

4675.1000 POSTOPERATIVE RECOVERY AREA.

The postoperative recovery area shall include the following elements:

A. An arrangement which permits transfer of patients direct from the surgical suite or by route of a nonpublic corridor.

B. A recovery area that provides access and space for wheeled stretcher traffic and parking, and provides patient holding areas with privacy curtains and at least three feet of space on each side and foot end of stretchers or recovery beds.

C. A nurses office or nurse station for patient management, for directing of nursing care, and for keeping patient records. It shall be arranged to offer visual control of the recovery area.

D. Space for charting, drugs, nourishment, supplies, and equipment for patient care and emergency treatment. This includes facilities for hand washing, a flushing rim sink, space for soiled linen collection, and portable or built-in provisions for oxygen and suction in the recovery area.

E. Medications and narcotics stored in accordance with the requirements of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

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