

830 ISOLATION ROOMS

Class S - Standard Pressure

- 830 .1.00 Standard Pressure Rooms are for patients who require contact or droplet isolation. A standard room with normal air-conditioning is appropriate.
- 830 .2.00 Recommended elements for Class S Isolation Rooms are as follows:
- A staff handbasin within the room
 - An Ensuite Bathroom
 - A self-closing door.
- 830 .3.00 A pan sanitiser located near the room is an optional element for Class S Isolation Rooms.

Class N - Negative Pressure

- 830 .4.00 Negative Pressure Rooms are for patients who require airborne droplet nuclei isolation. The aim of placing persons in Negative Pressure rooms is to reduce transmission of disease via the airborne route.
- 830 .5.00 For elements and inclusions for Class N Negative Pressure Rooms refer to Department of Human Services Isolation Room Guidelines.

Class P - Positive Pressure

- 830 .6.00 For elements and inclusions for Class P Positive Pressure Rooms refer to Department of Human Services Isolation Room Guidelines.

Class A - Alternating Pressure

- 830 .7.00 Rooms with reversible airflow mechanisms, which enable the room to have either negative or positive pressure shall not be used.

Number of Isolation Rooms

- 830 .8.00 A minimum of 20 % of the total bed complement in Inpatient Accommodation Units (across the whole facility) used for overnight stay shall be provided as Single Bedrooms (Type S).
- 830 .9.00 All HPUs providing inpatient overnight accommodation shall provide at least one 'Class S - Standard' Isolation Room.

All facilities at Level Four and above shall provide at least one 'Class N - Negative Pressure' Isolation room per 100 overnight beds. Additional 'Class N - Negative Pressure' Isolation Rooms may be required to meet service profile and model of care for the HPU and the facility.

The provision of 'Class P - Positive Pressure' Isolation Rooms are only required to meet the requirements of the service profile and the model of care for the HPU and the facility.

Operating/ Procedures Rooms

- 830 .10.00 When bronchoscopy is performed on persons who are known or suspected of having pulmonary tuberculosis, the Operating/ Procedures Room shall meet the Negative Pressure Isolation Room ventilation requirements.