

Preface

The goal of this Surgical Design Guide is to ensure the quality of VA facilities while controlling construction and operating costs.

This document is intended to be used as a guide and a supplement to current technical manuals and other VA criteria in the planning of Surgical Suites. The Design Guide is not to be used as a standard design. Use of this Design Guide does not preclude the need for a functional and physical design program for each specific project, nor the project Architects' and Engineers' responsibilities to develop a complete and accurate project design that best meets the users' needs and applicable code requirements.

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