

3.8 Office Surgical Facilities

An office surgical facility is an outpatient facility that has within it physician office(s) and space(s) for the performance of invasive procedures.

1 General Considerations

1.1 Applicability

Facilities that may have more than three patients rendered incapable of self-preservation without assistance from others shall meet requirements of Chapter 3.7.

1.2 Size

The number and type of diagnostic, clinical, and administrative facilities to be provided shall be determined by the services contemplated and the estimated patient load as described in the functional program.

2 Diagnostic and Treatment Locations

2.1 Operating Rooms

Operating rooms shall meet requirements as described in Section 3.7-2.3.

2.2 Recovery Areas

2.2.1 Location

Post-operative recovery shall be conducted in the operating room or in a specifically designated space. An operating room shall be used by no more than one post-operative patient at a time.

2.2.2 Facility Requirements

If the recovery area is located in a specifically designated space, the following requirements shall be met:

2.2.2.1 The recovery station shall be located in direct view of a nurse station.

2.2.2.2 Cubicle curtains or other provisions for privacy during post-operative care shall be provided.

2.3 Support Areas for Operating Rooms

The following shall be immediately accessible to the operating room(s):

2.3.1 Scrub Facilities

2.3.1.1 Hands-free scrub station(s) shall be provided outside of but near the entrance to each operating room.

2.3.1.2 One scrub station shall be permitted to service two operating rooms if needed.

2.3.1.3 Scrub station(s) shall be arranged to minimize incidental splatter on nearby personnel or supply carts.

2.3.1.4 The scrub station shall be permitted to meet the hand-washing station requirements of immediately adjacent area(s).

2.3.2 Drug Distribution Station

Provisions shall be made for storage and preparation of medications administered to patients.

2.3.2.1 A refrigerator for pharmaceuticals and double-locked storage for controlled substances shall be provided.

2.3.2.2 Convenient access to hand-washing stations shall be provided.

2.3.3 Clean Storage

A clean storage area, including space for preparing instruments and supplies for surgery, shall be provided.

2.3.4 Soiled Storage/Workroom

A soiled handling/storage area, including provision for disposal of fluid waste, shall be provided.

2.3.5 Equipment and Supply Storage

2.3.5.1 Medical gas supply

2.3.5.2 Crash cart. Space for crash cart, including outlets for battery charging, shall be provided.

2.4 Support Areas for Staff

A staff clothing change area shall be provided.

3 Service Areas**3.1 Sterilizing Facilities**

A system for sterilizing equipment and supplies shall be provided.

3.1.1 General

3.1.1.1 When sterilization is provided off site, adequate handling (receiving and distribution) and on-site storage of sterile supplies must be accommodated and shall meet the minimum requirements for on-site facilities.

3.1.1.2 Provisions shall be made for the cleaning and sanitizing of clean and soiled carts and vehicles transporting supplies.

3.1.2 On-Site Facilities

If on-site processing facilities are provided, they shall include the following:

3.1.2.1 Soiled workroom

- (1) This room shall be physically separated from all other areas of the facility.
- (2) Workspace shall be provided to handle the cleaning and the gross cleaning, debridement, and disinfection of all medical/surgical instruments and equipment. The soiled workroom shall contain work surfaces(s), sink(s), and washer/sterilizer decontaminators, flush-type devices(s), or other decontamination equipment as appropriate to the functional program.

3.1.2.2 Clean/assembly workroom

- (1) This workroom shall have a hand-washing station.
- (2) This room shall contain appropriate and sufficient work space and equipment for terminal sterilizing of medical and surgical equipment and supplies.
- (3) Clean and soiled work areas shall be physically separated.

- (4) The clean assembly room shall have adequate space for the designated number of work areas as defined in the functional program.

3.1.2.3 Storage for clean/sterile supplies

- (1) Storage for packs, etc., shall include provisions for ventilation, humidity, and temperature control.
- (2) A system for sterilizing equipment and supplies shall be provided. When sterilization is provided off site, adequate handling and on-site storage of sterile supplies shall be provided.
- (3) Provision shall be made for cleaning and sanitizing of carts and vehicles used for transporting supplies.

3.1.2.4 Soiled holding area

- (1) Space shall be provided for handling and storage of soiled materials and equipment separate from areas designated for storage of clean and sterile materials and equipment.
- (2) Appropriate receptacles for biohazardous waste shall be provided, and these shall be placed in the designated soiled holding area.

4 Construction Standards**4.1 General Standards for Details and Finishes****4.1.1 Details****4.1.1.1 Corridor width**

- (1) Items such as provisions for drinking water, telephone booths, vending machines, etc., shall not restrict corridor traffic or reduce the corridor width below the required minimum.
- (2) Out-of-traffic storage space for portable equipment shall be provided to maintain required egress and/or functional corridor width.

4.1.1.2 Door width

- (1) The minimum nominal door width for patient use shall be 3 feet (0.91 meter) except that doors

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requiring gurney/stretchers access (as defined by the functional program) shall have a nominal width of 44 inches (1.11 meters).

- (2) Toilet room doors for patient use shall open outward or be equipped with hardware that permits access from the outside in emergencies.

4.1.2 Finishes

4.1.2.1 Ceilings

- (1) Ceiling finishes in general areas are optional and may be omitted in mechanical and electrical rooms/spaces unless required for fire-resistive purposes.
- (2) Ceiling finishes in operating rooms shall conform with Section 3.7-5.2.2.2.

4.1.2.2 Walls. Wall finishes in operating room(s) shall be scrubbable, able to withstand harsh chemical cleaning, and monolithic.

4.1.2.3 Floors. Wall bases in operating rooms and areas frequently subjected to wet cleaning shall be monolithic and coved directly up from the floor, tightly sealed to the wall, and constructed without voids. Seam welds in sheet flooring shall utilize manufacturer's weld product recommendations. Vinyl composition tile (VCT) or similar products shall not be permitted in these areas.

4.1.2.4 Penetrations. Floor and wall areas penetrated by pipes, ducts, and conduits shall be tightly sealed to minimize entry of rodents and insects.