



Space Planning for Safety and Efficiency in Non-Operating Room Anesthesia

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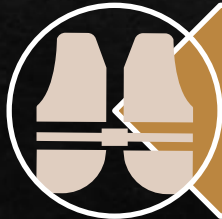
Objectives



Identify challenges with existing hospital infrastructure design in NORA zones that inhibit optimal patient care delivery.



Relate suite design to anesthesiology outcomes.



Discuss opportunities for safety enhancement during renovation and new construction.



A high-angle, top-down view of a complex, three-dimensional maze constructed from grey concrete blocks. The maze features numerous rectangular and irregular openings and dead ends. In the center of the maze, a white A-frame ladder with red-tipped rungs and feet stands upright. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the top surfaces of the concrete walls and deep shadows in the recessed areas, creating a sense of depth and complexity. The overall tone is industrial and challenging.

Existing Infrastructure Challenges

Typical Shortfalls



Anesthesiology services “bolted on”

- ▶ Space constrained
- ▶ Access in emergency
- ▶ Equipment limitations (AGM)
- ▶ Field avoidance
- ▶ Conventional wisdom of “endotracheal tube is too invasive”

Emergency preparedness



- ▶ Code buttons
- ▶ Staff knowledge for assistance in emergent situations
- ▶ Equipment
 - ▶ Airway
 - ▶ Code cart
 - ▶ Invasive lines
 - ▶ Access to blood/fluids
- ▶ Location of suite in hospital





Opportunities in Construction & Renovation



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Get Invited

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**Build
relationships**

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**Make safety a
priority**

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**Link safety and
ergonomics to
operational efficiency**

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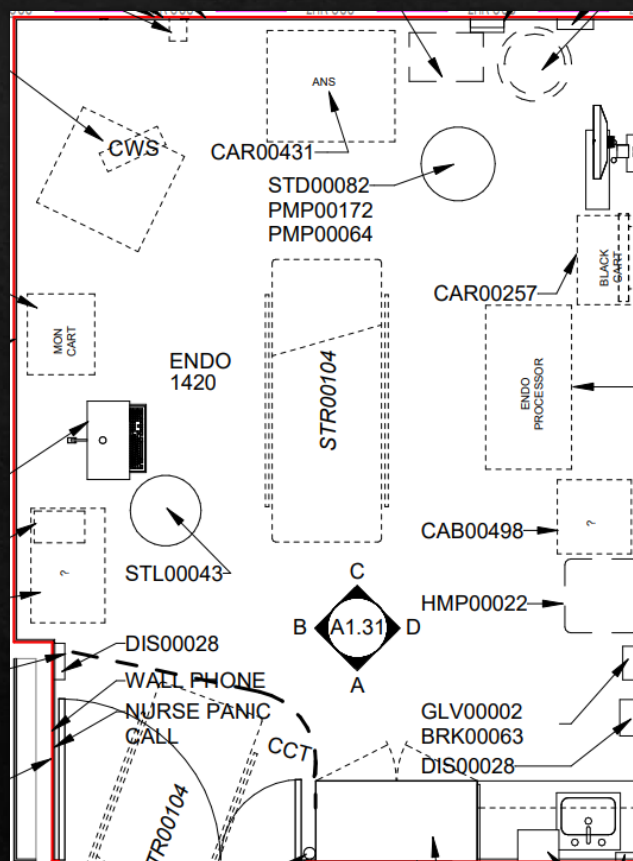
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times**

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ribbon cutting**



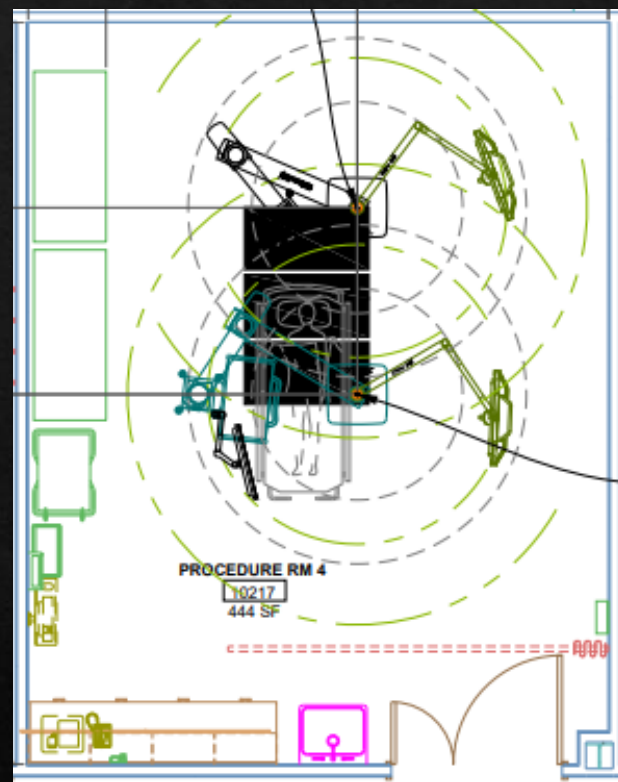
Then



► 302 sf



Now



► 444 sf

