

**Adjacency Justification**  
**Information provided by Illinois Department of Public Health**

The following information was taken from an email inquiry raised by a resident concerning the interior departmental adjacencies for hospitals in the State of Illinois. The author of the email is an employee of the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facilities and Programs. The information provided is in response to the document titled "Hospital Department Adjacencies" provided by Edward Hospital and posted under the title "Adjacency Justification" on the City's Health Services District webpage.

I have reviewed Attachment B, "Hospital Department Adjacencies", I and offer the following.

Section 250.2440 i)4)A) of the Hospital Licensing Requirements, 77 Illinois Administrative Code 250 requires the postoperative recovery room to be "within or adjacent to the surgical suite". To the best of my knowledge, this is the only code required adjacency. The proximities and adjacencies of hospital departments outlined in Attachment B appear to be program driven. Although they are generally considered good practices, they are not code required with the exception of post-op. As stated in Section II of Attachment B, "The location of hospital departments at Edward is determined by a multi-disciplinary team including hospital management, architect, construction project managers, physicians, nurses, infection control specialists and management engineers." . That is an accurate statement. The IDPH does not mandate by rule, departmental relationships or adjacencies within a hospital, with the exception of post-op to surgery.

The AIA 2006 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities are just guidelines. They are not required by code, and therefore there is no expectation that they be followed.

The last paragraph of Attachment B refers to "freestanding beds". I assume this means a bed tower. There are many healthcare providers in Illinois with bed towers that do not duplicate services such as operating rooms, dietary services, diagnostic imaging, etc. such as Loyola Medical Center, University of Chicago Hospitals, Rush University to name a few. These services are available to the bed tower patients via connector links. The proximity of these departments to the bed tower is determined by the hospital program, not by regulatory language.