

NRP Unit Definitions

Standardized Unit	Definition
Ambulatory Setting	
Burn Care Inpatient Unit	This department provides intensified, comprehensive care and observation for patients having experienced severe burns. Care provided for these patients involves a more intensive treatment than medical/surgical acute care.
Cardiac/Heart/Vascular Critical Care Unit	This department provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for patients with heart seizure, open heart surgery, or other life-threatening conditions.
Emergency Department	This department provides triage and treatment support for trauma and emergency patients. Urgent care centers and fast track areas should not be reported as an Emergency Department if they occupy a distinct and separate space and staff from the Emergency Department.
Float Pool	
General Medical Inpatient Unit	This department provides general acute care for medical patients.
General Surgical Inpatient Unit	This department provides general acute care for surgical patients.
Home Care	
Hospice/Palliative Care Inpatient Unit	This department provides palliative care for terminally ill patients.
Medical ICU Inpatient Unit	This department provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for non-surgical patients having experienced shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions.
Medical/ Surgical ICU Inpatient Unit	This department provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for both medical and post- surgical patients having experienced shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions. This department represents a mix of patients.
Medical/Surgical Inpatient Unit	This department provides general acute care for both medical and surgical patients. This department represents a mix of patients.
Medical/Surgical Intermediate Unit	This department provides care for post-critical medical or surgical patients requiring observation and care more comprehensive than a general acute inpatient unit This department represents a mix of patients including monitored or ventilator-dependent patients.

Mother/Baby Unit	This department provides antenatal and postnatal care for maternity patients and care for normal newborns.
Neonatal ICU Inpatient Unit	This unit provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for neonates who have experienced shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions. It may be classified as a Level 3 nursery in some states. Also include a neonatal ICU unit if a facility classifies the unit as a Level 4 unit.
Neonatal Intermediate Unit	This department provides care for post-critical neonates and growers requiring observation and care more comprehensive than a general acute nursery.
Neurology / Neurosurgical ICU Inpatient Unit	This department provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for surgical or medical patients having experienced shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions that cause neurologic dysfunction.
Newborn Nursery	This department provides care for normal newborn infants and can also provide limited Level 2 and Level 3 newborn infant care.
Obstetrics / Labor & Delivery Inpatient Unit	This department provides labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum care. Infant care and ambulatory birthing centers are excluded.
Oncology Inpatient Unit	This department provides general acute care for patients experiencing various forms of cancer.
Orthopedic / Neurology Inpatient Unit	This department provides general acute care for surgical orthopedic patients and patients with neurological system dysfunction.
Pediatric Emergency Department	
Pediatric ICU Inpatient Unit	This unit provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for pediatric patients (pediatric is defined as < 18 years of age) who have experienced shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions.
Pediatric Inpatient Unit	This unit provides general acute care for pediatric patients (pediatric is defined as < 18 years of age).
Pediatric Intermediate Unit	This unit provides care for post-critical pediatric patients (pediatric is defined as < 18 years of age) requiring observation and care more comprehensive than that in a general acute pediatric inpatient unit.
Pediatric Oncology Inpatient Unit	This unit provides general acute care for pediatric (pediatric is defined as < 18 years of age) oncology patients.
Pediatric Surgical Unit	Pediatric Surgical Unit
Peds/Adolescent Psychiatric Inpatient Unit	This unit provides general acute care for pediatric/adolescent patients being treated for various forms of mental illness or dysfunction. (pediatric is defined as < 18 years of age)

Perioperative OR	This department includes all functions related to operating room services, including intraoperative patient care. It also includes perfusion services, inpatient and/or outpatient services, and other operating room support functions. It does not include PACU, anesthesia functions, pre op holding, and/or central sterile functions.
Perioperative PACU	The Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) department provides patient monitoring and care during the immediate post anesthesia period. Care may include primary as well as secondary recovery phases. In addition, PACU may provide patient care for over flow patients and specific procedures, such as therapeutic or diagnostic blocks for pain control, insertion of epidural or central catheters, or electroconvulsive therapy.
Psychiatric Inpatient Unit	This department provides general acute care for patients of all ages experiencing various forms of mental illness or dysfunction.
Rehabilitation Inpatient Unit	This department provides rehabilitation care for patients having experienced stroke, head, or spinal cord trauma, muscular skeleton injury, or other forms of physical disability.
Skilled Nursing Facility	This department provides convalescent care or restorative services to post-acute and post-subacute patients. This department should be Medicare-approved and designed to provide episodic skilled nursing and rehab care, not long-term custodial care. Skilled nursing facilities are required to provide 24-hour nursing service and have an active program of rehabilitative services directed toward assisting patients to achieve or maintain optimal levels of independence.
Surgical ICU Inpatient Unit	This department provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for surgical patients having experienced shock, trauma, or other life-threatening conditions.
Telemetry Unit	
Transplant ICU	This department provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for transplant patients having experienced shock or other life-threatening conditions.
Transplant Intermediate Unit	This department provides care for transplant patients who require less than intensive care, but more than routine care.
Trauma Unit	This unit provides intensive, comprehensive observation and care for trauma patients who have experienced shock or other life-threatening conditions. A trauma patient is defined as an injured patient who is at significant risk for loss of life or limb, or significant, permanent disfigurement or disability; and the injury is caused by blunt or penetrating injury, exposure to electromagnetic, chemical, or radioactive energy, drowning, suffocation, or strangulation, or a deficit or excess of heat.