

IPC Space Risk Assessment for Potential Acute Care Overcapacity Space

Objective

To provide those making decisions regarding which areas may be used as overcapacity patient (OC/OCP) space.

Rationale

Many OC/OCP beds are within areas not originally designed for patient accommodation. Often they do not meet the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) recommendation for spacing to prevent transmission of respiratory pathogens (2 meters between patients). Also, OC/OCP beds may not have adequate accessibility to patient hand hygiene sinks and toileting facilities. The goal of this checklist is to select the best possible space to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases and organisms between patients.

Instructions

Review Criteria for all spaces being considered for OC/OCP.

Criteria 1: Answer all questions. If the answer is “no” to any question, the space is not to be used as OC/OCP. **If space must be used consult with IPC and emergency preparedness plans.**

| Criteria 1: Any answers “No”: the space must not be used as an overcapacity space. | |
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| Staff, 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 spatial separation and a physical barrier between them sufficient to provide privacy, protection from the spread of infection, and adequate area to support the clinical and cleaning functions. This is minimum 2 meter (including with reconfiguration, additional physical barriers). (Algorithm for Use of Modular Wall Systems is available on Insite). | <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, including sharps, human waste, general waste, biomedical and cytotoxic (if required) 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 |