

How to Establish a Clean Room in your Health Care Facility

A private room is a medical necessity if it is not possible to protect the patient's space from noxious cleaning/maintenance products, latex-containing supplies, or roommates' toiletries, visitors and flowers. Being a medical necessity, a private room should not be charged to the patient.

Ideally, certain rooms, for example infection control rooms, can be designated and maintained as 'clean rooms' on medical, psychiatric, and surgical wards. It is important that 'clean rooms' are well ventilated and located away from high traffic areas, building exhaust vents, parking lots, truck delivery areas, incinerators, laundry rooms, laboratories, and areas recently or regularly sprayed with pesticides. New buildings or recently renovated rooms usually have heightened levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from off-gassing building materials or paints, and should be avoided for sensitive patients. Synthetic materials in new furnishings also off-gas VOCs whereas metal or non-preserved hardwood does not.



For more details, please view:

Part I : Pollution Prevention:

http://www.aseq-ehaq.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/env_health_in_hospital_part_1.pdf

Part II : Environment Sensitive Care :

http://www.aseq-ehaq.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2019-Env_health_in_hospital_part_II.pdf

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