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## Designing the Hospital of the Future

Improving the Quality of Care through facility design



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# Presentation Outline

1. .... The Hospital of the Future

2. .... Nursing Unit Design

3. .... Diagnostic and Treatment Area  
Design





# The Hospital of the Future

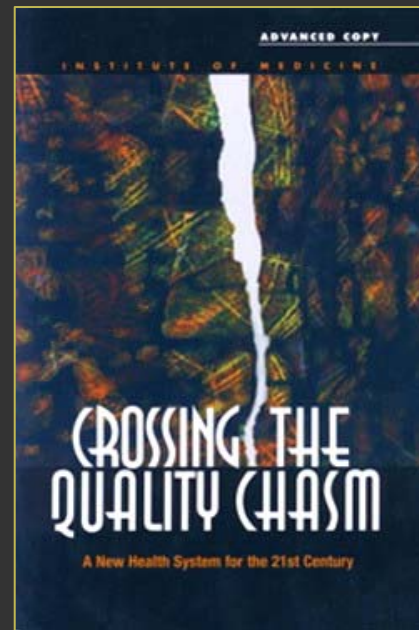
# Family-centered Supportive Environments

- Privacy, dignity, respect
- Clear intuitive way-finding
- “On-stage / off-stage”

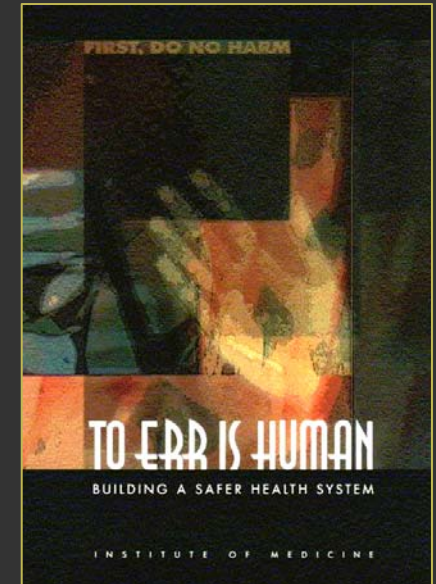


# Improve Quality & Safety

- Standardization
- Advanced communications systems
- Improved lighting
- Better acoustic control
- Improved visibility



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# Leverage Scarce Resources



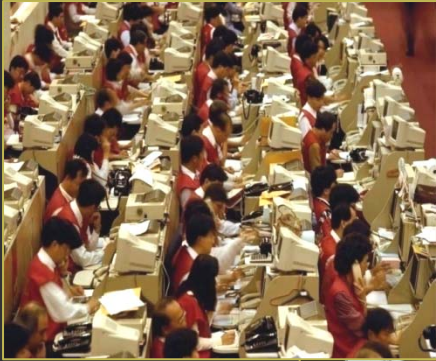
The Staffing Crisis will continue at many levels:

- radiology nurses
- radiology technologists
- radiologists
- “PACS” specialists

New types of personnel are evolving in the procedural environment:

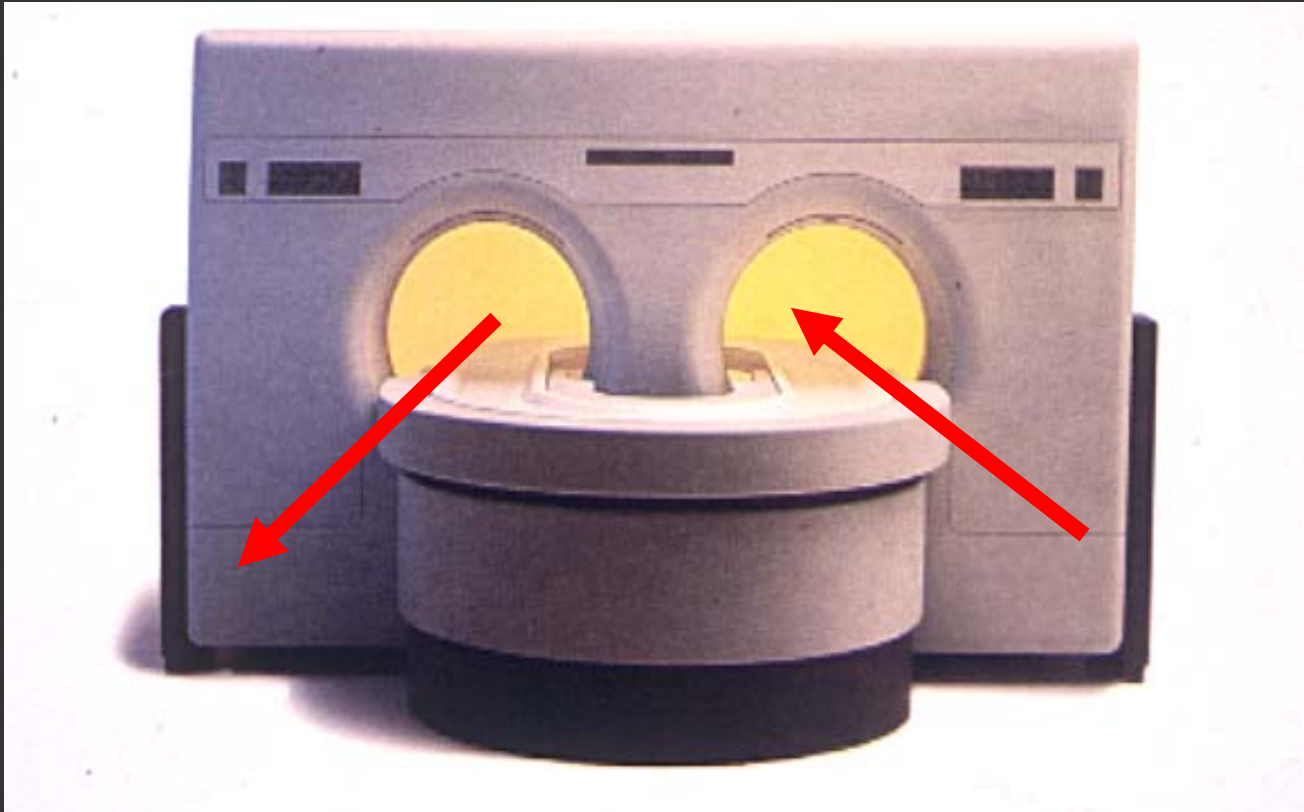
- “Image-guidance” radiologists
- Surgical Imaging Technologists
- Surgical IT Managers
- Non-surgical Interventionalists

# Leverage Remote Specialists



- Tele-radiology
- “e-ICU”<sup>®</sup>
- Call Centers
- Remote Outreach Facilities

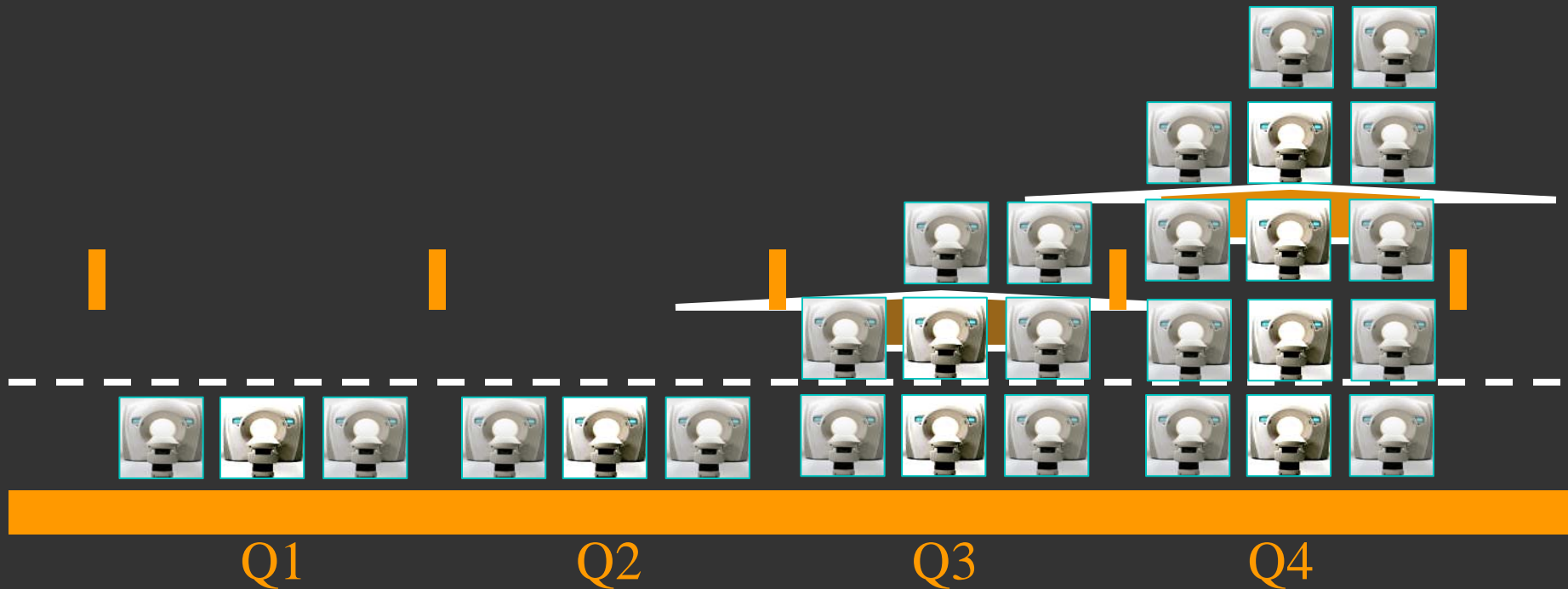
# Increase Productivity





# Predict Future Changes

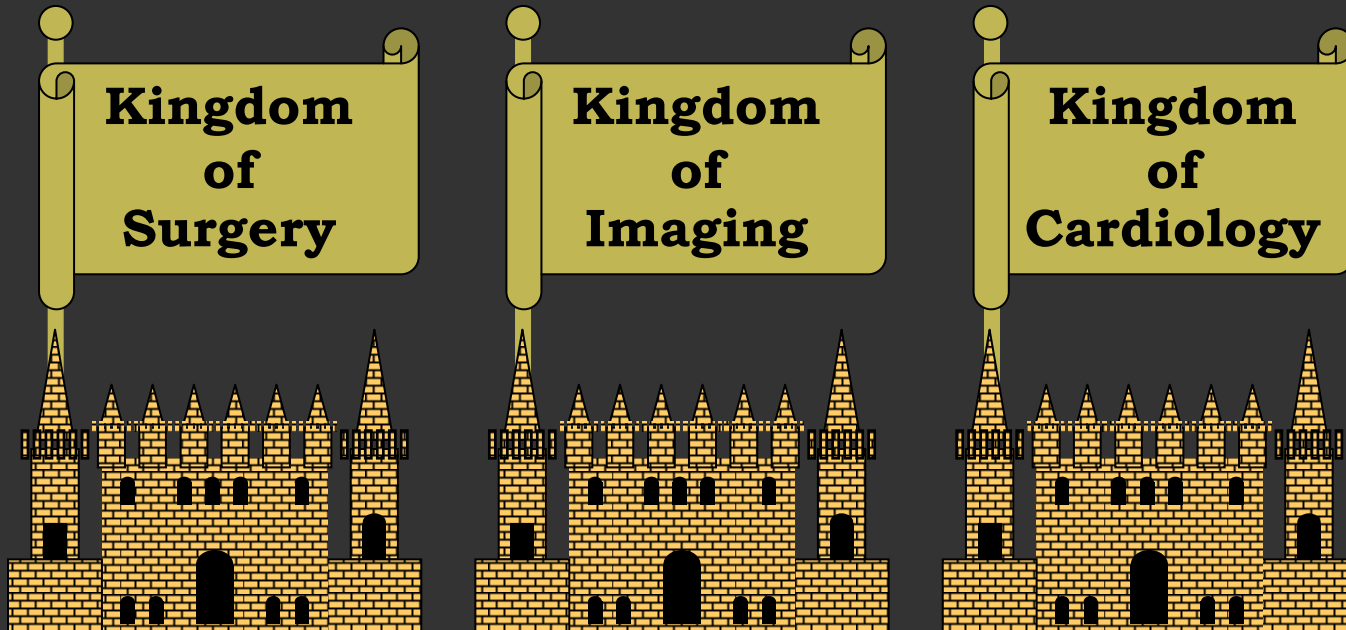
(reimbursement, regulatory, technological, procedural, etc)



During the 6 months following CMS's 2001 PET reimbursement approval for certain oncology use, PET utilization grew by over 50% .... and continues ....

# Convert Competition into Collaboration

- Competition among surgeons, interventional radiologists and cardiologists continues....
- Visionary leaders are beginning to mandate multi-specialty collaboration
- Many specialists are willing to collaborate rather than compete

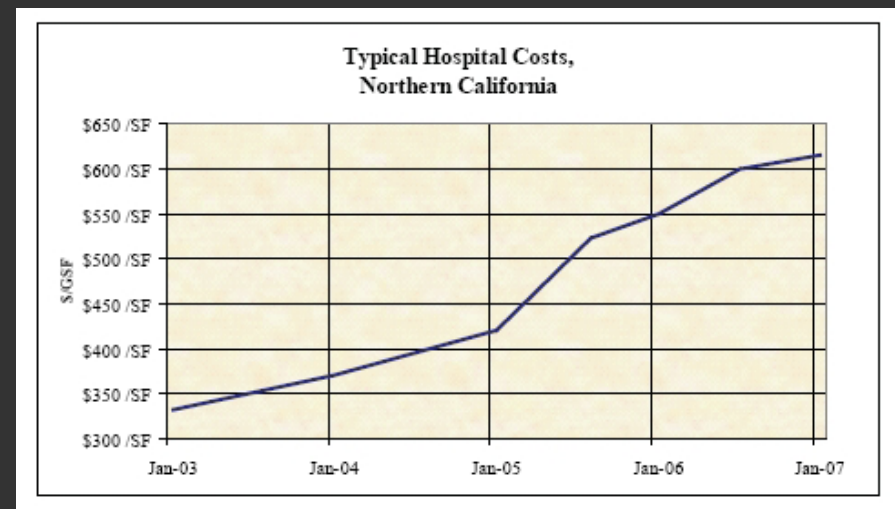
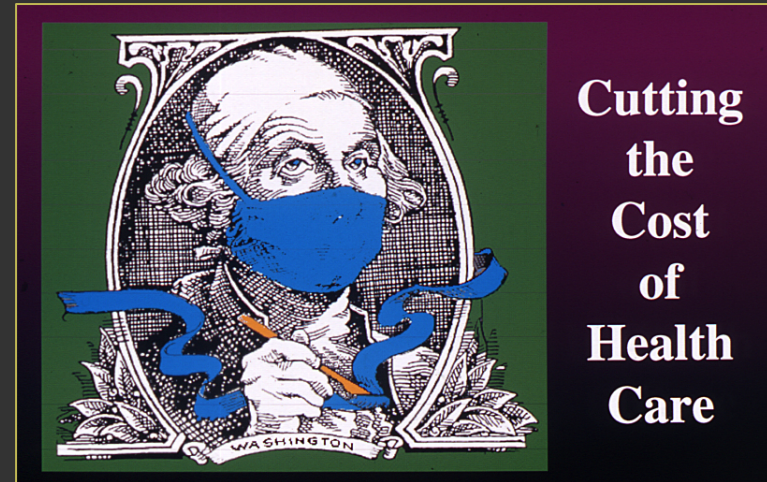


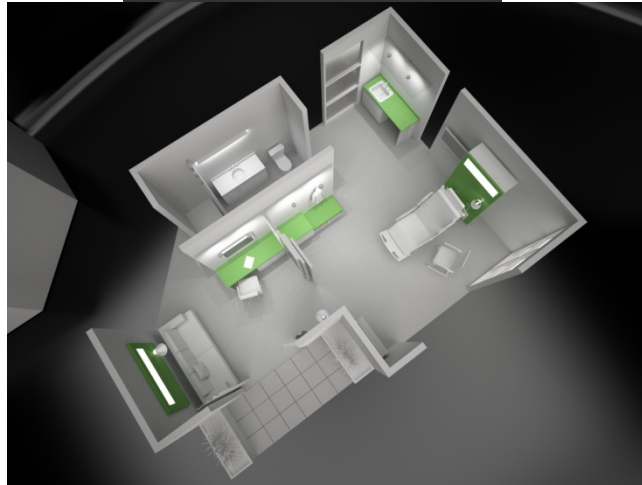
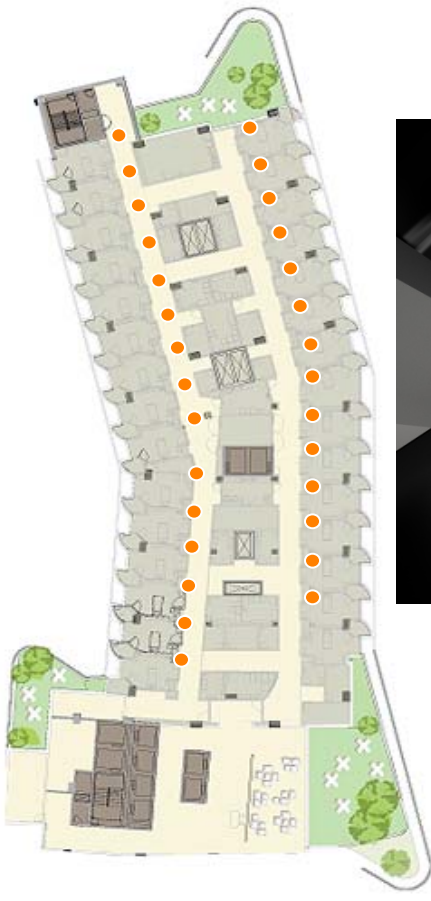
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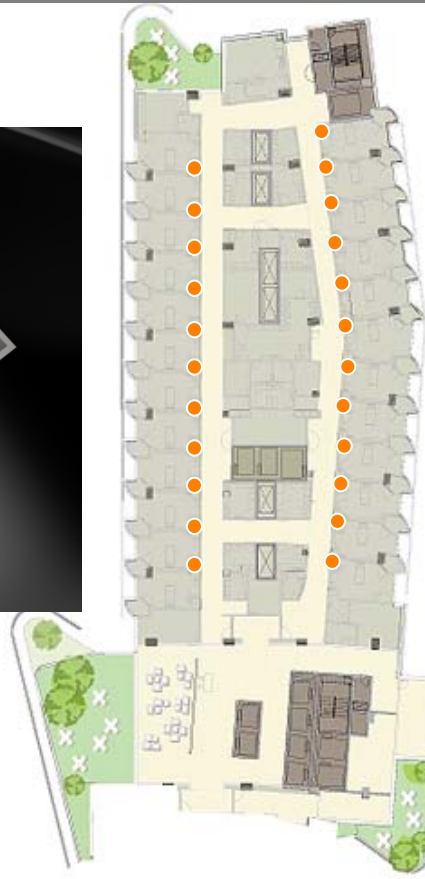
# Balance First Costs and Life-cycle Costs

- Escalation remains as the most significant cost factor
- Lifecycle costs out-weigh initial construction costs
- Space programs that are too lean will limit future flexibility
- Infrastructures that don't have “robust” excess capacities will limit future flexibility (and cost more if upgraded later)
- MEP systems represent 40 – 60% of construction costs





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# Nursing Unit Design

# Patient Lifts



Video courtesy of Ann Hendrich

# Patient Lifts

Projected costs of patient handling injuries based on cost per injury prior to ceiling lifts (PeaceHealth – Springfield, OR).

Unit	Direct Cost *	# Injuries	Avg direct cost per injury	Avg indirect cost (2x) **	Total Cost one injury	Avg # injuries per year	Total Annual Cost
Neuro	\$222,646.	15 (3 yrs)	\$14,843.	\$29,686	\$44,529	5	\$222,645
ICU	\$ 95,003	10 (2 yrs)	\$9,500.	\$19,000	\$28,500	5	\$142,500
subtotal							\$365,145

\*Direct costs of just patient handling injuries

\*\* Indirect costs include light duty salaries, replacement salaries, and training costs

# Patient Lifts

Actual preliminary savings after ceiling lifts are installed and used  
(PeaceHealth – Springfield, OR).

Unit	Direct Cost	# Injuries	Avg direct cost per injury	Avg indirect cost (2x)	Total Cost one injury	Avg # injuries per year	Total Annual Cost
Neuro	\$ 331.	1 (1 yrs)	\$ 331	\$ 662	\$ 993	1	\$ 993
ICU	\$ 0	0 (2 yrs)	\$ 0.	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
subtotal	\$ 331	1	\$ 331	\$ 662	\$ 993	1	\$ 993

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# Patient Lifts

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT:

\$2, 149,914  
cost of lifts installed

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\$874,839  
preliminary annual savings

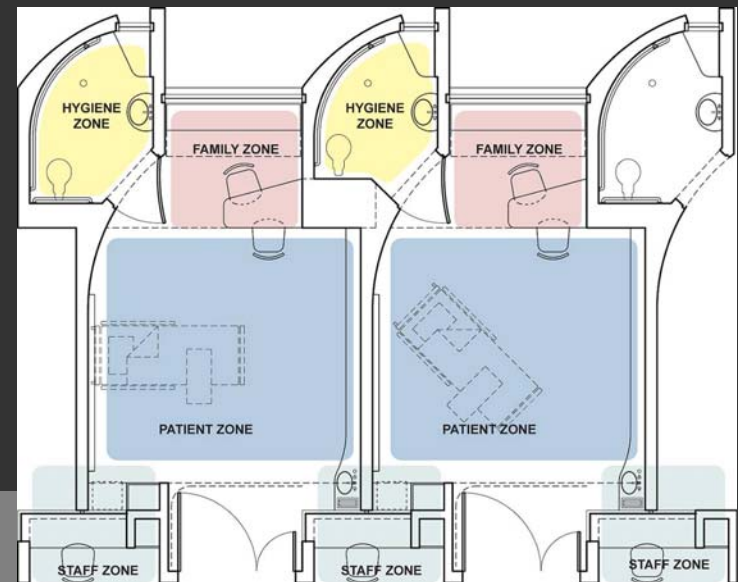
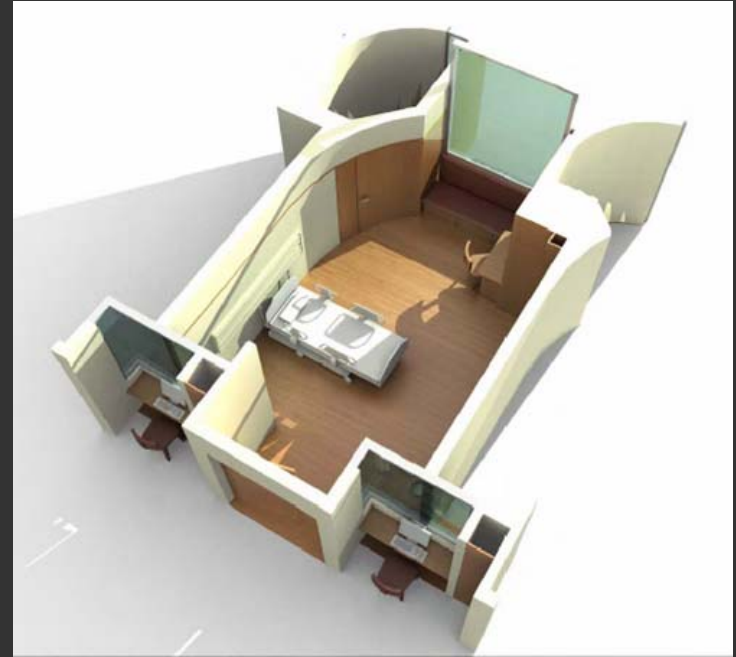
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Payback within  
**2.46 years**



# Acuity-adaptable Patient Rooms

- Rooms that can “swing” from Acute Care to Critical Care
- Reduces need to transfer patients.
- **This where most patient falls occur.**
- ↓ patient falls, ↓ staff injuries, ↓ cost
- Most units “swing” best between Acute/TCU or TCU/ICU due to “cultural issues”
- Requires larger patient room



# Acuity-adaptable Patient Rooms

## Patient Room – Patient Area

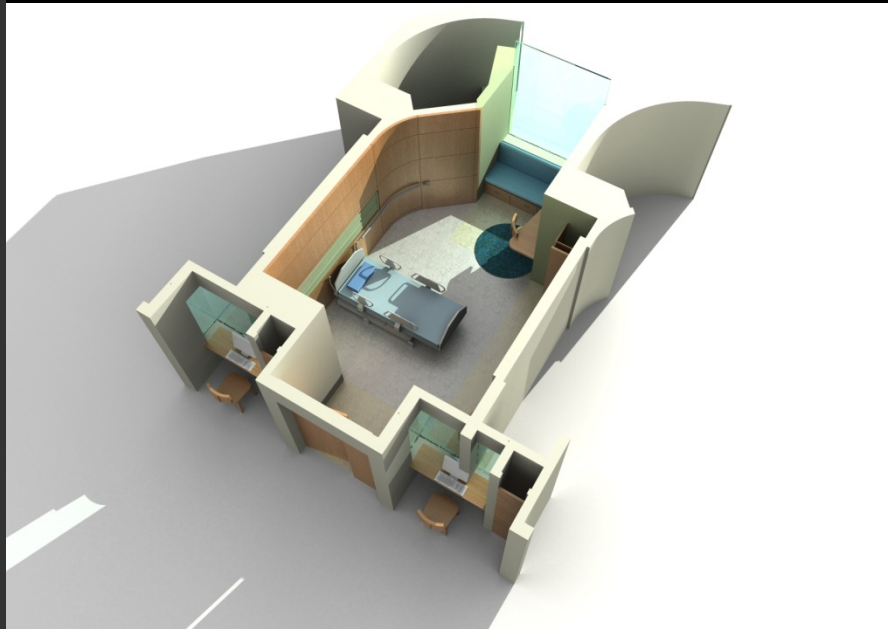


## Patient Room – Footwall & Family Area



# Acuity-adaptable Patient Rooms

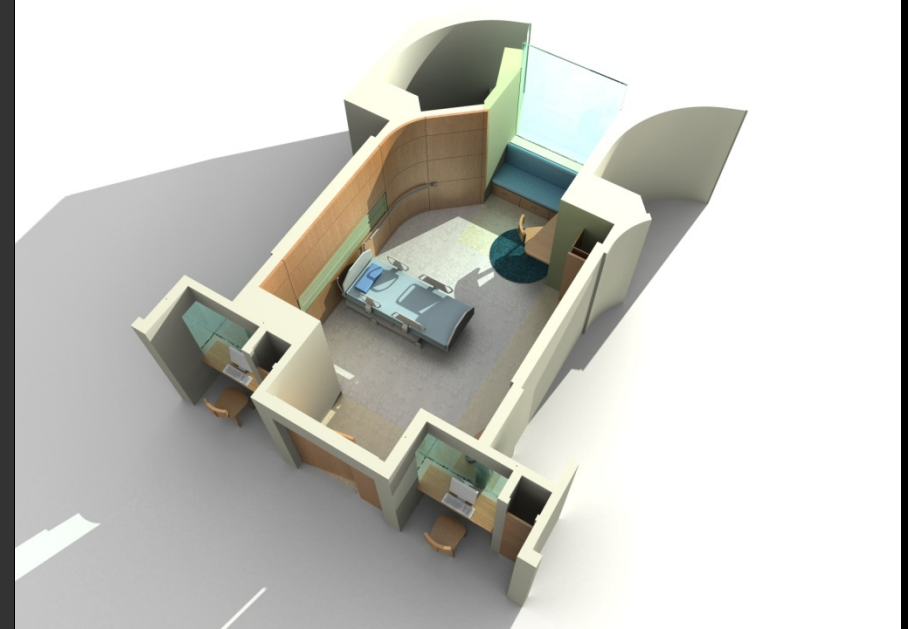
## Patient Room – Area Comparison



ACUTE CARE DESIGN

240 SF Patient Room  
40 SF Toilet Room

**280 SF TOTAL**



ACUITY ADAPTABLE DESIGN

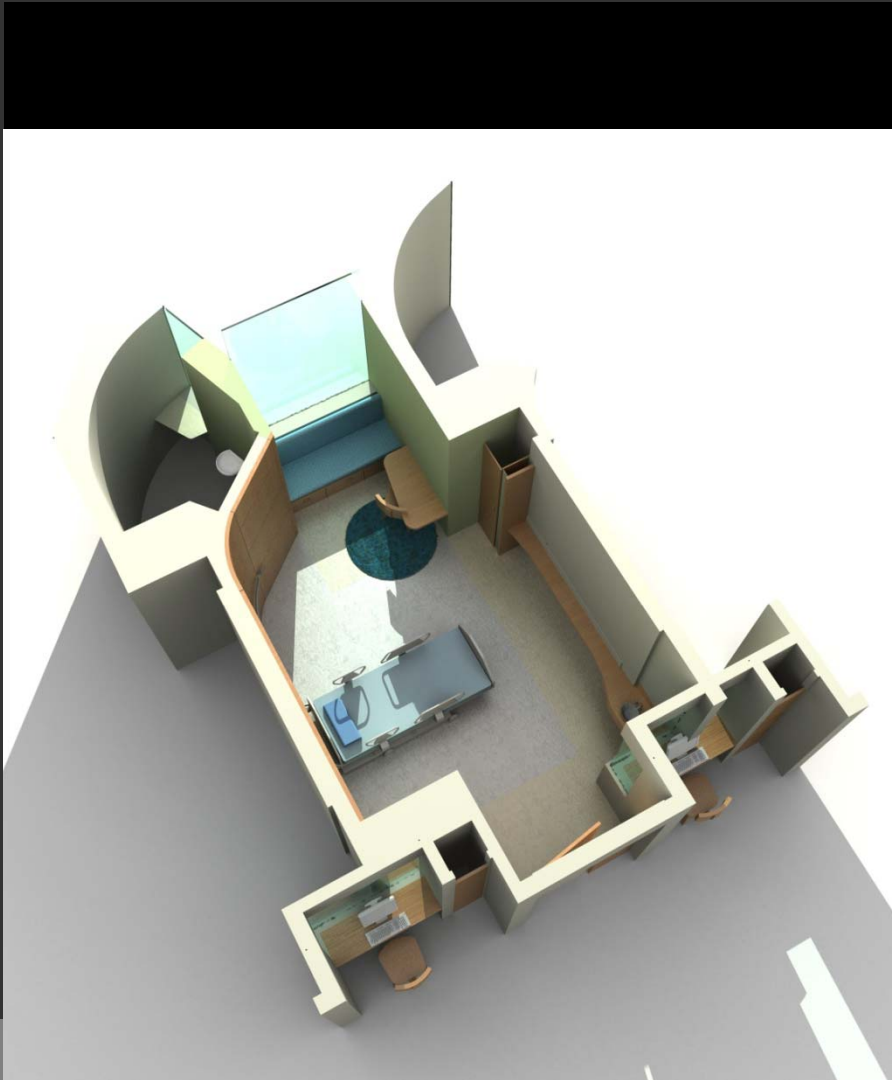
280 SF Room  
40 SF Toilet Room

**320 SF TOTAL**

**Premium: \$384 / SF x 40 SF = \$ 15,360 / room**

# Acuity-adaptable Patient Rooms

## Patient Room – Electrical Comparison



### ACUTE CARE DESIGN

- Dimmers not required
- 2 duplex
- Emergency power not required

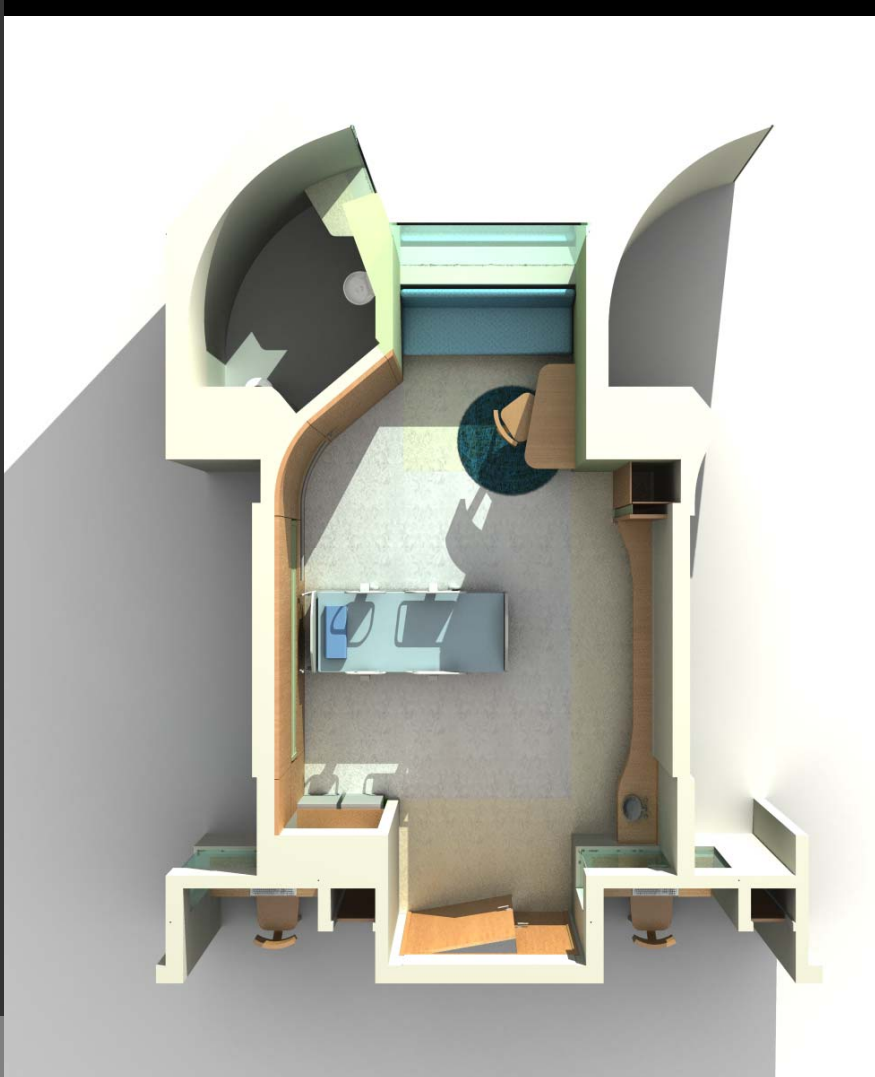
### ACUITY ADAPTABLE DESIGN

- Dimmers required
- 6 duplex
- Emergency circuit required

**Premium: \$1,794 / room**

# Acuity-adaptable Patient Rooms

## Patient Room – Medical Gas Comparison



### ACUTE CARE DESIGN

2 O  
2 V  
2 A

6 Gas Outlets

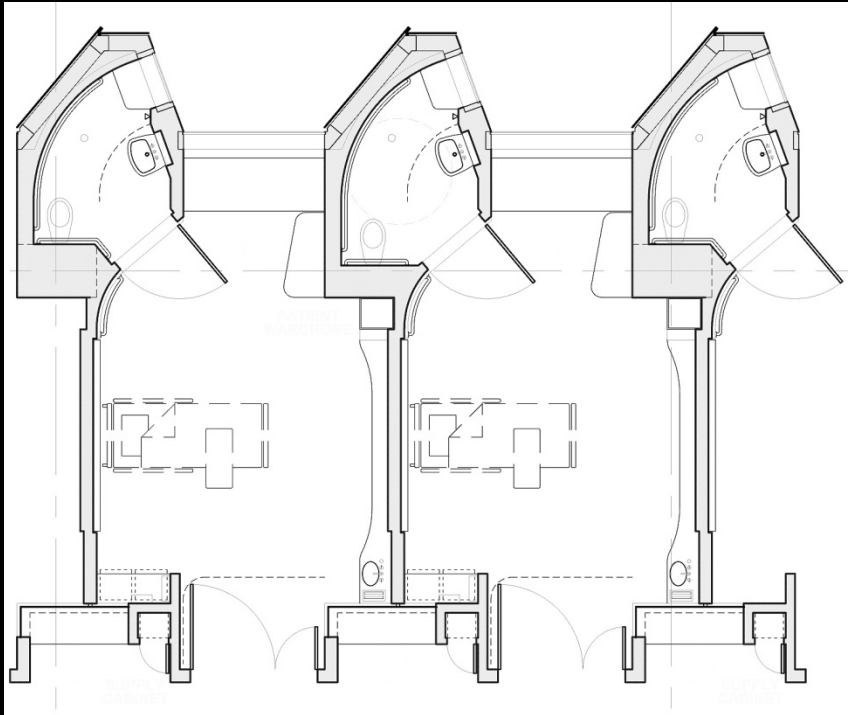
### ACUITY ADAPTABLE DESIGN

4 O  
6 V  
2 A

12 Gas Outlets

Premium of 6 Gas Outlets = \$ 6,000 / room  
Premium for flow meters = \$3,300 / room

# “Same-handed” Patient Rooms



“SAME HANDED” PATIENT ROOM

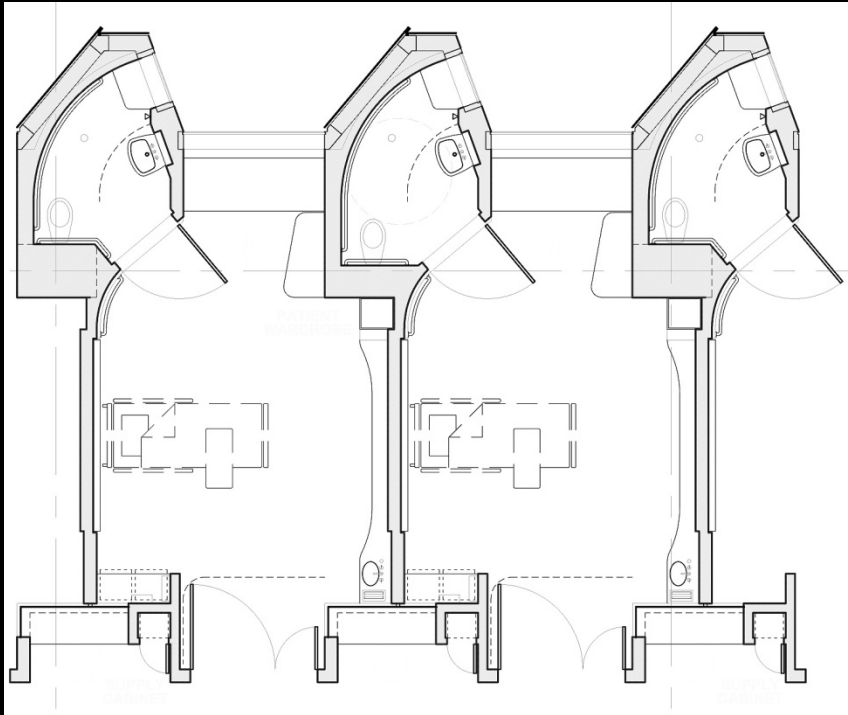
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## Definition:

**A design that provides consistent orientation of the room elements (door, bed, headwall/footwall, toilet/shower, etc.) to all patient rooms.**

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# “Same-handed” Patient Rooms



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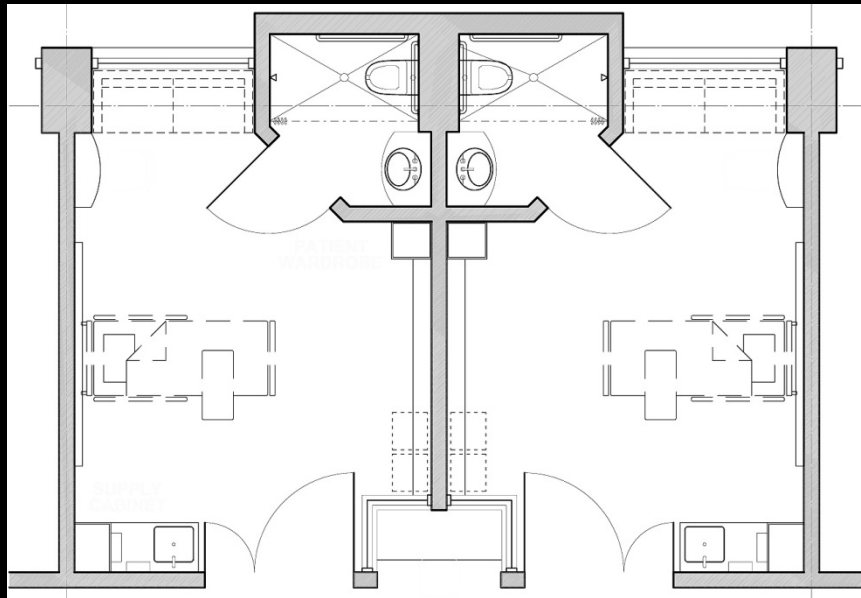
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## Potential Benefits:

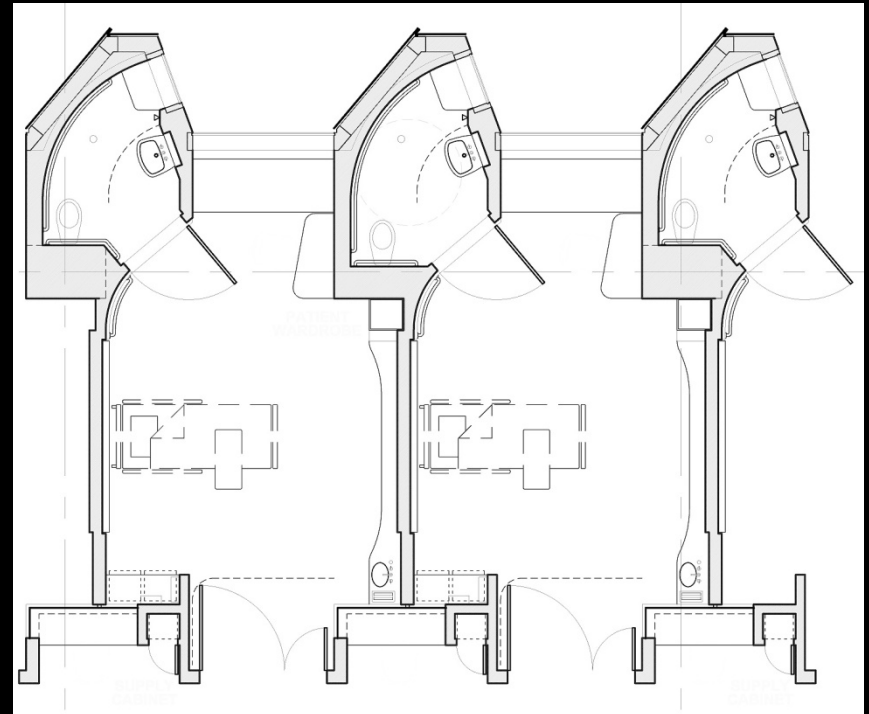
- Consistent approach and care practice
  - Possible reduction in staff error
  - Most beneficial for high stress areas (ICU)
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# “Same-handed” Patient Rooms



TRADITIONAL “MIRRORED” ORIENTATION

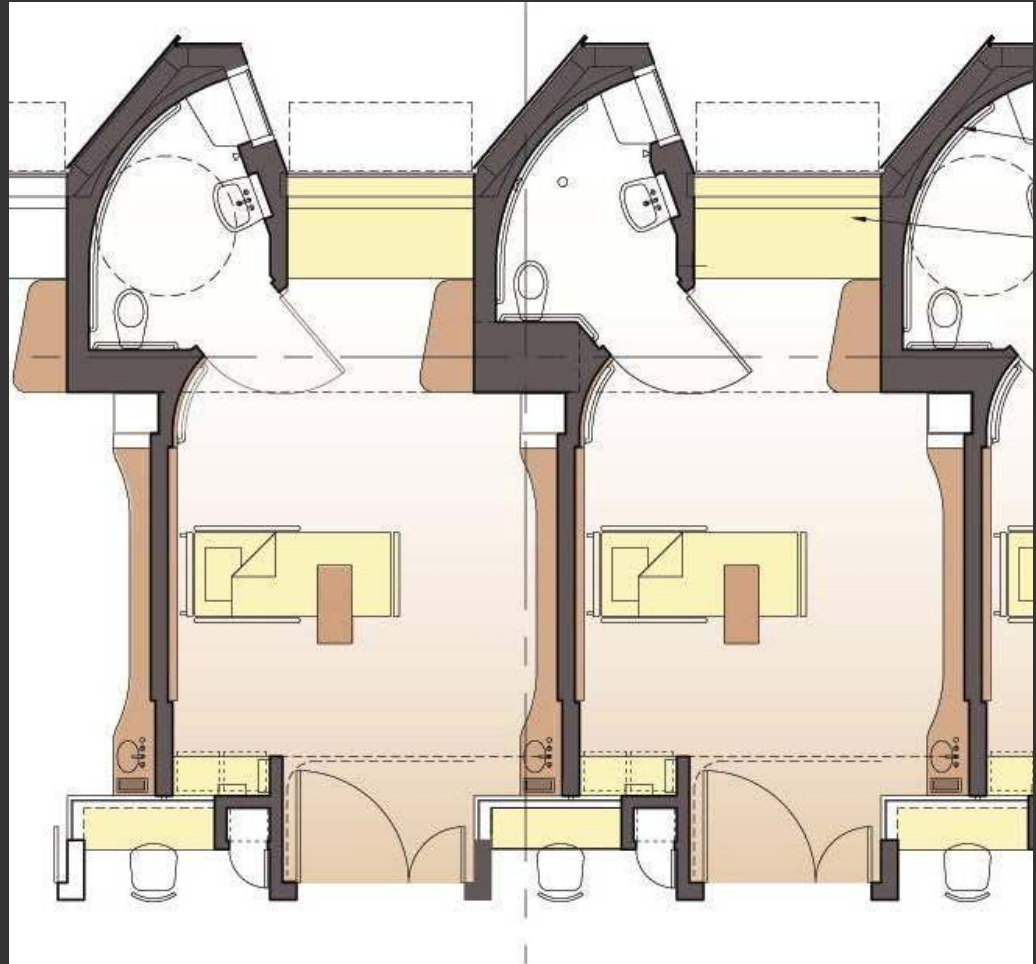


“SAME HANDED” PATIENT ROOM

**Non-shared plumbing wall premium = \$987 / room**

# “Same-handed” Patient Rooms

- Designed for safety because everything is in the same place
- Do providers get disoriented (which patient)?
- Need to provide distinguishing visible landmarks
- Where is the evidence?





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# Design of Diagnostic and Treatment Areas

# Softening Technology

- Positive distractions
- Hide ancillary equipment
- Erode barriers between patients and caregivers
- Give patients control of environmental features



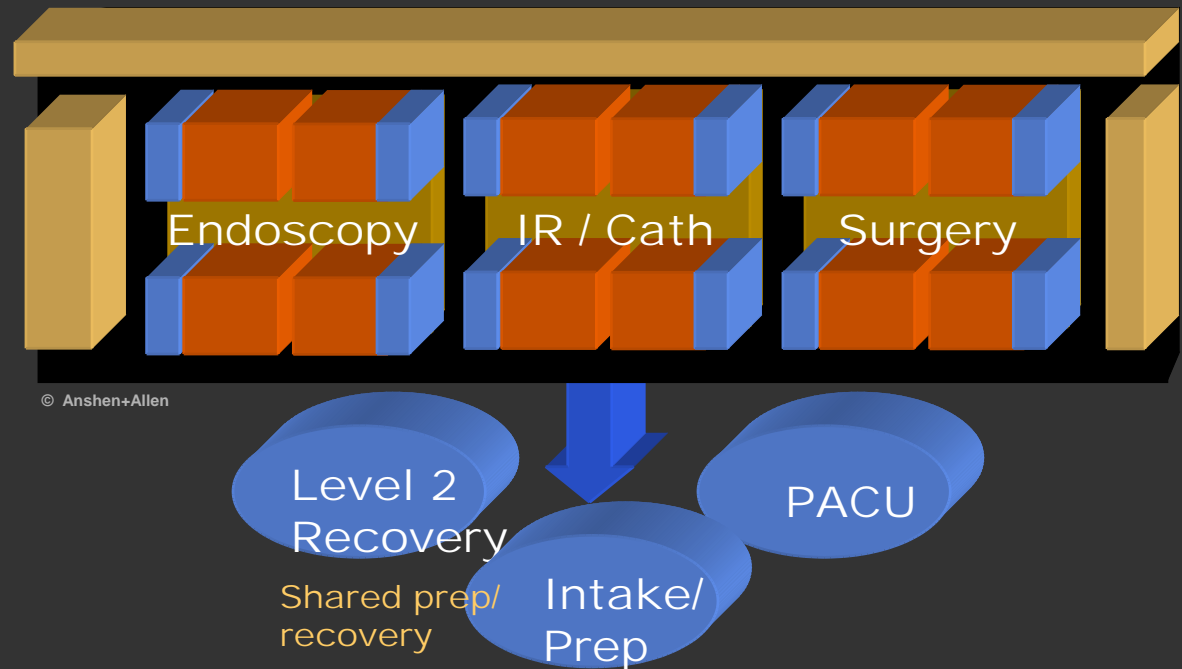
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# Erosion of Departmental Boundaries

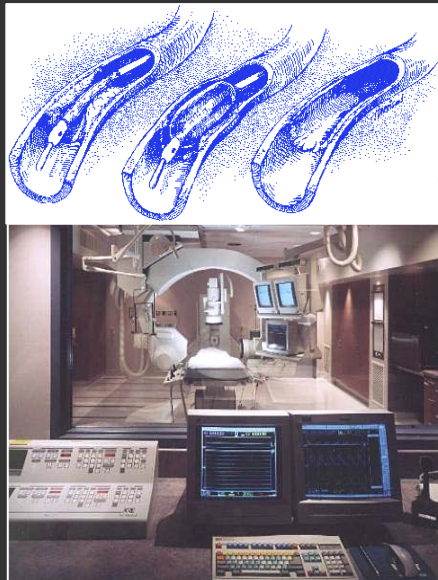
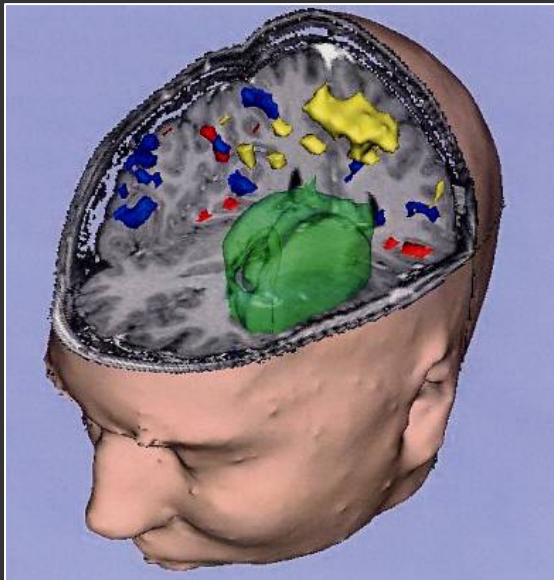
- Avoid duplication of scarce staff, expensive equipment and limited space
- Provide flexibility for complex medical procedures
- Accommodate future conversion of modalities
- Envision multi-disciplinary collaboration

## The Integrated Interventional Suite



# The Integrated Interventional Suite

- Potential** ■ Consolidation of Prep, Recovery and Support areas / staff
- Benefits:** ■ Integrated material and supply distribution
- Improved infection control for interventional procedures
  - Long term flexibility/adaptability

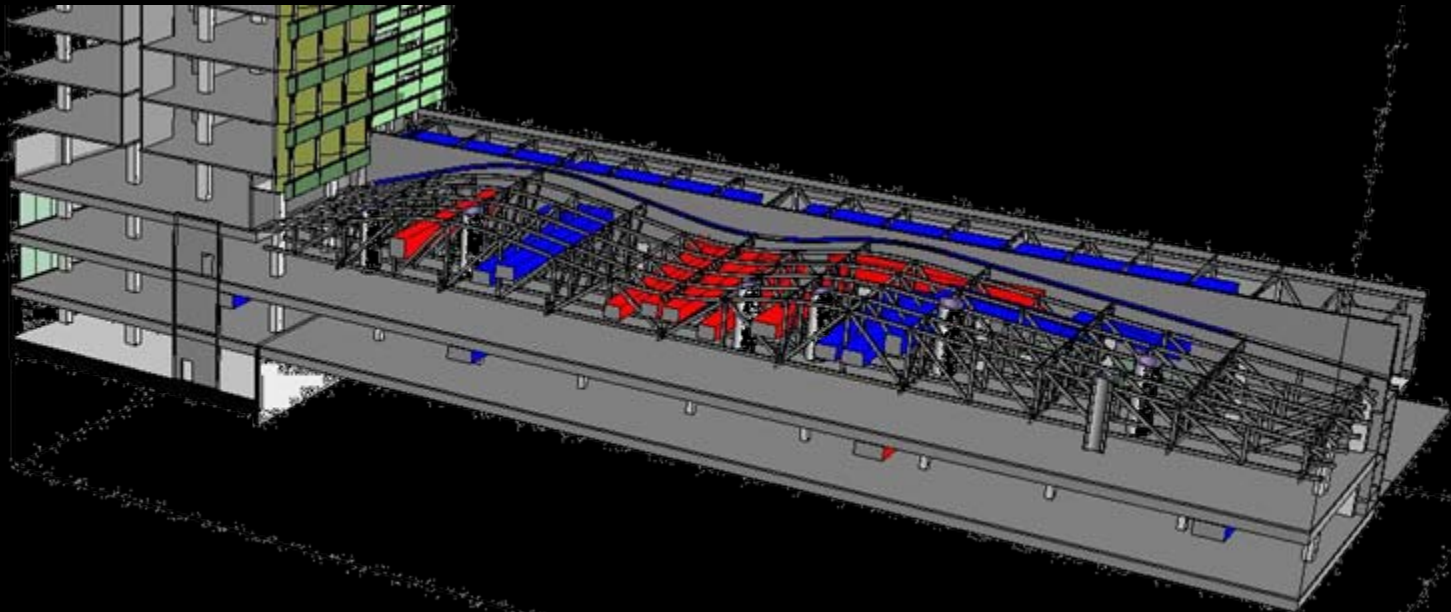


# The Integrated Interventional Suite

## Planning

### Infrastructure:

- Flexible structural system
- High floor to floor height
- Robust floor loading capacity
- Strategic placement of soft space
- “Loose-fit” programming



# The Integrated Interventional Suite

## Challenges:

- Collective vision to minimize turf battles
- Differing protocol for infection control in Surgery, Interventional Radiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Contiguous space for multiple services
- Cross-training for some support staff
- Cost of excess infrastructure capacity for future areas of change





# MRI Safety



Photos, courtesy of the Stein-Cox Group

# MRI Safety

## Landmark Incident (2001)

### Call for oxygen led to MRI death



Michael Colombini

#### How the accident happened

A sequence of events in the accident that fatally injured 6-year-old Michael Colombini at Westchester Medical Center July 27:

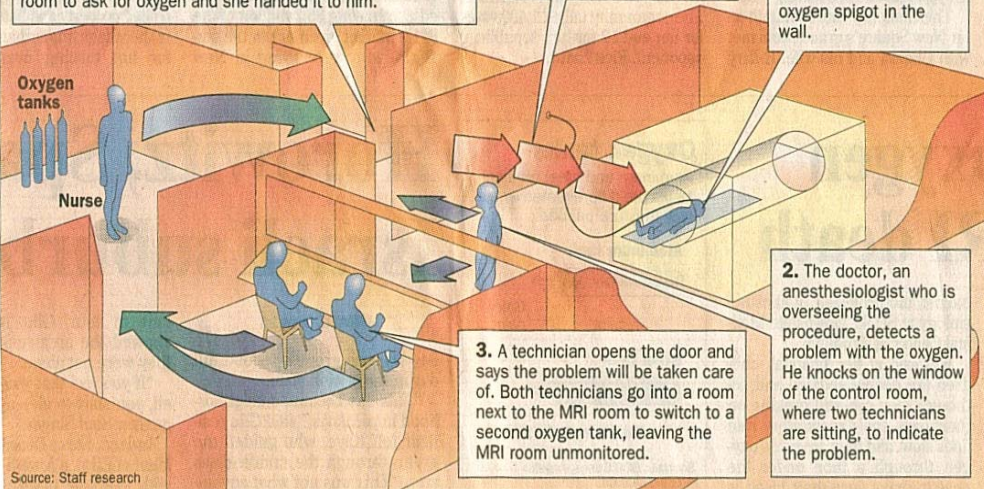
**4.** The doctor becomes concerned that the boy needs oxygen. He says he opens the door of the room in which the MRI was located, and indicates he needs oxygen, and a radiology nurse hands him a tank. He says he never stepped outside the MRI room. The nurse says the doctor walked outside the room to ask for oxygen and she handed it to him.

**5.** The powerful magnets in the MRI pull the metal oxygen bottle into the tube of the machine, striking Michael in the head.

**1.** Michael is transferred to the MRI area for a postoperative exam in the early afternoon. Sedated, Michael is put head first into the MRI and receives oxygen through a tube under his nose. The oxygen tube is connected to an oxygen spigot in the wall.

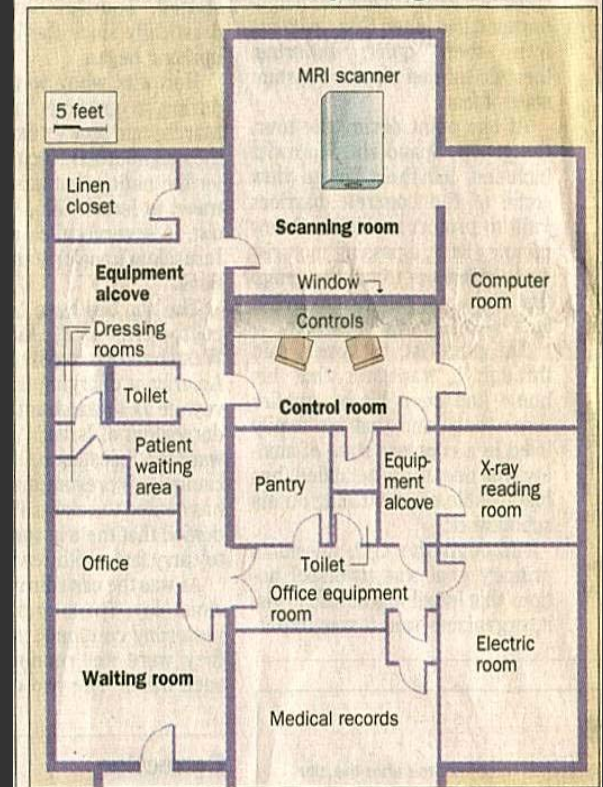
**2.** The doctor, an anesthesiologist who is overseeing the procedure, detects a problem with the oxygen. He knocks on the window of the control room, where two technicians are sitting, to indicate the problem.

**3.** A technician opens the door and says the problem will be taken care of. Both technicians go into a room next to the MRI room to switch to a second oxygen tank, leaving the MRI room unmonitored.



Source: Staff research  
Rosanna Maza (The Journal News)

#### MRI facilities and adjoining rooms



July 27, 2001:  
Westchester (NY) Medical Center

Source: The Journal News June 1, 2002

# MRI Safety

## American College of Radiology (ACR) MRI Safety Guidelines

### New MRI safety rules issued

**Zoning for MRI safety** The MRI complex is divided into four zones, each providing a greater layer of safety.

**Zone III:** A locked area that contains the control room for the MRI machine and where metal objects such as oxygen tanks can become dangerous if they get too close to the machine's magnet. Oxygen cylinders and other portable metallic devices should be labeled with a green "MR Safe" label before they can be brought into the MRI room. This area is accessible only to those who have been specially trained in MRI safety or are under the supervision of those trained personnel.

**Zone II:** The reception area, where patients are greeted and their medical histories are taken, and they are screened to make sure they do not have any medical implants that could become a safety risk in the MRI machine. The area also includes rooms where the patient might change into a gown and wait for the examination.

**Zone I:** Includes all areas, such as hospital corridors, accessible to the public and outside the MRI suite itself.

**Zone IV:** The room containing the MRI machine. It is always to be reached by going through Zone III. It should be marked as being potentially dangerous because of the presence of a strong magnetic field. The MRI rooms should be marked with a red, lighted sign saying "The Magnet is On." Because the magnet in an MRI machine is always on, the light is to stay on 24 hours a day.

Bill Decerra,  
Benjamin Marra/  
The Journal News

**ZONE 1: Unrestricted**  
[outside MR suite]

**ZONE 2: Restricted to supervision by MR personnel**  
[reception, waiting, toilets, dressing]

**ZONE 3: Highly restricted area where serious injury can occur**  
[control room, computer room]

**ZONE 4: Most highly restricted where all non-MR personnel must be in direct visual supervision of Level 2 MR staff at ALL times**  
[MR scanner room]

# MRI Safety Planning Implications

## **Scrutinize MRI Workflow Issues:**

- Secure access to entire dept
- Highly supervised entrance to Scan Room vicinity (Zones 3-4)

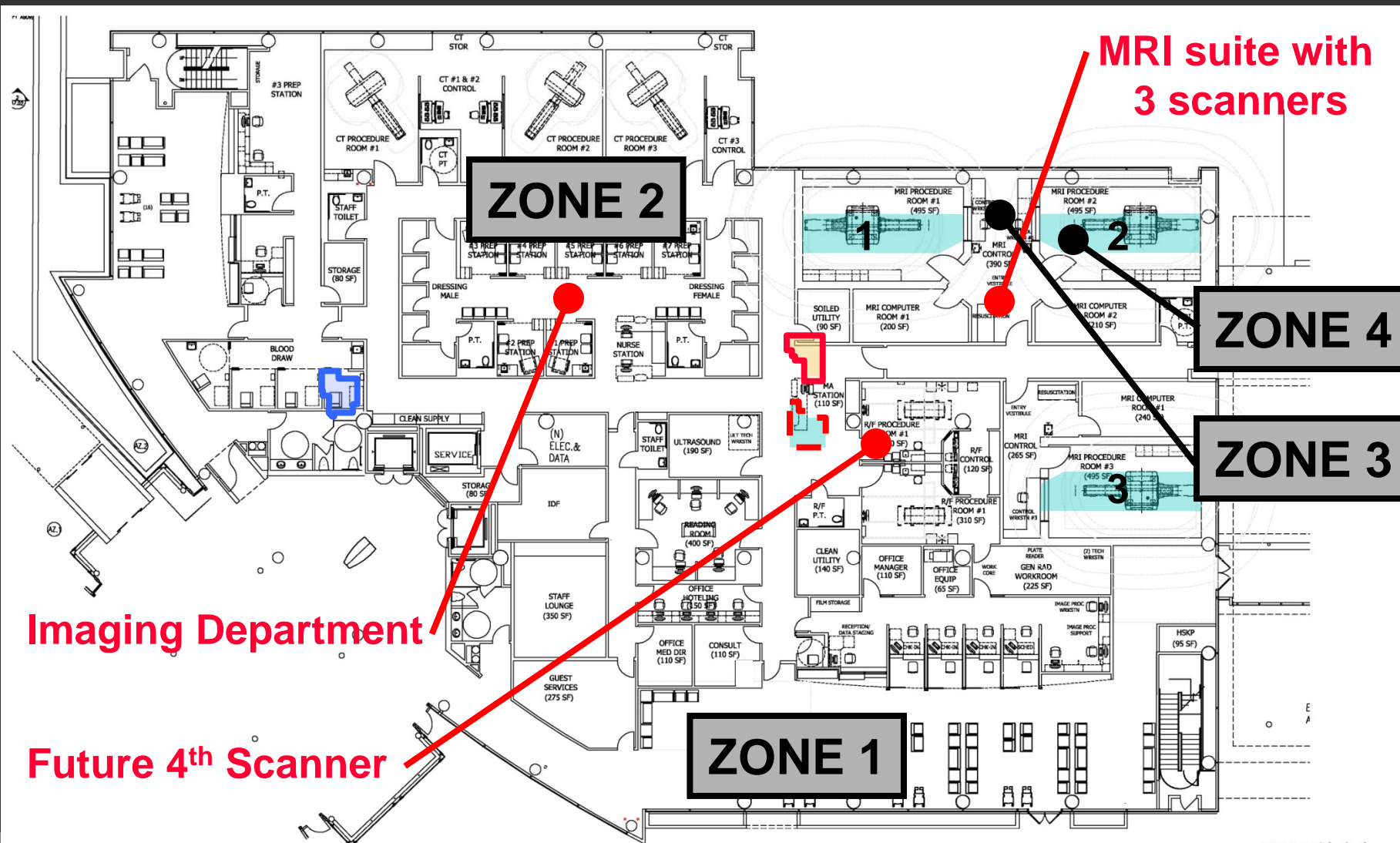
## **Potential conflicts between security and life safety:**

- MR safety personnel as first responders, not fire-fighters

## **Design Control Room to maximize visual supervision:**

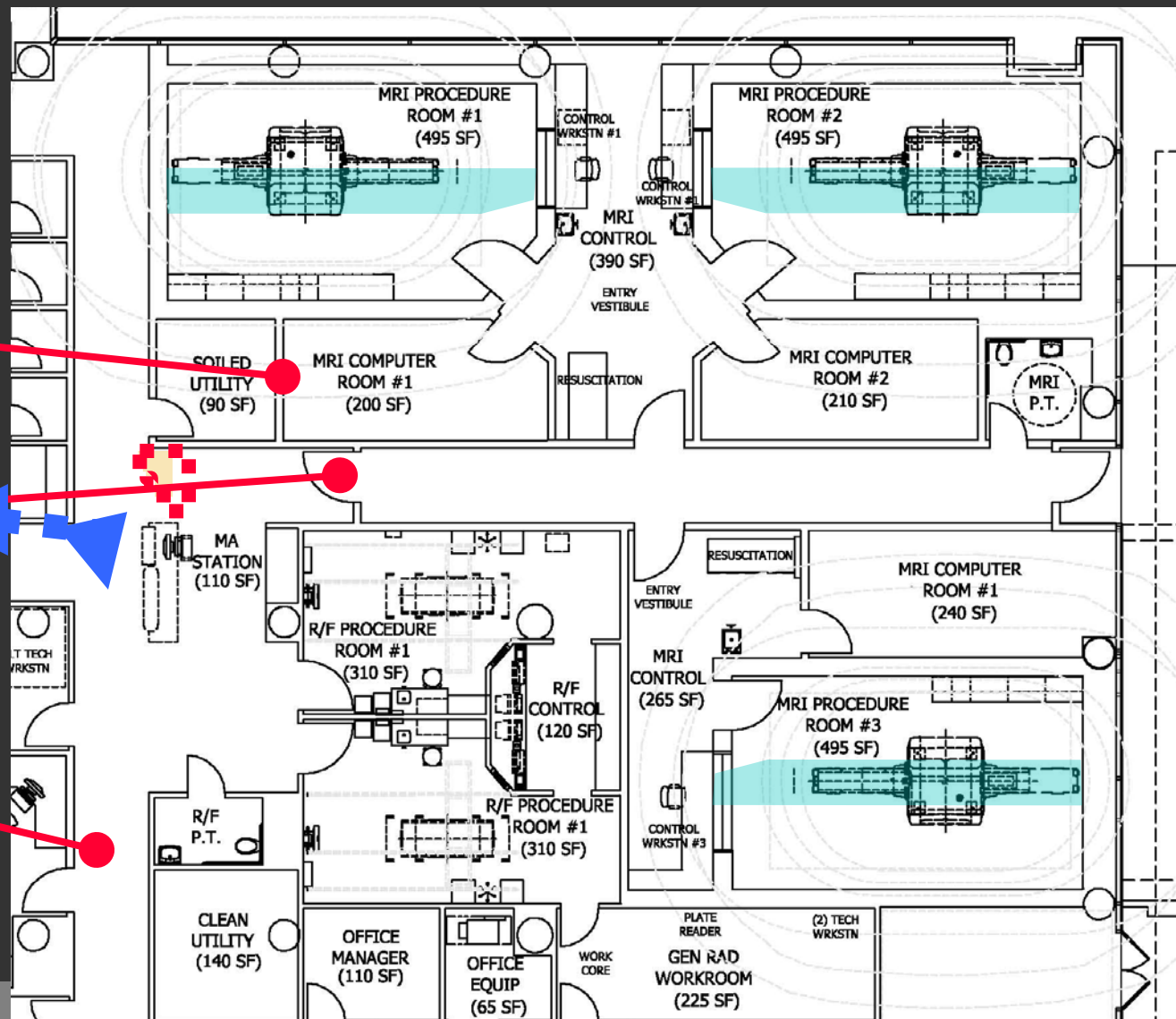
- Maximum supervision of both patient couch and scan room entrance
- Ante room between scan room entrance and corridor?

# MRI Safety Planning Implications



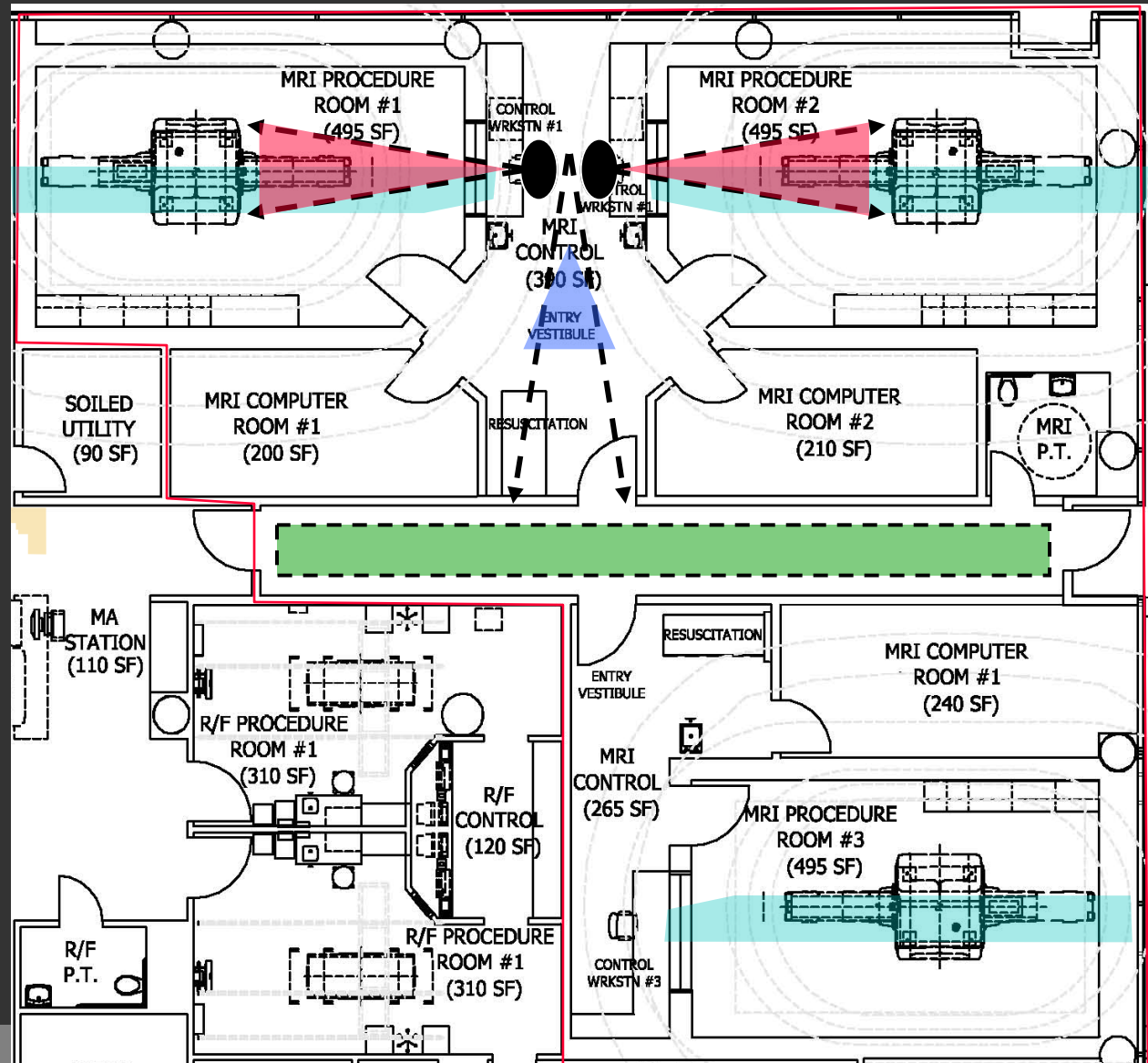
# MRI Safety Planning Implications

- Secure MRI suite boundary (Zones 3 & 4)
- Secure MRI suite door
- Through-traffic does not enter MRI suite



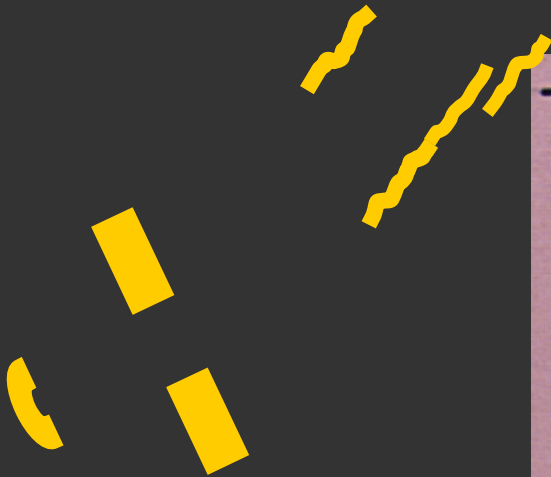
# MRI Safety Planning Implications

- One Tech can see 2 MRI rooms
- Both Techs can see entrance to “Security Vestibule”
- Security-controlled Corridor



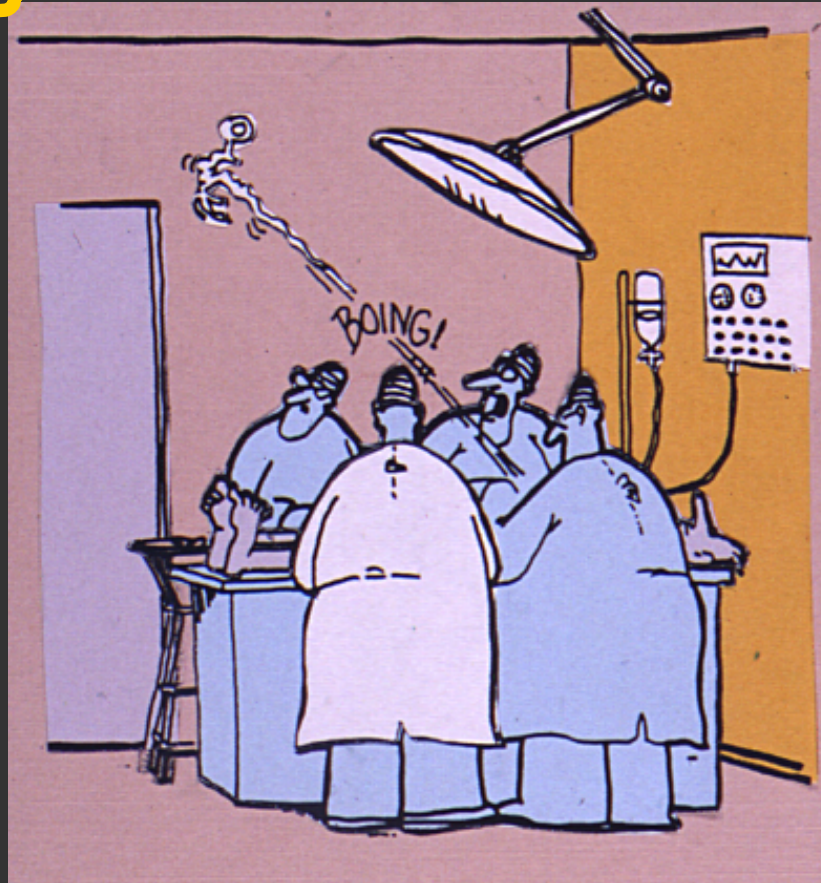
# MRI in the OR

## DESIGN IMPLICATIONS



### MAGNET TYPES

- Stationary
- Pivoting
- Traveling
- Portable

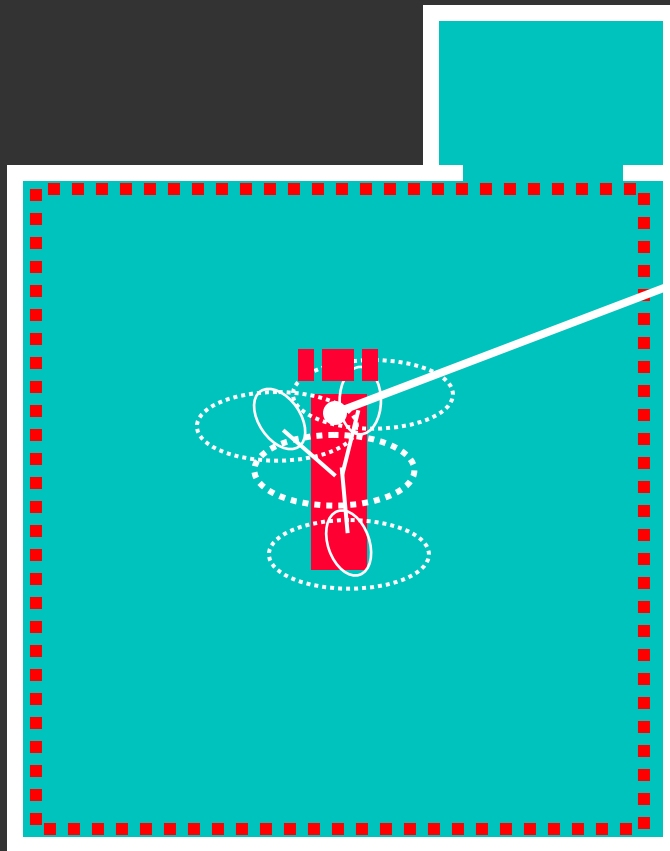


### ROOM TYPES

- Single Room
- Dual Room
- Many Rooms

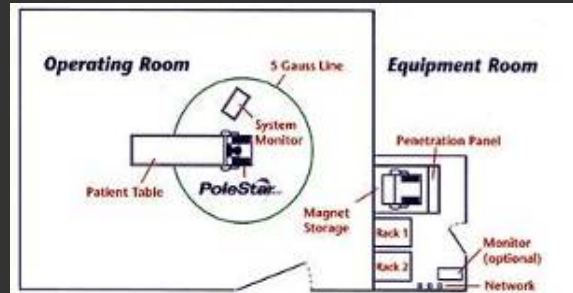


# MR/OR in One Integrated Room



RF shield entire room  
or only the surgical zone

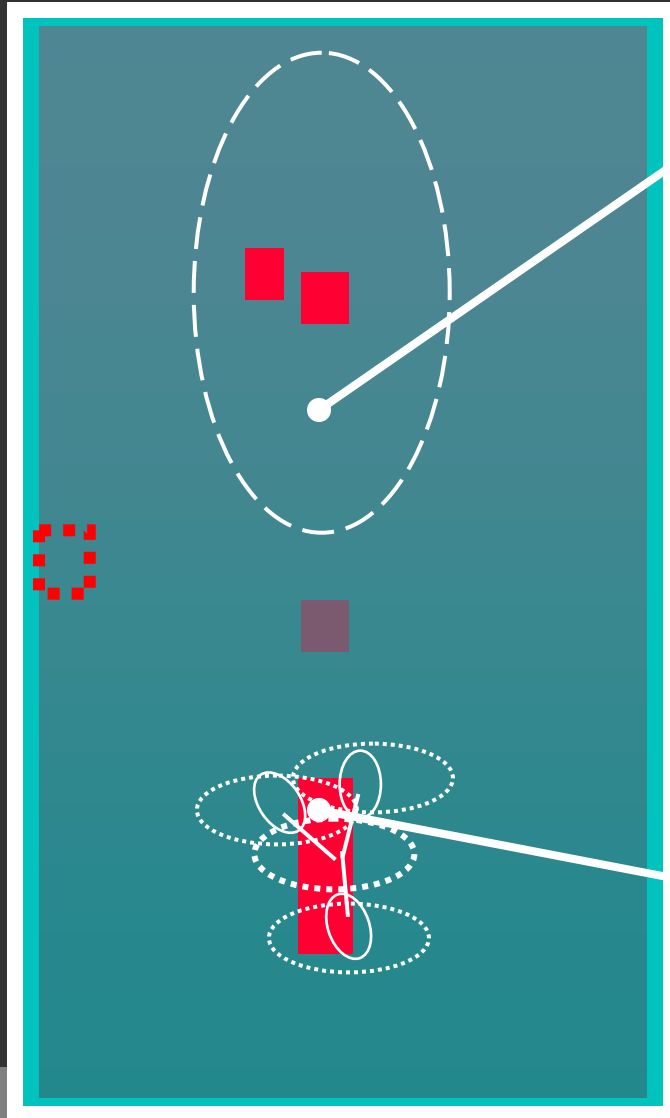
Imaging and Procedure Zone  
(MR compatible surgical instruments)



Source: Odin Medical / Medtronics

# Portable Magnet

# MR/OR in One Integrated Room



RF shield entire room

Imaging Zone



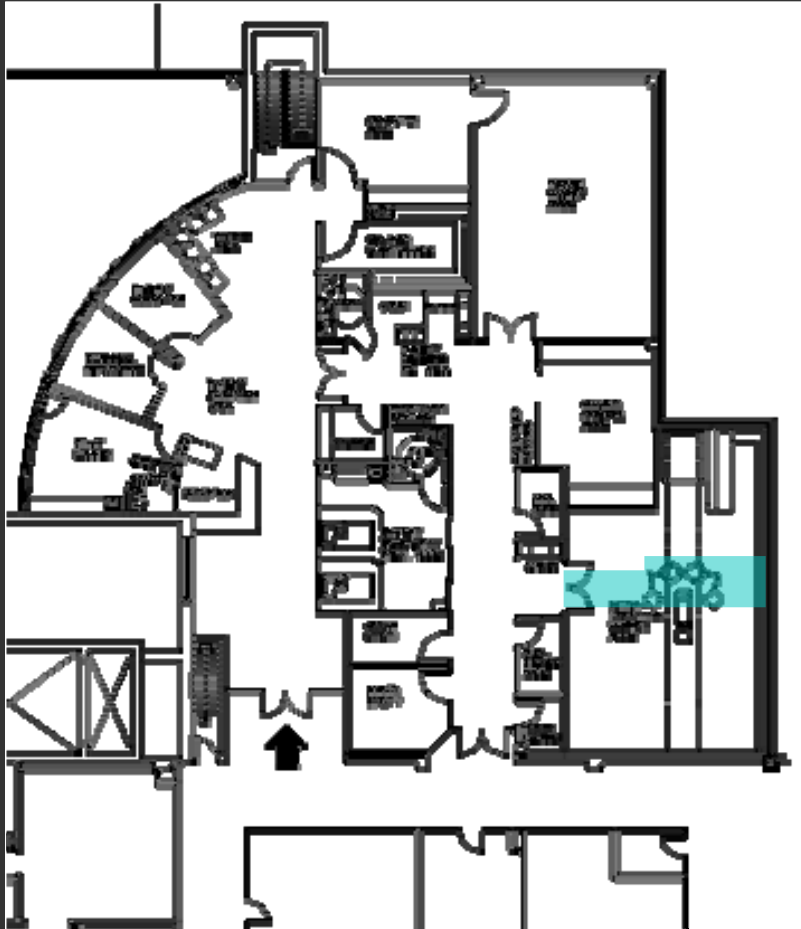
Image: University of Minnesota

Procedure Zone

## Traveling Patient

# MR/OR in One Integrated Room

RF shield entire room



Foothills Medical Centre, Calgary Alberta  
Courtesy of Stantec Architects, Ltd. Calgary, AB

# Traveling Magnet

# MR/OR in One Integrated Room

RF shield entire room



Courtesy of Stantec Architects, Ltd. Calgary, AB



# Traveling Magnet

# MRI in the OR

## DESIGN IMPLICATIONS

- Design for MRI safety (ACR safety guidelines)
- Locate MRI for either “scrubbed” or “street clothes” access
- Protect against RF and/or magnetic interactions with adjacent occupants
- Increase structural, air and cooling capacities



# Questions?

**GUMPERTZ**



I said *heel*, not *heal*. Bad dog. *Bad dog.*