**Nurses' Station & Resident Call System**

118.01 **Nursing Unit.** Medical, nursing, and personal service shall be provided in a specifically designated area which shall include bedrooms, special care room(s), nurses' station, utility room, toilet and bathing facilities, linen and storage closets, and wheelchair space. The maximum nursing unit shall be sixty (60) beds.

118.03 **Special Care Room.** Each facility shall have a special care room which shall be a single bedroom with at least a private half bath (lavatory and water closet). There shall be a special care room for each thirty (30) beds or major fraction thereof. A special care room shall meet the requirements of 118.02 (3) and may be located anywhere in the building rather than a certain number per station.

118.04 **Nurses' Station.**

1. Each facility shall have a nurses' station for each nursing unit. The nurses' station includes as minimum the following:
   a. Annunciator board or other equipment for resident's call.
   b. The minimum areas of the medicine storage/preparation room shall be seventy-five (75) square feet.
   c. Storage space for residents' medical records and nurses' charts.
   d. Lavatory or sink with disposable towel dispenser.
   e. Desk or counter top space adequate for recording and charting purposes by physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses.

2. The nurses' station area shall be well lighted.

3. It is recommended that a nurses' lounge with toilet be provided for nursing personnel adjacent to the station. A refrigerator for the storage of drugs shall be provided at each nurses' station. Drugs and food for beverages may be stored together only if separate compartments or containers are provided for the storage of drugs.

118.05 **Utility Room.** Each facility shall provide a separate utility room for soiled and clean resident care equipment, such as bed pans, urinals, etc. The soiled utility room shall contain, as a minimum, the following equipment.

1. Provision for cleaning utensils such as bed pans, urinals, et cetera.
2. Lavatory or sink and disposable towel dispenser. The utility room for clean equipment shall have suitable storage.

118.07 **Other rooms and areas.** In addition to the above facilities, each nursing unit shall include the following rooms and areas:

1. linen closet;
2. wheelchair space.
130.07 **Hand washing Facilities.** Hand washing facilities with hot and cold water, soap dispenser and a supply of soap, and disposable towels shall be provided in all kitchens. The use of a common towel is prohibited. Hands shall not be washed in sinks where food is prepared or where utensils are cleaned.

**Shower/Tub Room**

118.06 **Toilet and Bathing Facilities.**

1. Lavatory, toilet and bathing facilities shall be provided in each nursing unit as follows:
   a. Bathing Facilities 2 per nursing unit
   b. Combination toilet and lavatory 2 per nursing unit

2. As a minimum, showers shall be thirty (30) inches by sixty (60) inches without curbing.

3. Handrails shall be provided for all tubs, showers, and commodes.

4. In addition to the requirements set forth above, a lavatory shall be provided in each resident bedroom or in a toilet room that is directly accessible from the bedroom.

5. In addition to the requirements set forth above, a toilet shall be located in a room directly accessible from each resident bedroom. The minimum area for a room containing only a toilet shall be three (3) feet by six (6) feet.

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139.11 **Call System.** A call system shall be in place at the nurses’ station to receive resident calls through a communication system to include audible and visual signals from bedrooms, toilets, and bathing facilities.

6. **Clean linen storage.** Adequate areas shall be provided for storing clean linens which shall be separate from dirty linen storage.

7. **Wheelchair area.** Adequate area shall be provided for storage of wheelchairs.

16. **Separate toilet room** (lavatory and water closet) shall be provided for male and female employees.

17. **A separate toilet room** with a door that can be locked shall be provided for the public.

**Summary:** Maximum Beds per Unit; Minimum Requirements per Unit/Station; Special Care Room; Minimum Space; Food/Drug Storage; Hand-washing Facilities; Utility Room; Wheelchair Parking; Tub/Shower Ratio; Shower Stall Size; Handrails; New Construction