

Space Risk Assessment for Potential Acute Care Overcapacity Spaces

Objective

To inform decisions to use non-traditional spaces for patient care to manage overcapacity (OC/OCP).
 To select the best possible space to reduce communicable disease transmission between patients,
 To focus solely on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) risks but there may be other factors to consider:

Rationale

- Many OC/OCP beds are within areas not originally designed for patient accommodation.
- IPC recommendations for spacing often cannot be met (e.g., 2 metres between patients).
- OC/OCP beds may not have adequate accessibility to hand hygiene sinks and toileting facilities.

This assessment tool applies to unconventional spaces within a currently functioning patient care area. 'Access to' implies that the item is within a reasonable distance, if not available in the immediate OCP space. Review criteria below for all spaces being considered for OC/OCP.

Instructions

Answer all questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) or more answers "No": The space should not be used as an overcapacity space (if possible). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If the space must be used, contact your site Administrator and IPC for review of plans • Consult IPC as needed (i.e., if unclear about space appropriateness or if significant modifications are anticipated). 	
HCWs, patients and visitors have access to hand hygiene stations including at least one hand hygiene sink.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patients have a minimum spatial separation of 2 meters and/or a sufficient physical barrier between them to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) privacy; (ii) protection from the spread of infection; and/or (iii) adequate area to support clinical and cleaning functions. [Modular Wall Systems may be considered. Algorithm for Use of Modular Wall Systems is available on Insite]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Patients have access to toilets/commodes. IPC recommends 1 toilet/commode per patient, whenever possible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Waste disposal available. This includes sharps, human waste, general waste, biomedical and (if required) cytotoxic waste.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Clear separation of clean and soiled supplies and linens.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Defined area for Environmental Services and supplies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Plan for management of reusable soiled equipment and instruments.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
AHS-provided disinfectant products available.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Surfaces are wipeable and easily cleaned, including floors, handrails, walls and countertops.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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