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12VAC5-371-460. Nursing units.

A. Resident rooms shall be located no more than 120 feet from the nurses' station, the clean workroom and the soiled workroom.

B. All resident corridors and open resident areas in the nursing unit shall be visible from the nurses' station or monitored by a suitable method or device.

C. The nursing unit shall contain the following service areas:

1. A nurses' station with space for nurses' charting, doctors' charting, storage for administrative supplies, and a handwashing lavatory, which may serve as the drug distribution station;
2. Nursing staff toilet rooms with a handwashing lavatory;
3. A clean utility room with a work counter, a handwashing lavatory, and storage facilities;
4. A soiled utility room with a clinical sink or equivalent flushing rim fixture, sink equipped for handwashing, work counter, sanitizer, waste receptacle, and linen receptacle;
5. A drug distribution station which may be a medicine preparation room, a self-contained unit, or other approved system. The facility medicine preparation room shall be under the nursing staff's visual control and contain a work counter, refrigerator, and locked storage for biologicals and drugs;
6. A separate closet or designated area within the clean utility room for clean linen storage. If a cart system is used, storage may be in an alcove;
7. A nourishment station containing a sink equipped for handwashing, equipment for serving nourishment between scheduled meals, refrigerator, ice maker and storage cabinets;
8. An equipment storage room for medical equipment and devices; and
9. At least one bathing unit accessible by lift, door, or swivel type tub.

D. Night lights shall be provided in resident rooms and corridors.

E. The number of beds on a nursing unit shall not exceed 60, unless otherwise approved by the center.

F. At least 60% of the beds shall be located in rooms designated for one or two beds.

G. At least two beds on each 60-bed unit shall be located in single bed rooms, each equipped with a private bath and toilet.

Statutory Authority

§§[32.1-12](#) and [32.1-127](#) of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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