

WAC 246-320-231 Patient care unit or area. The purpose of this section is to guide the management of a patient area.

Hospitals must assure:

- (1) Each patient room contains:
 - (a) A bed;
 - (b) A means for patient privacy; and
 - (c) A means to call for help or assistance;
- (2) Each patient care unit has:
 - (a) A means for staff to clean their hands before giving care to a patient;
 - (b) Staff available at all times to provide care to patients; and
 - (c) A means for staff to record and maintain individual patient records;
- (3) Staff respond to calls for help or assistance.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.41 RCW and RCW 43.70.040. WSR 09-07-050, § 246-320-231, filed 3/11/09, effective 4/11/09.]