



Room Focus: Med-Surg Patient Room

The Garfield Center mock up of the med-surg patient room will allow KP to test the many variables that affect care delivery and quality of care. Teams will ask questions such as:

- Are the rooms arranged and sized to adequately accommodate physicians, other clinicians, non-clinical support staff, family and visitors, while still providing for patient privacy?
- Do the detailing and finish materials support safe and effective patient care? Do they represent culturally competent design?
- Are the headwall, fixtures, and equipment (including lighting) effectively placed for access by caregivers, while keeping in mind patient and visitor safety and comfort?
- How does the new digital environment fit into the room and how does it affect care-related activities?



Safety by Design

- **All patient rooms are private**, reducing the need to transport patients, increasing patient safety, and decreasing the chance of medication errors and lost personal effects
- **Roman (curbless) showers** allow staff-assisted bathing when required and easier patient entry and exit
- 25-50% of rooms have **overhead patient lifts**, reducing staff and patient injuries
- **Symmetrical arrangement of services** on the headwall provides immediate access to required services from either side of the patient
- Separate zones for clinicians, patients, and families allow **unobstructed access to patient** for care
- Clear **well-defined zones for clinical preparation** that are free from distractions allow family participation in the care experience
- 100% of **ventilation is from outside air**, resulting in better indoor environmental quality and significantly reducing the danger of accidental or intentional introduction of airborne infectious agents
- **New flooring standard** decreases slips, trips and falls, reduces noise, and lessens impact stress on legs and lower backs

Innovations

- Designed as a Universal Patient Room, it easily converts to accommodate Post-Partum, Pediatrics step down, or telemetry needs
- Acuity flexible
- Relatively easy to convert to an Intensive Care Unit by removing toilet room and adding windows in the doors and entry wall

Technology

- Cable ready for family to connect to the Internet
- Wireless computer carts
- LCD TVs
- Fully digital environment