Compliance with OSHPD 3 requirements shall apply to outpatient clinical services of a hospital when provided in a freestanding building, primary care clinics, specialty clinics and psychology clinics. Primary care clinics include free clinics, community clinics, employee clinics and optometric clinics. Specialty clinics include surgical clinics, chronic dialysis clinics, rehabilitation clinics and alternate birth centers.

I. Permit Application Requirements

Clinics and outpatient clinical services under a hospital license shall comply with all of the following provisions wherever applicable.

1. Plans shall be stamped by a State of California licensed architect or engineer.

2. Attach to the plans the flowchart from the OSHPD CAN 1-7-2100 (http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/fdd/Regulations/CANs/2010/1-7-2100.pdf) with one of the Boxes circled to indicate whether OSHPD will conduct plan check and/or inspection.

3. Provide 8 ½” x 11” copy of the flowchart from the OSHPD CAN 1-7-2100 to be an attachment to the building permit.

II. General Requirements For All Clinic Types.

A. Examination and treatment areas

1. A minimum clear floor area of 80 sf shall be provided, the least dimension of which shall be 8 ft.
   The room shall contain a hand washing fixture. 1226.4.1.3

2. Airborne infection isolation exam/treatment room shall be labeled with the words “Airborne Infection Room” and provided with the following:
   - Each airborne infection room shall contain only one examination table or recliner.
   - Hand washing station shall be located in each airborne infection room.
   - An area for gowning and storage of clean and soiled materials shall be located directly outside or inside the entry door to the airborne infection room.
   - Room doors shall be self-closing and include latching devices.
- Room perimeter walls, ceilings, floors, doors and penetrations shall be sealed tightly to minimize air infiltration from the outside or from other spaces.
- The ventilation shall be provided as required by the California Mechanical Code for airborne infection isolation rooms.

**B. Corridors**

3. Outpatient services shall have a minimum corridor or hallway width of 5 ft. Areas consisting of only waiting rooms, business offices, doctor’s offices and examining rooms, where there is no traffic through such area to other services or to exits from the building shall have a minimum corridor or hallway width of 44 inches. 1224.4.7.3

4. Provide an 8 ft. wide corridor or hallway for clinics with bed/gurney patients. 1224.4.7.1

5. Corridors for patient traffic in areas providing skilled nursing, intermediate care or rehabilitation services shall be furnished with a handrail on both sides at a height not less than 30 inches or greater than 36 inches. 1224.4.7.4

6. Corridor systems shall connect all patient rooms and basic services. 1224.4.7.5

**C. Doors and windows**

7. Doors to toilet rooms shall have an opening of not less than 32 inches clear in width and shall be equipped with hardware which will permit the door to swing outward or in a manner to negate the need to push against a patient who may have collapsed within the toilet room.

8. Pocket sliding doors are not permitted. 1224.4.4.8.2

9. Windows which may be frequently left in an open position shall be provided with insect screens of 16 meshes to the inch. 1224.4.9.4

10. All portions of buildings used by patients shall be provided with artificial light and a mechanically operated ventilating system as specified in the California Electrical Code and the California Mechanical Code. 1224.4.9.5

**D. Ceiling heights**

11. The minimum height of ceilings shall be 8 ft. 1224.4.10.1. The ceiling height with fixed ceiling equipment shall be not less than 7 ft. 1224.4.10.2

**E. Interior finishes**

12. Semi-restricted areas such as airborne infection isolation exam/treatment rooms, surgical corridors, central sterile supply spaces and minor surgical procedure rooms, shall be non-absorptive, non-perforated, capable of withstanding cleaning with chemicals and without crevices that can harbor mold and bacterial growth. If lay-in tiles are proposed, it shall be gasketed or each ceiling tile shall weigh at least one pound per square foot to prevent the passage of particles from the cavity above the ceiling plane into the semi-restricted environment. Restricted areas shall be monolithic with no cracks or perforations, scrubbable and able to withstand cleaning and/or disinfecting chemicals. All access openings in the restricted area ceilings shall be gasketed. 1224.4.11.4 And Table 1224.4.11.

**F. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage**

13. The location of compactors, balers, sharps containers, and recycling container staging at docks or other waste removal areas shall comply with 1224.4.2 (Remote from patient areas).

14. A lockable room or screened enclosure of at least 25 sf shall be provided for the washing and cleaning of garbage containers and for the storage of garbage, trash and other solid wastes 1226.4.9.2. The room or screened enclosure shall include the following:
   - A concrete floor with a curb and with a drain connected to the sewer.
   - Steam or hot water and cold water supplies in accordance with the CPC.
   - A floor area of not less than 25 sf, the least dimension which shall be 4 ft.

15. As an alternative to the to the requirements of 1226.4.9.2, a holding room for medical waste and garbage may be provided and must comply with the following:
   - The waste holding room shall be at least 25 sf, with a least dimension of 4 ft
   - The waste holding room shall have 100% exhaust ventilation.
   - All finishes within this room shall comply with section 1224.4.11
   - The waste holding room shall have convenient access to an exterior door.
16. Laundry and trash chutes shall comply with section 1224.4.16.

G. **Support areas for examination and treatment rooms**

17. Administrative centers or nurses stations shall have space for counters and storage and shall have convenient access to hand washing fixtures. This area may be combined with or include centers for reception, charting and communication. 1226.4.13.1.

18. Provisions shall be made for the distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room in compliance with 1226.4.13.2.1 or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit in compliance with 1226.4.13.2.2.

19. A clean utility room shall be provided. If the room is used for preparing patient care items, it shall contain:
   - Work counter
   - Hand washing fixture
   - Storage facility for clean and sterile supplies.
   If the room is used only for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean and sterile materials, the work counter and hand washing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

20. Soiled workroom or soiled holding room shall be provided and contain:
   - Clinic sink
   - Hand washing fixture
   - Work counter
   - Storage cabinets
   - A designated area for waste receptacle(s)
   - A designated area for soiled linen receptacle(s)
   For temporary holding of materials, provisions shall be made for separate collection, storage and disposal of soiled materials.

H. **Support areas for patients**

21. Toilet rooms with a lavatory shall be provided separate from the public use toilets and shall be located to permit access from the patient care areas without passing through publicly accessible areas.

I. **Administrative services**

22. Outpatient clinics shall provide a health record service which shall comply with the following (1226.4.16.2.1):
   - Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
   - Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.

J. **Miscellaneous requirements**

23. Station outlets for oxygen, vacuum and medical air shall comply with Table 1224.4.6.1

24. The design, installation and testing of medical gas and vacuum systems shall conform to Table 1224.4.6.1 and NFPA 99.

25. The location of nurse call stations shall comply with Table 1224.4.6.5. the design of the call stations shall comply with the California Electrical Code, Part 3 of Title 24.

III. Specific Clinic Requirements

A. **Outpatient clinical services of a hospital (1226.5)**

**Support areas for patients**

1. Patient toilet room(s) shall have a lavatory shall be provided separate from public use toilet(s) and shall be located to permit access from patient care areas without passing through publicly accessible areas.

2. Specimen and/or blood collection facilities shall comply with the following requirements:
   - Space for a chair and work counter shall be provided.
• A handwashing station shall be provided.

**General support services and facilities**

3. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage shall comply with (1226.4.9):
   • Location. A location shall be provided for waste collection and storage with sufficient space based upon the volume of projected waste and length of anticipated storage. The location of compactors, balers, sharps containers, and recycling container staging at docks or other waste removal areas shall comply with Section 1224.4.2.
   • Enclosure. A lockable room or screened enclosure of at least 25 square feet (2.32 m²) shall be provided for the washing and cleaning of garbage containers and for the storage of garbage, trash and other solid wastes.

4. Housekeeping room shall be a minimum floor area of 15 square feet (1.4 m²). It shall contain a service sink or floor receptor and provisions for storage of supplies and housekeeping equipment.

**Public and administrative areas**

5. These areas must comply with the following requirements:
   • A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
   • Outpatient waiting shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.
   • Public toilets shall comply with section 1224.4.5
   • Public telephone access must comply with 1224.4.5
   • Drinking fountains must comply with 1224.4.5
   • Medical records storage must comply with shall comply with the following:
     a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
     b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.
   • General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.

**Support areas for staff**

6. Provide staff toilet(s) in addition to and separate from, public and patient facilities. The areas shall contain toilet(s) and handwashing fixtures pursuant to the California Plumbing Code, Table 4-2.

7. Provide storage for staff personal effects with locking drawers or cabinets (may be individual desks or cabinets). Such storage shall be convenient to individual workstations and shall be staff controlled.

**B. Radiological/imaging service space (1226.5.5)**

When x-ray examination services, computerized tomography scanning, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound and/or mammography services are provided, the radiological/imaging services space shall comply with the following provisions:

**Support spaces for radiological/imaging services**

1. The following spaces are common to the imaging service area and are minimum requirements:
   • In service spaces with procedure rooms that do not require dedicated toilets, provide a minimum of one patient toilet room within the service space. Toilet room(s) with a lavatory shall be provided separate from public use toilet(s) and shall be located to permit access from patient care areas without passing through publicly accessible areas.
   • A separate space shall be provided where outpatients change from street clothing and gown, clothing storage, convenient to the imaging rooms.
   • Provide a staff toilet, internal to the service space, if three or more procedure rooms.
   • Hand washing fixtures shall be located within the unit
   • Self-contained medicine-dispensing unit shall be provided for locked storage of medications an drugs. T location of a self-contained medicine-dispensing unit shall be permitted in the clean workroom or at the administrative center or nurses’ station, provided there is adequate security for medications and adequate lighting to easily identify drugs. Convenient access to handwashing fixture shall be provided.
• Areas for off-site laundry shall be provided. If linen is to be processed off site, the following shall be provided:
  1. Soiled linen holding area or designated and dedicated area for soiled laundry cart.
  2. Clean linen storage
• A certified physicist or other qualified expert shall specify the type, location, and amount of radiation protection to be installed in accordance with the final approved department layout and equipment selections. Where protected alcoves with view windows are required, a minimum of 1'-6" (0.45 meter) between the view window and the outside partition edge shall be provided. Radiation protection requirements shall be incorporated into the construction documents and comply with Chapter 31C and the requirements of California Radiation Control Regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 5, and Subchapter 4.

X-ray examination services
2. When provided, x-ray examination services shall comply with the following (1226.5.6):
   • X-ray room
   • When shielded control alcove with protective view windows is provided, refer to section 1224.18
   • Fluoroscopy room, when provided, shall have a toilet room adjoining each fluoroscopy room, in addition to other toilet room facilities located adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity.
   • Space for processing images.
   • An office or other suitable area for viewing and reporting radiographic examination.

Computerized tomography (CT) scanning
3. CT scan spaces shall accommodate the equipment with a minimum of 3 feet (1524 mm) on all sides of the equipment, together with the following:
   • A control room shall be provided that is designed to accommodate the computer and other controls for the equipment. A view window shall be provided to permit view of the patient.
   • A patient toilet room convenient to the procedure room.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
4. The MRI room shall accommodate the equipment with a minimum of 3 feet (1524 mm) on all sides of the equipment, together with the following:
   • A control room shall be provided with full view of the patient in the MRI scanner. The control console shall be positioned so the operator has a full view of the approach and entrance to the MRI scanner room.
   • An anteroom or area visible from the control room shall be located outside the MRI scanner room so that patients, health care personnel, and other employees must pass through it before entering the scanning area and control room. The room or area shall be outside the restricted areas of the MRI’s magnetic field.
   • A computer room shall be provided.

Ultrasound
5. The ultrasound room shall comply with the following space requirement:
   • Area. Rooms used for ultrasound examination/treatment shall have a minimum clear floor area of 120 square feet (11.15 m²).
   • Clearances. A minimum clear dimension of 3 feet (914 mm) shall be provided on three sides of the table/stretcher.

Mammography
6. The mammography room shall comply with the following space requirements:
   • Area. Mammography rooms shall be a minimum of 100 square feet (9.3 m²).
   • Shielded alcove. Each x-ray room shall include a shielded control alcove. For mammography machines with built-in shielding for the operator, omission of the alcove shall be permitted when approved by the certified physicist.
C. Gastrointestinal endoscopy (1226.5.11)

When gastrointestinal endoscopy services space are provided they shall comply with section 1224.39.3 and the provisions of this section:

**Procedure room(s)**

1. The procedure room(s) shall comply with the following requirements:
   - The room shall comply with 1224.39.3.1.1. Minimum clear floor area of 200 sf and minimum 3’6” clearance around gurney/table.
   - A separate dedicated hand washing station with hands-free controls shall be available in the control room 1224.39.3.1.2.

**Processing room**

2. The dedicated processing room for cleaning and decontaminating instruments shall be provided 1224.39.3.2. The cleaning area shall allow for flow of instruments from the contaminated area to the clean assembly area and then to storage. The decontaminated area shall be equipped with the following:
   - Utility sink(s) shall be provided as appropriate to the method of decontamination used.
   - One freestanding hand washing station
   - Work counter spaces.

**Pre-operative patient holding**

3. In facilities with two or more operating rooms, areas shall be provided to accommodate gurney patients or sitting space for ambulatory patients not requiring gurneys. These areas shall be under the direct visual control of the nursing staff and may be part of the recovery service space. Each gurney station shall be a minimum clear floor area of 80 sf and shall have a minimum clearance of 3 ft on all sides of the gurney. Provisions for patient privacy such as cubicle curtains shall be made 1224.15.2.

**Post-anesthesia recovery area**

4. Each post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) shall contain a medication station in accordance with section with the following:
   - Medicine preparation room. If provided, this room shall be directly accessible from the nursing station. It shall contain a work counter, handwashing fixture, refrigerator, and locked storage for controlled drugs. When a medicine preparation room is to be used to store one or more self-contained medicine dispensing units, the room shall be designed with adequate space to prepare medicines with the self-contained medicine dispensing unit(s) present.
   - Self-contained medicine dispensing unit. If provided, a self-contained medicine dispensing unit shall be located at the nurses’ station, in the clean utility room, or in an alcove.

**Communication system**

5. A system for emergency communication shall be provided.

**Support areas for outpatient gastrointestinal endoscopy**

6. These support areas shall comply with the following requirements:
   - Control stations shall be located to permit visual observation of all traffic into the surgical service space.
   - Provision shall be made for distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit.
   - An enclosed soiled workroom (or soiled holding room that is part of a system for the collection and disposal of soiled material) for the exclusive use of the surgical service space shall be provided. The soiled workroom shall contain a flushing-rim clinical sink or equivalent flushing-rim fixture, a handwashing fixture, a work counter, and space for waste receptacles and soiled linen receptacles. Rooms used only for temporary holding of soiled material may omit the flushing-rim clinical sink and work counters. However, if the flushing-rim clinical sink is omitted, other provisions for disposal of liquid waste shall be provided. The room shall not have direct connection with operating rooms. Soiled and clean utility room or holding rooms shall be separated. The soiled workroom shall provide 24 square feet (2.23 m²) per operating
room up to eight operating rooms and shall have a minimum area of 48 square feet (4.46 m²), with no dimension less than 6 feet (1829 mm).

- A clean utility room is required when clean materials are assembled within the surgical service space prior to use or following the decontamination cycle. It shall contain a work counter, a handwashing fixture, storage facilities for clean supplies, and a space to package reusable items. The storage for sterile supplies must be separated from this space. If the room is used only for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean supply materials, the work counter and handwashing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated.

- Provide an anesthesia workroom for cleaning, testing and storing anesthesia equipment. This room shall contain work counter(s) and sink(s) and racks for cylinders.

- An equipment storage room(s) for equipment and supplies used in surgical service space. Each surgical service space shall provide sufficient storage area to keep its required corridor width free of equipment and supplies, but not less than 150 square feet (13.94 m²) or 50 square feet (4.65 m²) per operating room, whichever is greater.

- Appropriate areas shall be provided for male and female personnel (orderlies, technicians, nurses and doctors) working within the surgical service space. The areas shall contain lockers, showers, toilets, lavatories equipped for handwashing, and space for donning surgical attire. These areas shall be arranged to encourage a one-way traffic pattern so that personnel entering from outside the surgical service space can change and move directly into the surgical service space.

- A housekeeping room shall be provided for the exclusive use of outpatient surgery. It shall be directly accessible from the service area.

- Each surgical unit shall provide a separate cleanup room separated from any surgical sterilizing facilities. The cleanup room shall provide 24 square feet (2.2 m²) per operating room up to eight operating rooms and shall have the minimum area of 48 square feet (4.5 m²), with no dimension less than 6 feet (1829 mm).

- Separate storage for sterile supplies and pharmaceutical supplies shall be provided.

Outpatient change area
7. A separate space shall be provided where patients change out of their street clothing and are prepared for the procedure. This space shall include provisions for clothing storage, toilet room(s), sink, space for clothing change and gowning area.

D. Nuclear Medicine (1226.5.12)
When nuclear medicine is provided, services space shall comply with Section 1224.34 and the provisions of this section:

Radiation Protection
1. A certified physicist or other qualified expert shall specify the type, location, and amount of radiation protection to be installed in accordance with the final approved department layout and equipment selections. Where protected alcoves with view windows are required, a minimum of 1'-6" (0.45 meter) between the view window and the outside partition edge shall be provided. Radiation protection requirements shall be incorporated into the construction documents and comply with Chapter 31C and the requirements of California Radiation Control Regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 5, and Subchapter 4.

Nuclear medicine room
2. The nuclear medicine room shall be Sized to accommodate the equipment and a gurney. Provide a handwashing fixture.

Radiopharmacy
3. If radiopharmaceutical preparation is performed, an area adequate to house a radiopharmacy shall be provided with appropriate shielding. This area shall include adequate space for storage of radionuclides, chemicals for preparation, dose calibrators, and record keeping. If preprepared materials are used, storage and calculation area may be considerably smaller than that for on-site
preparation. Space shall provide adequately for dose calibration, quality assurance, and record keeping. The area may still require shielding from other portions of the facilities.

Support areas for nuclear medicine services

4. Provisions for cleanup shall be located within the service space for convenient access and use. It shall include service sink or floor receptacle as well as storage space for equipment and supplies.

5. Dose administration area. Provide and locate near the preparation area. Since as much as several hours may elapse for the dose to take effect, the area shall provide for visual privacy from other areas.

6. A holding area for patients on gurneys or beds shall be provided out of traffic and under control of staff and may be combined with the dose administration area with visual privacy between the areas.

7. Patient dressing rooms shall be located convenient to the waiting area and procedure rooms. Each dressing room shall include a seat or bench, a mirror, and provisions for hanging patients’ clothing and for securing valuables.

8. Patient toilet room(s). Reserved for nuclear medicine patients and shall be located convenient to waiting and procedure rooms.

9. Control desk and reception shall comply with the following:
   a. A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
   b. Outpatient waiting shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.
   c. Public toilets shall comply with section 1224.4.5
   d. Public telephone access must comply with 1224.4.5
   e. Drinking fountains must comply with 1224.4.5
   f. Medical records storage must comply with shall comply with the following:
      a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
      b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.
   g. General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.

10. A storage area for clean linen shall be provided.

11. Provisions with handwashing fixtures shall be made for holding soiled material. Separate provisions shall be made for holding contaminated material.

Radiotherapy service space

12. Radiotherapy service space shall comply with the following provisions of this section

Radio protection

- Cobalt, linear accelerators, hot lab and high dose rate brachytherapy rooms and simulation rooms require radiation protection. All rooms that provide radiation treatment shall be appropriately shielded. A certified physicist shall specify the type, location, and amount of protection to be installed in accordance with final approved department layout and equipment selection. Radiation protection requirements shall be incorporated into the construction documents and comply with Chapter 31C and the requirements of California Radiation Control Regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 5, and Subchapter 4.
- Rooms shall be sized as follows:
  a. Cobalt rooms and linear accelerators shall be sized in accordance with equipment requirements and shall accommodate a gurney for litter borne patients. Layouts shall provide for preventing the escape of radioactive particles. Openings into the room, including doors, ductwork, vents and electrical raceways and conduits, shall be baffled to prevent direct exposure to other areas of the facility.
  b. Simulator, accelerator and cobalt rooms shall be sized to accommodate the equipment with patient access on a gurney, medical staff access to the equipment and patient, and service access.
The following general support area areas shall be provided:
   a. A gurney hold area adjacent to the treatment rooms, screened for privacy, and combined with a seating area for outpatients.
   b. Exam or treatment room shall be provided with a minimum of 100 square feet (9.29 m²) with a minimum dimension of 8 feet (2438 mm). Each exam room shall be equipped with a handwashing fixture.

Additional support areas for linear accelerator
   a. Mold room with exhaust hood and handwashing fixture.
   b. Block room with storage. The block room may be combined with the mold room.

Additional support areas for cobalt room
   a. Hot lab
   b. High dose rate brachytherapy room

E. Cancer treatment/infusion therapy (1226.5.13)
Cancer treatment/infusion therapy service space shall comply with the provisions of this section:

Treatment area
1. The treatment area may be an open area and shall be separated from administrative and waiting areas.
   a. Nurses’ station(s) shall be located within the cancer treatment/infusion therapy area and designed to provide visual observation of all patient stations.
   b. Individual patient treatment areas shall contain at least 80 square feet (7.4 m²). There shall be at least a 4-foot (1219 mm) space around and between beds and/or lounge chairs used for chemotherapy treatment/infusion.
   c. Handwashing fixtures shall be located convenient to the nurses’ station and patient treatment areas. There shall be at least one handwashing fixture serving no more than four patient stations. These shall be uniformly distributed to provide equal access from each patient station.
   d. The open unit shall be designed to provide privacy for each patient.
   e. If provided, there shall be a medication dispensing station for the cancer treatment/infusion therapy area. A work counter and handwashing fixture(s) shall be included in the area. Provisions shall be made for the controlled storage, preparation, distribution and refrigeration of medications.
   f. An examination room with a handwashing fixture shall be provided with at least 100 square feet (9.29 m²).
   g. A clean utility room shall be provided. If the room is used for preparing patient care items, it shall contain a work counter, a handwashing fixture, and storage facilities for clean and sterile supplies. If the room is used for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean and sterile materials, the work counter and handwashing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding room shall be separated and have no direct connection.
   h. A soiled workroom shall be provided and contain a sink, handwashing fixture, work counter, storage cabinets, waste receptacles and a soiled linen receptacle.
   i. If nourishment station for the cancer treatment/infusion therapy service is provided, the nourishment station shall contain a sink, a work counter, a refrigerator, storage cabinets and equipment for serving nourishment as required.
   j. Housekeeping room shall be adjacent to and for the exclusive use of the unit.
   k. Supply areas or supply carts shall be provided.
   l. Storage space shall be available for wheelchairs and gurneys. If gurneys are provided, they shall be out of the direct line of traffic.
   m. A clean linen storage area shall be provided. This may be within the clean utility room, a separate closet, or an approved distribution system. If a closed cart system is used, storage may be in an alcove. It must be out of the path of normal traffic and under staff control.
F. Primary care clinics (1226.6)

Primary care clinics and outpatient clinical services of a hospital providing services of a hospital providing services equivalent to a primary care clinic shall comply with the following:

Examination area
1. If a treatment room or an exam room is provided, it shall have a minimum clear floor area of 80 square feet (7.4 m²), the least dimension of which shall be 8 feet (2438mm). The room shall contain a handwashing fixture.

Support areas for examination rooms
2. Administrative center or nurse station shall have space for counters and storage and shall have convenient access to handwashing fixtures (refer to Section 1224.3 for definition of handwashing fixture). It may be combined with or include centers for reception, charting and communication.
3. Provision shall be made for distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit.
4. A clean utility room shall be provided. If the room is used for preparing patient care items, it shall contain:
   - Work counter
   - Handwashing fixture
   - Storage facilities for clean and sterile supplies
     If the room is used only for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean and sterile materials, the work counter and handwashing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.
5. Soiled workroom or soiled holding room shall be provided and contain:
   - Clinic sink. A utility sink may be used for soaking or rinsing and shall be provided as appropriate to the method of decontamination used.
   - Handwashing fixture
   - Work counter
   - Storage cabinets
   - A designated area for waste receptacle(s)
   - A designated area for soiled linen receptacle(s)
   Where rooms are used for temporary holding of materials, provisions shall be made for separate collection, storage, and disposal of soiled materials. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

Support areas for patients
6. Patient toilet room(s). Toilet room(s) with a lavatory shall be provided separate from public use toilet(s) and shall be located to permit access from patient care areas without passing through publicly accessible areas.
7. Specimen collection and/or blood collection facilities. When provided, blood collection facilities shall comply with the following requirements:
   - Space for a chair and work counter shall be provided.
   - A handwashing station shall be provided.
   - Use of patient toilet room(s) shall be permitted for specimen collection.

General support services and facilities
8. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage. The waste holding room shall comply with the following:
   - The waste holding room shall be a minimum of 25 square feet, with the least dimension of which is 4 feet.
   - The waste holding room shall have 100 percent exhaust ventilation.
   - All finishes in the waste holding room shall comply with the requirements in Section 1224.4.11.
   - The waste holding room shall have convenient access to an exterior door.
9. Housekeeping room. This room shall be a minimum floor area of 15 square feet (1.4 m²). It shall contain a service sink or floor receptor and provisions for storage of supplies and housekeeping equipment.

Public and administrative areas
10. Public area
   • A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
   • Waiting rooms for outpatients shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.

11. Administrative services
   • Medical records storage. Outpatient clinics shall provide a health record service which shall comply with the following:
     a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
     b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.

12. General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.

Support areas for staff
13. Provide staff toilet(s) in addition to and separate from, public and patient facilities. The areas shall contain toilet(s) and handwashing fixtures pursuant to the California Plumbing Code, Table 4-2.
14. Provide storage for staff personal effects with locking drawers or cabinets (may be individual desks or cabinets). Such storage shall be convenient to individual workstations and shall be staff controlled.

G. Primary care clinics providing abortion services
Primary care clinics providing abortion services shall comply with the minimum requirements for primary care clinics in Section 1226.6 in addition to the following provisions:

Treatment room
1. When provided, shall have a minimum area of 120 square feet (11.15 m²), the least dimension of which shall be 10 feet (3048 mm), excluding such spaces as vestibules and work counters.

Post-abortion recovery area
2. Shall have a minimum area of 60 square feet (5.57 m²) per recovery bed, with cubicle curtains for patient privacy and comply with the following clearances requirements:
   • The design shall provide a minimum clear dimension of 4 feet (1.22 meters) between the sides of adjacent lounge chairs and between the foot of the lounge chairs and the nearest obstruction.
   • When permanent partitions (full or partial height or width) are used to partially define the patient care station (rather than cubicle curtains), a minimum clear dimension of 3 feet (914 mm) shall be provided on the sides of the lounge chair.

Patient storage
3. Space for the storage of patient clothing and personal items.

Counseling
4. A room or private area of at least 60 square feet (5.57 m²) for pre-abortion and post-abortion counseling.

H. Surgical clinics (1226.8)
Outpatient surgical clinics, and outpatient clinical services of a hospital providing services equivalent to a surgical clinic, shall comply with Sections 1226.4.2 through 1226.4.8 and the following provisions:

Outpatient surgical service space
1. An operating room(s) with a minimum clear floor area of 270 square feet (25.08 m²), no dimension of which shall be less than 15 feet (4572 mm).
2. Preoperative patient holding area(s). In facilities with two or more operating rooms, area(s) shall be provided to accommodate gurney patients or sitting space for ambulatory patients not requiring gurneys. These area(s) shall be under the direct visual control of the nursing staff and
may be part of the recovery service space. Each gurney station shall be a minimum clear floor area of 80 square feet (7.43 m²) and shall have a minimum clearance of 3 feet (914 mm) on the sides of the gurneys and the foot of the gurney. Provisions for patient privacy such as cubicle curtains shall be made.

3. Post-anesthetic care units (PACUs). Each PACU shall contain a medication station in accordance with Section 1224.14.2.8; handwashing fixtures; nurse control with charting facilities; clinical sink, refrigerator, provisions for bedpan cleaning; and storage space for gurneys, supplies, and equipment. Additionally, the design shall provide a minimum of 80 square feet (7.43 m²) for each patient position with a clearance of at least 5 feet (1524 mm) between patient gurneys and a minimum of 4 feet (1218 mm) between the sides and the foot of patient gurneys and adjacent walls or any other fixed obstructions. Provisions for patient privacy such as cubicle curtains shall be made. In new construction, at least one door to the recovery room shall access directly from the surgical service space without crossing public corridors. Handwashing fixtures shall be provided with at least one for every four gurneys uniformly distributed to provide equal access from each patient gurney.

Support areas for outpatient surgery
4. Control stations shall be located to permit visual observation of all traffic into the surgical service space.
5. Shall have a supervisor’s office or station.
6. A sub-sterile area(s) shall be equipped with a flash sterilizer, warming cabinet, and handwashing fixture. If a sterilizing facility(ies) with high-speed sterilizer(s) or other sterilizing equipment for immediate or emergency use are provided, they shall be grouped to service several operating rooms for convenient, efficient use; and a work space and handwashing fixture shall be included. Other facilities for processing and sterilizing reusable instruments, etc., may be located in another hospital department such as central services.
7. Medication station. Provision shall be made for distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit.
   • Medicine preparation room or area. When provided, the entry of the medicine preparation room or area shall be under the visual control of the staff. This may be a part of the administrative center or nurse station and shall include all of the following:
     a. Work counter
     b. Sink
     c. Lockable refrigerator
     d. Convenient access to handwashing fixture
     e. Locked storage for biologicals and drugs
        When a medicine preparation room or area is to be used to store self-contained medicine dispensing units, the room shall be designed with adequate space to prepare medicines with the self-contained medicine-dispensing units present.
   • Self-contained medicine-dispensing unit. When provided, the location of a self-contained medicine-dispensing unit shall be permitted in the clean workroom or at the administrative center or nurses’ station, provided there is adequate security for medications and adequate lighting to easily identify drugs. Convenient access to handwashing fixture shall be provided.
8. Scrub facilities. Scrub sinks shall be located outside of sterile areas. A minimum of two scrub sinks shall be provided in a surgical unit containing one operating room. Four scrub sinks shall be provided in surgical units containing two operating rooms. One additional scrub sink shall be provided for each additional operating room. Scrub sinks shall have water supply controls not requiring direct contact of the hands for operation.
9. A direct-wired or battery-operated clock or other equivalent timing device shall be visible from the scrub-up sinks.
10. An enclosed soiled workroom (or soiled holding room that is part of a system for the collection and disposal of soiled material) for the exclusive use of the surgical service space shall be provided. The soiled workroom shall contain a flushing-rim clinical sink or equivalent flushing-rim fixture, a handwashing fixture, a work counter, and space for waste receptacles and soiled linen
receptacles. Rooms used only for temporary holding of soiled material may omit the flushing-rim clinical sink and work counters. However, if the flushing-rim clinical sink is omitted, other provisions for disposal of liquid waste shall be provided. The room shall not have direct connection with operating rooms. Soiled and clean utility room or holding rooms shall be separated. The soiled workroom shall provide 24 square feet (2.23 m²) per operating room up to eight operating rooms and shall have a minimum area of 48 square feet (4.46 m²), with no dimension less than 6 feet (1829 mm).

11. Clean utility room. This room shall not be used for food preparation. A clean utility room is required when clean materials are assembled within the surgical service space prior to use or following the decontamination cycle. It shall contain a work counter, a handwashing fixture, storage facilities for clean supplies, and a space to package reusable items. The storage for sterile supplies must be separated from this space. If the room is used only for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean supply materials, the work counter and handwashing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated.

12. Provide an anesthetics workroom for cleaning, testing and storing anesthetics equipment. This room shall contain work counter(s) and sink(s) and racks for cylinders.

13. Equipment storage room(s) for equipment and supplies used in outpatient surgery. Each surgical service space shall provide sufficient storage area to keep its required corridor width free of equipment and supplies, but not less than 150 square feet (13.94 m²) or 50 square feet (4.65 m²) per operating room, whichever is greater.

14. Appropriate areas shall be provided for male and female personnel (orderlies, technicians, nurses and doctors) working within the surgical service space. The areas shall contain lockers, showers, toilets, lavatories equipped for handwashing, and space for donning surgical attire. These areas shall be arranged to encourage a one-way traffic pattern so that personnel entering from outside the surgical service space can change and move directly into the surgical service space.

15. A housekeeping room shall be provided for the exclusive use of outpatient surgery. It shall be directly accessible from the service area.

16. Each surgical unit shall provide a separate cleanup room separated from any surgical sterilizing facilities. The cleanup room shall provide 24 square feet (2.2 m²) per operating room up to eight operating rooms and shall have the minimum area of 48 square feet (4.5 m²), with no dimension less than 6 feet (1829 mm).

17. Separate storage for sterile supplies and pharmaceutical supplies shall be provided.

18. Sterilization facilities. When provided, a sterilization facility shall meet the following applicable requirements:
   - Storage. Each facility shall provide space for the storage of disposable sterile supplies or provide space for sterilization and disinfection equipment.
   - Central sterile supply and sterilizing area. When provided, rooms and spaces of the central supply and sterilizing area shall comply with the following:
     a. Soiled work area. A receiving and gross cleaning area which shall contain work space and equipment for cleaning medical and surgical equipment and for disposal of or processing of soiled materials.
     b. Clean work area. A clean work area which shall contain work space and equipment for sterilizing medical and surgical equipment and supplies.
     c. Sterilizing and equipment disinfection space.
     d. Storage. Space for sterile supplies and unsterile supplies.
   - Sterilizers. When provided, all sterilizers and autoclaves which emit system steam exhaust shall be vented to the outside of the building. Such vents shall be independent from the plumbing vent system.

Support areas for patients.

19. Patient toilet room(s). Toilet room(s) with a lavatory shall be provided separate from public use toilet(s) and shall be located to permit access from patient care areas without passing through publicly accessible areas.
20. Outpatient change area. A separate space shall be provided where patients change out of their street clothing and are prepared for the procedure. This space shall include provisions for clothing storage, toilet room(s), sink, space for clothing change and gowning area.

**General support services and facilities**

21. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage. These facilities shall comply with the appropriate local health and environmental authorities’ requirements, California Department of Public Health requirements for medical waste management, and comply with the following minimum requirements:

- **Location.** A location shall be provided for waste collection and storage with sufficient space based upon the volume of projected waste and length of anticipated storage. The location of compactors, balers, sharps containers, and recycling container staging at docks or other waste removal areas shall comply with Section 1224.4.2.
- **Enclosure.** A lockable room or screened enclosure of at least 25 square feet (2.32 m²) shall be provided for the washing and cleaning of garbage containers and for the storage of garbage, trash and other solid wastes.

22. Areas for off-site laundry services. If linen is to be processed off site, the following shall be provided:

- Soiled linen holding area or designated and dedicated area for soiled laundry cart.
- Clean linen storage area that protects linen from soil or damage.

**Public and administrative areas**

23. Public area

- A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
- Waiting rooms for outpatients shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.

24. Administrative services

- Medical records storage. Outpatient clinics shall provide a health record service which shall comply with the following:
  a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
  b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.

**Support areas for staff**

25. Provide staff toilet(s) in addition to and separate from, public and patient facilities. The areas shall contain toilet(s) and handwashing fixtures pursuant to the California Plumbing Code, Table 4-2.

26. Provide storage for staff personal effects with locking drawers or cabinets (may be individual desks or cabinets). Such storage shall be convenient to individual workstations and shall be staff controlled.

**I. Chronic dialysis clinics (1226.9)**

Chronic dialysis clinics and outpatient clinical services of a hospital providing services equivalent to a chronic dialysis clinic shall comply with Sections 1226.4.3 through 1226.4.8 and the provisions the following:

**Examination and treatment rooms**

1. Examination room(s). An examination room with a handwashing fixture shall be provided with a minimum clear floor area of 100 square feet (9.29 m²).
2. Treatment room(s). Unless specified elsewhere, if a treatment room or an exam room is provided, it shall have a minimum clear floor area of 80 square feet (7.4 m²), the least dimension of which shall be 8 feet (2438 mm). The room shall contain a handwashing fixture.
3. Individual patient treatment areas. Individual patient treatment areas shall contain at least 80 square feet (7.44 m²). There shall be at least a 4-foot (1219 mm) space around and between beds and/or lounge chairs. In addition, the following shall be provided:
   - **Location.** The treatment area may be an open area and shall be separate from administrative area and outpatient waiting room.
   - **Privacy.** An open unit shall be designed to provide visual privacy for each patient.
5. A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
6. Outpatient waiting room. Waiting rooms for outpatients shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.
7. Bloodborne infection isolation room. A minimum of one bloodborne infection isolation room of at least 120 square feet (11.15 m$^2$) of clear floor space shall be provided for patients. This room shall contain a counter and handwashing fixture.
8. Airborne infection isolation exam/treatment room. Airborne infection isolation exam/treatment room shall be labeled with the words “Airborne Infection Room” and provided with the following:
   - Each airborne infection room shall contain only one examination table or recliner.
   - Hand washing station shall be located in each airborne infection room.
   - An area for gowning and storage of clean and soiled materials shall be located directly outside or inside the entry door to the airborne infection room.
   - Room doors shall be self-closing and include latching devices.
   - Room perimeter walls, ceilings, floors, doors and penetrations shall be sealed tightly to minimize air infiltration from the outside or from other spaces.
   - The ventilation shall be provided as required by the California Mechanical Code for airborne infection isolation rooms.
9. Home training. When provided in the unit, a private treatment area of at least 120 square feet (11.15 m$^2$) shall be provided for patients who are being trained to use dialysis equipment at home. This room shall contain counter, handwashing fixture(s), and a separate drain for fluid disposal.

**Support areas for examination and treatment rooms**

10. Administrative center or nurse station. Administrative center or nurse station shall be located within the dialysis treatment area and designed to provide visual observation of all patient stations. In addition, refer to Section 1226.4.13.1 for nurses’ station(s) requirements.
   - Handwashing fixtures. Handwashing fixture(s) shall be located convenient to the administrative center or nurses’ station and patient treatment areas. There shall be at least one handwashing fixture serving no more than four stations. These shall be uniformly distributed to provide equal access from each patient station. Refer to Section 1224.3 for the definition of a handwashing fixture.
11. Medication station. Provision shall be made for distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit.
   - Medicine preparation room or area. When provided, the entry of the medicine preparation room or area shall be under the visual control of the staff. This may be a part of the administrative center or nurse station and shall include all of the following:
      a. Work counter
      b. Sink
      c. Lockable refrigerator
      d. Convenient access to handwashing fixture
      e. Locked storage for biologicals and drugs
         When a medicine preparation room or area is to be used to store self-contained medicine dispensing units, the room shall be designed with adequate space to prepare medicines with the self-contained medicine-dispensing units present.
      - Self-contained medicine-dispensing unit. When provided, the location of a self-contained medicine-dispensing unit shall be permitted in the clean workroom or at the administrative center or nurses’ station, provided there is adequate security for medications and adequate lighting to easily identify drugs. Convenient access to handwashing fixture shall be provided.
12. Clean utility room. A clean utility room shall be provided. If the room is used for preparing patient care items, it shall contain:
   - Work counter
   - Hand washing fixture
• Storage facility for clean and sterile supplies.
  If the room is used only for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean
  and sterile materials, the work counter and hand washing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and
  clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

13. Soiled workroom or soiled holding room shall be provided and contain:
  • Clinic sink clinic sink. A utility sink may be used for soaking
  or rinsing and shall be provided as appropriate
  • to the method of decontamination used.
  • Handwashing fixture
  • Work counter
  • Storage cabinets
  • A designated area for waste receptacle(s)
  • A designated area for soiled linen receptacle(s)
  Where rooms are used for temporary holding of materials, provisions shall be made for
  separate collection, storage, and disposal of soiled materials. Soiled and clean utility rooms
  or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

14. Housekeeping room. Provide adjacent to and for the exclusive use of the unit. In addition, In
  addition, this room shall be a minimum floor area of 15 square feet and shall include the following:
  • Service sink or floor receptor
  • Supply storage
  • Housekeeping equipment storage

15. Nourishment room. When provided, the nourishment room or area shall have all of the following:
  • Sink
  • Work counter
  • Refrigerator
  • Storage cabinets
  • Equipment for serving nourishment
  • A handwashing fixture, as defined in Section 1224.3, shall be located in the nourishment
    room or adjacent to the nourishment area.

16. Sterilization facilities. When provided, all sterilizers and autoclaves which emit system steam
  exhaust shall be vented to the outside of the building. Such vents shall be independent from the
  plumbing vent system.

Administrative services
17. Provide office and clinical work space including the following:
  • Medical records storage must comply with shall comply with the following:
    a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
    b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.
  • General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.

Support areas for patients
18. Patient toilet room(s). Provide patient toilet room(s) directly accessible from treatment area. The
  toilet shall be equipped with bedpan flushing attachment(s). Refer to Section 1226.4.14.1.
19. Patient storage. Provide space for storage of patient clothing and personal items.
20. Specimen collection facilities. When provided, blood collection facilities shall comply with the
    following requirements:
    • Space for a chair and work counter shall be provided.
    • A handwashing station shall be provided.

General support services and facilities
21. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage shall comply with (1226.4.9):
  • Location. A location shall be provided for waste collection and storage with sufficient space
    based upon the volume of projected waste and length of anticipated storage. The location of
compactors, balers, sharps containers, and recycling container staging at docks or other waste removal areas shall comply with Section 1224.4.2.

- Enclosure. A lockable room or screened enclosure of at least 25 square feet (2.32 m²) shall be provided for the washing and cleaning of garbage containers and for the storage of garbage, trash and other solid wastes.

22. Areas for off-site laundry services. If linen is to be processed off site, the following shall be provided:
   - Soiled linen holding area or designated and dedicated area for soiled laundry cart.
   - Clean linen storage area that protects linen from soil or damage.

23. Reprocessing room. When dialyzers are reused, a reprocessing room is required and sized to perform the functions required and include one-way flow of materials from soiled to clean with provisions for a refrigerator for temporary storage of dialyzer, decontamination/cleaning areas, sinks, processors, computer processors and label printers, packaging area, dialyzer storage and disinfectants storage.

24. Repair room. When required, an equipment repair and breakdown room shall be equipped with a handwashing fixture, deep service sink, work counter and storage cabinet. Provide water supply and drain connection for testing machines.

25. Mixing room. Each facility using a central batch delivery system shall provide, either on the premises or through written arrangements, individual delivery systems for the treatment of any patient requiring special dialysis solutions. The mixing room shall also include a sink, storage space and holding tanks.

26. Water treatment room. The water treatment equipment shall be located in an enclosed room.

Support areas for staff

27. Provide staff toilet(s) in addition to and separate from, public and patient facilities. The areas shall contain toilet(s) and handwashing fixtures pursuant to the California Plumbing Code, Table 4-2.

28. Provide storage for staff personal effects with locking drawers or cabinets (may be individual desks or cabinets). Such storage shall be convenient to individual workstations and shall be staff controlled.

J. Rehabilitation clinics (1226.10)

Rehabilitation clinics and outpatient clinical services of a hospital providing services equivalent to a rehabilitation clinic shall comply with Sections 1226.4.3 through 1226.4.8 and the following provisions:

Support areas for therapy services

1. Support area for patients.
   - Patient toilet room(s). Toilet room(s) with a lavatory shall be provided separate from public use toilet(s) and shall be located to permit access from patient care areas without passing through publicly accessible areas.

2. General support.
   - Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage. These facilities shall comply with the appropriate local health and environmental authorities’ requirements, California Department of Public Health requirements for medical waste management, and comply with the following minimum requirements:
     a. Location. A location shall be provided for waste collection and storage with sufficient space based upon the volume of projected waste and length of anticipated storage. The location of compactors, balers, sharps containers, and recycling container staging at docks or other waste removal areas shall comply with Section 1224.4.2.
     b. Enclosure. A lockable room or screened enclosure of at least 25 square feet (2.32 m²) shall be provided for the washing and cleaning of garbage containers and for the storage of garbage, trash and other solid wastes.
     - Housekeeping. This room shall be a minimum floor area of 15 square feet (1.4 m²). It shall contain a service sink or floor receptor and provisions for storage of supplies and housekeeping equipment.
• Areas for off-site laundry services. If linen is to be processed off site, the following shall be provided:
  a. Soiled linen holding area or designated and dedicated area for soiled laundry cart.
  b. Clean linen storage

3. Public and administrative.
• A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
• Outpatient waiting shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.

4. Administrative services. Provide office and clinical work space including the following:
• Medical records storage must comply with the following:
  a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
  b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.
• General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.

5. Support areas for staff
• Provide staff toilet(s) in addition to and separate from, public and patient facilities. The areas shall contain toilet(s) and handwashing fixtures pursuant to the California Plumbing Code, Table 4-2.
• Provide storage for staff personal effects with locking drawers or cabinets (may be individual desks or cabinets). Such storage shall be convenient to individual workstations and shall be staff controlled.

K. Rehabilitation therapy service spaces (1226.10.5)
1. A physical therapy service space shall be provided. The service space shall comply with the following provisions:
• Individual treatment area(s) with privacy screens or curtains. Each such space shall have not less than 70 square feet (6.51 m²) of clear floor area.
• Handwashing fixtures for staff either within or at each treatment space. (One handwashing fixture may serve several treatment stations.)
• Exercise area and facilities.
• Clean linen and towel storage.
• Storage for equipment and supplies.
• Separate storage for soiled linen, towels, and supplies.

2. Occupational therapy service space. When an occupational therapy service is provided, the service space shall comply with the following provisions:
• Work areas and counters suitable for wheelchair access.
• Handwashing fixture(s).
• Storage for supplies and equipment.
• An area for teaching daily living activities shall be provided. It shall contain an area for a bed, kitchen counter with appliances and sink, bathroom, and a table/chair.

3. Speech pathology and/or audiology service space. When speech pathology and/or audiology service(s) is provided, the service space shall comply with the following provisions:
• Tables and chairs to conduct interviews, consultations and treatment, and to accommodate patients in wheelchairs and stretchers.
• A waiting area with access to public toilet room(s) if outpatients are being served.
• Handwashing fixture.
• Testing unit. If an audiology service is provided, there shall be, in addition to Items 1, 2 and 3 above, a minimum of one two-room testing unit that meets the American National Standards Institute, ANSI/ASA S-3.1, 1999, (2008) Maximum Permissible Ambient Noise Levels for Audiometric Test Rooms.
Alternative birthing clinics (1226.11)

Alternative birthing clinics and outpatient clinical services of a hospital providing services equivalent to alternative birthing clinics shall comply with Sections 1226.4.3 through 1226.4.8 and the following provisions:

Birthing service space

1. Birthing room. A birthing room shall have a minimum clear floor area of 200 square feet (18.58 square meters), including the newborn care area. A birthing room shall have a minimum clear dimension of 12 feet (3658 mm). The maximum number of beds per room shall be one.
2. Location. Birthing rooms shall be located out of the path of unrelated traffic and under direct supervision of the facility staff.
3. Nurse call system. A nurse call system shall be located in the birthing room which will alert the nearest continually staffed administrative center or nurses’ station. Refer to Section 1224.4.6.5 for requirements.
4. Hand-washing stations. A handwashing fixture, as defined in Section 1224.3, shall be located within or directly outside the room. If the fixture is located within the room, the fixture may be screened or within openable casework.
5. Lighting. Lighting capable of 1076 lux (100 footcandles) at working surfaces shall be provided. Dimmer switches may be used.
6. Window. Each birthing room shall have an outside window. Refer to Sections 1224.4.9.4 and 1224.4.9.5.
7. Privacy. Windows or doors within a normal sightline that would permit observation into the room shall be arranged or draped, as necessary, for mother and newborn privacy.
8. Newborn care area. When provided, a separate newborn care area shall be provided that is in addition to the birthing room.
9. Examination room. Unless specified elsewhere, if a treatment room or an exam room is provided, it shall have a minimum clear floor area of 80 square feet (7.4 m²), the least dimension of which shall be 8 feet (2438mm). The room shall contain a handwashing fixture.

Support areas for birthing services

10. Administrative center or nurse station. Administrative center or nurse station shall have space for counters and storage and shall have convenient access to handwashing fixtures (refer to Section 1224.3 for definition of handwashing fixture). It may be combined with or include centers for reception, charting and communication.
11. Medication station. Provision shall be made for distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit.

- Medicine preparation room or area. When provided, the entry of the medicine preparation room or area shall be under the visual control of the staff. This may be a part of the administrative center or nurse station and shall include all of the following:
  a. Work counter
  b. Sink
  c. Lockable refrigerator
  d. Convenient access to handwashing fixture
  e. Locked storage for biologicals and drugs
     When a medicine preparation room or area is to be used to store self-contained medicine dispensing units, the room shall be designed with adequate space to prepare medicines with the self-contained medicine-dispensing units present.
- Self-contained medicine-dispensing unit. When provided, the location of a self-contained medicine-dispensing unit shall be permitted in the clean workroom or at the administrative center or nurses’ station, provided there is adequate security for medications and adequate lighting to easily identify drugs. Convenient access to handwashing fixture shall be provided.
12. Clean utility room. A clean utility room shall be provided. If the room is used for preparing patient care items, it shall contain:
• Work counter
• Hand washing fixture
• Storage facility for clean and sterile supplies.
  If the room is used only for storage and holding as part of a system for distribution of clean
  and sterile materials, the work counter and hand washing fixture may be omitted. Soiled and
  clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

13. Soiled workroom or soiled holding room shall be provided and contain:
• Clinic sink clinic sink. A utility sink may be used for soaking
  or rinsing and shall be provided as appropriate
  to the method of decontamination used.
• Handwashing fixture
• Work counter
• Storage cabinets
• A designated area for waste receptacle(s)
• A designated area for soiled linen receptacle(s)
  Where rooms are used for temporary holding of materials, provisions shall be made for
  separate collection, storage, and disposal of soiled materials. Soiled and clean utility rooms
  or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

14. Crash cart space. Space for storing crash cart shall be provided.

15. Clean-up room. Each birthing room shall have access to a clean-up room with a handwashing
  fixture and work space which is separate from any sterilizing facilities. The clean-up room shall
  provide 24 square feet (2.23 m²) per birthing room up to eight rooms, with no dimensions less
  than 6 feet (1829 mm).

16. Ice-making equipment. Each facility shall have equipment to provide ice for treatments and
  nourishment. Ice-making equipment shall be permitted in the clean utility or the nourishment
  room/area. Ice intended for human consumption shall be provided in the nourishment station and
  shall be served from selfdispensing ice-makers.

17. Nourishment room. When provided, the nourishment room or area shall have all of the following:
• Sink
• Work counter
• Refrigerator
• Storage cabinets
• Equipment for serving nourishment
• A handwashing fixture, as defined in Section 1224.3, shall be located in the nourishment
  room or adjacent to the nourishment area.

18. Medical gas outlets. When provided, oxygen and suction capabilities may be portable or piped.

**Support areas for mother and newborn**

19. Patient toilet room(s). Each birthing room shall have direct access to a private toilet room with
  lavatory, shower or tub and nurse call system. Facilities for cleaning bedpans shall be provided in
  the toilet room.

**General support services and facilities**

20. Housekeeping room. This room shall be a minimum floor area of 15 square feet (1.4 m²). It shall
  contain a service sink or floor receptor and provisions for storage of supplies and housekeeping
  equipment.

21. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and trash storage. Garbage, solid waste, medical waste and
  trash storage shall comply with (1226.4.9):
  • Location. A location shall be provided for waste collection and storage with sufficient space
    based upon the volume of projected waste and length of anticipated storage. The location of
    compactors, balers, sharps containers, and recycling container staging at docks or other
    waste removal areas shall comply with Section 1224.4.2.
• Enclosure. A lockable room or screened enclosure of at least 25 square feet (2.32 m²) shall be provided for the washing and cleaning of garbage containers and for the storage of garbage, trash and other solid wastes.

22. Areas for off-site laundry services. If linen is to be processed off site, the following shall be provided:
   • Soiled linen holding area or designated and dedicated area for soiled laundry cart.
   • Clean linen storage area that protects linen from soil or damage.

Public and administrative areas
23. Public area
   • A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
   • Outpatient waiting shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.

24. Administrative services
   • Medical records storage must comply with shall comply with the following:
     a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
     b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.
   • General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.

Support areas for staff
25. Provide staff toilet(s) in addition to and separate from, public and patient facilities. The areas shall contain toilet(s) and handwashing fixtures pursuant to the California Plumbing Code, Table 4-2.

26. Provide storage for staff personal effects with locking drawers or cabinets (may be individual desks or cabinets). Such storage shall be convenient to individual workstations and shall be staff controlled.

27. Staff lounge. When provided, the lounge shall have adequate space to accommodate staff.

28. Staff clothing change area. When provided, a changing room with shower shall be provided for staff to change into work attire.

M. Psychology clinics (1226.12)
Psychology clinics and outpatient clinical services of a hospital providing services equivalent to a psychology clinic shall comply with Sections 1226.4.3 through 1226.4.8 and the following provisions.
Psychology clinics shall provide at least an interview room, consulting room and group therapy room.

1. Public and administrative area.
   • Public area.
     a. A reception and information counter or desk shall be provided.
     b. Outpatient waiting shall provide a seating area and space for wheelchairs and have public corridor access to, or provisions for, public toilet, drinking fountain and telephone.

2. Administrative services
   • Medical records storage must comply with shall comply with the following:
     a. Work area for sorting and recording records for either paper or electronic media.
     b. Storage area for records for either paper or electronic media.
   • General storage facilities for office supplies and equipment shall be provided.
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