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# [Outpatient, X-ray, Laboratory, and Pharmacy, Physical Therapy] Departments Lecture 4-5

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### **Out-patients department**

### Location:

- Close to the diagnostic services (labs and x-ray).
- **Close the pharmacy.**

The OPD provides consultation, investigation and diagnoses for patients who require little or no recovery services afterwards; they generally attend by appointment.



**Operating Theatres** 



There is usually a main waiting area, with registration and enquiry point but preferably it should be relatively small, with patients sent onwards to sub-waiting areas near the clinic they are to attend.

Those clinics with little specialized equipment .





### **Out-patients department**

General medicine, general surgery, gynaecology, urology) can use multipurpose consulting and examining facilities.

Although traditionally many doctors preferred a purpose-designed clinic, with designated consulting rooms, each with one or more examining rooms, a more flexible and economical arrangement is a long row or string of combined consulting and examining (CE) rooms, in which the patient remains in one room, but the doctor may move between two or three adjoining rooms.

Each should be 14-15 m2, with sound resisting intercommunicating doors. Each clinic will use as many CE rooms as its staff and patients need.



8. COMBINED CONSULTATION EXAMINATION ROOMS





SHARED EXAMINATION ROOM



Different design configurations for outpatient clinics



Models for outpatient clinics according to their specialization - the American architect and health plan E. . Todd on the integration of examination and consulting rooms



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**Out-patients department** 

Models and dimensions of outpatient clinics as well as by the American architect(Isadore Rosienfield)

**Outpatient Department** 

OSPITAL

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Clinics

Office

The key to economy in construction and efficiency in use is to achieve multipurpose OP suites than for clinics like ophthalmology, which require much specialized equipment, and which are not easy (and not usually appropriate) to use for other purposes.

Associated with each group of CE rooms should be a sub-waiting space, nurse's treatment room, with clean and dirty utility rooms, toilets and other facilities.

A toilet adjoining a dirty utility room can have a pass-through hatch for specimen testing.



Some clinics can use CE rooms for most purposes, but also need some special accommodation to serve cardiac clinics electrocardiography (ECG)), audiology (a sound proof room - often a prefabricated booth) for ear nose and throat (ENT), and treatment baths and ultra-violet light equipment

for dermatology.

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#### **Diagnostic imaging**

The essential feature about planning 'imaging departments' is that, apart from ultrasound, imaging modalities require specialized protective arrangements, either from radiation or from magnetic fields.

**Protection** in X-ray rooms may be provided by lead or by barium plaster which prevent the emission of radiation beyond the room. Where control positions are within the room, operators may be protected by lead screens.

During investigations staff who must work in close proximity to the patient, may additionally wear lead aprons, and patients themselves may require specific shielding from radiation to sensitive zones such as gonads.

### **Location:**

- Very close to the emergency department and external clinics.
- Easily accessible from internal division.
- Ground floor is preferred.





This term includes diagnostic investigations using X rays (plain films) and the non-X-ray modalities using ultrasound and magnetic resonance to produce image [MRI].







Patients on entry to the imaging department need quiet reception and waiting areas before moving to the diagnostic rooms.

The layout of the department should ensure that frequently used rooms and those whose investigations are brief (e.g. plain X-ray, chest rooms) are sited closest to the waiting areas.



X- ray Department[Diagnostic

All rooms will require patient changing facilities.

Changing rooms may be either 'stand-alone' or 'pass-through'. In this latter category, the patient accesses the room from the sub waiting space, and enters the diagnostic room directly from the changing room.





These rooms have the **advantage** that, once undressed, the patient does not have to **traverse** any general circulation and so benefits from greater privacy.

However this pattern is often found to be very claustrophobic for patients, and can generate anxieties that one has been placed in this isolated space and forgotten.

It is also a pattern which, because of the more numerous doorways into the X-ray rooms, creates additional problems in achieving radiation protection.

The greater flexibility of the stand-alone pattern usually makes it the preferred option.



In radiology departments, considerations of radiation protection demand that the diagnostic rooms are internal. In those circumstances it becomes particularly important that the more general spaces, offices, sorting and reporting rooms and staff rest rooms have natural light.

Most X-ray processing now makes use of daylight processing, and processors can be sited within the staff areas or within general circulation space, which can help to simplify circulation and to create a more compact staff working area.

However, some specialist investigations may make use of cine film, and for these a small dark room needs to be provided.





### **Magnetic Resonance Imaging [MRI]**

**Protection** from magnetic fields in magnetic resonance imaging [MRI] studies initially depended on the provision of sufficient area around the magnet for the strength of the field to fall off.

However, current trends are for the use of lower tesla magnets and for protection from the magnetic field to be built into the machine .







# **Laboratory Department**

### **Location:**

- Very close to the emergency department and external clinics.
- Easily accessible from internal department.
- Easily accessible from maternity and surgery departments.
- Accessibility from central storages.





## **Laboratory Department**

The four main laboratory disciplines in hospitals are:-

Histology

Microbiology

Hematology

Biochemistry

The last two may be grouped together as they can share much automated equipment.



## **Laboratory Department**

The whole department will generally have a shared receiving area for specimens and records.

Ventilation and other safety standards must meet current legislation.





The laboratory must be located very close to the outpatient department and emergency.

Easy access from [ward, surgical, and maternity ]department.

It can be accessed from the central storage of the hospital



### Pharmacy

A dispensary is needed, close to the out-patient department and with a comfortable waiting area.

If the main hospital pharmacy cannot be so located, pneumatic tubes from it to the dispensary and some other user areas may be justified.

More and more pharmaceutical items are commercially produced; where manufacturing is undertaken at the hospital.

**Security** is of the highest importance, especially associated with the entrance used for deliveries.



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### **Physical Therapy**

**Location:** 

The Physical therapy must be located very close to the main entrance and emergency.

**Easy access from out patient department, and inpatient department [ward].** 

It is preferable to located in the ground floor.

The physiotherapy department doesn't exit in small hospital where the technology used is very expensive so it is usually found in hospital with a size of 200 beds or more.



# **Physical Therapy Department**

### **Dry Division**

1-Thermal therapy2-Electrotherapy3-Exercise[gymnastics]

4-Massage

5-Inhalation

Wet Division 1-Hydrotherapy 2-Mud treatment





In physiotherapy department the patient corridor is mixed with the staff corridor.

