Nurses’ Station & Resident Call System

43.1 Each residential area, as defined in section 1.35 herein, shall have at least the following:
   a) a nurses’ station with adjacent hand washing facility;
   b) storage and preparation area(s) for drugs and biologicals;
   c) storage rooms for walkers, wheelchairs and other equipment;
   d) appropriate clean and soiled utility space; and

43.2 In addition, each residential area shall be equipped with a communication system which, as a minimum, shall be:
   a) electrically activated;
   b) operated from the bedside of each occupant and from all areas used by occupants, including multipurpose rooms, toilet and bathing facilities; and
   c) capable of alerting the responsible person or persons on duty 24 hours a day, wherever their station may be.

Section 45.0 Special Care Unit

45.1 A resident room shall be designated for isolation purposes. Such room shall be properly identified with precautionary signs, shall have outside ventilation, private toilet and hand washing facilities, and shall conform to other requirements established for the control of infection in accordance with section 22.0 herein.

Shower/Tub Room

44.5 Lavatories and bathing areas to be used by the handicapped shall be equipped with grab-bars for the safety of the residents and shall meet the requirements of reference 15.

44.8 A minimum of one (1) bathtub or shower shall be provided for every twelve (12) residents, not otherwise served by bathing facilities in resident rooms. At least one bathtub shall be provided in each residential area.

44.9 Each bathtub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure which provides space for the private use of the bathing fixture, for drying and dressing and for a wheelchair and an attendant.

New Construction: Nursing Unit

Summary: Minimum Requirements per Unit/Station; Call System; Special Care Unit; Tub/Shower Ratio; Privacy; Grab Bars