

## DoD Space Planning Criteria for Health Facilities

### Specialty Medical Clinics

#### **3.15.1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE:**

This section sets forth space planning criteria for the Specialty Medical Clinical Services in military health care facilities. Specialty Medical clinics include within this chapter: Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, and Rheumatology.

Separate sections provide information on other specialty clinics, as listed below:

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Speech Therapy	3.10	Orthopedic/Podiatry	3.12
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#### **3.15.2. DEFINITIONS:**

**Bronchoscopy:** The endoscopic examination and treatment of the tracheobronchial system.

**Dermatology:** The medical specialty concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the skin.

**Endocrinology:** The study and treatment of diseases of the endocrine (hormonal) system and its role in the physiology of the body.

**Endoscopy:** Inspection of the interior of a canal or any air or food passage by means of an endoscope.

**Full-Time Equivalent (FTE):** A work force equivalent to one individual working full time for a specific period, which may be made up of several part-time individuals or one full-time individual. This will include everyone working in the facility; military, civilian and contractor personnel.

**Gastroenterology:** The study and treatment of diseases of the digestive system, to include the esophagus, stomach, intestines, pancreas, liver and biliary tracts.

**Hematology:** The study and treatment of diseases of the blood and blood forming tissues.

**Infectious Disease:** A disease (any deviation from or interruption of the normal structure or function of any part, organ or system of the body that is manifested by a characteristic set of symptoms and signs) that is caused by or capable of being communicated by infection (invasion and multiplication of micro-organisms in body tissues). An infectious disease specialist provides consultation and treatment for problems related to viral, bacterial, parasitic or fungal diseases.

**Internal Medicine:** Discipline encompassing the prevention, diagnosis, and nonsurgical treatment of disease in adults.

**Nephrology:** The diagnosis and treatment of the function and diseases of the kidney.

**Neurology:** That branch of medical science, which deals with the nervous system, both normal and in disease. Clinically, that specialty concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system.

**Office:** Room Code OFA01 is a private office outfitted with standard office furniture. Room Code OFA02 is a private office outfitted with systems furniture. Room Code OFA03 is a cubicle outfitted with systems furniture.

**Oncology:** The diagnosis and treatment of cancer, often used in conjunction with the hematology specialty as in "hematology-oncology" or "heme-onc."

**Preceptor/Consult Room:** A location is required for residents in training to be able to discuss cases in private with supervising faculty physicians (preceptors). These discussions occur during the course of a patient visit, requiring proximity to exam room areas. In clinic configurations with staff physician offices clustered near exam rooms, precepting may be feasible from the faculty physician's own office and not from a dedicated central preceptor room. Note that any space provided for precepting must afford privacy from eavesdropping patients and passers-by ... hence an open area accessible by non-staff is NOT acceptable.

**Proctology:** The branch of medicine concerned with the study of the rectum and anus and the treatment of their diseases.

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**Provider:** An individual, who examines, diagnoses, treats, prescribes medication and manages the care of patients within their scope of practice as established by the governing body of a healthcare organization. General providers are physicians, physician's assistants and clinical nurse practitioners. The term 'staff providers' does not include residents.

**Rheumatology:** The branch of medicine dealing with rheumatic disorders, their causes, pathology, diagnosis, treatment, etc. Rheumatic disorders are any of a variety of disorders marked by inflammation, degeneration, or metabolic derangement of the connective tissue structures of the body, especially the joints and related structures.

#### **3.15.3. POLICIES:**

**Clinic Composition:** Whenever the workload of any specialty does not support more than two provider FTEs, a separate clinic should not be programmed. Medical specialties that do not justify a separate clinic should be combined into the internal medicine clinic or may be combined into two or three specialty medical services in one clinic. This excludes hematology/oncology clinics, which should not be combined with other clinics.

**Diabetic Care Clinics:** space requirements are determined in a case-by-case study, base on workload.

**Hematology/Oncology Clinic:** Hematology/Oncology clinics will not be combined with other clinics.

**Providers' Examination Rooms:** Each provider will be provided with two examination rooms.

**Providers' Offices:** Each provider on the staff, who has patient appointments, is provided a private office.

**Residents' Office Space:** Private office space will not be programmed for graduate medical education residents. Residents who are in a graduate medical education program studying to become a specialist in the service being programmed, will be provided with shared office space of 60 nsf per resident in the program. An office for a rotating resident may be programmed in the clinic for residents who see patients.

**Resident's Office/Examination Rooms:** Additional office and examination room space may be programmed into a clinic to provide space for "rotating residents" to see patients. A resident during his or her rotation in the clinic will use this space when they see patients as walk-ins or on appointment. One office and two examination rooms may be programmed for each resident FTE projected to be in the clinic seeing patients. Note: these resident are not necessarily specialty medical residents only, family practice, and internist residency programs may require a rotation in the orthopedic clinic.

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**3.15.4. PROGRAM DATA REQUIRED:**

Number of projected Dermatology providers.  
 Number of projected Endocrinology providers.  
 Number of projected Gastroenterology providers.  
 Number of projected Hematology/Oncology providers.  
 Number of projected Infectious Disease providers.  
 Number of projected Internal Medicine providers.  
 Number of projected Nephrology providers.  
 Number of projected Neurology providers.  
 Number of projected Proctology providers.  
 Number of projected Rheumatology providers.  
 Are patient education cubicles in the clinic concept of operations?  
 Are patient education classrooms in the clinic concept of operations?  
 Number of provider that will see pediatric patients.  
 Does the risk assessment indicate a requirement for isolation exam rooms?  
 Is there a requirement for a treadmill/Stress test room?  
 Number of projected nurses.  
 Number of projected staff requiring a private office (see section 2.1)  
 Number of staff that require a dedicated cubicle.  
 Number of staff without an office or private cubicle (staff requiring lockers).  
 Total number of staff in the clinic.  
 Is a Cystoscopy room required in this clinic?  
 Is conscious sedation used in the clinic?  
 Is a Renal Dialysis Unit in the concept of operations?  
   Number of patients enrolled in renal dialysis unit.  
   Number of nurses assigned to the renal dialysis.  
   Does the infection risk assessment require a isolation renal dialysis chair?  
   Does the renal dialysis have a home training program?  
   Is a FTE dietician projected?  
   Is a FTE Pharmacist projected?  
   Is a FTE Social worker projected?  
 How many chemotherapy treatments projected for each year?  
 Number of projected FTE tumor registry clerks  
 Is a FTE pharmacist projected for the Hematology/Oncology clinic?  
 Is a Lab required in dermatology  
 Is an Esophageal Motility Room required in Gastroenterology?  
 Is there a GME program?  
 Number of residents (in all specialties).  
 Is there a projected secretary?

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#### 3.15.5. SPACE CRITERIA:

**Toilets, Lounges and Locker Areas:** The criteria for toilets, lounges and locker rooms is provided in a separate section, Section 6.

**Administrative Offices:** The office space required to provide administrative support to operate the clinic services will be provided in accordance with criteria for administration in Section 2.1.

**Physician's Offices:** - Each physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse practitioner, and allied scientist on the staff will be provided a private office based on the following criteria: (excluded offices are provided under other criteria, such as Radiologists, Pathologists, Anesthesiologists, Commanders, etc.).

**Combining functions:** When programming a clinic that includes multiple special procedure rooms that require similar support functions (patient holding, utility rooms and recovery areas), the support areas should be located in such a way that they should be combined as opposed to duplicating the support functions.

#### RECEPTION AREAS

Clinic Waiting Area	WRC01		60	Minimum. Provide one per clinic. Provide 3 seats per provider (except dermatology) for the maximum number of providers projected to be working in the clinic at one time. Provide 4 seats per dermatology provider for the maximum number of providers projected to be working in the clinic at one time. Provide 16 nsf for 95% of the seats and 25 nsf for 5% of the seats (handicapped waiting).
Reception (GP)	RECP1	13.01	140	Provide 140 nsf for the first eight providers. Increase 60 nsf for each increment of four providers over the initial eight providers.
Patient Education Conference Room (GP)	CLR02	23.23	250	Provide if in clinic concept of operations includes group patient education classes. See Section 2.1
Patient Education Cubicle	CLSC2	3.72	40	Include if in clinic concept of operations. Includes a computer workstation for patient self assessment, printing educational brochures etc.
Public Toilet	NA	NA	NA	Space provided in Common Areas. See Section 6.1

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**PATIENT AREAS**

Provider's Exam Rooms (GP)	EXRG1	11.15	120	Army - Two per provider (FTE) programmed. Can be used for Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, and Rheumatology providers, when not listed separately below.
	EXRG2			Navy - same criteria as above
	EXRG3			Air Force - same criteria as above
Screening, Weights and Measures (GP)	EXRG4	7.43	80	One per each 4 providers.
Pediatric Screening (GP)	EXRG5	11.15	120	If in the clinic concept of operations. One per 8 providers seeing pediatric patients.
Isolation Exam (GP)	EXRG6	11.15	120	One per clinic, if required for infection control.
Patient Learning Resource Room	LIBV1	11.15	120	One per department. See section 2.2.
Consult Room	OFDC2	11.15	120	Minimum. One per 8 providers of all specialties.
Patient Toilet	TLTU1	5.57	60	One if number of projected FTE providers is between three and eight. Provide two toilets if number of projected FTE providers is between nine and fifteen. Provide three toilets if number of projected FTE providers is sixteen or more with a maximum of three toilets.

**TREATMENT AREAS**

Treatment Room -general purpose (GP)	TRGM1	16.26	175	Minimum one. One per 6 providers. Can be used for Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, and Neurology providers, when not listed separately below.
Treadmill/Stress Test Room (GP)	OPTM1	20.44	220	Minimum. One for internal medicine when there is not a separate cardiology service.
Electrocardiogram (EKG) Testing Room (GP)	OPEC1	11.15	120	Minimum. One per clinic, when not listed separately below.
EKG Work Room	OPEC2	7.43	80	One per EKG Testing Room.
Dressing Cubicle (GP)	DR001	5.57	60	One per multi-station EKG area.
Observation/Hydration Room	OOHR1	11.15	120	Provide one for Internal Medicine clinic, if Internal Medicine has empanelled patients

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**STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS:**

Provider's Office (GP)	OFD01	11.15	120	Army - One per provider FTE programmed. Can be used for Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, and Rheumatology providers, when not listed separately below. (See also Residency Staff section.)
	OFD03			Navy - See above Planning Range/Comments.
	OFD03			Air Force - See above Planning Range / Comments
Nurse Manager's Office	OFA01	11.15	120	Private office, standard furniture. One per projected FTE.
	OFA02			Private office, systems furniture. One per projected FTE.
Nurses' Workroom	WRCH1	11.15	120	Army. Minimum. Add 40 nsf for each nurse above 4 assigned to the clinic.
	OFA03	5.57	60	Air Force. One per projected FTE
Administrative Office	OFA01	5.57	60	Private office, standard furniture. One per projected FTE.
	OFA02			Private office, systems furniture. One per projected FTE.
Administrative cubicle	OFA03	5.57	60	Systems furniture cubicle. Per assigned FTE, see Section 2.1. Provide 60 nsf for each full time person who requires office space.
NCOIC/LCPO/LPO Office	OFA01	11.15	120	One per projected FTE.
	OFA02			
Advice Nurse(s) Area	OFA03	5.57	60	Minimum, when one advice nurse FTE programmed. Add 60 nsf per each additional FTE programmed. Used for telephone triage/advice.
Education Nurse	OFA01	11.15	120	One per FTE programmed.
	OFA02			
Tumor Registry	OFA01	11.15	120	One per facility. See also Section 3.11. Provide only one for both departments.

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**STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS: (cont)**

Patient Records Area	MRS01	11.15	120	Minimum. Fixed shelving. If outpatient records are stored within the clinic. See Section 2.5 for increase in size.
	MRS02			Minimum. Movable shelving. If outpatient records are stored within the clinic. See Section 2.5 for increase in size.
	FILE1	5.57	60	If records are stored outside of the clinic. See Section 2.5.
Reproduction Room	RPR01	9.29	100	For Copier/Fax/Mailbox distribution.
Conference Room (GP)	CRA01	23.23	250	Minimum use CRA01. One per department with less than eight officers or officer equivalents. For increase in size (CRA02 and CRA03) see Section 2.1.
	CRA02	27.87	300	
	CRA03	37.16	400	
Forms/Literature Storage	SRS01	9.29	100	One per department.
Staff Lounge (GP)	SL001	13.01	140	Minimum. See Section 6.1.
Staff Lockers (GP)	LR001	1.86	20	Lockers for personal property. See Section 6.1 for increase in size or for Locker Room, Changing criteria.
Staff Toilets	TLTU1	5.57	60	Minimum for total clinic staff of at least 10. See Section 6.1 for increase in size and for male/female breakdown

**CLINIC SUPPORT AREAS**

Clean Utility/Supply Room (GP)	UCCL1	11.15	120	For up to 6 projected FTE providers.
		13.94	150	For 7 - 12 projected FTE providers.
		16.72	180	For more than 12 projected FTE providers.
Soiled Utility (GP)	USCL1	8.36	90	For up to 6 projected FTE providers.
		11.15	120	For 7 - 12 projected FTE providers.
		13.94	150	For more than 12 projected FTE providers.
Litter/Wheelchair Storage	SRLW1	5.57	60	One per clinic.
Crash Cart Alcove	RCA01	1.86	20	One per clinic. Can be shared between several clinics if fully accessible to all.
Equipment Storage	SRE01	9.29	100	One per clinic.

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**Dermatology**

Treatment Room -Dermatology	TRGS1	16.26	175	Minimum of one. One room per every 2 providers.
Outpatient Dermatology/Cryotherapy (GP)	OPDC1	11.15	120	Minimum of one room. Add a second room when 3 or more dermatologists FTEs projected.
Outpatient Dermatology, Ultraviolet Booth (GP)	OPDU1	11.15	120	Minimum of one when a dermatologist FTE projected. Add additional booth when more than five dermatologists.
Laser Treatment Room	TRGS3	16.26	175	One treatment room per each type of laser.
Dermatology Laboratory	LBDE1	5.57	60	One per clinic if in clinic concept of operations

**Gastroenterology**

Digital Cystoscopy Room (GP)	XDRF2	40.88	440	One per gastroenterologist FTE projected. Includes control area. Determine if this will be located in this clinic or in Radiology or Surgery.
Dedicated Toilet (GP)	TLTU1	5.57	60	One per fluoroscopy room.
Dedicated Dressing Cubicle (GP)	DR001	4.65	50	One per fluoroscopy room.
Image Reading Room (GP)	XVC01	11.15	120	One per clinic when any imaging capability included in the clinic.
Treatment Room, Proctoscopic Exam Room (GP)	TRPE1	16.26	175	One per proctologist FTE projected.
Dedicated Toilet	TLTU1	5.57	60	One per proctoscopic room.
Dedicated Dressing Cubicle (GP)	DR001	5.57	60	One per proctoscopic room.
Treatment Room, Endoscopy Room (GP)	TREE1	26.01	280	One per gastroenterologist FTE provider.
Dedicated Toilet	TLTU1	5.57	60	One per endoscopy room.
Dedicated Dressing Cubicle	DR001	4.65	60	One per endoscopy room.
Scope Wash Room	USCL2	11.15	120	One per clinic.
Esophageal Motility Room	TRGM1	16.26	175	If in clinic concept of operations.
Subwaiting	WRC01	5.57	60	Minimum, add 25 nsf for each procedure room
Recovery Cubicle Outpatient	RROP1	22.30	240	Minimum (2 cubicles) If conscious sedation used. Add 1 cubicle, 120 nsf for each additional procedure room.
Nurse station/Observation	NSTA4	5.57	60	Minimum, If over 4 beds increase to 120
Patient Toilet, Recovery	TLTU1	5.57	60	One per Recovery Room/Pre-Op room.

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**Renal Dialysis Unit**

**PATIENT AREAS (Renal Dialysis Unit)**

Waiting Area	WRC01	13.01	140	Minimum. Provide 2 seats per each renal dialysis station.
Clinic Reception Station/Control Counter (GP)	RECP1	11.15	120	One per renal dialysis unit.
Patient Belongings Storage	LR002	7.43	20	Minimum. Ensure 7 nsf per Renal dialysis chair
Exam Room	EXRG1	11.15	120	One per each FTE provider programmed.
Renal Dialysis Station, Chair	RDC01	11.15	120	1 station (chair) per every seven patients enrolled in renal dialysis. (See formula at 3.15.6).
Renal Dialysis Station, Chair, negative pressure	RDC02	11.15	120	One per unit based risk assessment
Patient Toilet	TLTU1	5.57	60	One in association with dialysis station area.
Renal Dialysis Home Training Room	LIBV1	11.15	120	1 per unit, if home training is provided.
Examination/Peritoneal Dialysis Room	RDPD1	11.15	120	1 per unit.
Portable Renal Dialysis Storage	RDP01	7.43	80	Use only if in hospital and performing RD on inpatient ward

**STAFF AND SUPPORT AREAS (Renal Dialysis Unit)**

Nurses' Station	NSTA4	11.15	120	One per renal dialysis unit.
Unit Directors Office	OFD01	11.15	120	Army/Air Force One per renal dialysis unit.
	OFD03			Navy
NCOIC/LCPO/LPO Office	OFA01	11.15	120	One per renal dialysis unit
	OFA02			
Dietician	OFA01	11.15	120	One per clinic, if projected FTE
	OFA02			
Pharmacist	OFA01	11.15	120	One per clinic, if projected FTE
	OFA02			
Social Work Services	OFA01	11.15	120	One per clinic, if projected FTE
	OFA02			
Nourishment Room (GP)	NCWD1	9.29	100	1 per unit, when nourishment is provided to patients.
Renal Studies Laboratory	LBSC1	11.15	120	One per clinic when a Lab technician FTE is projected.
Medication Preparation/Dispensing Room	MEDP1	7.43	80	One per renal dialysis unit.
Clean Utility Room	UCCL1	7.43	100	Minimum. Provide 40 nsf for each additional renal dialysis treatment station above two.
Soiled Utility Room	USCL1	11.15	120	One per renal dialysis unit. Add 10 nsf for each station over 6

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**STAFF AND SUPPORT AREAS (Renal Dialysis Unit) (cont)**

Water treatment/concentrate room	RDWT1	11.15	120	Minimum. Add 30 nsf for each additional chair greater than four.
Literature / Form Storage	SRS01	5.57	60	For home healthcare information/equipment. Add 15 nsf for each additional chair greater than four.
Equipment storage	SRSE1	9.29	100	One per unit
Nurses' Work Area	WRCH1	11.15	120	Minimum
Staff Toilet	TLTU1	5.57	60	See Section 6.1
Litter and Wheelchair Space	SRLW1	1.86	60	One per renal dialysis unit.
Dedicated Janitor's Closet	JANC1	5.57	40	One per renal dialysis unit.

**Rheumatology**

Treatment Room	TRGM1	16.26	175	One per clinic. If Rheumatologist assigned
Infusion Therapy Area (GP)	RROP1	33.44	360	Minimum provides two chairs, control/observation and support. Add two chairs (120 nsf each) for each additional provider greater than 1. May be shared with Hematology/Oncology.
Synovial Fluid Analysis Room	LBSC2	11.15	120	One per clinic.

**Neurology**

Electromyography (EMG) Room (GP)	PTEM1	11.15	120	One per clinic when a neurologist FTE projected.
EEG Testing Room (GP)	OPEE1	11.15	120	One room for when one neurologist FTE programmed. Two rooms for up to three neurologist FTEs programmed.
EEG Work Room	OPEE2	7.43	80	One for every EEG Testing Rooms.

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Tumor Registry	OFA01	11.15	120	One per clinic. See also section 3.11. Provide only one for both departments.
	OFA02			
Pharmacist's Office	OFD01	11.15	120	One office per pharmacist FTE programmed.
	OFD02			
Social Worker's Office	OFDC1	11.15	120	One per social worker FTE projected.
Social Work Specialist Office	OFDC1	11.15	120	One per social work specialist FTE projected.
Group Therapy Room	OPMH1	18.58	200	One per oncology service.
Chemo Medication Prep Room	OPCT2	11.15	120	One if pharmacist assigned (one FTE).
		5.57	60	One if no full time pharmacist assigned.
Chemotherapy Treatment Area	OPCT1	27.87	300	Minimum (3 stations). One per oncology service, add 100 nsf for each 1,000 additional annual chemotherapy treatments above 4,000.
Dedicated Patient Chemo toilet	TLTU1	5.57	60	One per department
Treatment Room, Hem/Onc.	TRGM1	16.26	175	One per provider FTE programmed.
Holding Area	RRBD1	22.30	240	Minimum (3 reclining chairs with chairs for escorts). Add additional 80 nsf for each 2-chemotherapy treatment station in excess of three.
Patient Toilet for holding area	TLTU1	5.57	60	One per Chemotherapy Holding Area.

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#### **Functions which are required for Residency Education in a Specialty Medical Clinics:**

The following areas must be programmed if the MTF provides a medical specialty Residency Program. These areas are in addition to those listed under common areas above.

Director of Residency Program (GP)	OFD01	11.15	120	Army - One per director of residency program.
	OFD02			Navy - One per director of residency program.
	OFD03			Air Force - One per director of residency program.
Secretary to Director with visitor waiting.	SEC01	11.15	120	One per Director of a Family Practice Residency Program, if there is an assigned FTE
Private Office	OFA01	11.15	120	One per projected FTE that requires a private office
	OFA02			
Administrative Cubicle	OFA03	5.57	60	Provide 60 nsf per projected FTE position.
Resident's Office Space	OFA03	5.57	60	Minimum. 60 nsf per assigned resident.
Residency Library	LIBB1	13.01	140	One per Residency Program.
Conference Room (GP)	CRA01	23.23	250	Minimum use CRA01. One per department with less than eight officers or officer equivalents. For increase in size (CRA02 and CRA03) see Section 2.1.
	CRA02	27.87	300	
	CRA03	37.16	400	
Monitored Exam Rooms - subject & observer rooms.	EXRG1	11.15	120	Provide two EXRG1 per residency program, and one COM03. These rooms use cameras and videotapes.
	COM03	5.57	60	
Preceptor/Consult Rooms	OFDC1	11.15	120	One per eight staff physicians per concept of operations.

#### **3.15.6 FORMULAS:**

Programming of renal dialysis stations – the criteria for 1 station (chair) per every seven patients enrolled in renal dialysis was based on the following assumptions:

- 1) Assume a 12-hour day, six- day week.
- 2) Assuming the 12-hour day, 3 patients per day will be served.
- 3) If an 8-hour day is used, only 2 patients per day can be served.
- 4) Patients typically require 2.5 to 3.5 hours per dialysis and 80% of patients require dialysis 3 times a week, while 20% require dialysis 4 times a week.

If any of these assumptions if different than the actual renal dialysis operation, the criteria should be altered accordingly.