

825 HANDWASHING FACILITIES

General

- 825 .1.00 The Guidelines refer to several categories of handbasins including Type A, B, C and troughs along with various configurations for types and placement of tapware. These are addressed in the section and tables that follow.

Handbasin Types

- 825 .2.00 Type A handbasin refers to a clinical scrub basin. The handbasin type is a large 'Medicex' type. The taps are wall mounted, hands-free operation (elbow, foot or electronic). This basin is used in areas requiring clinical hand-washing for sterile procedures, for example ICU Rooms, Treatment Rooms and Cardiac Catheterisation areas.
- 825 .3.00 Type B basin refers to a general staff handbasin. The basin type is a medium wall mounted basin. The taps are either wall mounted or basin mounted with hands-free operation (elbow or wrist). This basin is used in areas requiring general staff hand-washing, for example ward corridors.
- 825 .4.00 Type C basin refers to a small staff handbasin. The basin type is a small wall mounted basin. The taps are either wall mounted or basin mounted with hands-free operation (elbow or wrist). This basin is used in areas requiring general staff hand-washing, for example Staff Amenities and Toilet Areas.
- 825 .5.00 Scrub sink refers to a long sink that can accommodate one or more staff scrubbing for a sterile procedure at the one time. Refer to Ergonomics for the heights, width of space per person and type of taps.

Handwash Basins - Placement

- 825 .6.00 Handwash Bays should be provided in the following ratios:
- Intensive/ Critical Care Units - one per enclosed room, one per two open bays
 - Emergency Unit - one per four open bays
 - Ambulatory Care Areas - one per four open bays
 - Other patient treatment areas - generally staff should not be more than 10 - 12 metres from a Handwash Bay.

Handwash Basin Types - Schedule

- 825 .7.00 Schedule of basin and tap types:

The following indicates recommended basin and tap combinations for particular rooms. For rooms not listed refer to a similar area.

ROOM / SPACE	BASIN TYPE	WALL TAP	BASIN TAP	WRIST ACTION	ELBOW ACTION	INFRA-RED	REMARKS
BAY - HANDWASHING	B	yes	optional		yes		In corridors
BATHROOM	B		yes	yes			
BIRTHING ROOM	A	yes			yes	optional	
CLEAN UTILITY	B	yes	optional		yes		

Part D - Infection Control

CLEAN-UP ROOMS	B		yes	yes			
CONSULT ROOM	B	yes	optional	yes	yes		Also includes Examination Rooms
DIRTY UTILITY	B		yes	yes			
ENSUITES	B		yes				
HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT	A	yes			yes		
INPATIENT BEDS	B	yes			yes		
INTENSIVE CARE UNIT	A	yes			yes		Also includes Coronary Care Units, Neonatal ICU
ISOLATION ROOM - AIRLOCK / ANTEROOM	B	yes			yes		Class N
ISOLATION ROOM/ S	B	yes			yes		All Classes
PANTRY	B		yes				Includes Kitchenettes, Beverage Pantry
POST MORTEM	B	yes	optional		yes		
RECOVERY	B	yes			yes		
SCRUB-UP / GOWNING	SINK	yes				yes	Operating Unit, Day Procedures Unit, Procedure Rooms including Imaging
TOILET - PATIENT	B		yes				
TOILET - PUBLIC	C		yes				
TOILET - STAFF	C		yes				
TREATMENT ROOM	A	yes			yes	optional	

Work & Treatment Areas

- 825 .8.00 Sinks should not be provided in Clean Utility areas to avoid the risk of contamination of sterile stock stored in this area. The clinical handbasin should be located external to the room. Basin Type B is recommended for this area.