipment and specially adapted equipment may be demonstrated in this space.

The ADL Bathroom should be a minimum of 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The ADL Bathroom should be located with other ADL facilities with ready access to waiting and amenities.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets.

ADL - Bedroom

600202 90.5.05

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The ADL Bedroom is a domestic style bedroom for patient assessment and training purposes, to assist patients to return to normal living.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The ADL Bedroom may require use of wheelchairs and lifting equipment

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and specially adapted equipment may also be demonstrated in this space.

The ADL Bedroom should be a minimum of 13m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The ADL Bedroom may be located with other ADL facilities, in the Allied Health / rehabilitation patient treatment zone, with ready access to waiting and amenities areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Furniture and fittings may include:

- domestic bed
- bedside table
- bedside chair
- a patient / nurse call and access to an emergency call point is required
- GPOs are required for bedside use
- fittings and finishes should be domestic in nature; the floor should be carpeted.

ADL - Dining

600203 90.5.10 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Domestic style dining area within a Transitional Living Unit to allow patients and their visitors to eat their meals away from the bedroom.

Wheelchair access required to the dining table.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Within the Transitional Living Unit adjacent to the Kitchen.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

ADL - Kitchen

600204 90.5.15 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Domestic style Kitchen for patient Activities of Daily Living assessment and training to assist patients to return to normal living. It provides for training to use a range of kitchen appliances.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Specially adapted equipment may be demonstrated in this space.

The Kitchen may be an enclosed room or open bay; in the latter instance direct access to the Dining Area will facilitate group training sessions.

The ADL Kitchen, whether open or enclosed, should be a minimum of 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The ADL Kitchen should have ready access to patient dining / lounge areas with direct access to the Unit corridor.

CONSIDERATIONS

Benches should be a mix of heights to suit a range of ambulatory and wheelchair patients.

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For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

ADL - Laundry

600205 90.5.20 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Domestic style Laundry for patient Activities of Daily Living assessment and training to assist patients to return to normal living. It provides for training to use a range of laundry appliances.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The ADL Laundry should be 8m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The ADL Laundry should have direct access to the Unit corridor with ready access to patient therapy and dining / lounge areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Benches and appliances must suit a range of ambulatory and wheelchair patients.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

After Hours Drug Store

600285 90.6.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Secure store for drugs required after hours when the Pharmacy is closed. Access is by authorised staff only.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

After Hours Drug Store should be minimum area 4m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

May be located at the perimeter of the Pharmacy with two-way access from Pharmacy and corridor. This arrangement facilitates checking and restocking by the Pharmacy staff.

If the location of the Pharmacy is remote, a secure location in a 24 hour zone should be selected - an inpatient unit or, frequently, the Emergency Unit.

CONSIDERATIONS

Bench, shelving, refrigerator, DD safe and possible computer for stock monitoring.

Temperature monitor and alarm to refrigerator and DD safe.

For additional details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

After Hours Blood Fridge

600714 90.7.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

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The After Hours Blood Fridge is a discreet area for refrigerated and freezer storage of blood and blood products for after hour's access by authorised personnel.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The After Hours Blood Fridge should be minimum area 3m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The After Hours Blood Fridge may be located in close proximity to a critical care area such as Operating Unit, ICU or Emergency.

CONSIDERATIONS

Equipment should be secured and equipped with temperature monitoring and alarms located to ensure easy staff control and will require emergency power supply.

Airlock - Entry

600743 90.7.05

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Airlock Entry provides the main access point to a Unit.

It will be used by a wide range of people including fully ambulant, persons using a wide range of walking aids, persons in wheelchairs or on trolleys and the general public.

An Airlock minimises the effect of unfavourable weather on the interior environment of the Unit, and can be of assistance in managing security.

The size of the airlock should allow for several people to enter the compartment before the second door opens. The Airlock size is relative to the level of service and throughput.

CONSIDERATIONS

Entry doors may be glazed and automatic.

Wall may also be glazed.

'After-hour' access may require intercom or special security provisions.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Angiography Control Room

600206 90.8.00

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The room provides for remote operation of angiography equipment, review of procedure images and for reporting function.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

If two angiography rooms are collocated, a single Control Room may service both rooms.

Single Room minimum area 14m². If shared between 2 rooms, minimum area 17m² depending on the configuration of the Procedure Rooms.

If the reporting function is not included, the single room may be reduced to 11m² and a shared room to 14m².

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LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Immediately outside and with direct access into the Angiography Procedure Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

Lead glass observation window to permit full view of the patient.

Provision for general anaesthesia.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Anaesthetic Induction

600207 90.9.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Anaesthetic Induction Room is for holding patients on mobile beds or trolleys prior to operative procedures at times when the Operating Room is not available. Local, regional or general anaesthesia should be administered in this area.

The area should accommodate the patient on a mobile trolley / bed plus 3 staff and equipment.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The size of an Anaesthetic Induction room should be 15 or 18m² as per Operating Unit Schedules of Accommodation.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Anaesthetic Induction Room should be located near the entrance of the Operating Suite, the Holding Bay and the Operating Rooms.

It should be enroute from the entrance of the Unit to the Operating Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Anteroom

600208 90.10.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Anterooms are required for staff and visitors to change and dispose of personal protective gear used on entering these rooms when caring for infectious patients.

The Anteroom should not be shared between rooms. The Anteroom should not need to function as an airlock for Class N rooms with the exception of ICU.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Anterooms increase the effectiveness of the Isolation Room by minimising the potential escape of airborne nuclei into the corridor when the door is opened.

An Ante-Room should be 6m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

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Staff must pass through the Anteroom to enter the Isolation Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional information refer to Part D - Infection Control.

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Angiography Procedure Room

600209 90.11.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Angiography Room provides an area and equipment for examination of the vascular system using contrast medium.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Angiography Room should be a minimum of 42m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Adjacent to the Control Room with ready access to Patient Holding / Recovery Areas and Staff Change Rooms.

May be one of a cluster of rooms forming an Interventional Imaging Suite.

Scrub facilities should be located at the staff entry to room.

CONSIDERATIONS

Immediate access to a resuscitation trolley.

Radiation shielding as assessed by a certified Radiation Consultant.

For additional details, refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Angiography Sterile Store / Setup

600210 90.11.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room for storage of sterile packs, consumables and drugs, preparation of radiological contrast media and parking and set-up of procedure trolleys.

A clinical scrub sink should be provided.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Used and soiled items and clinical waste will not be returned to this room.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access into the Angiography Procedure Room/s.

Direct access from corridor for delivery of supplies and removal of clean packaging waste.

CONSIDERATIONS

Space for assembling and setting up procedure trolleys.

Consider a mobile adjustable open shelving system, that has no rough or projecting edge that could damage sterile packaging.

For additional details, refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Assembly / Preparation (Pharmacy)

600211 90.12.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Assembly / Preparation Area is a work space within the Pharmacy containing work benches and drugs and containers storage from the pharmacists assemble and label drug orders for delivery to the appropriate patient care areas or to the outpatient dispensing area.

Internal temperatures should not rise above 25°C.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Functions and Activities include:

- counting tablets and capsules from bulk containers into dispensing containers.
- selecting the required quantity of prepacked medications and placing them in the appropriate container.
- labelling the containers with the name of the medication, the patient's name and directions for use.
- selecting the required amount of lotions, antiseptics and other liquids to fulfil the order.
- counting and packaging ampoules of drugs for administration by injection.
- QA activities including computer data entry of all materials supplied.
- meeting legislative requirements for the control of drugs of addiction.
- storing completed ward orders in boxes/tubs to await delivery.
- transferring outpatient orders into the Outpatient Pharmacy Counter for pick-up.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The area should be adjacent to the Active Store and should have ready access to the Non-Sterile Preparation Area and to the hospital corridor system for ward deliveries.

CONSIDERATIONS

Task lighting will be required at each work station.

Refer to Part C of these Guidelines for further information on security.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Audiology Testing Room

600212 90.13.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Audiology Room is an acoustically isolated room containing an audiology soundproof booth and workstation area to undertake audiology testing and assessment.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Audiology Room should be located in a quiet zone within the Allied Health patient consult and treatment areas or near ENT Clinic. It should have ready access to waiting and amenities areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The following fittings and equipment will be required:

- soundproof booth
- desk and chairs
- microphone.

Bathroom

600213 90.14.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Bathroom is for patients to use for:

- washing, shaving, grooming, showering, toilet use either independently or with assistance
- assisted bathing of patients with disabilities
- bathing of patients for treatment purposes.

It should allow for independent accessibility for people with disabilities as well as the manoeuvring of a patient on a lifting device, wheelchair or assisted sani-chair access.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Water conservation should be considered in the selection of fittings and fixtures.

Space may be required to enable transfer of a patient to a bath from both sides. The placement of the toilet should also allow assistance from both sides.

The bath provided may be either fixed e.g. 'Arjo' type, or mobile (such as trolley bath). An accessible toilet for people with disabilities should be provided and room for a shower trolley where required.

The size of the room will be determined by the space required for fixed and mobile fittings and equipment, plus the free floor areas required to ensure adequate circulation space for semi- and non-ambulant patients. A bathroom should be 15m².

The layout of bathing facilities must not put adult carers at risk of injury from sustaining an awkward posture, extended reaching or manual handling.

The BCA requires a Bathroom to be provided in health facilities- minimum 1 per floor; although generally only specialist units such as Paediatrics would actually require provision of this facility.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Bathroom should be central to all bedroom areas, to reduce travel and manual handling from pushing wheelchairs, shower chairs and hoists.

It should be placed in a low traffic area.

CONSIDERATIONS

Finishes: Floors are to be slip resistant and impervious to water; walls to wet areas are to have water resistant finish with no gaps and the ceiling is to be water resistant.

If a paediatric bathroom is provided, the height, scale and type of fittings and fixtures should be suitable for use by children.

For additional room considerations refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Beverage

600220 90.15.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Beverage Bay is for preparing and/or heating refreshments, snacks and some meals, washing some utensils, storing food and drink and disposing

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of food waste. It should also provide space for a meal tray collection trolley. If an instantaneous boiling water unit is provided, it should be hardwired and access restricted as required.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Beverage Bay should be 4m². A Beverage Room may also function as a small kitchenette for preparation of meals and snacks and may be larger in accordance with the project brief.

If an enclosed room is provided the floor area may be increased to 5m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Beverage Bay may be located with ready access to patient areas, staff rooms, meeting rooms and overnight stay room. If located in an Inpatient Unit, it may need to be observable from the Staff Station depending on the type of patients within the Unit. Trolleys should be located in a staff zone so that trolleys are not accessed by members of the public.

CONSIDERATIONS

Access may need to be restricted in some clinical situations

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay-Blanket / Fluid Warmer

600221 90.15.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS/ DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Bay to accommodate a blanket or combined blanket / fluid warmer.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Centrally within the Unit accessible from Patient Care Areas and Operating Rooms. This bay may be collocated with Linen Trolley Bay.

CONSIDERATIONS

Blanket / Fluid Warmer may be mobile or fixed.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Flowers

600214 90.15.10 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A bay for staff, relatives or visitors to fill or empty vases, and to arrange and dispose of flowers.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Flower Bay should be 2m². It should include a deep sink and storage for vases and a waste bin for disposal of spent flowers. If an enclosed room is required increase space to 4m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Central to Patient Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets

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and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Handwashing

600215 90 . 15.15 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Handwashing Bays are provided for staff to cleanse their hands before and after every patient contact. These may be recessed in patient care areas so they do not impede corridor access.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Refer to Part D for further information regarding provision.

Handwashing Bays should be highly visible and conveniently located to encourage use by clinical staff.

CONSIDERATIONS

All 1 Bed Rooms should contain a clinical hand basin within the room. Provide additional handwashing bays throughout the Unit in accordance with the requirements of Part D. Generally staff should be no further than 10-12 metres from a handwashing basin at any time.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Linen

600216 90 . 15.20 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An alcove or bay to accommodate a linen supply or exchange trolley. This may be open or enclosed with double doors. If enclosed, the doors / frame should not impede trolley access.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Blankets and pillows may also be stored in this bay. A Linen Bay should be 2m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access to Patient Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Mobile Equipment

600217 90 . 15.25 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Mobile Equipment Bay is for the storage of wheelchairs, mobile scales, sanichairs, patient lifting devices and other equipment.

The bay should be deep enough to allow storage of equipment without projection into the corridor.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Electrical Equipment that requires recharging may be stored in this space during the recharging period therefore provision of appropriately located

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power outlets will be required.

A Mobile Equipment Bay should be 4m².

If mobile x-ray equipment is stored, the bay area should be increased by 2m². Floor area and depth of bay may vary to suit the types of equipment stored.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Mobile Equipment Bay should be located in a low traffic area, close to Patient Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Meal Trolley

600744 90.15.27 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An open storage bay for parking meal trolleys during delivery and collection times.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access to beverage bay and Unit entry.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Bay should be deep enough to ensure trolleys do not impede corridor circulation; minimum depth 1200mm.

Meal trolleys should be lockable if located in an open-meal trolley bay. For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Personal Protective Equipment

600218 90.15.30 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS/ DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A bay for the storage of personal protective equipment such as gloves, gowns, overshoes and masks for infection control purposes.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

May be located with the Handwash Bay or immediately outside Isolation Rooms of all types (unless an Anteroom is provided) and outside all patient bed rooms. For 1 Bed Rooms, one PPE Bay may be shared by two rooms.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Bays may also be required in Operating Suites, Cardiac Catheter Labs, Endoscopy Units / Endoscope processing rooms and maintenance workshops for storage of protective equipment required by OHS legislative requirements.

CONSIDERATIONS

Refer Part D for further information.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

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Bay - Public Telephone

600715 90 .15.35 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS/ DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Bay for public telephones. The quantity required will depend on service demand.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Public Telephone Bay should be located with ready access to waiting areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Access should be provided for persons with disabilities to a minimum of one telephone bay in accordance with AS. 1428.2.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Resuscitation Trolley

600219 90 .15.40 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Resuscitation Trolley Bay is for the supervised holding of the resuscitation trolley and equipment.

Direct access to the trolley and from this area to Patient Areas is essential.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Resuscitation Trolley Bay should be 1.5m2.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

It should be adjacent to a Ward Staff Station and elsewhere as required.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Storage, 1m2, 2m2, 3m2 & 4m2

600704 90 .15.45 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An open storage bay for holding of supplies in frequent use. Stock will be stored in open, heavy duty, adjustable shelving units.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile and the use / provision of bays for holding of supplies.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

An open storage bay located adjacent to patient treatment areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Bay should not impede corridor circulation.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Storage (Enclosed), 1m2

600707 90.15.50 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A secure enclosed bay for storage of supplies. The storage bay will include adjustable heavy duty shelving.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile and the use/provision of cupboards for holding of supplies.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Located in a recess off a corridor.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Utility, 1m2, 1.5m2 & 2m2

600708 90.15.55 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Utility Bay provides an area with a bench and sink for use as a preparation area.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The bay may be located adjacent to patient treatment areas.

The bay should be located in close proximity to a staff handwashing basin.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Bay - Vending Machines, 3m2

600717 90.15.60 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Recessed bay off a corridor or a public waiting area for vending machines.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Vending Machines Bay should be located with ready access to waiting areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Vending Machines Bay should be accessible 24 hours / day.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

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Bay - Wheelchair Park

600222 90.15.65 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An open storage bay for parking wheelchairs ready for use.

The bay should be deep enough to ensure that the wheelchairs do not intrude onto corridor and circulation space. Size of bay - wheelchair park is relative to the level of services and throughput.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate near Waiting Areas and Unit entries where they can be observed from staff station or reception counter.

CONSIDERATIONS

Wall protection.

Power points for recharge may need to be considered.

Birthing Room - LDR

600223 90.16.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

These rooms provide facilities for the entire birthing process including:

- patient assessment and preparation
- management of labour
- delivery
- infant clean-up / bathing - and resuscitation if necessary
- post-natal recovery and observation
- record keeping.

Each Birthing Room should have a dedicated en suite shower / toilet with or without bath, a scrub basin and access to a discrete storage area for mobile equipment.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Birthing Room (LDR) should be a minimum of 28m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Birthing Rooms should be located with ready access from the Unit entry and Staff Station.

CONSIDERATIONS

The décor and finishes for a Birthing Room should be in a domestic style.

Clinical items such as medical gases and equipment should be concealed but within easy reach.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Change Cubicle - Patient

600224 90.17.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Patient Change Cubicle is provided for an ambulant or a disabled patient to undress from street clothes into a hospital gown, as appropriate prior to examination or treatment. Following the examination or treatment, the patient will re-dress in street clothes.

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PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Change Cubicle should provide hanging facilities for clothes, and a bench for the patient to sit on whilst dressing or undressing.

A Change Cubicle for general use should be 2m². If two door access is required add 1m².

A Change Cubicle for persons with disabilities should be 4m². This cubicle may also be used by bariatric patients, pregnant patients or accompanied patients.

Change cubicles for persons with disabilities should be provided at the following minimum rate - one cubicle or 30% of all cubicles, whichever is the greater figure.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Change Cubicle should be located near or directly adjacent to Treatment areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Security of patient belongings should be ensured. Privacy and accessibility from waiting areas should be considered.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Change - Staff

600225 90.17.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Staff Change Areas are provided for staff to change into appropriate work clothing or gowns, to store their street clothes and to perform personal ablutions. Secure storage for personnel property should be provided.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Provision should generally be made for two Staff Change Areas, one for male and one for female staff.

If staff numbers are small and predominantly of one sex, unisex facilities may be considered.

The total area for Staff Change will depend on the size of the Unit but should be divided into male and female areas on a proportional basis to meet the specific requirements of the project brief.

Showers, toilets and decontamination facilities will be included within or adjacent to Staff Change areas depending on the nature of the Unit.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

In Operating Units, for security and control purposes it is desirable that the traffic patterns to and from the Staff Change can be observed from the Reception / Entry Area.

In other Units, the Change Areas should be located in a convenient position, generally near the entry point to the Unit, but separate from Patient Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Provision should generally be made for two Staff Change Areas, one for male and one for female staff.

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If staff numbers are small and predominantly of one sex, unisex facilities may be considered.

In units such as the Operating Suite where staff do full clothing change - full height lockers will be required.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Cleaner's Room

600226 90.18.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTIONS

A secure room for the storage and decanting of cleaning materials and agents, storage of cleaning equipment and trolley, washing and storage of mops, buckets, brooms, etc and for waste disposal.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

An externally accessed cupboard should be provided for dry goods such as toilet paper and paper hand towels (refer to Bay-Storage Enclosed, 1m2).

The Cleaner's Room should be 5m2 and lockable.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Anywhere convenient in the Unit, preferably in a low traffic area near the periphery of the Unit.

CONSIDERATIONS

Where storage and handling of hazardous substances occurs, access to appropriate material Safety Datasheets is required. Storage of hazardous substances should meet relevant legislative and organisational requirements.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets.

Clean-Up Room

600227 90.19.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS/ DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Clean Up Room is a dispersal area where used trolleys and articles should be held temporarily. These items may be rinsed, sorted or disposed of in accordance with the Facility Operational Policies.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

One Clean Up Room may be shared between two Operating Rooms.

A Clean Up area should be 15m2 where its use is shared by more than one Operating / Procedures Room.

A Clean-Up Room should be 7m2, where used by one Operating / Procedure Room only.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Clean Up Room should be located adjacent to its associated Operating or Procedure Room(s) and may be off the appropriate Exit Area(s).

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Clean-Up - Scopes

600228 90.19.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Clean-Up - Scopes room is used for rinsing and cleaning of medical equipment, instruments or endoscopes used in procedures, prior to a sterilisation procedure.

N.B. Room Layout similar to Clean-Up - Shared, 15m² (CLUP-15).

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access to treatment or procedure room(s).

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Clean Utility

600229 90.20.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Clean Utility Room is for the storage and preparation of clean and sterile stock, patient care items, drugs and intravenous fluids.

The room should provide storage for dangerous drugs in accordance with relevant legislation.

Doors to the Clean Utility should be lockable.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Clean Utility should be located adjacent to the Staff Station and be readily accessible from Inpatient Accommodation.

Depending on the configuration of the Unit, access may be from two sides.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Pharmacy policy at each facility will determine storage and handling requirements for general drugs and medications. A Sub Clean Utility room of 8m² may be provided for small units and day stay units.

Vary dimension of medical trolley on project specific bases. Modify door size to allow trolley access.

The Clean Utility Room should be 12m², unless accessed from both sides in which case it may be increased to 14m².

Communications Room

600745 90.20.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A secure room with restricted access to house communications racks, interface control panels for communication systems which may include MATV, Nurse Call and Fire/EWIS system and voice/ data backbone cabling, CCTV Digital Video Recording Systems and associated hardware.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

This room shall be located at perimeter of a unit, to provide easy access for services and maintenance staff.

CONSIDERATIONS

This is an Engineering space and the area should not be counted in the HPUs. Equipment located in this room may require uninterruptible power supply and other room design requirements subject to services consultants' advice.

For additional details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Consult Room

600230 90 .21.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Consult Room will provide for private consultation and examination of patients with or without support persons present. This room should also be used for the examination of patients who are behaviourally disturbed, in which case emergency egress should be provided. A second egress door may be required for staff safety and security. The two doors should not be on the same wall.

Acoustic and visual privacy should be provided.

Consult rooms may be provided for a variety of purposes including:

- assessing gynaecological / obstetrics patients and sexual assault victims
- ENT/Ophthalmology
- dental
- paediatric use
- general or multifunctional purposes.

Equipment for each of these functions may differ. For each function provide appropriate furniture and equipment, and toys for paediatric use. Medical gases may be included if required by service level and operational policy.

A Consult Room should be 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

To be grouped with other Consult Rooms, where possible, and easily accessible from Entry, Waiting and Staff Areas. Close to Clean and Dirty Utility Rooms.

Two doors and duress alarms may be required for security reasons - refer Part C of these Guidelines for further information.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Consult Room - ENT / Ophthalmology

600719 90 .21.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Consult Room ENT / Ophthalmology Room will provide for private consultation and examination of patients for eye and ear, nose and throat examinations using specialised equipment. The room may also be used for general consultations.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

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The Consult Room ENT / Ophthalmology Room should be a minimum of 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

To be grouped with other Consult Rooms where possible, and easily accessible from Entry and Waiting Areas and close to Clean and Dirty Utility Rooms.

CONSIDERATIONS

Acoustics: Sound attenuation level - high; Acoustic privacy essential.

Distance between eye chart light box and mirror for reflected viewing must be 3m.

Body protected electrical area.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets. Medical gases may be included if required by service level and operational policy.

CT Scanner - Control Room

600231 90.22.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The room provides for remote operation of CT equipment, observation of the patient and review of images.

A viewing window should be provided to permit full view of the patient and the angle of the CT Unit should permit the control operator to see the patient's head.

The Control Room should be located directly outside the CT Scanning Room.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access to film processing areas (laser printer).

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room details and requirements refer to Room Description and Room Layout Sheets.

CT Scanner - Procedure Room

600232 90.22.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Computerised Tomography (CT) Room provides an area and equipment for CT examinations.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The rooms should be sized to accommodate the equipment selected but the minimum area required will be 42m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The CT Scanning Room should be located adjacent to the Control Room and Equipment Room if separate.

A bed / trolley bay adjacent to each room in order for staff to observe patients whilst carrying out other duties and ready access to preparation area and patient toilet, change and recovery areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Clinical scrub facilities immediately adjacent to the room.

May need to be serviced for general anaesthesia.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheet and Room Layout Sheet.

Darkroom

600233 90.23.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room for processing light-sensitive radiographic film under light-controlled conditions.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

In Medical Imaging Units that have converted to a Computed Radiology (CR) or Digital Radiology (DR) system, the Dark Room will/may only be required as a back-up in the event of those systems' failure.

The processor may be either floor or bench-mounted.

Functions and activities include:

- receipt of exposed film
- loading / unloading cassettes
- film identification
- feeding film into processor in darkened conditions
- film copying
- film examination
- maintenance and quality control activities e.g. cleaning of equipment and fittings, temperature control of solutions, appropriate change / replenishment of solutions, processing of film strips.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Dark Room should be easily accessible from the General Imaging Room work areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The following will be required:

- safe light
- light-proof door seals
- exhaust system to deal with pungent chemical odours
- warning light outside room indicating processing active.

Means of silver recovery and chemical disposal will need to be established.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets

Dining Room / Beverage Bay (Mental Health)

600746 90.23.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Dining Room/ Beverage Bay is an area provided for patients within the Mental Health Unit to eat their meals, away from the bedroom environment.

The Dining Room may be used for other patient activities when not in use for meals. Access and dining space should be provided for patients with disabilities.

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Natural light and an external outlook are highly desirable.

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The room should be clearly observable from the Staff Stations and have access to internal or external courtyards or terraces.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Beverage Bay will include a servery counter and will require restricted access. Finishes, fittings & fixtures and furniture should be suitable for mental health patients.

All glazing (including external windows) is to comply with Mental Health Facility Planning Guideline.

Acoustics: Sound attenuation medium; acoustic privacy required.

Body Protected electrical area.

For additional room details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Dirty Utility

600234 90 .24.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Dirty Utility Room should be provided in clinical areas for the functions as described below.

A hand basin should be provided.

Door opening mechanisms from the corridor should be hands-free.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Dirty Utility Room provides for the following functions:

- disposal of clinical and other waste
- holding of in-use linen skips
- measuring, testing and disposal of patient specimens
- decontamination and storage of utensils such as bed pans, urinals and wash bowls
- cleaning and holding of used equipment and instruments for sterilisation elsewhere
- hand hygiene.

The Dirty Utility Room should be a minimum of 10m² or 12m² when access is required from 2 sides of the room.

Dirty Utility - Sub

600235 90 .24.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Sub - Dirty Utility provides the same functions as the main Dirty Utility Room with the possible exception of equipment for decontaminating washbowls etc.

May act as a secondary support for the main Dirty Utility in large wards and departments or may be all that is required in units such as Medical Imaging.

The Dirty Utility - Sub should not be provided in Inpatient Units used for overnight accommodation; in these units a full sized Dirty Utility is required.

The Dirty Utility - Sub should be a minimum of 8m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Dirty Utility - Sub should have ready access to patient areas and Unit corridor.

CONSIDERATIONS

Door opening mechanism must be hands-free.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layouts.

Disposal Room

600236 90 .25.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Disposal Room provides holding space for waste and soiled linen awaiting transfer to the Waste Handling Unit or Linen Handling Unit.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Mobile containers of clinical and general waste and bagged soiled linen are to be accommodated.

Space is also required for separate containers for sharps, glass, paper and plastics (if recycling is practised).

The Disposal Room should be 8/10m² and lockable. Provide one Disposal Room for every 30 beds.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The room should be centrally located near main transport routes for collection, within easy access of clinical unit.

CONSIDERATIONS

In some Units, space will be required for cytotoxic waste bins.

The disposal room may contain waste or harmful items. Restricted access is required and the room must be lockable. Storage and disposal of harmful waste must be appropriate.

Refer to Operational Policies for the Unit Waste Management Policies.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Ensuite

600238 90 .26.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

An Ensuite is for a patient to wash, shave, groom themselves, shower, use the toilet, either independently or with assistance.

The area and layout should accommodate an assisting nurse, patient lifter and wheelchair access.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Water conservation should be considered in the selection of fittings and fixtures.

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There are three main configurations for Ensuite Bathrooms:

- A - Inboard - placed on the corridor wall side of the room
- B - Outboard - placed on the external wall of the room
- C - Super - a larger ensuite to suit the needs of particular types of patients; see note below.

There are two standard sizes for Ensuites - Standard at 5m² and 'Super' at 6m².

A 5m² Standard Ensuite will allow one carer or nurse to assist the patient i.e. 'partial' assistance.

A 6m² Ensuite will allow two nurses to assist the patient i.e. 'full' assistance.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Each 1 Bed Room will have a dedicated Ensuite. These will generally be Standard i.e. 5m². The 1 Bed Room - Special will have a 'Super' 6m² Ensuite.

The Ensuite must be adjacent to the entry door or directly accessible from each Bed Room.

Individual shower and toilet compartments may be used for patients in shared bedrooms. See Shower - Patient and Toilet - Patient.

Doors must open out and be fitted with emergency release function.

CONSIDERATIONS

Doors must open out and be fitted with emergency release function.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Ensuite - Birthing Room

600239 90.26.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room for the patient in the Birthing Room to use the toilet and to shower or bath as required for hygiene and pain relief purposes, either independently or with assistance. Delivery may occur in this room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

- There are two types and sizes of room:
- ensuite with shower and toilet only 7m²
 - ensuite with shower, toilet and peninsula bath 10m².

The bath will include steps and a seating platform at the bath edge.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Direct access from the Birthing Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

Two showerheads in the shower located to allow the labouring woman, when seated, to direct water onto both her front and back for pain relief.

No hobs to the shower recess.

Refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets for further details.

Equipment Clean-Up, 8m2, 10m2, 12m2 & 14m2

600702 90.27.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Equipment Clean-Up Room is used for cleaning and maintaining equipment used in the Unit. Storage may be required for holding cleaned equipment and spares. Equipment may also be recharged in this room.

Room Data and Room Layout Sheets show rooms - 8m2, 10m2, 12m2, 14m2. Size will depend on service profile.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access to treatment or procedure room(s).

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Feeding Room

600240 90.28.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Feeding Room provides an area for mothers to feed their babies and express milk in privacy with or without nursing assistance. The room should be used by the lactation consultant for education purposes. A clinical handbasin should be provided and storage for breast pumps needs to be considered unless stored in the Formula Room.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate adjacent to the Nursery with ready access to the Formula Room. In small units, the Feeding and Formula Rooms may be combined.

CONSIDERATIONS

Ability to screen a small area for breast milk expression.

For additional details, refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Formula Room

600241 90.29.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Room for the preparation, storage and distribution of baby feeds.

A clinical handwashing basin should be located within the room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The room will accommodate the following functions:

- preparation of formula
- refrigerated storage of baby feeds including expressed breast milk
- storage of dried goods
- washing, sterilisation and storage of baby bottles, teats and equipment.
- demonstration to mothers on formula preparation.

The Formula Room should be a minimum of 7m2 with additional space for processing of bottles and teats.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

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The Formula Room should be located with direct access to a circulation corridor with ready access to Nursery areas. It may have direct access into the Feeding Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout sheets.

Film Processing

600242 90.30.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room located within the Medical Imaging Unit to house the equipment and facilities necessary for traditional processing (daylight), viewing and reporting.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

In Units that utilise computed radiography (CR) and PACS, the equipment will be quite different, viewing will occur on PACS monitors and reporting stations will be in a separate area. Refer to the Medical Imaging Health Planning Unit for further information.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Direct access from the general imaging rooms.

CONSIDERATIONS

Refer to the Room Layout and Room Data Sheets for further details.

General X-Ray

600243 90.31.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room for undertaking general radiographic procedures that include:

- skull x-rays
- erect and supine abdominal examinations
- chest x-rays
- x-rays of the extremities and long bones e.g. hands, femur, etc.

The control unit zone should be effectively shielded by a lead-lined screen with leadlined (continuous) vision panels for good patient observation.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Where volumes are low, OPG, Mammography and Tomography may be added to the general room equipment. This will necessitate a slightly larger room.

Where the room is intended for mixed general or tomographic examination, additional tomographic attachments will be required but no re-arrangement of the space will be necessary.

Two similar rooms are recommended for a Level-4 service facility, one of which may service trauma cases transferred from the Emergency Unit.

Functions and activities include:

- preparation of room and equipment for procedure
- transfer of patient between trolley / bed and table, where required
- preparation, instruction and positioning of the patient

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- x-ray procedures
- cassette insertion and removal
- post x-ray instruction / assistance for patient.

Minimum area - 30m².

Add 5m² if Mammography included.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

May be located in the Medical Imaging Department or within a satellite unit.

If no satellite room in the Emergency Unit, locate to facilitate frequent access from the Emergency Unit and from Outpatient Units as well as being readily accessible from Inpatient Units.

Locate to provide ready access from the ambulant waiting area.

Direct access into the Processing Area (Computed Radiology assumed).

Direct Access is required to Change cubicles if adjoining the room or ready access from a central waiting area.

CONSIDERATIONS

Bed / trolley access to room and manoeuvrability within the room is essential.

Allow required space around equipment for movement and servicing according to manufacturer's recommendations. N.B. If equipment selection not finalised, take advice from Electro-medical Consultants based upon known information.

For additional details, refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Goods Receipt - Pharmacy

600244 90 .32.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Goods Receipt area provides an area for receiving deliveries of pharmaceuticals and other goods, unpacking and checking them for storage in the appropriate storage area.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Functions and Activities include:

- receiving deliveries
- unpacking items and checking them against the invoice
- preparing the received items for storage
- holding packing material and transport containers for disposal
- holding rejected deliveries for return
- holding order books, computer sheets, invoices, packing slips, etc.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

This area should be located close to the delivery entrance into the Unit adjacent to the Active Store and/or to the Bulk Store.

CONSIDERATIONS

Intercom to alert staff of a delivery.

Internal temperatures should not rise above 25°C.

Refer to Part C of these Guidelines for further information on security.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Gymnasium

600245 90.33.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room for patient evaluation, rehabilitation exercise activities, ambulation training and group exercises and classes.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A room for patient evaluation, rehabilitation exercise activities, ambulation training and group exercises and classes.

Natural light and an external outlook are highly desirable.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Gymnasium should be located close to other patient therapy areas with an accessible toilet for people with disabilities, cold water dispenser, the circulation corridor, Unit entry and waiting areas. And to Rehabilitation Ward where provided.

CONSIDERATIONS

Body protected electrical area.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Hydrotherapy Pool

600721 90.34.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Hydrotherapy Pool for patient rehabilitation and exercise under supervision.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Hydrotherapy Pool for patient rehabilitation and exercise under supervision.

Pool size 90m² (15m x 6m) excluding pool surrounds designed for 12 users.

Pool and surrounds to comply with AS 3979 - Hydrotherapy Pools.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Easily accessible from Unit entry for possible use after hours.

CONSIDERATIONS

AS 3979-1993 (Under revision DR 05261) Hydrotherapy Pools sets out requirements and recommendations for the design, construction and operation of pools for use in the treatment of conditions requiring hydrotherapy. Does not apply to pools with a water capacity of 7500 L or less, nor to small tanks of the type which may incorporate fixed or rotating water jets.

Some specific requirements for patient and staff safety include:

- adequate change facilities for patients and staff including accessible showers and toilets for people with disabilities, and open shower on the pool concourse.
- adequate emergency call points including ceiling-suspended call points for

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therapists in the water.

- recovery area comprising resuscitation trolley and bed or plinth should a patient collapse in the pool.

Additional Design Considerations:

- depth 0.9 metres to 1.5 metres - gradual slope; Deep end may be reduced if paediatric use is likely to be frequent.

- wet deck - single channel

- temperature of water 30-36°C

- temperature of air to be no more than 10°C below water temperature.

- relative humidity in the pool area should be maintained as low as possible with the range 50% to 75%; preferred maximum 60%.

- water to be earthed

- pool surface - tiled, non-slip, ensure a high level of slip resistance to tiles on the ramp; vertical surfaces of tiling do not need to be slip resistant.

- glazing to pool walls recommended, obscure glazing may afford additional privacy as required.

- ramp access with handrail & stair access with handrails

- pool handrails required - not recessed type

- pool blanket may be required (insulation for energy conservation)

- disinfection system to be advised by Engineer

- pool hydraulic hoist

- underwater pressure jets for therapeutic purposes are optional.

For additional details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Laundry - Mental Health

600723 90.35.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A space to encourage activities of daily living by providing the facility for washing, drying and ironing of clothing by patients. The scale should be domestic with a laundry tub, washing machine and drier and lockable cupboard for iron and ironing board.

There should also be access to an external space with a collapsible and/or low hung clothesline.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Part of the General Mental Health Inpatient Zone.

CONSIDERATIONS

Equipment such as a washing machine and drier should be 'heavy duty' in view of the number of persons using this facility.

Adequate ventilation and extraction must be provided to cope with the constant generation of heat and moisture. Additional exhaust may be required if commercial equipment is selected.

Consider a recessed fold-down ironing board and iron unit to minimise loose equipment.

May require space for individual patient laundry baskets.

The door should be lockable to enable staff to control access.

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Laundry - Patient

600747 90.35.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A domestic style laundry providing facilities for washing, drying and ironing of clothing by patients, relatives, staff or volunteers. The room should contain a laundry tub, washing machine, clothes dryer, lockable cupboard for iron and ironing board.

Ideally, there should be access to an external drying area with a collapsible and/or low hung clothesline.

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Part of an Inpatient Unit.

CONSIDERATIONS

Equipment such as a washing machine and clothes dryer may need to be 'heavy duty' in view of the number of persons using this facility.

Adequate ventilation and extraction must be provided to cope with the constant generation of heat and moisture. Additional exhaust may be required if commercial equipment is selected.

Consider a recessed fold-down ironing board and iron unit to minimise loose equipment.

The door should be lockable to enable staff to control access.

For additional room details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Lounge - Parent

600748 90.35.10 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Parent Lounge provides a change of environment away from clinical areas for parents or visitors to patients in the Paediatric/ Adolescent Units.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ideally located on an external wall with outlook.

CONSIDERATIONS

Acoustics: Sound attenuation level - Medium; Acoustic privacy required.
Access for twin prams should be considered.
The area should be comfortable and non-clinical in appearance.

For additional room details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Lounge - Patient, 10m², 15m² & 30m²

600237 90.36.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

This room provides a change of environment, away from Clinical Areas for patients and visitors. It is an area where family groups can visit and patients can socialise.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The nominal floor area should be 10m², 15m² or 30m².

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An alternative method of determining the size of the Lounge for adult patients is by multiplying the number of beds by 0.8m². This takes into account that some adult patients:

- have shorter hospital stays
- are non-ambulant
- have a preference for privacy.

Adolescent and paediatric inpatients have specific requirements for a lounge i.e. play and schooling areas. If the Inpatient Unit caters for paediatric patients, the Lounge should contain games and activities suitable for children with storage space for play equipment.

In small hospitals, the Paediatric Lounge can be part of the Paediatric Patient Bedroom. Bedroom size may vary to accommodate additional function.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Patient Lounge should be on an external wall to take advantage of natural light and outlook. Low sill heights promote access to a view from a seated position.

It should be away from the bed areas but staff should be able to observe and monitor its use.

Direct access to an external space is also highly desirable. This ensures that patients' preferences for both indoor and outdoor activities are catered for.

Where possible, direct access to a secure landscaped area offering partial cover against sun, wind and rain should be provided.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Door width should allow for patient hoist and bed access in case of emergency.

Nurse call buttons prominently displayed on walls.

Power outlets and cord safety is an important consideration for electronic games, laptop use.

Body protected area.

Mammography

600246 90.37.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Mammography Room provides specialised equipment for radiographic examinations of the breast - upright and prone, and for biopsies under ultrasound control. A change cubicle may be contained within the room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Mammography Room should be a minimum of 16m² (unless used exclusively for breast screening of ambulatory patients in which case 9m² will be sufficient).

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Mammography Room will be usually be located in the Medical Imaging Unit but may occasionally be located in a dedicated Breast Unit.

Ready access to change cubicles if not located within the Mammography Room and to a discreet waiting area.

CONSIDERATIONS

Visual and acoustic privacy is required.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Meeting Room - 9m² or 12m²

600247 90 .38.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A multipurpose room for interviewing patients, consultation, grieving, small staff meetings and small scale teaching activities. It should provide accommodation for relatives.

All rooms should be multi-functional, well-lit and appropriately furnished.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

In the 12m² version, space for a bed may be required and doors sized accordingly. Acoustic and visual privacy are required.

Where used for Telehealth, specific requirements for security, equipment storage and interior design should be incorporated and a minimum 12m² will be required.

A Meeting Room should be 9m² or 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Near main Waiting Area with easy access to public amenities, Unit entry and away from Treatment Areas.

Where used for accommodation of distressed relatives, it should be located in a quiet low traffic area.

In Emergency, it should be located near the Resuscitation Area.

Where the room is used after hours, access to other parts of the facility should be restricted.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Meeting Room - Medium / Large, 15m², 20m² & 30m²

600248 90 .38.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Medium and Large Meeting Rooms will accommodate staff and other meetings such as those held with the visiting Magistrate in a Mental Health Unit. It may also be used for training or educational purposes.

All rooms should be multi functional, well lit and appropriately furnished.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Meeting Room for Seminar / Training purposes is used for the tutoring and supervision of students, of varying categories away from the bedside. It will also be used for teaching sessions involving patients and staff or

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patients and their relatives, group discussions and lectures. It may also be use for patient conferences, reporting, and consultations. It will be generally shared with other Units.

A Seminar / Training room should be 15m². It will accommodate 5-10 people.

A Medium Meeting Room should be 20m² and accommodate 12-15 people.

A Large Meeting Room should be 25-30m² and accommodate 15-25 people.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

A Seminar / Training Room may be located in a low traffic area on the periphery of Unit, or between a number of Inpatient Units.

A Meeting Room should be close to the entry point for a Unit to enable ready access for people from outside the Unit and also shared use by other Units.

Where meeting rooms are accessed after hours, access to other parts of the facility should be restricted, with the exception of access to beverage bay and toilets.

In a Mental Health Unit, a Magistrate's Room should be accessible from the Entry / Reception Areas as well as from Inpatient Areas. Discreet access from the Secure Unit should be provided for patients to attend magisterial sessions.

CONSIDERATIONS

Where used as a Magistrate's Room, two points of exit should be provided. Duress alarms will be required and more than one telephone outlet provided. Video, Telepsychiatry / Telemedicine and teleconferencing facilities may be required. If so, sufficient space should be provided for storage and securing of equipment. For further information refer to 'Memorandum of Understanding for the Conduct of Review Hearings under the Mental Health Act by Magistrates of the NSW Local Court, December 1999', and to Part C of these Guidelines.

Where used for Telehealth, specific requirements for security, equipment storage and interior design should be incorporated.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets.

Mortuary - Viewing Room

600727 90.39.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Viewing Room is provided for bodies to be viewed by relatives / friends. Bodies may be viewed through a window and optional access may be provided for relatives to directly view bodies.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Viewing Room should be 8m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Viewing Room will be located adjacent to the Mortuary Waiting Area.

CONSIDERATIONS

The room should contain a viewing window with privacy screening.

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For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets.

Mortuary - Waiting Room

600725 90.39.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Mortuary Waiting provides an area for relatives and other personnel to await the viewing of a body.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Mortuary Waiting should be 9m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Viewing Room will be located adjacent to the Mortuary Waiting Area.

CONSIDERATIONS

The area should be comfortable and non-clinical in appearance.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets.

Neonatal Bay - General Care

600249 90.40.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A single Bay for the care of well babies away from their mother's bed area which may include treatments such as phototherapy or in order to give a sick mother a period of respite.

A staff handwash basin (type A or B) should be provided for each four Neonatal Bays - General Care.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Neonatal Bay should be a minimum of 6m², which includes a circulation area of one metre between bays.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Neonatal Bay - General Care may be located either in the Neonatal Nursery or in the Postnatal Inpatient Unit observable for the Staff Station.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Neonatal Bay - Intensive Care

600250 90.40.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A single Bay or Room for Level 3 neonates requiring Intensive nursing and medical treatment.

The Bay (or room) will include provisions for charting, storage and a zone for parents.

In multi-bed rooms a minimum of 2.4 metres is required between infants' cots with an aisle of 1.2 metres between facing cots.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

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The Neonatal Bay / Room - ICU should be a minimum of 12m² for low level 3 cots and high level 2 cots and 14m² for high level 3 cots.

Provision of handbasins and additional storage is not included in the area for the cot.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Neonatal Bay - ICU will be located within the Level 3 or high Level 2 zone of the Neonatal Unit with ready access from the Birthing Unit, Operating Suite and the Postnatal Maternity Inpatient Unit .

There will need to be a clear and rapid means of access from the Emergency Unit and Helipad for retrieved babies.

CONSIDERATIONS

A staff clinical handwash basin (Type A) is required in close proximity to each Neonatal Bay - ICU.

Each Bay should be within six metres of a handwash basin. If a room is provided, the handbasin should be located within the room.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Neonatal Bay - Special Care

600251 90.40.10 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A single Bay for neonates requiring Special Care nursing and medical treatment.

The Bay will include provisions for charting and storage and facilities for parents.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Neonatal Bay / Room - ICU should be a minimum of 10m². In multi-bed Rooms, a minimum of 1.2 metres is required between infants' beds, with an aisle of 1.5 metres between facing cots.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Neonatal Bay - Special Care will be located within the Intensive Care Unit - Neonatal/ Special Care, which will have ready access to the Maternity Inpatient Unit, Birthing Unit and Operating Unit.

CONSIDERATIONS

A staff clinical handwash basin (type A) is required in close proximity to each Neonatal Bay - Special Care.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Office - 2 Person Shared

600252 90.41.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Office is where two staff can carry out administrative functions in a degree of privacy. This includes preparing rosters and reports.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

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The Office should be 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Away from clinical areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Office should be lockable.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Refer to jurisdiction specific office accommodation policy for specific requirements.

Office - 3 Person Shared

600253 90.41.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A 3 Person Shared Office is for three persons to carry out administrative functions in a degree of privacy. This includes preparing rosters and reports.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A 3 Person Shared Office should be 15m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Away from Clinical Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Office should be lockable.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Refer to jurisdiction specific office accommodation policy for specific requirements.

Office - 4 Person Shared

600354 90.41.10 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Office space to be shared by four persons for carrying out administrative functions in a degree of privacy. This includes preparing rosters and reports.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A 4 Person Shared Office should be 20m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Away from Clinical Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Office should be lockable.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Refer to jurisdiction specific office accommodation policy for specific

requirements.

Office - Clinical/Handover

600255 90.41.15 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An office for staff to write up notes, view digital imaging, hold confidential discussions and store records. It may also be used for handovers.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Floor area should be 12m²; although the actual size will be dictated by the number of staff using this space at any one time.

LOCATION AND FUNCTION

Adjacent to the Staff Station.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Office - Consult

600729 90.41.20 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A room where clinical consultation and administrative functions are combined. The room may be used by medical, nursing and allied health staff.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Office / Consult Room should be 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Office / Consult should be located near patient treatment areas with close access to patient waiting areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Depending on location, a second egress door may be required for staff safety in which case an additional 2m² should be added to the room size. Furniture should be arranged in a way that does not entrap staff i.e. patient does not sit between staff member and the door.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets.

Office - Single Person 9m²

600256 90.41.25 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Single Person Office where Unit Managers can carry out administrative functions in a degree of privacy. This includes preparing rosters, reports, counselling, interviewing staff and patients.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Single Person Office should be 9m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

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Close to the Staff Station in a quieter traffic area.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Office should be lockable.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Office - Single Person 12m2

600257 90.41.30 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Single Person 12m2 Office is where a Director or other senior manager can carry out administrative functions in a degree of privacy. This includes preparing reports, counselling, interviewing staff, patients and their families.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Away from Clinical Areas, preferably located with other Office Areas.

CONSIDERATION

The office should be lockable. For additional room consideration and details refer to Room Data Sheet and Room Layout Sheets.

Office - Write-up 3m2

600259 90.41.40 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

This bay provides an area for use by members of the patient care team to review and write-up patient records, enter patient data on computer and make telephone calls.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Write-up Area should be a minimum of 3m2.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Write-up Area should be located near patient care areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Write-up Area may be recessed sufficiently so that a seated staff member does not cause an obstacle to corridor traffic in patient care areas.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Operating Room - General

600260 90.42.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Operating Room provides an aseptic environment in which to carry out surgical procedures, under local, regional or general anaesthetic.

It is essential at least one wall not only be free from door openings, but also free from those services which require frequent attention. This provides an area for sterile equipment and scrubbed personnel, which is not compromised by traffic in and out of the Operating Room or to and from the serviced item. It is preferable for the adjacent wall to be free, or impinged upon only for exit from the Operating Room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A General Operating room should be 42m².

This theatre can be used for:

- ENT
- Urology
- Gynaecology
- Ophthalmology
- General
- Plastics
- any other procedures which do not require specialised bulky equipment.

Hours of operation: to suit Operational Policies - some may be available 24 hours per day.

The use of manual handling equipment may be required to move patients from/to the operating table. Sufficient space should be provided for use and storage of the equipment within the theatre complex.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Operating Room is the focal point of the Operating Suite. A direct relationship with the following support areas is required:

- Holding / Anaesthetic Bay
- Scrub Up Room
- Exit Area
- Instrument Trolley Cart Assembly / Holding Area
- Sterilising Bay
- Clean-Up Area.

Direct access is required to the:

- Associated Scrub Up Room
- Exit Area
- Instrument Trolley / Cart Assembly / Holding Area.

Ready access is required to:

- Sterilising Bay
- Holding Bay
- Anaesthetic Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Operating Room - Large

600261 90.42.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Operating Room provides an aseptic environment in which to carry out surgical procedures, under local, regional or general anaesthetic.

It is essential at least one wall not only be free from door openings, but also free from those services which require frequent attention. This provides an area for sterile equipment and scrubbed personnel, which is not compromised by traffic in and out of the Operating Room or to and from the serviced item. It is preferable for the adjacent wall to be free, or impinged upon only for exit from the Operating Room.

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DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Large Operating room should be 52m².

NOTE: Quantities and sizes of some spaces will need to be determined in response to the service needs of each unit on a case by case basis.

This Operating Room can be used for:

- Neurosurgery;
- Orthopaedics;
- Cardiac;
- Any other procedures which require specialised bulky equipment.

Hours of operation: to suit Operational Policies - some may be available 24 hours per day.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Operating Room is the focal point of the Operating Suite. A direct relationship with the following support areas is required:

- Holding / Anaesthetic Bay;
- Scrub Up Room;
- Exit Area;
- Instrument Trolley / Cart Assembly / Holding Area;
- Sterilising Bay;
- Clean-Up Area.

Direct access is required to the:

- Associated Scrub Up Room;
- Exit Area;
- Instrument Trolley / Cart Assembly / Holding Area.

Ready access is required to:

- Sterilising Bay;
- Holding Bay;
- Anaesthetic Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Operating Room - Minor Scopes

600263 90.42.10 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Operating Room provides an aseptic environment in which to carry out surgical procedures, under local, regional or general anaesthetic.

It is essential at least one wall not only be free from door openings, but also free from those services which require frequent attention. This provides an area for sterile equipment and scrubbed personnel, which is not compromised by traffic in and out of the Operating Room or to and from the serviced item. It is preferable for the adjacent wall to be free, or impinged upon only for exit from the Operating Room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Minor / Scopes Room should be between 30 and 36m² depending on need.

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This Operating Room can be used for:

- endoscopic procedures
- reduction of fractures and application of plasters
- bronchoscopy and sputum induction - in which case negative pressure HVAC will be required due to risk of TB infection.
- other minor procedures
- any other procedures which do not require specialised bulky equipment.

Where endoscopic procedures are performed, space for cleaning of scopes is required within or adjacent to the Operating Room.

Hours of operation: to suit Operational Policies - some may be available 24 hours per day.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Operating Room is the focal point of the Operating Suite. A direct relationship with the following support areas is required:

- Holding / Anaesthetic Bay
- Scrub Up Room
- Exit Area
- Instrument Trolley / Cart Assembly / Holding Area
- Sterilising Bay
- Clean-Up / Clean-Up - Scopes Areas.

Direct access is required to the:

- Associated Scrub Up Room
- Exit Area
- Instrument Trolley / Cart Assembly / Holding Area.

Ready access is required to:

- Sterilising Bay
- Holding Bay
- Anaesthetic Room.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Overnight Stay - Bedroom

600264 90.43.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Domestic-style single bedroom for clinical staff or family needing to remain on close call overnight.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

There may be an adjoining en suite or access to shared showers and toilets in close vicinity.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Overnight Stay Bedroom should be located in a discrete area with ready access to the critical care areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The room should be lockable and requires acoustic privacy.

Staff or parents using the Overnight Stay facilities need to be contactable

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using a telephone or paging system.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Overnight Stay - Ensuite

600265 90.43.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

En suite or shower / toilet compartment for use by staff or families occupying Overnight Bedrooms.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

If en suite, access will be from the Bedroom. If separate, access from a discrete corridor.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Parenting Room

600266 90.44.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Parenting Room is provided for parents to feed and change babies.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

A Parenting Room must be located with other child related facilities and have direct ready access to a Toilet and a Waiting Area.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Patient Bay - Holding, 6m2, 9m2

600267 90.45.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Patient Bay - Holding may be used for the treatment and observation of patients.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT

Patient Bays of the size described in the Room Data / Room Layout Sheets may be used for:

- Non Acute Treatment
- Holding and observation.

The size of the bay and requirements for services (gases, power etc.) will depend on its purpose.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Access to a handbasin.

Generally located with other Patient Treatment Areas and near the Staff Station.

CONSIDERATIONS

Body protected area.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Pharmacy - Counter, 9m²

600268 90.46.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Pharmacy Counter provides storage of prepared outpatient prescriptions awaiting collection and collection, receipt and secure storage of payments.

A hatch or hatches are required for across-counter delivery to patients that must be secured by a roller grille or shutter when not in use.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Patients requiring further instruction / counselling re use of medications will be directed to the adjoining Interview Room.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The area should be located at the front of the Unit and adjacent to the waiting area and the Patient Counselling area.

Direct access is required into the Interview Room and into the Assembly / Preparation Area. This latter must however be screened from public view.

CONSIDERATIONS

Security of staff and privacy, including acoustic privacy, for the patient is of paramount importance.

A duress alarm must be located in the area.

An attention-seeking call device may be required to summon the staff when the counter is unattended.

A public address / intercom may be installed to summon the patient by name.

Wall storage is required for drug administration pamphlets.

Refer to Part C of these Guidelines for further information on security.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Plaster Room

600269 90.47.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Plaster Room allows for the application of Plaster of Paris and for the closed reduction under sedative or regional anaesthesia, of displaced fractures or dislocations. General anaesthesia will not be administered in this room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Locate with ready access from both Waiting Area and Treatment Area.

A Plaster Room should be 14m².

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LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate with ready access from both Waiting Area and Treatment Area.

CONSIDERATIONS

A Splint and Crutch Store will be accessible to the Plaster Room.

Clear access to the plaster trap is required for maintenance purposes.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Play Area - 10m², 15m², 20m²

600270 90.48.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An area where children may play while parents wait or are attended to by staff.

Note that a Play Area in a Paediatric Unit will/may have specific requirements not shown on these Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Play Area should be designed to:

- enable children to be actively occupied
- keep children secure within the designated area
- minimise noise transfer
- be observable from the Waiting Area
- Be easily cleaned so as to maintain hygiene.

Natural lighting is desirable.

Size will vary depending on the services provided and operational policies.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Play Area should be located immediately adjacent to the Waiting Area. Access to an outdoor play area may also be provided.

Ready access to public toilets and baby change facilities.

The Play Area should relate to sub-waiting areas for paediatric services where appropriate. In paediatric Inpatient Unit, the play area may be located adjacent to parent facilities within the confines of the unit.

CONSIDERATIONS

Observation and security of children is a primary consideration. Also, safety of equipment provided in this area.

Unless otherwise specified in the Operational Policies, unit staff will not be responsible for supervision of the children.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheet and Room Layout Sheets.

Podiatry Treatment - 12m², 14m²

600731 90.49.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTIONS

The Podiatry Treatment Room provides for podiatry consultation, examination and treatment. The room may be used for measuring and fitting prosthetic appliances but not for fabrication.

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PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Size will depend on project throughput.
Natural daylight is desirable.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Podiatry Treatment room should have ready access to waiting area and the Unit corridor for simple gait assessment.

CONSIDERATIONS

- acoustics: sound attenuation level high; Acoustic privacy is required. Bench heights to be accessible by the podiatrist when seated.
- mobile or fixed electrical podiatry unit (Not shown on RDS/RLS).
- body protected electrical area.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Preparation Room - Non Sterile

600271 90.50.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Non-sterile Preparation area is a space where extemporaneous medications can be compounded.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Functions and Activities include:

- formulating / compounding lotions, mixture, ointments, creams, powders, suppositories and non-sterile drops
- making up mixtures for oral administration
- diluting antiseptic fluids.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Non Sterile Preparation Room should be located adjacent to the Assembly / Preparation area with ready access to the Active Store.

CONSIDERATIONS

This area is a wet area and attention should be paid to work benches and floor coverings to ensure safe and clean working conditions.

Task lighting will be required at each work station.

Internal temperatures should not rise above 25°C.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Preparation / Setup Room (Imaging)

600272 90.50.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Preparation / Set-Up Room of the Medical Imaging Unit is an area where radiological media, sterile supplies and consumables and some pharmaceuticals including dangerous drugs are stored and where procedure trays and trolleys are assembled and set-up. (Latter function may occur in the Procedure Rooms).

Staff scrub facilities will be required.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Size will be determined by the number of procedure rooms, the required stock levels of sterile supplies and consumables and more than one such room may be required in a large Medical Imaging Unit.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate adjacent to or between the related Procedure Rooms.

In an Interventional Suite, ready access from staff change areas.

Ready access to main corridor for delivery of supplies.

CONSIDERATIONS

No dirty articles should be returned to this room. No cleaning sink should be provided.

Controlled access for authorised staff only.

Consideration needs to be given to the shelving system - fixed, mobile or light-weight compactus. Whatever is selected it must have no projections or sharp edges that could damage goods.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Procedure Room - 16m2, 20m2

600273 90 .51.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Procedure Room may be provided for the performance of procedures that do not require the full facilities of the Operating Suite.

General anaesthesia will not be administered in this room.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT

Activities may include suturing of wounds, dressings, complex dressings, lumbar puncture, catheterisations, administration of local anaesthetics and use of medical gases in connection with procedures being performed.

Other procedures that may be carried out in a larger Procedure Room in a unit such as the Emergency Dept may include thoracocentesis, abdominal paracentesis, and procedures that require use of medical imaging equipment.

Size will depend on activities to be performed and the Unit in which the room is to be located.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The procedure room will be located with easy access to acute treatment bed bays.

CONSIDERATIONS

Shielding may be required depending on use of imaging equipment. For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

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Property Bay - Staff

600274 90 .52.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Staff Property Bay is for the secure storage of staff property including clothing, handbags and personal effects.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Floor area should be 2m², although final calculation of floor area will depend on the number of lockers required for staff working in the Unit.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Staff Property Bays should be located in secure staff only areas or collocated with staff toilets.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Pantry

600275 90 .53.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Pantry is for preparing and/or heating refreshments and snacks, washing some utensils, storing food and drink and disposing of food waste. It may also provide space for a meal tray trolley.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Pantry should be a minimum of 8m². If food rethermalisation trolleys are to be located in the room during meal times, up to an additional 4m² should be added to the total area.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Pantry should have ready access to patient areas and the Unit corridor, may also be located within a unit, e.g. day surgery recovery and renal dialysis.

CONSIDERATIONS

If food rethermalisation trolleys are located in this room, a 3-phase power outlet may be required.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Reception / Clerical - 10m², 12m², 15m²

600276 90 .54.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An area where visitors to the Unit or Facility can be received and either immediately directed to their destination or to a Waiting Area. May also act as the access control to the unit.

Depending on the Unit, initial contact may be made here with clients / patients / carers for enquiries, appointments and intake, both personally and by telephone.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The reception area should be welcoming and non-threatening, but provide

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separation between clients/visitors and staff and be capable of being secured after hours. The need for security screens should be carefully considered in relation to the risk, the type of services to be provided from the unit / facility, the local community environment and need for privacy.

A Reception Area may be 10m², 12m² or 15m², depending on the number of staff or clients.

In some Units, this area may be combined with an Administration Office to create one larger space. Switchboard operation, computer operation, filing and other clerical duties may also be undertaken in this area.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Reception should be near the entry point of the Unit or Facility and adjacent to the Waiting Area, with direct visual surveillance of both these areas. Clients and visitors should not be able to gain access to Treatment Areas or Staff Areas without presenting to Reception.

CONSIDERATIONS

Where moveable barriers are used to secure the space after hours, safe manual handling practices should be ensured.

Refer to Part C for information regarding counter heights, including access requirements.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Screening Room (Fluoroscopy)

600278 90.55.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The functions and activities of the Screening (Fluoroscopy) Room involve the administration to the patient of a contrast media which will suitably outline an organ or system, and subsequent radiological examination utilising fluoroscopic equipment.

Bed / trolley access and manoeuvrability is essential.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

With the general decline in use of barium contrast studies and advances in equipment technology, general screening and angiography may sometimes be appropriately combined in one room.

General procedures commonly involve the administration of:

- barium sulphate, in the form of a barium enema, barium meal or swallow for gastro-intestinal studies and/or
- organic iodine compounds e.g. T-tube cholangiography, cholecystogram, endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP), percutaneous insertions, percutaneous double J stent insertions.

Specialised procedures e.g. angiography. The examination will additionally involve:

- aseptic procedural precautions
- availability of in-room resuscitation equipment
- complex and dedicated angiography equipment and power sources.

It is important that the intended scope of the Screening room be clarified early in the planning process.

There are alternative means of providing angiography. Recent developments in digital acquisition screening equipment have resulted in

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dedicated subtraction equipment only being justifiable when high numbers of angiograms are required.

Digital screening rooms, if correctly optioned at time of installation, are capable of performing a full range of peripheral angiograms and also the more general selective angiograms.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The space should be conveniently located with respect to the Emergency Unit.

Area: 36m² standard room.

Area: 42m² minimum if digital angiography plus equipment / computer room and enlarged control room. Subject to user justification and manufacturer's requirements

Located adjacent to patient change cubicle / WC that should be accessible from within the room and the Unit corridor.

Ready access to Patient Holding / Recovery Area, Processing areas, Reporting Room and Waiting.

CONSIDERATIONS

Floor and ceiling structural capacity must be determined in line with equipment load. Refer to manufacturer's data.

Ceiling height minimum 2700mm, 3000mm preferable. Refer to trade data for equipment selected.

Where procedural work is to be carried out, a patient monitoring system should be considered with functional location appropriate to the trolley / table position.

Serviced for general anaesthesia.

Scrub-Up / Gowning

600277 90.56.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Scrub Up provides an enclosed area for pre-operative scrubbing, gowning and gloving.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Scrub Up area should be directly accessible from the Operating Suite corridor and from the associated Operating or Procedure rooms.

Access should be also be available from the Staff Change and Staff Lounge.

A floor area of 6m² or 8m² should be allowed per Operating Room, or 10m² where one Scrub-Up Bay is shared between two Operating Rooms.

CONSIDERATIONS

The activities of scrubbing and gowning / gloving should be separated within the space.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Set-Up

600279 90.57.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS / DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

More correctly, an "Assembly" Room, an area where trolleys for each case are assembled, i.e. loaded with sterile packs and required consumables, and held prior to delivery into the operating room where "set-up" will occur i.e. opening and laying out of the contents of packs.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Set-Up Room may be located in an area central to all operating rooms, or may be a number of smaller rooms either dedicated to a single operating room or shared between a pair of operating rooms. The decision will affect the size of the space.

If smaller, dispersed rooms, will require ready access from the Operating Unit's main Sterile Stock Store.

CONSIDERATIONS

May additionally provide the location for a fluid warming cabinet.

Handbasin required but not scrub facilities.

Seclusion Room

600280 90.58.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The usage of this space will vary from Unit to Unit. However, it will generally be used to accommodate and to manage the behaviour of disturbed, aggressive or violent patients.

It will provide a safe and secure environment for a patient, and meet OHS Guidelines for staff safety.

It will be occupied for short periods of time, either on an involuntary or voluntary basis.

A patients should be able to be observed continually while in the Seclusion Room.

The Seclusion Room should be easily observable from the Staff Station and have no 'blind spots'.

Two doors should be provided into the room for safe exit. Both doors should be able to be locked or unlocked from outside the room.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Seclusion Room should be 14m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Acoustic treatment of the room is required to provide noise isolation.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Seclusion Room will require a door with an external swing and a viewing panel and be secure in construction with specific locks. The door should be wide enough for three staff abreast and can be lockable inside and outside with a key.

The door to the seclusion room and walls must be capable of withstanding extreme force from inside the room in the event that the patient tries to force their way out.

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Finishes, furniture fittings and fixtures must be robust and not provide an opportunity for shelf harm. The room must meet OHS Guidelines for staff safety.

For additional room considerations and details refer to the Room Data Sheets.

Service Entry / Loading Bay

600281 90 .59.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A separate Service Entry should be provided in larger health facilities to allow deliveries and for the collection of waste, linen, etc without having to pass through the main entrance of the building.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Design considerations include:

- adequate vehicle manoeuvring space;
- shelter from inclement weather;
- space for temporary storage of items such as trolleys, furniture and equipment.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Provide direct access to the Waste Holding Area and ready access to stores for therapy equipment and mobility aids if provided.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Shower - Accessible

600741 90 .59.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Shower - Accessible is a room containing a shower for use by people with disabilities either independently or with nurse assistance.

CONSIDERATIONS

Considerations for Shower - Accessible are:

- access is required for commode chairs/ wheelchairs/bariatric commode chairs/ shower chairs and patient hoist.
- the floor must not have a raised hob
- the door will require escape hardware to allow staff access in an emergency.

Acoustics: Sound attenuation level - high; Acoustic privacy required.

Body Protected electrical area.

For additional room details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Shower - Patient

600282 90 .60.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Patient Shower is a room for patients to shower or wash either independently or with nurse assistance. Shower chair access is required.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Patient Shower should be 4m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Immediately adjacent to or directly accessible from Bed Rooms, or to Unit corridor.

CONSIDERATIONS

The door must be fitted with escape hardware to allow staff access in an emergency.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Shower - Staff

600305 90 .60.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Staff Shower will be used for staff to shower, wash, shave, dry hair, etc. A shower room for staff use.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The floor area should be 3m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Staff Shower should be near the Staff Toilet, Staff Change and Staff Lounge Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

A privacy latch is required.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Specimen Collection Bay, 9m²

600733 90 .61.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Patient Bay used for collection of specimens from patients. The Bay will have close access to a staff handwashing basin.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A Specimen Collection Bay should be 9m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Specimen Collection Bay should be located in an area convenient to waiting and specimen receiving facilities.

The Specimen Collection Bay must have direct access to the specimen toilet.

CONSIDERATIONS

Privacy must be maintained.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets

Staff Room

600306 90.62.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Staff Room is a shared facility for staff to use for respite, rest and relaxation during meal breaks, especially where it is difficult for staff to use common facilities particularly at night. It may also be used for small meetings or tutorials and for the storage of staff resources or library materials.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The size of the staff room will depend on the level of service and number of staff who will use the room. Floor area should be 18m² in a general Inpatient Unit, assuming it is shared between 2 units.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Staff Room should be located away from the Patient Bed Rooms and main Treatment Areas. Where possible, the Staff Room should be shared between two Inpatient Units, or one per floor provided in a larger Facility.

It should be placed anywhere convenient in a quiet area, away from patient and visitor areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Natural light is highly desirable.

Facilities for food and beverage preparation and storage should be provided.

Staff room should be lockable to prevent unauthorised access.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Staff Station 10m², 12m², 14m², 18m², 20m²

600307 90.62.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Staff Station is the administrative base for the Unit in which it is located.

This area is for observation plus the writing up of clinical notes, entering data into computers, making and receiving telephone calls.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Floor area varies according to the Health Planning Unit in which it is located and depends on its activity level, the number of full and part-time staff, the operational model and building layout.

Room Data and Room Layout Sheets describe Staff Stations of 10, 12, 14, 18 and 20m². Refer to Schedule of Accommodation for minimum sizes recommended in typical areas; e.g. the 5m² staff station is provided for direct observation of a small number of patient bays, stations of 20m² or more are primarily for use in critical care areas.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

At least one Staff Station should be provided within an Inpatient Unit, central to bedrooms.

CONSIDERATIONS

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The model of care adopted will determine the need for additional stations and their placement within the Unit.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Toilet - Accessible

600296 90 .62.10 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A toilet and hand basin for use by people with disabilities with or without assistance. The room should comply with AS1428-1/2.

Doors should open outwards and be fitted with emergency release function.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Toilet - Accessible should be 5m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Toilets - Accessible for public use should be readily accessible from Public Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Toilet - Accessible may also include facilities for baby change.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Accountable Drug

600286 90 .63.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Accountable Drugs Store is a strongroom in the Pharmacy in which accountable drugs are stored e.g. narcotics, which are required by law to be securely stored and a register kept of their use.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The store may be a safe or a walk-in room depending on the quantity of drugs to be stored.

Refrigerated storage may also be required.

Facilities must comply with NSW Health Pharmaceuticals Branch Policy.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Accountable Drugs Store should be located in a discrete area of the Unit, overseen by the Office of the Chief Pharmacist and accessible from the Assembly / Preparation area. It should not be located on an outside wall or stairwell.

CONSIDERATIONS

The door to the room should be electronically monitored.

The temperature of the store should not exceed 25°C.

Refer to Part C of these Guidelines for further information on security.

For specific details regarding construction and security, refer to the Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Bulk, 20m2, 40m2

600287 90.63.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Bulk Store is a secure space (if separate from the Pharmacy proper) or part of the open plan space in the Unit for storage of bulk items that are either for use in the Pharmacy or that are dispensed by the Pharmacy. Includes such items as Intravenous and dialysis fluids.

If the Bulk Store is remote, it must not be used for storing pharmaceuticals that must be transferred to the Pharmacy immediately on receipt.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Bulk Store is the primary storage area for all delivered supplies and stores prior to distribution to hospital units when requisitioned or on an imprest supply system.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Bulk Store should be located with ready access to the loading dock area.

CONSIDERATIONS

The area requires security and controlled access.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Bulk (Pharmacy)

502100 90.63.08 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Bulk Store is a secure space (if separate from the Pharmacy proper) or part of the open plan space in the Unit for storage of bulk items that are either for use in the Pharmacy or that are dispensed by the Pharmacy. Includes such items as Intravenous and dialysis fluids.

If the Bulk Store is remote, it must not be used for storing pharmaceuticals that must be transferred to the Pharmacy immediately on receipt.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Functions and Activities include:

- sorting and binning bulk items
- selecting and unpacking items to replenish the Active Store
- selecting items not normally stored in the Active Store
- checking and maintaining stock levels
- inspecting stock for end of shelf life
- preparing replenishment orders
- storage of cardboard waste for disposal.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Bulk Store should be located on the periphery of the Unit adjacent to the Goods Receipt Area and contiguous with the Active Store.

CONSIDERATIONS

The temperature of the store should not exceed 25°C.

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Store - Cleaner's

600288 90 .63.10 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A bulk store for the central storage of large items of cleaning equipment and bulk containers of cleaning chemicals and supplies.

Clean paper goods such as toilet paper and paper hand towels should be stored in an adjacent dry store or cupboard (similar to Bay Storage 1m2 - 4m2).

The room must be lockable and comply with OHS and Infection Control Guidelines.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Cleaner's Store should be 12m2.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Cleaner's Store should be located with other storage areas, or in a central location where cleaning staff can easily access it in the course of their duties.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Cleaner's Store should be lockable to prevent unauthorised access. For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Disaster Equipment

600742 90 .63.12 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Disaster Equipment Store provides for the storage of equipment used in retrieval of patients, and for equipment used in Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) incidents.

The size of the room will depend on Role Delineation and service level for each facility.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Close to Ambulance Bay and if appropriate accessible to helipad.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room details refer to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Drugs

600289 90 .63.15 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A room for secure storage of medications in wards and departments. A drug refrigerator, dangerous drug safe, small sink and space for a computer will be required.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Depending on the operational policy, the facilities contained within the room may be incorporated into the Clean Utility Room.

Size will be determined by the size of the Unit in which the room is housed.

Consideration may need to be given to the possible future installation of

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automated dispensing systems and their spatial and data needs.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

In a secure area of the Unit away from public view.

Direct access from a public corridor should be avoided.

CONSIDERATIONS

Alarms to door and refrigerator.

Refer to the Section C of these guidelines for further security details and to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Equipment - 14m2, 20m2

600290 90 .63.20 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Equipment Store is used for the storage of medical equipment when not in use and recharging of electrical items. Space is required for parking of mobile equipment including IV poles, wheelchairs, lifting equipment, trolleys, cradles and commode chairs for the Unit.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile and the use/provision of bays for mobile equipment.

Refer to the Schedule of Accommodation for minimum room sizes recommended in typical areas.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Centrally located in a low traffic area, with access to all patient areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Equipment Store should be lockable.

Doors and entries should be sized and located to facilitate movement of equipment.

Door hardware should not impede staff/ equipment going in/out of the store.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - File - 8m2, 10m2, 20m2

600291 90 .63.25 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A secure room for the storage of confidential information.

The File Store should be lockable.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The size of the File Store will vary depending on the amount of files to be stored and filing system may be static shelving or compactus. Refer to schedule of Accommodation for room sizes required in typical area.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Adjacent to the administrative areas served.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - General

600292 90.63.30 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

This is a secure room for the storage of general supplies used within the Unit. Equipment may also be re-charged in this room.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Room sizes may vary according to type of Unit and amount of stock to be stored. Refer to schedule of Accommodation for recommended room sizes.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Centrally located in a low traffic area with access to all patient areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

The General Store should be lockable.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Medical Gases

600293 90.63.35 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Medical Gas Store is required to provide a safe and secure environment for the storage of various gas cylinders, if used at a facility. Storage enclosures must be adequately ventilated.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate with loading and service areas.

Store - Patient Property

600735 90.63.40 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A secure room for the storage of patient property including luggage.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Size will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Centrally located within an Inpatient Unit in a low traffic area.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Store - Patient Property should be lockable.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

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Store - Photocopy/Stationery

600294 90.63.45 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A secure room for the storage of office stationery and for use of a photocopier and/ or other office equipment as required e.g. Printer and facsimile machine.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Floor area should be 8m² or 10m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Adjacent to Office Areas served.

CONSIDERATIONS

Extraction fan for photocopier to be provided to meet OHS requirements.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Sterile Stock, 12m², 24m², 44m²

600295 90.63.50 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Sterile Stock Store stores sterile stock for use in the Operating Suite or other Treatment Areas.

Floor area shall be 10-12m² per operating room. Direct relationship to CSSU/TSSU.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIP

The Sterile Stock Store for an Operating Suite (not CSSU) should be located near the Operating Rooms or other Treatment Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Store - Sterile Stock, 20m² (SSU)

500843 90.63.55 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An area for storage and holding of sterile stock within the Sterile Supply Unit prior to despatch to the operating unit or other clinical areas. The area may include a workstation bench.

Storage units may be mobile shelving, fixed shelving or compactus-style. Shelving must be smooth so as to maintain the integrity of sterile packaging.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Direct access to:

- despatch area to Operating Suite and Wards
- Sterilising Cooling Area.

Ready access to:

- Operating Suite sterile stock.

CONSIDERATIONS

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This area requires positive air pressure and be protected from steam penetration. Provision for trolley access to this area should be considered.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Toilet - Patient

600297 90.64.05 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A toilet and hand basin for patient use independently or with the assistance of one or two nurse / carers - 'fully assisted'.

Doors should open outwards and be fitted with emergency release function.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Patient Toilet should be 4m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Immediately adjacent to, or directly accessible from Patient Bed Rooms, Unit corridor or Patient Areas served.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Toilet - Public

600298 90.64.10 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A toilet and hand basin for public or visitor use.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Public Toilet may also include facilities for baby change.

A Public Toilet should be 3m². If baby change facilities are included, the size may be increased to 4m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Toilets for public use should be readily accessible from Public Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Toilet - Staff

600299 90.64.15 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

A toilet and hand basin for staff use.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Staff Toilet should be 3m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

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Toilets for staff use should be readily accessible from staff Work Areas.

They should be located central to a Unit or in a location suitable for use by staff from adjoining Units.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Treatment Room

600300 90 .65.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Treatment Room provides a controlled environment, privacy and facilities for carrying out consultations, examinations and minor procedures.

The door should be lockable to prevent unauthorised access but allow free release from inside.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Operational policy for an Inpatient Unit will determine the need for a Treatment Room. If patients are treated at the bedside, the Treatment Room may not be required.

Floor area should be 14m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Treatment Room should be located with direct or ready access to a Clean Utility Room and easy access to a dirty utility room.

A centrally located Treatment Room may serve more than one unit on the same floor / level of a facility.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets

Treatment Bay - Renal Dialysis

600700 90 .65.05 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Treatment Bay - Renal Dialysis is used for day treatment of patients undergoing renal dialysis treatments. Treatments for each patient may take from 3 to 6 hours.

A staff handwashing basin should be located in close proximity.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Treatment Bay - Renal Dialysis should be a minimum of 9m².

A staff handwashing basin should be located in close proximity.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ready access to Treatment Room and Clean Utility Room and storage (including refrigerated storage).

CONSIDERATIONS

Natural light is highly desirable.

Sufficient space and configuration to enable screens to be conveniently pulled around the entire treatment bay whenever required.

The design of the treatment bay must accommodate the chair, haemodialysis machine, over bed table and other equipment required to deliver the necessary level of service.

Furniture and furnishings should provide a high level of patient comfort and amenity.

Tundish for RO water outlet.

Body protected electrical area.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Ultrasound Room

600711 90 .66.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Ultrasound Room provides facilities for diagnostic ultrasound procedures.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The Ultrasound Room, where provided, should be a minimum of 14m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate with access to patient toilet facilities from within the room and from the corridor and with ready access to patient change facilities and waiting areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Access for inpatients on hospital beds if required.

Dimmable lighting.

Body-protected electrical area.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Waiting

600302 90 .67.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

An area for patients, families and other visitors to wait in comfort prior to or during visits to a Unit.

Adequate space should be provided for patients as well as relatives / escorts.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A range of occupants will need to be accommodated including adults and children, both able-bodied, people with disabilities and - increasingly - obese/ bariatric and overweight people.

Consultation with service providers may be required to determine whether separate area(s) are needed to accommodate different groups of patients including those who may be behaviourally disturbed, mothers with babies

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and older people.

Waiting Areas in Mental health Units should comply with Mental health Sections of these Guidelines.

The size of a Waiting Area will depend on the number of people to be accommodated but will generally require 1.2m² per able-bodied person or 1.5m² per wheelchair occupant or other people with disabilities. Space for baby prams, wheelchairs, mobility aids, children's play areas etc. should be considered.

If a Paediatric Waiting Area is required, provide an additional separate space.

If provided, the area of a separate Paediatric Waiting Area will be additional to this area requirement.

Information displays may be located in the Waiting Area.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Near the entry to the Facility or Unit and observable from the Reception Area.

Where possible, consider locating the Waiting Area near a courtyard to meet the cultural needs of some community groups.

Access will/may be required to:

- public toilets including access toilets
- baby change facilities e.g. parenting room
- outdoor areas
- food and beverage facilities (vending machines, water fountains)
- a public telephone.

CONSIDERATIONS

The configuration of seating modules should be carefully considered:

- vacant spaces for wheelchairs
- adequate aisles between rows
- chairs to accommodate obese persons.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Also refer to Room Layout and Room Data Sheets for various size options.

Waste Holding

600303 90 .68.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Waste Holding Area is required for storing waste materials awaiting removal from the site, including general waste, clinical waste, recyclable waste and linen.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Locate with loading and service facilities.

Waste holding area may be internal and/or external to the building. Access routes to the holding area should be considered.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

Water Treatment Plant Room

600739 90.69.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Water Treatment Plant Room is a lockable room for water treatment systems used in dialysis, including booster pumps, particle filters, water softeners, carbon filters and reverse osmosis systems. In particular this equipment will incorporate a heat disinfection function and water saving features.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

The size of the Water Treatment Plant Room will vary depending on the Unit size and service profile.

Refer to Manufacturer's Specifications for details of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant equipment.

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Water Treatment Plant Room should be located in close proximity to the Renal Dialysis Unit to permit short tubing runs to each Treatment Bay and permit staff to easily monitor and service the water treatment systems.

CONSIDERATIONS

Special Design Requirements:

- ventilation, exhaust and/or air conditioning must be designed to accommodate the heat loads of the specified equipment.
- high level sound isolation is required to ensure noise generated from this room does not invade Treatment spaces.
- Structural Engineer's assessment must be sought for floor load bearing capacity with respect to water treatment and pre-treatment plant equipment.
- service access will be required around the perimeter of all plant equipment.
- pipework and components installed after the water inlet within this room should not contain brass or copper.

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

X-Ray Viewing and Reporting

500849 90.70.00 DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Floor area should be 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Accessible from main Unit corridor; near other staff Work Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

600304 90.70.00 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

This area is for clinical staff to review x-ray films and to write reports.

X-ray viewing boxes are required and suitable workbenches for clerical work.

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

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Floor area should be 12m².

LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Accessible from main Unit corridor; near other staff Work Areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

For additional room considerations and details refer to Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.