How Hospitals Coordinate Operations Between Clinical and Facility Teams

THE DIRECT ANSWER

What this page covers: how hospitals structure joint clinical and facilities work, including shared governance, joint environment-of-care rounds, one work-request system, and ICRA coordination. Who it is for: facility directors, nurse leaders, and infection preventionists who share responsibility for the care environment.

WHAT GOOD COORDINATION LOOKS LIKE

- Joint rounds: facilities + nursing + infection prevention walking units together — one visit, all perspectives.
- Shared committees: environment of care, safety, emergency management — with real decision authority, not rubber stamps.
- One request system: a single CMMS front door for clinical staff, with priority levels both sides understand.
- Project partnership: facilities involved in clinical space planning from day one — not called after the design is done.
- Language translation: facilities learns clinical impact language; clinical learns constraint language. "The chiller is at 90%" means nothing to a nurse; "two ORs may get warm this afternoon" means everything.

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FIELD QUESTION

How should clinical and facilities teams work together?

Shared governance, joint environment-of-care rounds, a single work-request system, and facilities involvement in clinical planning from day one.

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