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# Instructions for Mapping Patient Care Locations in NHSN

NHSN requires that facilities map each patient care area in their facility to one or more locations as defined by NHSN in order to report surveillance data collected from these areas. This document functions as a decision-making tool when determining the appropriate CDC location for NHSN surveillance, as defined in the NHSN Manual. This process should be followed when adding any new unit to NHSN for surveillance and should be repeated for any unit when there has been a significant change in patient mix (e.g., merging of units, taking on a new service).

**Step 1:** Define the acuity level for the location

Is this patient care area comprised of at least 80% of patients that are of the same acuity level?**1**

**Proceed to Step 2** and map to a location type of that acuity level using the NHSN 80% Rulefor that specific type.**2**

Can this patient care area be split into 2 or more locations in NHSN for the purposes of surveillance – also referred to as “virtual locations”?**3**

**Proceed to Step 2** and create locations in NHSN for each of the acuity levels, using the NHSN 80% Rule.**2**

**Map to a CDC Mixed Acuity location.4**

YES

NO

YES

NO

**List of Acuity Levels:**

Adult Critical Care Units Mixed Acuity Units

Pediatric Critical Care Units Operating Rooms

Neonatal Critical Care Units Chronic Care

Specialty Care Areas (SCA)/Oncology Long Term Acute Care

Adult Wards Rehabilitation

Pediatric Wards Outpatient (ACUTE) Locations

Neonatal Wards Clinic (Nonacute) Settings

Step Down Units

**Step 2:** Define the type of service for the location

Is this patient care area a **general** medical, surgical, or medical/surgical unit? Or is it comprised of patients from a **specific** service type (e.g., burn, cardiac)? **1**

If general medical or surgical, are more than 60% of patients either medical or surgical?

If the unit is comprised of patients of a specific service type, does this unit meet the NHSN 80% Rule for locations**2**?

**Create a location in NHSN that is mapped to the majority type (i.e., medical or surgical)**

The mix of patients should then be a 50/50 to 60/40 mix of medical and surgical patients

**Create a location in NHSN that is mapped to a combined medical/surgical CDC location**

General

Specific

**Create a location in NHSN that is mapped to that CDC location type**

Can this single unit be split into 2 or more units in NHSN for the purposes of surveillance – also referred to as “virtual locations**3**”?

YES

NO

**Create locations in NHSN for each of these specific service virtual locations**

Is the mix of patients in this unit approximately a 50/50 to 60/40 mix of combined medical and surgical?

**Create a location in NHSN that is mapped to a combined medical/surgical unit**

YES

YES

NO

NO

**Create a location in NHSN that is mapped to the location of the majority type (i.e., greater than 60%) - either medical or surgical**

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**Please see the** [CDC Location descriptions](#_Master_CDC_Locations) **for definitions of each CDC Location used for NHSN surveillance in this chapter.**

**1. Patient mix:** When determining the appropriate CDC Location mapping for a unit, facilities should review the patient mix in that unit for the last full calendar year. If a full year is not available, facilities should review patient mix based on the data they have available for that unit.

**2. NHSN 80% Rule**: Each patient care area in a facility that is monitored in NHSN is “mapped” to one or more CDC Locations. The specific CDC Location code is determined by the type of patients cared for in that area according to the 80% Rule. That is, if 80% of patients are of a certain type (e.g., pediatric patients with orthopedic problems) then that area is designated as that type of location (in this case, an Inpatient Pediatric Orthopedic Ward).

**3. Virtual locations**: Virtual locations are created in NHSN when a facility is unable to meet the 80% rule for location designation in a single physical unit but would like to report their NHSN surveillance data for each of the major, specific patient types in that unit. The use of virtual locations is recommended only for those physical units that are geographically split by patient service or those in which beds are designated by service. For example, a facility has an ICU – called 5 West – that is comprised of approximately 50% neurology patients and 50% neurosurgery patients. Additionally, the neurology patients are housed in beds 1 thru 10 and the neurosurgery patients are housed in beds 11 thru 20. Rather than map as a medical/surgical critical care unit, the facility decides to create 2 new locations in NHSN:

*5WEST\_N: Neurologic Critical Care (10 beds)*

*5WEST\_NS: Neurosurgical Critical Care (10 beds)*

This facility will collect and enter data for 5WEST\_N and 5WEST\_NS separately. The facility will also be able to obtain rates and standardized infection ratios (SIRs) for each location separately. Note that the data collected and reported for each virtual location will be limited to the designated 10 beds assigned (i.e., overflow from 5WEST\_N into 5WEST\_NS will be counted with **5WEST\_NS**). For those facilities that use an electronic source for collecting their data, we recommend that you discuss compatibility of virtual locations in NHSN with your facility’s EHR contact prior to reporting data for these locations.

**4.Mixed Acuity Unit**: This location is intended for those units comprised of patients with varying levels of acuity. Because of the varying range of risk in mixed acuity units, CDC does not have plans to publish national pooled mean rates for this location type. Therefore, if your facility chooses to use this location designation for reporting, you will not be able to compare your mixed acuity unit rates to an NHSN pooled mean, nor will these data be included in any SIR analyses.

NOTE: Mapping a location in NHSN to the CDC “Mixed Acuity” designation may have implications on data that your facility reports for the CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program and/or your state’s reporting mandate(s). Although a Mixed Acuity location may have ICU beds and ICU patients, it is not considered an ICU location type for the purposes of NHSN reporting and therefore, would not be included in any ICU-specific reporting requirements. For information about how this location designation may impact your facility’s compliance with CMS HAI reporting measures, please contact your Quality Improvement Organization (QIO). For information about how this location designation may impact your facility’s compliance with your state mandate (if applicable), please contact your state HAI coordinator:<http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/state-based/index.html>.

**Examples**

Example 1: An ICU that is 85% Burn patients, 15% Trauma

CDC Location: Burn Critical Care (IN:ACUTE:CC:B)

**Why?** Meets 80% rule for critical care acuity level and 80% rule for specific service (burn)

Example 2: An ICU that is 55% medical and 45% Surgical

CDC Location: Medical/Surgical Critical Care (IN:ACUTE:CC:MS)

**Why?** Meets 80% rule for critical care acuity level and does not meet the 60% rule for designation as either medical or surgical service level alone, therefore, use combined medical/surgical designation

Example 3: An ICU that is 40% Neurosurgical, 40% Surgical, and 20% Medical

Option 1 - Single CDC Location: Surgical Critical Care

**Why?** Meets 80% rule for critical care acuity level and does not meet the 80% rule for a specific service level alone, but when surgical patients are combined, that total does equal 80%.

Option 2 - Multiple CDC Virtual Locations: Neurosurgical Critical Care and Surgical Critical Care, with the medical patients reported with the Surgical Critical Care location since the general surgical designation is the least specific of the two

**Why?** By splitting this unit into 2 virtual locations, each meets the 80% rule for critical care acuity level and one meets the 80% rule for designation as Neurosurgical Critical Care, while the other meets the 60% rule as general surgical service (when combining surgical and medical patients).

Example 4: A unit that is comprised of 60% Medical ICU and 40% Step-Down patients

Option 1 - Single CDC Location: Mixed Acuity Unit

**Why?** This location is not comprised of at least 80% of the patients of the same acuity level and therefore meets the single location definition of a mixed acuity unit. Note that this location is not considered an ICU location type for the purposes of NHSN reporting and therefore, would not be included in any ICU-specific reporting requirements.

Option 2 - Multiple CDC Virtual Locations: Medical Critical Care and Step-Down Unit

**Why?** By splitting this unit into 2 virtual locations, each meets the 80% rule for the appropriate acuity level and each meets the 80% rule for type of service.

Example 5: A pediatric ward that is comprised of 70% neurosurgical patients and 30% orthopedic patients

Option 1 - Single CDC Location: Pediatric Surgical Ward

**Why?** Meets 80% rule for ward-level acuity and does not meet the 80% rule for a specific service level alone, but meets the 60% rule for general surgical service.

Option 2 - Multiple CDC Virtual Locations: Pediatric Neurosurgical Ward and Pediatric Orthopedic Ward

**Why?** By splitting this unit into 2 virtual locations, each meets the 80% rule for the appropriate acuity level and each meets the 80% rule for type of service.

# Appendix: Creation and Management of Locations in NHSN

**Create New Locations:**

If there are any operational locations in your hospital that are not already set-up in NHSN, you will need to create these locations for the purposes of NHSN surveillance and reporting.

Locations can be set up by following these steps:

1. Go to Facility > Locations.
2. On the Locations screen, enter a location code (“Your Code”) and location label (“Your Label”).
3. Select a CDC Location Description from the drop-down menu. NOTE: When selecting a CDC Location Description, your location must meet the 80% Rule in order to be assigned as that CDC Location Description.
4. Make sure the Status is set to “Active” and then enter the number of beds that are set up and staffed in that location.
5. Once all information for this new location is entered, click ‘Add’.

**Manage Existing Locations:**

Facilities should make sure that the only locations with an “active” status in NHSN are those that are operational units within the facility. The number of beds indicated for each location should also be checked for accuracy and, if necessary, updated to reflect the current number of beds set up and staffed.

Location information can be updated by following these steps:

1. Go to Facility > Locations.
2. On the Locations screen, click ‘Find’.
3. Review the information that appears in the Location Table at the bottom of the screen. Review the Status of each location, as well as Bed size.
4. If a location’s information needs to be updated, click the location code under the “Your Code” column; the location’s information will auto-fill in the fields above the Location Table.
5. Make any modifications to the Status and/or Bed size, then click ‘Save’.

**Inaccurate CDC Location Description**

If you believe that the CDC Location Description assigned to your existing location is incorrect, there are additional steps you will need to follow, depending on the scenario:

Scenario 1: The patient population in this unit has changed such that the current CDC Location Description, using the 80% rule, is inaccurate.

Solution: Because the patient population has changed, a new location should be created in NHSN and should be mapped to a CDC Location Description that most accurately reflects the type of patients receiving care in that location, using the 80% rule. The old location should be put into “Inactive” status. Note that data which have been reported from inactive locations can continue to be analyzed within NHSN, however these locations will not be linked to new, active locations.

Scenario 2: The CDC Location Description initially assigned has been inaccurate for much, if not all, of the reporting to NHSN, based on the updated location guidance for 2013.

Solution: Users cannot change the CDC Location Description on existing locations within NHSN. Facilities should ensure that the locations set up in NHSN are accurate for 2013 reporting per the updated guidance. If a new CDC Location Description is needed, users must create a new location in NHSN and inactivate the old location, per the instructions above. Note that data for the old location can still be analyzed, but these data will not be connected to data reported under the new location.

# Master CDC Locations and Descriptions

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| **CDC Location Label** | **NHSN Healthcare Service Location Code** | **CDC Location Code** | **Location Description** |
| INPATIENT LOCATIONS | | | |
| ACUTE CARE FACILITIES GENERAL | | | |
| Adult Critical Care Units | | | |
| Burn Critical Care | 1026-4 | IN:ACUTE:CC:B | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients with significant/major burns. |
| Medical Cardiac Critical Care | 1028-0 | IN:ACUTE:CC:C | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients with serious heart problems that do not require heart surgery. |
| Medical Critical Care | 1027-2 | IN:ACUTE:CC:M | Critical care area for patients who are being treated for nonsurgical conditions. |
| Medical/Surgical Critical Care | 1029-8 | IN:ACUTE:CC:MS | An area where critically ill patients with medical and/or surgical conditions are managed. |
| Neurologic Critical Care | 1035-5 | IN:ACUTE:CC:N | Critical care area for the care of patients with life-threatening neurologic diseases. |
| Neurosurgical Critical Care | 1031-4 | IN:ACUTE:CC:NS | Critical care area for the surgical management of patients with severe neurologic diseases or those at risk for neurologic injury as a result of surgery. |
| ONC Medical Critical Care | 1223-7 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_M | Critical care area for the care of oncology patients who are being treated for nonsurgical conditions related to their malignancy. |
| ONC Surgical Critical Care | 1224-5 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_S | Critical care area for the evaluation and management of oncology patients with serious illness before and/or after cancer-related surgery. |
| ONC Medical-Surgical Critical Care | 1225-2 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_MS | Critical care area for the care of oncology patients with medical and/or surgical conditions related to their malignancy. |
| Prenatal Critical Care | 1034-8 | IN:ACUTE:CC:PNATL | Critical care area for the care of pregnant patients with complex medical or obstetric problems requiring a high level of care to prevent the loss of the fetus and to protect the life of the mother. |
| Respiratory Critical Care | 1033-0 | IN:ACUTE:CC:R | Critical care area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with severe respiratory conditions. |
| Surgical Cardiothoracic Critical Care | 1032-2 | IN:ACUTE:CC:CT | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients following cardiac and thoracic surgery. |
| Surgical Critical Care | 1030-6 | IN:ACUTE:CC:S | Critical care area for the evaluation and management of patients with serious illness before and/or after surgery. |
| Trauma Critical Care | 1025-6 | IN:ACUTE:CC:T | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients who require a high level of monitoring and/or intervention following trauma or during critical illness related to trauma. |
| Pediatric Critical Care Units | | | |
| ONC Pediatric Critical Care | 1233-6 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_PED | Critical care area for the care of oncology patients ≤18 years old who are being treated for surgical or nonsurgical conditions related to their malignancy. |
| Pediatric Burn Critical Care | 1042-1 | IN:ACUTE:CC:B\_PED | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients ≤18 years old with significant/major burns. |
| Pediatric Cardiothoracic Critical Care | 1043-9 | IN:ACUTE:CC:CT\_PED | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients ≤18 years old following cardiac and thoracic surgery. |
| Pediatric Medical Critical Care | 1044-7 | IN:ACUTE:CC:M\_PED | Critical care area for patients ≤18 years old who are being treated for nonsurgical conditions. In the NNIS system, this was called Pediatric ICU (PICU). |
| Pediatric Medical/Surgical Critical Care | 1045-4 | IN:ACUTE:CC:MS\_PED | An area where critically ill patients ≤18 years old with medical and/or surgical conditions are managed. |
| Pediatric Neurosurgical Critical Care | 1046-2 | IN:ACUTE:NS\_PED | Critical care area specializing in the surgical management of patients ≤18 years old with severe neurological diseases or those at risk for neurological injury as a result of surgery. |
| Pediatric Respiratory Critical Care | 1047-0 | IN:ACUTE:CC:R\_PED | Critical care area for the evaluation and treatment of the patients ≤18 years old with severe respiratory conditions. |
| Pediatric Surgical Critical Care | 1048-8 | IN:ACUTE:CC:S\_PED | Critical care area for the evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with serious illness before and/or after surgery. |
| Pediatric Trauma Critical Care | 1049-6 | IN:ACUTECC:T\_PED | Critical care area specializing in the care of patients ≤18 years old who require a high level of monitoring and/or intervention following trauma or during critical illness related to trauma. |
| Neonatal Units | | | |
| Well Baby Nursery (Level I) | 1038-9 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:NURS | Hospital area for evaluation and postnatal care of healthy newborns. May include neonatal resuscitation and stabilization of ill newborns until transfer to a facility at which specialty neonatal care is provided. |
| Step down Neonatal Nursery\* (Level II)  \*Location will be listed as ‘Step down Neonatal ICU’ within NHSN until NHSN Release 7.2 slated for late summer 2013. | 1041-3 | IN:ACUTE:STEP:NURS | The capabilities of Level II, listed below, are from the American Academy of Pediatrics definitions of levels of neonatal care.1  Level II special care nursery  Level I capabilities plus:   * Provide care for infants born ≥32 wk gestation and weighing ≥1500 g who have physiologic immaturity or who are moderately ill with problems that are expected to resolve rapidly and are not anticipated to need subspecialty services on an urgent basis * Provide care for infants convalescing after intensive care * Provide mechanical ventilation for brief duration (<24 h) or continuous positive airway pressure or both * Stabilize infants born before 32 wk gestation and weighing less than 1500 g until transfer to a neonatal intensive care facility |
| Neonatal Critical Care (Level II/III) | 1039-7 | IN:ACUTE:CC\_STEP: NURS | Combined nursery housing both Level II and III newborns and infants. |
| Neonatal Critical Care (Level III) | 1040-5 | IN:ACUTE:CC:NURS | A hospital neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) organized with personnel and equipment to provide continuous life support and comprehensive care for extremely high-risk newborn infants and those with complex and critical illness.  The capabilities of Level III and Level IV, listed below, are from the American Academy of Pediatrics definitions of levels of neonatal care.1 **NOTE: These classifications are all considered Level III NICUs in NHSN.**  Level III NICU  Level II capabilities plus:   * Provide sustained life support * Provide comprehensive care for infants born < 32 wks gestation and weighing <1500 g and infants born at all gestational ages and birth weights with critical illness * Provide prompt and readily available access to a full range of pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, pediatric anesthesiologists, and pediatric opthalmologists * Provide a full range of respiratory support that may include conventional and/or high-frequency ventilation and inhaled nitric oxide * Perform advanced imaging, with interpretation on an urgent basis, including computed tomography, MRI, and echocardiography   Level IV Regional NICU  Level III capabilities plus:   * Located within an institution with the capability to provide surgical repair of complex congenital or acquired conditions * Maintain a full range of pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical subspecialists, and pediatric subspecialists at the site * Facilitate transport and provide outreach education |
| Specialty Care Areas (SCA) | | | |
| Inpatient Dialysis SCA | 1198-1 | IN:ACUTE:SCA:DIAL | Hospital specialty care area for patients who require dialysis as part of their care. These patients may be chronic or acute dialysis patients. |
| Pediatric Dialysis SCA | 1091-8 | IN:ACUTE:SCA:DIAL\_PED | Hospital specialty care area for patients ≤18 years old who require acute dialysis as part of their care. These patients may be chronic or acute dialysis patients. |
| Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant SCA | 1093-4 | IN:ACUTE:SCA:SOTP\_PED | Hospital specialty area for the postoperative care of patients ≤18 years old who have had a solid organ transplant (e.g., heart/lung, kidney, liver, pancreas). |
| Solid Organ Transplant SCA | 1092-6 | IN:ACUTE:SCA:SOTP | Hospital specialty area for the postoperative care of patients who have had a solid organ transplant (e.g., heart/lung, kidney, liver, pancreas). |
| Adult Wards | | | |
| Antenatal Care Ward | 1205-4 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ANTENAT | Hospital area for observation, evaluation, treatment or surgery of high risk pregnancy patients. |
| Behavioral Health /Psych Ward | 1051-2 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:BHV | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with acute psychiatric or behavioral disorders. |
| Burn Ward | 1052-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:B | Hospital area for evaluation and treatment of patients who have burns. |
| Ear/Nose/Throat Ward | 1053-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:ENT | Hospital area for the evaluation, treatment, or surgery of patients with ear, nose, or throat disorders. |
| Gastrointestinal Ward | 1054-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:GI | Hospital area for evaluation, treatment or surgery of patients with disorders of the gastrointestinal tract. |
| Genitourinary Ward | 1055-3 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:GU | Hospital area for the evaluation, treatment or surgery of patients with disorders of the genitourinary system. |
| Gerontology Ward | 1056-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:GNT | Hospital area for the evaluation, treatment or surgery of patients with age-related diseases. |
| Gynecology Ward | 1057-9 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:GYN | Hospital area for the evaluation, treatment, or surgery of female patients with reproductive tract disorders. |
| Jail Unit | 1171-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:JAL | Overnight stay patient care area of a hospital or correctional facility used only for those who are in custody of law enforcement during their treatment. |
| Labor and Delivery Ward | 1058-7 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:LD | Hospital area where women labor and give birth. |
| Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum Suite (LDRP) | 1059-5 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:LD\_PP | Hospital suite used for labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum (LDRP) -- all within the same suite. |
| Medical Ward | 1060-3 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:M | Hospital area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with medical conditions or disorders. |
| Medical/Surgical Ward | 1061-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS | Hospital area for the evaluation of patients with medical and/or surgical conditions. |
| Neurology Ward | 1062-9 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:N | Hospital area where patients with neurological disorders are evaluated and treated. |
| Neurosurgical Ward | 1063-7 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:NS | Hospital area for care of patients whose primary reason for admission is to have neurosurgery or to be cared for by a neurosurgeon after head or spinal trauma. |
| ONC Leukemia Ward | 1226-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:  ONC\_LEUK | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with leukemia. |
| ONC Lymphoma Ward | 1228-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC:  LYMPH | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with lymphoma. |
| ONC Leukemia/Lymphoma Ward | 1229-4 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_LL | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with leukemia and/or lymphoma. |
| ONC Solid Tumor Ward | 1230-2 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC\_ST | Area for the evaluation and treatment of oncology patients with solid tumors. |
| ONC Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Ward | 1231-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_HSCT | Area for the care of patients who undergo stem cell transplant for the treatment of cancers and/or blood or immune system disorders. |
| ONC General Hematology/Oncology Ward | 1232-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_HONC | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with cancer and/or blood disorders. |
| Ophthalmology Ward | 1064-5 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:OPH | Hospital area for care of patients whose primary reason for admission is to have eye surgery or to be cared for by an ophthalmologist after eye trauma. |
| Orthopedic Ward | 1065-2 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:ORT | Hospital area for evaluation, treatment or surgery on bones, joints, and associated structures by an orthopedist. |
| Orthopedic Trauma Ward | 1066-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD\_ORT | Hospital area where patients with orthopedic injuries or disorders are evaluated and treated. |
| Plastic Surgery Ward | 1067-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:PLS | Hospital area for the care of patients who have reconstructive surgery performed by a plastic surgeon. |
| Postpartum Ward | 1068-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:PP | Hospital area for the patient who is recovering from childbirth. |
| Pulmonary Ward | 1069-4 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:PULM | Hospital area where patients with respiratory system conditions or disorders are evaluated and treated. |
| Rehabilitation Ward | 1070-2 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:REHAB | Hospital area for evaluation and restoration of function to patients who have lost function due to acute or chronic pain, musculoskeletal problems, stroke, or catastrophic events resulting in complete or partial paralysis. |
| School Infirmary | 1172-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:IFM | Overnight stay patient care area of a school infirmary or health center (e.g., private residential school or college campus). |
| Stroke (Acute) Ward | 1071-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:STRK | Hospital area for evaluation, stabilization and treatment of patients who have experienced an acute stroke. |
| Surgical Ward | 1072-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:S | Hospital area for evaluation and treatment of patients who have undergone a surgical procedure. |
| Telemetry Ward | 1208-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:TEL | Hospital area dedicated to providing evaluation and treatment of patients requiring continuous cardiac monitoring. |
| Vascular Surgery Ward | 1073-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:VS | Hospital area for evaluation and treatment of patients who have undergone vascular surgery. |
| Pediatric Wards | | | |
| Adolescent Behavioral Health Ward | 1075-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: BHV\_ADOL | Hospital area for evaluation and treatment of patients between the ages of 13 and 18 with acute psychiatric or behavioral disorders. |
| ONC Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Ward | 1234-4 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:  ONC\_HSCT\_PED | Area for the care of patients ≤18 years old who undergo stem cell transplant for the treatment of cancers and/or blood or immune system disorders. |
| ONC Pediatric General Hematology/Oncology Ward | 1235-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:  ONC\_HONC\_PED | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with cancer and/or blood disorders. |
| Pediatric Behavioral Health Ward | 1077-7 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:BHV\_PED | Hospital area for evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with acute psychiatric or behavioral disorders. |
| Pediatric Burn Ward | 1078-5 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:B\_PED | Hospital area specializing in the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old who have tissue injury caused by burns. |
| Pediatric Ear, Nose, Throat Ward | 1079-3 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ENT\_PED | Hospital area for evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with disorders of the ear, nose and/or throat. |
| Pediatric Genitourinary Ward | 1080-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: GU\_PED | Hospital area where patients ≤18 years old with disorders of the genitourinary system are evaluated and treated. |
| Pediatric Medical Ward | 1076-9 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:M\_PED | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years of old with medical conditions or disorders. |
| Pediatric Medical/Surgical Ward | 1081-9 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: MS\_PED | Hospital area where patients ≤18 years old with medical and/or surgical conditions are managed. |
| Pediatric Neurology Ward | 1082-7 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:N\_PED | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with neurologic disorders. |
| Pediatric Neurosurgical Ward | 1083-5 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:NS\_PED | Hospital area for care of patients ≤18 years old whose primary reason for admission is to have neurosurgery or to be cared for by a neurosurgeon after head or spinal trauma. |
| Pediatric Orthopedic Ward | 1084-3 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ORT\_PED | Hospital area where patients ≤18 years old with orthopedic injuries or disorders are evaluated and treated. |
| Pediatric Rehabilitation Ward | 1085-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: REHAB\_PED | Hospital area for evaluation and restoration of function to patients ≤18 years old who have lost function due to acute or chronic pain, musculoskeletal problems, stroke, or catastrophic events resulting in complete or partial paralysis. |
| Pediatric Surgical Ward | 1086-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:S\_PED | Hospital area for evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old that have undergone a surgical procedure. |
| Step Down Units | | | |
| Adult Step Down Unit (e.g., post-critical care) | 1099-1 | IN:ACUTE:STEP | Hospital area for adult patients that are hemodynamically stable who can benefit from close supervision and monitoring, such as frequent pulmonary toilet, vital signs, and/or neurological and neurovascular checks. |
| ONC Step Down Unit  (all ages) (e.g., post-critical care) | 1227-8 | IN:ACUTE:STEP:ONC | Area for oncology patients who are hemodynamically stable and can benefit from close supervision and monitoring, such as frequent pulmonary toilet, vital signs, and/or neurologic and neurovascular checks. |
| Pediatric Step Down Unit (e.g., post-critical care) | 1100-7 | IN:ACUTE:STEP:PED | Patients ≤18 years old that are hemodynamically stable who can benefit from close supervision and monitoring, such as frequent pulmonary toilet, vital signs, and/or neurological and neurovascular checks. |
| Mixed Acuity Units | | | |
| Adult Mixed Acuity Unit | 1210-4 | IN:ACUTE:MIXED:  ALL\_ADULT | Hospital area for the evaluation and treatment of adult patients whose conditions are varying levels of acuity (e.g., critical care, ward-level care, step-down type care, etc.). Such a care area may be comprised of patients followed by different hospital services (e.g., coronary, medical, surgical, etc.). This care area may or may not include “acuity adaptable” or “universal” beds (i.e., this model of patient care allows a patient to stay in the same bed during all phases of his care, from critical care through lower levels of care). |
| Pediatric Mixed Acuity Unit | 1211-2 | IN:ACUTE:MIXED: ALL\_PEDS | Hospital area for the evaluation and treatment of pediatric patients (≤18 years old) whose conditions are of varying levels of acuity (e.g., critical care, etc.). Such a care area may be comprised of patients followed by different hospital services (e.g., coronary, medical, surgical, etc.). This care area may or may not include “acuity adaptable” or “universal” beds (i.e., this model of patient care allows a patient to stay in the same bed during all phases of his care, from critical care through lower levels of care). |
| Mixed Age Mixed Acuity Unit | 1212-0 | IN:ACUTE:MIXED:ALL | Hospital area for the evaluation and treatment of a mixture of adult and pediatric patients whose conditions are of varying levels of acuity (e.g., critical care, ward-level care, step-down type care, etc.). Such a care area may be comprised of patients followed by different hospital services (e.g., coronary, medical, surgical, etc.). This care area may or may not include “acuity adaptable” or “universal” beds (i.e., this model of patient care allows a patient to stay in the same bed during all phases of his care, from critical care through lower levels of care). |
| ONC Mixed Acuity Unit  (all ages) | 1236-9 | IN:ACUTE:MIXED:ONC | Area for the evaluation and treatment of a mixture of adult and pediatric oncology patients whose conditions are of varying levels of acuity (e.g., critical care, ward-level care, step-down type care, etc.). This care area may or may not include ''acuity adaptable'' or ''universal'' beds (i.e., this model of patient care allows a patient to stay in same bed during all phases of care, from critical care through lower levels of care). |
| Operating Rooms | | | |
| Cardiac Catheterization Room/Suite | 1005-8 | IN:ACUTE:OR:CATH | A room or rooms in a hospital equipped for the performance of heart catheterizations for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. Operating Room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. |
| Cesarean Section Room/Suite | 1095-9 | IN:ACUTE:OR:LD | A room or suite in a hospital equipped for the performance of obstetric and gynecologic surgeries and for the care of the neonate immediately after birth. Operating Room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. |
| Interventional Radiology | 1203-9 | IN:ACUTE:OR:RAD | A room or suite in a hospital where diagnostic or therapeutic radiologic procedures on outpatients and/or inpatients occurs. Operating Room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. |
| Operating Room/Suite | 1096-7 | IN:ACUTE:OR | A room or suite in a hospital equipped for the performance of surgical operations. Requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. (For outpatient operating room, use Ambulatory Surgery Center designation or other specialty OR shown in Outpatient Locations section of this chapter). |
| Post Anesthesia Care Unit/Recovery Room | 1097-5 | IN:ACUTE:OR\_STEP | Hospital area designated for monitoring patients for immediate effects of anesthesia before either going home or on to an in-patient care area. |
| Chronic Care Units (Previously named Long-Term Care) | | | |
| Inpatient Hospice | 1165-0 | IN:NONACUTE:LTC:HSP | Area where palliative care is provided to the dying patient. |
| Chronic Alzheimer's Unit\* | 1103-1 | IN:NONACUTE:LTC:ALZ | Area where care is provided to patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's syndrome for extended periods of time. Formerly called Long Term Care Alzheimer’s Unit. |
| Chronic Behavioral Health/Psych Unit\* | 1104-9 | IN:NONACUTE:LTC:BHV | Area where care is provided to patients with psychiatric or behavioral-disorder diagnoses for extended periods of time. Formerly called Long Term Care Behavioral Health/Psych Unit. |
| Chronic Rehabilitation Unit\* | 1105-6 | IN:NONACUTE:LTC: REHAB | Area where evaluation and restoration of function is provided to patients who have lost function due to acute or chronic pain, musculoskeletal problems, stroke, or catastrophic events resulting in complete or partial paralysis. Formerly called Long Term Care Rehabilitation Unit. |
| Chronic Care Unit\* | 1102-3 | IN:NONACUTE:LTC | Area where care provided for patients with chronic disease or disabilities for extended periods of time. Formerly called Long Term Care Unit. |
| Ventilator Dependent Unit | 1164-3 | IN:NONACUTE:LTC:R | Area where care is provided to patients whose respirations depend on the use of a ventilator for extended periods of time. |
| LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES | | | |
| LTCF Inpatient Hospice Unit | 1254-2 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF:HSP | A unit or designed area which provides palliative and supportive care services to individuals diagnosed with life limiting (terminal) conditions. |
| LTCF Dementia Unit | 1255-9 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF:DEM | A unit or designed area which provides specialized care for individuals diagnosed with dementia or related conditions, including Alzheimer’s disease. |
| LTCF Psychiatric Unit | 1256-7 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF:PSY | Unit or designated area which provides specialized care for individuals diagnosed with psychiatric or behavioral disorders. |
| LTCF Skilled Nursing/Short Term Rehabilitation | 1257-5 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF: REHAB | A unit or designated area which primarily provides short term (˂90 days), medical, skilled nursing or rehabilitation services to individuals requiring restorative care following recent hospitalization. |
| LTCF General Nursing Unit | 1258-3 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF:GEN | A unit or designated area which primarily provides nursing, rehabilitative or custodial services to individuals with varying levels of chronic conditions or disability requiring long term (˃90 days) support. |
| LTCF Ventilator Dependent Unit | 1259-1 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF:VEN | A unit or designated area which provides nursing and respiratory care to individuals who require mechanical ventilation. |
| LTCF Bariatric Unit | 1260-9 | IN:NONACUTE:LTCF:BAR | A unit or designated area which provides specializing care for individuals who are preparing for or have undergone bariatric surgery. |
| LONG TERM ACUTE CARE FACILITIES | | | |
| LTAC ICU | 1220-3 | IN:ACUTE:CC:LTAC | Critical care area specializing in the evaluation, treatment, and management of patients that require high observance/acuity and/or special care that are suffering medically complex conditions or who have suffered recent catastrophic illness or injury and require and extended stay in an acute care environment. |
| LTAC Ward | 1221-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:LTAC | Hospital area for the evaluation and treatment of patients suffering medically complex conditions or who have suffered recent catastrophic illness or injury, and require an extended stay in an acute care environment. |
| LTAC Pediatric ICU | 1222-9 | IN:ACUTE:CC:LTAC\_PED | Critical care area specializing in the evaluation, treatment, and management of patients ≤18 years old, that require high observation/acuity and/or special care that are suffering medically complex conditions or who have suffered recent catastrophic illness or injury, and require an extended stay in an acute care environment. |
| LTAC Pediatric Ward | 1214-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: LTAC\_PED | Hospital area for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old, suffering medically complex conditions or who have suffered recent catastrophic illness or injury, and require an extended stay in an acute care environment. |
| INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITIES | | | |
| Rehabilitation Ward | 1217-9 | IN:ACUTE:IRF | Hospital area for evaluation, treatment, and restoration of function to patients have lost function due to acute or chronic pain, musculoskeletal problems, stroke, brain or spinal cord dysfunction, or catastrophic events resulting in complete or partial paralysis. |
| Rehabilitation Pediatric Ward | 1218-7 | IN:ACUTE:IRF:PED | Hospital area for evaluation, treatment, and restoration of function to patients ≤18 years old who have lost function due to acute or chronic pain, musculoskeletal problems, stroke, brain or spinal cord dysfunction, or catastrophic events results in complete or partial paralysis. |
| ONCOLOGY FACILITIES | | | |
| ONC Medical Critical Care | 1223-7 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_M | Critical care area for the care of oncology patients who are being treated for nonsurgical conditions related to their malignancy. |
| ONC Surgical Critical Care | 1224-5 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_S | Critical care area for the evaluation and management of oncology patients with serious illness before and/or after cancer-related surgery. |
| ONC Medical-Surgical Critical Care | 1225-2 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_MS | Critical care area for the care of oncology patients with medical and/or surgical conditions related to their malignancy. |
| ONC Pediatric Critical Care | 1233-6 | IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC\_PED | Critical care area for the care of oncology patients ≤18 years old who are being treated for surgical or nonsurgical conditions related to their malignancy. |
| ONC Leukemia Ward | 1226-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_LEUK | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with leukemia. |
| ONC Lymphoma Ward | 1228-6 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC: LYMPH | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with lymphoma. |
| ONC Leukemia/Lymphoma Ward | 1229-4 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_LL | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with leukemia and/or lymphoma. |
| ONC Solid Tumor Ward | 1230-2 | IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC\_ST | Area for the evaluation and treatment of oncology patients with solid tumors. |
| ONC Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Ward | 1231-0 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_HSCT | Area for the care of patients who undergo stem cell transplant for the treatment of cancers and/or blood or immune system disorders. |
| ONC General Hematology/Oncology Ward | 1232-8 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_HONC | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients with cancer and/or blood disorders. |
| ONC Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Ward | 1234-4 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_HSCT\_PED | Area for the care of patients ≤18 years old who undergo stem cell transplant for the treatment of cancers and/or blood or immune system disorders. |
| ONC Pediatric General Hematology/Oncology Ward | 1235-1 | IN:ACUTE:WARD: ONC\_HONC\_PED | Area for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with cancer and/or blood disorders. |
| ONC Step Down Unit | 1227-8 | IN:ACUTE:STEP:ONC | Area for oncology patients who are hemodynamically stable and can benefit from close supervision and monitoring, such as frequent pulmonary toilet, vital signs, and/or neurologic and neurovascular checks. |
| ONC Mixed Acuity Unit  (all ages) | 1236-9 | IN:ACUTE:MIXED:ONC | Area for the evaluation and treatment of a mixture of adult and pediatric oncology patients whose conditions are of varying levels of acuity (e.g., critical care, ward-level care, step-down type care, etc.).  This care area may or may not include ''acuity adaptable'' or ''universal'' beds (i.e., this model of patient care allows a patient to stay in same bed during all phases of care, from critical care through lower levels of care). |
| In addition to the 14 ONC specific locations, HOSP-ONC facilities can also use the following locations within NHSN (Location codes and descriptions can be found in the appropriate section of the master location table):  Inpatient Locations   * Operating Rooms: * Cardiac Catheterization Room/Suite * Interventional Radiology * Inpatient Operating Room/Suite * Post-Anesthesia Care Unit/Recovery Room * Facility-wide Areas: * FACWIDEIN * Miscellaneous Areas: * Pulmonary Function Testing * Treatment Room * Transport Service * Float   Outpatient Locations   * Acute Care * 24-Hour Observation Area * Ambulatory Surgery Center * Emergency Department * Outpatient Pediatric Surgery Center * Outpatient Plastic Surgery Center * Outpatient Surgery Recovery Room/Post-Anesthesia Care Unit * Pediatric Emergency Department * Clinic (Nonacute) Settings * Infusion Center * Occupational Health Clinic * Outpatient Hematology/Oncology Clinic * Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic * Radiology (includes Nuclear Medicine) * Specimen Collection Area (Healthcare) * Community Locations * Home Care * Home-based Hospice * Location outside facility * All Non-Patient Care Locations as designated on page 42 in the location table | | | |
| OUTPATIENT LOCATIONS | | | |
| ACUTE CARE FACILITIES GENERAL | | | |
| Acute Settings | | | |
| 24-Hour Observation Area | 1162-7 | OUT:ACUTE:WARD | Area where patients are monitored for suspected or non-life threatening conditions for 24 hours or less. |
| Ambulatory Surgery Center | 1166-8 | OUT:ACUTE:OR | Area that is equipped for the performance of surgical operations; may be free-standing or part of a hospital. Operating Room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. Patients do not stay overnight. |
| Emergency Department | 1108-0 | OUT:ACUTE:ED | Area that provides emergency medical services; top priority is given to those with life-threatening illness or injury. |
| Mobile Emergency Services/EMS | 1174-2 | OUT:ACUTE:MOBILE:UE | Mobile unit that provides clinical and emergency medical services to patients who require them in the pre-hospital setting. |
| Ambulatory Pediatric Surgery Center | 1167-6 | OUT:ACUTE:OR:PED | Area that is equipped for the performance of surgical operations for patients ≤18 years old may be free-standing or part of a hospital. Operating Room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. Patients do not stay overnight. |
| Ambulatory Plastic Surgery Center | 1168-4 | OUT:ACUTE:OR:PLS | Area that is equipped for the performance of plastic surgery operations may be free-standing or part of a hospital. Operating Room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity and surfaces must be met. Patients do not stay overnight. |
| Ambulatory Surgery Recovery Room/Post Anesthesia Care Unit | 1169-2 | OUT:ACUTE:OR\_STEP | Area designated for monitoring patients for the immediate effects of anesthesia before being sent home. |
| Pediatric Emergency Department | 1109-8 | OUT:ACUTE:ED:PED | Area that provides emergency medical services to patients ≤18 years old; top priority is given to those with life-threatening illness or injury. |
| Urgent Care Center | 1160-1 | OUT:ACUTE:CLINIC:UE | Area that provides medical care services for illnesses and injuries that are not life-threatening. |
| Clinic (non-acute) Settings | | | |
| Allergy Clinic | 1110-6 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  ALRG | An outpatient setting for the purpose of providing services to patients with allergies. |
| Behavioral Health Clinic | 1145-2 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  BHV | An outpatient setting for the purpose of providing services to patients with psychiatric or behavior-disorders. |
| Blood Collection Center | 1147-8 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  BLOOD | An outpatient setting where blood is collected from donors. This does not include donation centers that are temporarily set up in non-clinical settings (e.g., schools, churches) or mobile blood collection centers. |
| Cardiac Rehabilitation Center | 1112-2 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  C\_REHAB | An outpatient setting where patients with cardiac disease, in partnership with a multidisciplinary team of health professionals, are encouraged and supported to achieve and maintain optimal physical health through exercise, nutritional and psychological counseling. |
| Cardiology Clinic | 1113-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:C | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of patients with cardiac problems. |
| Continence Clinic | 1148-6 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  CON | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of patients with incontinence problems. |
| Dermatology Clinic | 1115-5 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  DERM | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of dermatologic conditions by a dermatologist. |
| Diabetes/Endocrinology Clinic | 1116-3 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  DIAB | An outpatient setting for the evaluation, education and management of patients with diabetes. |
| Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic | 1126-2 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  ENT | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of conditions related to the ear, nose and/or throat. |
| Endoscopy Suite | 1007-4 | OUT:NONACUTE:DIAG:GI | An area where endoscopic procedures (e.g., upper gastrointestinal endoscopies, bronchoscopy) are performed on outpatients and/or inpatients. Patient care and processing of equipment may take place in this location. |
| Family Medicine Clinic | 1117-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  FAM | An outpatient setting for patients who are managed by a family practice physician or group of physicians. Does not include private physician practice. |
| Genetics Clinic | 1122-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  GEN | An outpatient setting for testing and counseling of patients may have genetic or hereditary disorders. |
| Gynecology Clinic | 1121-3 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  GYN | An outpatient setting for women for the evaluation and management of female reproductive tract conditions. |
| Holistic Medicine Center | 1161-9 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  HOL | An outpatient setting where alternative healthcare practices are used, focusing on the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of health. |
| Hyperbaric Oxygen Center | 1017-3 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  HBO | An outpatient setting where therapeutic hyperbaric oxygen is administered. |
| Infusion Center | 1018-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  FUS | An outpatient setting for the administration of fluids, blood products and medications. |
| Mobile Blood Collection Center | 1176-7 | OUT:NONACUTE:MOBILE: BLOOD | A self-contained mobile unit such as a bus or trailer that is specifically designed and equipped for the collection of blood and blood products from public donors. This unit typically moves from location to location. |
| Mobile MRI/CT | 1175-9 | OUT:NONACUTE: MOBILE\_DIAG:RAD | A self-contained mobile unit such as a bus or trailer that is equipped with MRI or CT radiologic equipment and that may be moved between healthcare locations (e.g., hospitals, clinics). |
| Neurology Clinic | 1123-9 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:N | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of patients with neurologic disorders. |
| Occupational Health Clinic | 1151-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  OCC | An outpatient setting where workplace physicals, workplace injury management and immunological evaluations take place |
| Occupational Therapy Clinic | 1152-8 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  OT\_REHAB | An outpatient setting where patients with injury or disability are helped to resume activities of daily living with exercise, massage and other therapies. |
| Ophthalmology Clinic | 1124-7 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  OPH | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of ophthalmologic disorders. |
| Orthopedic Clinic | 1125-4 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  ORT | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of orthopedic disorders. |
| Ostomy Clinic | 1149-4 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  OST | An outpatient setting for the management of patients who have had surgical procedure for removing normal bodily wastes through a surgical opening (stoma) on the abdominal wall. |
| Dental Clinic | 1150-2 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  DENT | An outpatient setting that provides dental services, including preventive teeth cleaning, emergency treatment, and comprehensive oral care. This may be a private or group practice or a teaching facility for dentists and/or dental hygienists. |
| Gastrointestinal (GI) Clinic | 1118-9 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:GI | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation and management of conditions related to the gastrointestinal tract. Usually includes an endoscopy suite. |
| Hematology/Oncology Clinic | 1200-5 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  HONC | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of patients with hematologic and/or oncologic disorders. This may include chemotherapy or blood/blood products infusion services. |
| Hemodialysis Clinic | 1153-6 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC: HD | An outpatient setting for chronic maintenance hemodialysis patients where they are evaluated and dialyzed. (Available only for use in the Biovigilance Component) |
| HIV Clinic | 1154-4 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  HIV | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of patients who are HIV positive or who have AIDS. |
| Medical Clinic | 1120-5 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:M | An outpatient setting for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of medical disorders. |
| Rehabilitation Clinic | 1151-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  REHAB | An outpatient setting where patients with injury or disability are evaluated and treated to resume activities of daily living, speech and language skills and maximum physical function. This may include social and psychological evaluation and treatment. |
| Pain Clinic | 1127-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PAIN | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients with chronic or intractable pain. |
| Pediatric Behavioral Health Clinic | 1146-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  BHV\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with psychiatric or behavior disorders. |
| Pediatric Cardiology Center | 1129-6 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PED\_C | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with cardiac disorders. |
| Pediatric Clinic | 1128-8 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old. |
| Pediatric Dental Clinic | 1130-4 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  DENT\_PED | An outpatient setting that provides dental services, including preventive teeth cleaning, emergency treatment, and comprehensive oral care to patients ≤18 years old. This may be a private or group practice or a teaching facility for dentists and/or dental hygienists. |
| Pediatric Dermatology Clinic | 1131-2 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  DERM\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with dermatologic disorders. |
| Pediatric Diabetes/Endocrinology Clinic | 1132-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  DIAB\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and management of patients ≤18 years old with diabetes or other endocrine disorders. |
| Pediatric Gastrointestinal Clinic | 1119-7 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  GI\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with gastrointestinal disorders. |
| Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic | 1136-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  HONC\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with cancer and/or blood disorders. |
| Pediatric Nephrology Clinic | 1137-9 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PGU\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with disorders of the genitourinary tract. |
| Pediatric Orthopedic Clinic | 1133-8 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  ORT\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with fractures or other orthopedic disorders. |
| Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic | 1138-7 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  RHEUM\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with rheumatology disorders. |
| Pediatric Scoliosis Clinic | 1134-6 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  SCOL\_PED | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients ≤18 years old with scoliosis or other growth disorders of the spine. |
| Physical Therapy Clinic | 1202-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PT\_REHAB | An outpatient setting where patients with injury or disability are helped to obtain maximum physical function. |
| Physician's Office | 1141-1 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC | A physician's office practice. |
| Podiatry Clinic | 1140-3 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  POD | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients with conditions or disorders of the feet. |
| Prenatal Clinic | 1156-9 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PNATL | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of pregnant women. |
| Pulmonary Clinic | 1157-7 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  PULM | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients with disorders of the respiratory tract. |
| Pulmonary Function Testing | 1009-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:DIAG:  PULM | Area where the evaluation of a patient's respiratory status takes place. |
| Radiology (includes Nuclear Medicine) | 1008-2 | OUT:NONACUTE:DIAG: RAD | An area where diagnostic or therapeutic radiologic procedures are done on outpatients and/or inpatients. Operating room requirements for air changes, temperature, humidity, and surfaces are NOT met. |
| Rheumatology Clinic | 1142-9 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  RHEUM | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients with autoimmune disorders, primarily rheumatoid arthritis. |
| School or Prison Infirmary | 1170-0 | OUT:NONCUTE:CLINIC: IFM | Area in a school or correctional facility that provides medical care to students/inmates. This area is not staffed or equipped for overnight stay patients. |
| Speech Therapy Clinic | 1158-5 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  ST\_REHAB | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients with brain injury to maximize their speech, swallow and language functions. |
| Surgical Services Clinic | 1143-7 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:S | An outpatient setting for the pre-operative evaluation and the postoperative management of patients undergoing a surgical procedure. |
| Well Baby Clinic | 1139-5 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINC:  NURS | An outpatient setting for the examination and treatment of normal newborns. |
| Wound Center | 1144-5 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  WND | An outpatient setting for the evaluation and treatment of patients with acute or chronic wounds. |
| Wound Ostomy Continence Clinic | 1159-3 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  WND\_OST\_CONT | An outpatient area which provides acute and rehabilitative care for patients with selective disorders of the gastrointestinal, genitourinary and integumentary (skin) systems. |
| Therapeutic Apheresis Clinic | 1207-0 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  THERAPHERSIS | Outpatient setting where blood is collected from patients and therapeutic apheresis procedures are performed. |
| Miscellaneous Outpatient Settings | | | |
| Specimen Collection Area | 1019-9 | OUT:NA:LAB:SPEC | An area within a healthcare facility where procedures are performed to collect blood, tissue, or other specimens for diagnostic purposes. |
| Transport Service | 1178-3 | OUT:NONACUTE:MOBILE | Mobile unit used to transport patients to their home or from one healthcare setting to another non-emergently. |
| OUTPATIENT DIALYSIS FACILITIES(Available for use in outpatient ambulatory hemodialysis facilities only) | | | |
| Outpatient Hemodialysis Clinic | 1153-6 | OUT:NONACUTE:CLINIC: DIAL | An outpatient setting for chronic maintenance hemodialysis patients where they are evaluated and dialyzed in-center. |
| Home Hemodialysis | 1262-1 | COMM:NONACUTE: HOME:DIAL | Hemodialysis performed by a patient (and the patient’s caregiver) and at home. |
| MISCELLANEOUS AREAS(Mainly used for Healthcare Personnel Safety component) | | | |
| All Inpatient Beds Combined | 1021-5 | IN | This location represents all beds. It is used for reporting optional off-plan facility-wide summary data (e.g., CLABSI rate for facility). |
| Float | 1206-2 | IN:ACUTE:FLOAT | For HCWs who do not work at least 75% of the time at a single location, the work location code for ‘float’ should be entered. (This location is available only for Healthcare Personnel Safety Component use only.) |
| Morgue/Autopsy Room | 1189-0 | NONPTC:NA:LAB: PATH\_MORG | An area within a facility that is used for the storage and/or postmortem examination of deceased persons. |
| Sleep Studies (for in and out patients) | 1020-7 | IN:NONACUTE:CLINIC:  SLEEP | Area where patients stay overnight and are evaluated for sleep disorders. |
| Treatment Room | 1209-6 | IN:ACUTE:SUPPORT: TREAT\*  \*Will be listed as ‘IN:ACUTE:WARD:TREAT’ within NHSN until NHSN Release 7.2 slated for late summer 2013. | A room in a patient care unit, in which various treatments or procedures requiring special equipment are performed, such as removing sutures, draining a hematoma, packing a wound, or performing an examination. |
| FACILITY-WIDE LOCATIONS(Available only for Laboratory Identified Event Reporting [LABID] and Antibiotic Use and Resistance [AUR] module) | | | |
| Facility-wide Inpatient FacWideIN | 1250-0 | FACWIDEIN | This location represents all inpatient locations for the facility, where appropriate numerator and denominator counts can be collected. All of the facility’s inpatient locations with an overnight stay must be represented for full inpatient facility coverage, where denominators can be accurately collected and there is the possibility of the MDRO to present, transmitted, and identified in that specific location. Currently, it is available for use in the MDRO/CDI Module for LabID Event reporting and in the AUR Module. |
| Facility-wide Outpatient FacWideOUT | 1251-8 | FACWIDEOUT | This location represents all outpatient locations for the facility, where appropriate numerator and accurate denominator counts can be collected. All of the facility’s outpatient locations must be represented for full outpatient facility coverage, where denominators can be accurately collected and there is the possibility of the MDRO to be present, transmitted, and identified in that specific location. Currently, it is available for use in the MDRO/CDI Module for LabID Event reporting. |
| COMMUNITY LOCATIONS | | | |
| Blood Collection (Blood Drive Campaign) | 1195-7 | COMM:NONACUTE:CLINIC:BLOOD | A location not designated or equipped to perform healthcare functions (e.g., school gym or shopping mall) that have been set up specifically to collect donations of blood and blood products from the public. |
| Home Care | 1192-4 | COMM:NONACUTE: HOME | A patient’s home location where medical services including routine noninvasive and other noninvasive procedures (e.g., insertion of indwelling urinary catheter, insertion of IV line) are performed by healthcare workers and family members under the supervision of a licensed independent practitioner (e.g., MD, CNP, PA). |
| Home-based Hospice | 1194-0 | COMM:NONACUTE:HOME:HSP | A patient’s home location where end-of-life services are performed by healthcare workers, family members, and volunteers. |
| Location outside facility | 1204-7 | COMM:NOTFAC | A location outside this facility, including unknown outside location. |
| Specimen Collection Area (Community) | 1196-5 | COMM:NA:LAB:SPEC | A location not designated or equipped to perform healthcare functions (e.g., school gym or shopping mall) that have been set up specifically to collect body fluids for healthcare testing. Examples would be blood sugar or cholesterol screening clinics. |
| NON-PATIENT CARE LOCATIONS **(Non-Patient Care Areas available for use in Biovigilance or Healthcare Personnel Safety components only)** | | | |
| Administrative Areas | 1184-1 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: ADMIN | Areas within a healthcare facility where administrative functions take place. No patient care takes place in these areas. |
| Assisted Living Area | 1106-4 | NONPTC:NA:HOME | A location where persons live and have available to them housekeeping, meal preparation, transportation, and other non-medical services. Patient care is not done in this area. |
| Blood Bank | 1185-8 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:BLOOD | An area within a healthcare facility that may collect, store, and distribute blood and blood products, and performs diagnostic tests on blood/components to determine compatibilities. |
| Central Sterile Supply | 1186-6 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: CSS | An area within a healthcare facility where durable medical equipment is cleaned/decontaminated, wrapped, sterilized, and stored in preparation for transport to a landfill or incineration. |
| Central Trash Area | 1187-4 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: SOILED  \*Will be listed as ‘NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: TRASH’ within NHSN until NHSN Release 7.2 slated for late summer 2013. | An area adjacent to a healthcare facility where bio-hazardous and non-bio-hazardous wastes are collected in preparation for transport to a landfill or incineration. |
| Centralized Transfusion Service | 1261-7 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:CTS | A location outside the facility that stores, manipulates, issues, and/or performs compatibility testing on blood and blood products (e.g., a contracted transfusion service or a separate hospital that provides transfusion services for your facility). |
| Clinical Chemistry Laboratory | 1011-6 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:CHEM | An area within a diagnostic laboratory that performs general clinical chemistry analysis (clinical biochemistry), endocrinology, therapeutic substance monitoring, toxicology, blood pH and blood gas analysis, urinalysis and urine pregnancy testing. |
| Facility Grounds | 118-2 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT:  GRNDS | Any outdoor area adjacent to a healthcare facility that belongs to the facility (e.g., sidewalks, parking ramps, lawns). |
| General Laboratory | 1010-8 | NONPTC:NA:LAB | An area that encompasses all clinical divisions within a diagnostic laboratory. |
| Hematology Laboratory | 1012-4 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:H | An area within a diagnostic laboratory that determines the specific properties of blood (e.g., CBC, white blood count). |
| Histology/Surgical Pathology Laboratory | 1013-2 | NONPTC:NA:LAB: HIST\_PATH | An area within a diagnostic laboratory that uses high-power microscopy to evaluate cells and tissues for the presence or absence of disease. |
| Housekeeping/Environmental Services | 1182-5 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: HSKP | An area within a healthcare facility where the activities of housekeeping/environmental services staff are coordinated and supplies are stored. |
| Laundry Room | 1183-3 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT:  LAUN | An area within a healthcare facility where laundry is sorted, washed, dried, and prepared for transport and use. |
| Microbiology Laboratory | 1014-0 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:MICRO | An area within a laboratory that performs diagnostic tests to determine the presence or absence of bacteria and their related properties. |
| Pharmacy | 1179-1 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT:  PHARM | An area within a healthcare facility where medications are prepared and labeled for patient use. |
| Physical Plant Operations Center | 1181-7 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: ENG | An area within a healthcare facility where construction, renovation, and maintenance staff activities and supplies are coordinated. They may also include areas of machinery and equipment. |
| Public Area in Facility | 1180-9 | NONPTC:NA:SUPPORT: PUB | Any indoor area within a healthcare facility that is not used for patient care and that is available to the public (e.g., waiting rooms, cafeterias, hallways). |
| Serology Laboratory | 1015-7 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:SER | An area within a diagnostic laboratory that performs blood tests to determine the presence or absence of certain diseases or the levels of immunity. |
| Soiled Utility Area | 1190-8 | IN:NA:SUPPORT:TRASH | Area where used and/or soiled disposable or durable medical equipment is stored and/or cleaned in preparation for disposal or reprocessing/reuse. |
| Virology Laboratory | 1016-5 | NONPTC:NA:LAB:VIR | An area within a diagnostic laboratory that performs tests and/or culturing to determine the presence or absence of specific viruses. |

References

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