Nurses' Station & Resident Call System

(4) Resident call system.

(A) The facility shall provide each resident bed with a resident call button that shall register at the nurses' station with a common audible signal and a visual signal. Any facility constructed after May 1, 1982 shall provide a visual signal indicating the resident room number at the nurses' station.

(B) A visual signal shall be located at the resident room corridor door.

(C) The facility shall provide visual and audible signals in clean and soiled workrooms and in the medication preparation rooms. Any facility constructed before May 1, 1982 shall not be required to provide audible signals in clean and soiled workrooms and medication preparation rooms.

(D) In multi-corridor units, the facility shall install additional visible signals at corridor intersections if the facility was constructed after February 15, 1977.

(E) The facility shall install a resident emergency call button next to each toilet, shower, and bathtub accessible to residents.

(F) In any facility constructed after May 1, 1982, the emergency call system shall be operated by a cord pull that, when activated, turns on a light of a different color from that of the resident call system, over the corridor door at the site of the emergency.

(i) When the emergency call system is activated, it shall produce a rapidly flashing light and a repeating audible signal in the nurses' station, clean workroom, soiled workroom, and medication preparation rooms. Facilities constructed before May 1, 1982 shall not be required to have an audible signal or a rapidly flashing light.

(ii) The signals produced by the emergency call system shall be obviously different from those produced by the resident call system. Facilities constructed before May 1, 1982 shall not be required to have a different signal for the emergency call system.

(iii) The emergency call system shall continue to operate until it is manually reset at the site of origin.

(G) Resident call systems may include two-way voice communication. When a two-way system is used, it shall include all functions required in paragraph (b)(4) of this regulation and shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station that lights and remains lighted as long as the value circuit is operating.

(H) Each facility may use a wireless system to meet the requirements of this regulation, if the system meets both of the following criteria:

(i) When the resident call system is activated, an electronic device notifies direct care staff of the location at which the resident call system was activated.

(ii) Each nurses' station is equipped with a system that registers and documents the location of an activated resident call system.
(I) The resident call system selected shall be designed to ensure that staff are notified promptly if a resident is in need of assistance.

(c) Service areas or rooms. The service areas or rooms required in this regulation shall be located in each nursing unit and shall be accessible directly from the general corridor without passage through an intervening room or area, except medication preparation rooms. A service area or room shall not serve more than one nursing unit, except as otherwise indicated. The service areas and rooms specified shall provide space and equipment as prescribed in this regulation.

(1) Nurses’ station.
(A) A nurses’ station shall provide space for charting, records, a telephone, a resident call system, and an emergency call system signal register for rooms on the nursing unit.
(B) The nurses’ station shall be located so that the corridors outside the doors of resident rooms are visible from the nurses’ station. The facility may use television cameras and monitors to meet this requirement. Facilities constructed before February 15, 1977 shall not be required to comply with the requirements of this paragraph.

(2) Medication preparation room.
(A) A medication preparation room shall be equipped with the following:
(i) A work counter, lavatory or countertop sink, a refrigerator, and shelf space for separate storage and maintenance of residents’ medications;
(ii) a door visible from the nurses’ station, except any facility licensed before January, 1963; and
(iii) a door equipped with self-locking hardware and automatic door closures.
(B) The temperature in the medication room shall not exceed 85°F.
(C) Lighting shall be sufficient to provide 100 foot-candles at counter level.
(D) The medication preparation room shall contain a separate, locked, permanently affixed compartment for storage of controlled substances listed in K.S.A. 65-4107, and amendments thereto, and other drugs that, in the opinion of the consultant pharmacist, are subject to abuse.
(E) A medicine preparation room may serve more than 60 beds when a self-contained medication dispensing unit is used. The self-contained medication dispensing unit may be located at the nurses’ station, in the clean workroom, in an alcove, or in other space convenient for staff control.

(3) Clean workroom. The facility shall provide a clean workroom for preparation, handling, storage, and distribution of clean or sterile materials and supplies.
(A) The room shall contain a work counter with sink or separate hand-washing lavatory and adequate shelving and cabinets for storage.
(B) Storage and preparation of food and beverages shall not be permitted in the clean workroom.
(C) The facility may store clean linen supplies in the clean workroom if sufficient shelving, cabinets, or cart-parking space is provided.
(D) Minimum room area shall be 80 square feet, with a minimum length or width of six feet. Any facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall not be required to meet the requirements of this paragraph.
(E) The facility may provide additional rooms for storage of clean materials or supplies. These additional rooms shall not be required to have a counter or hand-washing facilities.

(8) Wheelchair parking space. Each facility constructed after February 15, 1977 shall provide wheelchair parking space, which shall be out of the path of normal traffic. The space shall not be included in determining the minimum required corridor width.

(f) Examination room. Each facility shall provide an examination room, unless each resident room is a one-bed resident room.
(1) One examination room may serve more than one nursing unit.
(2) Room area shall be a minimum of 120 square feet with a minimum length and width of 10 feet.
(3) The room shall contain either a lavatory or counter and sink equipped for hand washing, an examination table, and a desk or shelf for writing.
(4) The examination room may be located in the rehabilitation therapy room and shall be equipped with cubicle curtains around the space and facilities listed in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection.
(5) If the examination room is located in the rehabilitation therapy room, the facility shall provide additional space appropriate to the functional use of the area.
(6) Any facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall not be required to provide an examination room.

(g) Rehabilitation therapy room. Each facility shall provide a room for the administration and implementation of rehabilitation therapy.

(1) The facility shall provide a lavatory and an enclosed storage area for therapeutic devices.

(2) Each facility with 60 or fewer beds shall provide a rehabilitation therapy room with a minimum of 200 square feet. Each facility with more than 60 beds shall provide 200 square feet plus two square feet for each additional bed over 60, to a maximum of 655 square feet.

(3) Each facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall provide a rehabilitation therapy room. The facility shall provide a lavatory and an enclosed storage area for therapeutic devices.

(1) The facility shall provide a general storage room or rooms concentrated in generally one area. The room or rooms shall have an area of no fewer than five square feet per bed.

(2) Each facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall provide a general storage room or rooms.

Shower/Tub Room

(9) Resident bathing facilities. The facility shall provide resident bathing facilities at the rate of one for each 15 beds that are not otherwise serviced by bathing facilities within resident rooms. A mechanical bathing unit may be counted as two bathing facilities to meet this requirement.

(A) Bathing facilities shall be located in rooms or areas with access to a toilet and lavatory without entering the general corridor system.

(B) The toilet and lavatory shall be accessible to and usable by the physically disabled and may serve physically disabled visitors.
(C) The toilet enclosure shall be in a visually enclosed area for privacy in use.

(D) Bathing facilities on each nursing unit shall include at least one shower, and there shall be at least one mechanical bathing unit in the facility. Any facility constructed before the effective date of this regulation shall not be required to have a mechanical bathing unit.

(E) Each bathing facility shall be located within a visually enclosed area for privacy during bathing, drying, and dressing with space for an attendant and wheelchair. Any facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall not be required to provide space for an attendant.

(F) Each shower shall be at least four feet by four feet without curbs and shall be designed to permit use by a resident in a wheelchair. Any facility constructed before February 15, 1977 shall be designed so that showers can be used by a resident in a wheelchair.

(G) The facility shall provide a cabinet with a lock in the bathing area for storage of supplies.

(1) The door on any room containing a bathing facility or toilet shall be capable of being opened from the outside.

(12) The facility shall provide grab bars at all residents' toilets, showers, tubs, and sitz baths.

(A) The bars shall have 1 ½ inches clearance to walls and shall have sufficient strength and anchorage to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds.

(B) Ends of grab bars shall be returned to the wall at each termination.

(13) If soap dishes are provided in showers and bathrooms, they shall be recessed.

(4) Wastebaskets shall be located at all lavatories.

New Construction: Nursing Unit

Summary: Minimum Requirements per Unit/Station; Cameras and Monitors; Medication Room Temperature; Minimum Size per Unit/Station; Wheelchair Parking; Drinking Fountain; Examination Room; Requirements for Facilities of Less Than 60 Beds; Register at Multiple Locations; Distinguishable Signals; Date-Specific Requirements; Two-way Voice Communication; Wireless System; Tub/Shower Ratio; Accessibility; Privacy; Dates; Space per Stall/Tub; Supplies/Storage; Grab Bars