

4675.0800 PATIENT PREPARATION AREA.

The patient preparation area shall include the following elements:

A. An arrangement which permits patient access to the area for initial entry and final departure from the dressing area without passing through the postoperative recovery area; and provides gowned patients access to the surgical suite without entering the recovery area or a public space or corridor.

B. Dressing rooms which assure privacy, and space for storage and security of patients' clothing and belongings.

C. Examination rooms, each provided with a lavatory with an open grid strainer, a wrist-, knee-, or foot-controlled mixing faucet with gooseneck spout, and a single-service towel dispenser. It shall include examination table and light.

D. A nurses office or nurse station for patient management, for directing of nursing care, and for keeping patient records, unless the nurses station for the postoperative recovery area is accessible for use.

E. Space for clinical laboratory services, unless arrangements have been made for obtaining such services outside the center.

F. A radiology area with equipment, required protection, and toilet room(s) as appropriate, unless such services are provided for outside the center.

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