

Patient care locations are locations where patients with similar medical conditions receive similar levels of care.

CDPH-DEFINED PATIENT CARE LOCATIONS

NHSN defines more than 60 unit types for inpatient acute care hospital settings. California hospitals self-identified 50 different NHSN-defined unit types. As recommended by the CDPH Metrics Work Group and HAI Advisory Committee, CDPH rolled NHSN-defined unit types into **20 patient care locations**. The CDPH Metrics Work Group judged these 20 patient care locations to provide similar types of care, have similar risks of CLABSI based on published 2009 U.S. CLABSI rates, and to be appropriate for consolidation. This document identifies the CDPH-defined patient care locations and their subdivisions and lists NHSN-defined units included within each location.

Critical care areas Nursing care areas that provide intensive observation, diagnosis, and therapeutic procedures for patients who are critically ill. These areas exclude step-down, intermediate, or telemetry care areas. The following are the CDPH-defined patient care locations associated with critical care areas:

- **Medical critical care** locations specialize in care of critically ill patients with nonsurgical conditions including cardiac, neurological, prenatal, or respiratory conditions.
 - These CDPH-defined patient care locations are further subdivided by
 - Major teaching institutions
 - All other (non-major teaching) institutions
- **Medical/surgical critical care** locations specialize in care of critically ill patients with medical and/or surgical conditions.
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- **Surgical critical care** patient locations specialize in critical care for pre- or post-surgical conditions, including cardiac and thoracic surgery and neurosurgery.
- **Burn critical care** locations specialize in care of critically ill patients with significant/major burns.
- **Trauma critical care** patient locations specialize in care of critically ill patients who require a high level of monitoring and/or intervention following trauma or during critical illness related to trauma.
- **Pediatric critical care** locations specialize in critical care to patients less than or equal to 18 years of age including surgical and/or medical care.

- **Neonatal critical care** locations specialize in Level II/III and/or Level III critical care provided to newborns and infants; in these locations umbilical catheter and central line bloodstream infections and device line days are combined
 - These CDPH-defined patient care locations are further subdivided by birth weight categories of
 - *less than or equal to 750 grams*
 - *751 grams - 1000 grams*
 - *1001 grams - 1500 grams*
 - *1501 grams - 2500 grams*
 - *more than 2500 grams*

General care areas

- **Step down general care** locations specialize in patients that are hemodynamically stable who can benefit from close supervision and monitoring. These CDPH-defined patient care locations are further subdivided by age groups as
 - *Adult*
 - *Neonatal* (infants of weight ≥ 1500 grams requiring resuscitation and stabilization before transfer to a facility at which newborn intensive care is provided)
 - *Pediatric step down general care* locations specialize in patients less than or equal to 18 years of age
- **Medical general care** locations provide evaluation and treatment of nonsurgical conditions including acute stroke, burn, gerontology, medical, neurology, pulmonary, or telemetry services.
- **Medical/surgical general care** locations provide evaluation and treatment of medical and/or surgical conditions including gynecological.
- **Surgical general care** locations provide evaluation and treatment for pre- or post-surgical conditions including neurosurgery, orthopedic, orthopedic trauma, or vascular surgery.
- **Rehabilitation general care** locations provide care to patients who have lost function due to acute or chronic pain, musculoskeletal problems, stroke, or catastrophic events resulting in complete or partial paralysis. These CDPH-defined locations are further subdivided by age of patient
 - *Adult*
 - *Pediatric patients* (patients' less than or equal to 18 years of age)
- **Labor, delivery, postpartum general care** locations provide evaluation and treatment of normal and high risk pregnancy patients.
- **Behavioral general care** locations provide evaluation and treatment of patients with acute psychiatric or behavioral disorders.
- **Jail general care** locations provide evaluation and treatment of patients who are in custody of law enforcement during their treatment.
- **Pediatric general care** locations provide evaluation or treatment to any patient less than or equal to 18 years of age for any medical or surgical condition.

Special care areas

- ***Bone marrow transplant special care*** locations specialize in patients who undergo bone marrow (stem cell) transplant for the treatment of various disorders. These CDPH-defined locations are further subdivided by age of patients
 - Adult patients further subdivided by the type of central line
 - Permanent central lines
 - Temporary central lines
 - Pediatric patients (patients less than or equal to 18 years of age) further subdivided by the type of central line
 - Permanent central lines
 - Temporary central lines
- ***Oncology special care*** locations specialize in patients who require management and treatment for cancer and/or blood disorders. These CDPH-defined locations are further subdivided by age of patients
 - Adult further subdivided by the type of central line
 - Permanent central lines
 - Temporary central lines
 - Pediatric patients (patients less than or equal to 18 years of age) further subdivided by the type of central line
 - Permanent central lines
 - Temporary central lines
- ***Solid organ transplant special care*** locations specialize in patients requiring postoperative care after solid organ transplant. These CDPH-defined locations are further subdivided by the type of central line
 - Permanent central lines
 - Temporary central lines
- ***Long-term acute care special care*** locations specialize in patients suffering from medically complex conditions, or patients who have suffered recent catastrophic illness or injury and require an extended stay in an acute care environment. These CDPH-defined locations are further subdivided by the type of central line
 - Permanent central lines
 - Temporary central lines