Appendix A

Example VAHBS Hospitals

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Introduction

Purpose

The Facilities or Engineering Officers at the Medical Centers have gained valuable insights into operating; maintaining and modifying hospitals built using the VAHBS. Field surveys and interviews were conducted in August 2005 for the purpose of gathering and recording feedback on the long-term benefits or deficiencies of the VAHBS.

Field surveys were conducted at the three example Medical Centers. The main buildings at these Medical Centers have been in operation from about 11 to 18 years. In that time the buildings have undergone varying amounts of modification/remodeling.

Data Sheet

These sheets provide a one-page summary of key information for building, service module, and service zone (interstitial) strategies used at the Medical Centers surveyed.

Session Notes

The interview notes include relevant comments and observations regarding construction, operation, maintenance, and modification of building shell and service systems. Where applicable, comments regarding remodel or new construction at the Medical Center were solicited. Observations or recommendations for improving or implementing the VAHBS were recorded.

Analysis

In this section the integration of services and systems in the existing facilities is compared with the prototype design proposed by the Red Book in 1972-77. Service Module strategies are compared for the areas of structural bay, service bay, and service distribution and integration in the service zone and its subzones and channels.

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Medical Center A VAHBS Data Sheet

Functional Area: 1.4 M BGSF Stories: 6	Basement: Yes	Subbasement: No
Interstitial Area:	Levels: 7	
Construction: Structural Frame: STEEL	Walk-on Platform:	Lt Wt PC Conc on Steel Deck

Service Module Information

Functional Area	Typical Gross Floor	Service Bay	Typical Dimensions			
Туре	Area per Module (SF)	Location	Structural Grid	Floor to Floor		
Clinical	18,000	External	36'-6" x 36'-6"	18'-10"		
Nursing Units	18,000	External	36'-6" x 36'-6"	18'-10"		

Typical Service Zone Strategy

S-1	7 1⁄2"	Typical Subzone Dimensions
S-2	21"	
S-3	36"	
S-4	18"	
S-5	15"	
S-6	4 1/2"	Subtotal S-1 through S-6 Subzones = 8'-9"
S-7	4" w/ 10'-0" Clg. 16" w/ 9'-0" Clg.	

S-3 Subzone Channels—36'-6" Bay

ELEC/ COM	RETURN	SUPPLY	EXHAUST	PLUMB	ACCESS
6'-1"	6'-1"	6'-1"	6'-1"	6'-1"	6'-1"

S-4 Subzone Channels—36'-6" Bay

SUPPLY	RETURN/ EXHAUST	PLUMB	ELEC/ COM
9'-1 ½ "	9'-1 ½ "	9'-1 ½ "	9'-1 ½ "

Medical Center A Interview with Facilities Officer

Session Notes, August 30, 2005

Attendees Howard Gibson

Robert Clifton William Nelson Nicholas Krauja Theodore Moeller

Construction

Mr. Gibson was the Senior Resident Engineer in Charge and Mr. Clifton was the SRE responsible for electrical systems during construction of the facility. They provided valuable insights into construction of VAHBS hospitals and offered suggestions for construction drawing content and contract requirements for coordination by the general and sub-contractors.

Modularity and familiarity benefited construction process. Repetitive components facilitated ordering materials and allowed contractor to work with suppliers to develop and obtain factory fabricated custom items, e.g., special wireway transitions. CD's required contractors to prepare large scale coordination drawings for all areas of the building. Enforcement of this requirement by RE's during construction identified and resolved potential conflicts prior to installation.

Operation

Interstitial level aids greatly in day-to-day maintenance. Most work can be accomplished without disruption to functional zones. Even if functional zones are affected, only one floor will be involved in shut-downs or relocations (e.g., plumbing work will not require access from ceiling or floor below).

Modifications

Building was designed based on a workload for 1047 inpatient beds and 120,000 annual outpatient visits. In 2005 hospital is operation with 500 inpatient beds and 800,000 outpatient visits. Vacated nursing units have been converted to other functions. All major radiology equipment has been replaced.

Availability of interstitial service zone has facilitated conversions/remodel work and greatly reduced impacts on occupied functional space.

Telecommunications work under control of IRMS. Cabling installed after construction contract did not use wireway system. Installers, including vendors/contractors, disregard established subzones and channels. Finding point-to-point runs of cable supported from other services is not unusual.

Comments Advantages/Disadvantages of VAHBS

Continuing education of designers, bidders, and contractors is essential to maintain integrity of established subzones and channels.

What would you change?

Education of designers, bidders, and contractors is essential for success of VAHBS. Recommend intensive pre-bid meeting (2 days) to educate contractors, subs, and suppliers. Recommend making fire sprinkler and transport (pneumatic tube) integrated systems.

Medical Center A Analysis of Building Systems and Modules--Building Construction

Shell Systems

Structure:	Steel frame; rolled sections for columns, girders and beams; special "dropped" girder to allow services in S-2 subzone to cross intermediate girder lines.
Platform:	Lightweight Portland cement concrete on steel deck.
Ceiling:	Suspended acoustical and GWB.
Partitions:	GWB on metal stud, non-bearing.

Integrated Service Systems

HVAC: Air handlers and crossovers of supply and return ductwork are located in Service Bay. Air intake is by louvers in exterior wall of Service Bay. Main runs are in S-3 subzone; terminal boxes and branch ducts are in S-4 subzone. Shafts for exhaust are located at Service Bays and adjacent to elevator hoistways. Fans are on roof in penthouse. HVAC piping is in duct channels, parallel to ducts.

Plumbing: Risers are in Service Bay, drainage branches in S-2 subzone, drainage mains and supply mains for water and gases are in S-3 subzone; supply branches and local distribution in S-4 and S-5 subzones.

Electrical: The Service Bay electrical room is an expanded metal fence enclosure with vertical bus risers, wall-mounted distribution and branch circuit panels, and ceiling-suspended stepdown transformers. Branch circuits are installed in 4" x 4" wireways from the Service Bay electrical room to throughout the interstitial space Zones S3/S4. Wireways are mounted 'christmas-tree' fashion on metal channel posts secured to the walk-on deck. The post supports are dedicated to electrical distribution; telecommunications wireways are mounted on a separate 'christmas-tree' support system. The wireways are mounted at a 45-degree angle on the supports. The tele-communications wire-basket cable tray and the signal systems wireways in the Service Bay may violate the National Electric Code clear space above some of the electrical equipment. Interstitial lighting is by wall-mounted incandescent fixtures, which yield sufficient illumination but also uncomfortable glare.

Communications: Telephone/data, nurse call, CATV, paging, and radio entertainment were detailed in the construction documents as integrated systems, installed in three wireways. Telephone/data and nurse call have dedicated 4" x 4" wireways, with the remainder of the systems installed together in a common 4" x 4" wireway. Telephone/data cabling is installed in wirebasket cable tray above the electrical area of the Service Bay; the other signal systems cross the electrical space in wireway. As was typical in the 1980's and 1990's, the telephone/ data cabling was installed after construction by separate contract, and after the telephone/data wire passes from the Service Bay into the interstitial space, it generally is not installed in the empty wireways put in place by the original construction project. Cabling is bundled and relatively neatly attached to the structural steel. The other signal systems, installed by the original constructor, use the wireways as intended.

Non-integrated Systems

Fire Protection: Contract documents did not include sprinkler and standpipe systems in distribution strategy. Risers are typically located in or near exit stairs. Mains typically follow plumbing supply channels with branches and sprinkler heads in S-7 subzone.

Transport: Pneumatic tube routed through service zone; no dedicated sub zone or channel; special coordination required during design/construction for interfaces with other subsystems.

Medical Center A Analysis of Building Systems and Modules--Service Module

Typical Size/Dimensions regular modules; square or wedge shaped; up to about 20,000 gsf

Structural Bay	36'-6" x 36'-6"
Location of Service Bay	typically external at narrow end of wedge; or at one end of module with ac-
	cess to courtyard; bays stack vertically
Fire Sections	typically one 18,000 to 22,000 sq module per fire section; 2-hour fire rated
	partitions extend from structural floor to structural floor.

Service Bay

Layout in Plan: typically square plan; electrical / telecommunications area separated from HVAC areas by wire mesh partitions

Service Zone

Subzones	18'-10" floor to floor; 8'-6" typical from top S-1 to bottom S-6 platform; S-7
	16" with 9 ft ceiling.
S-3 Channels	typical 5 channels at 6'-1" in each 36'-6" bay between hanger rods for platform support; 4 for services, 1 for access aisle.
S-4 Channels	typical 4 channels at 9'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in each bay between hanger rods; 4 for service, none for access.

Operation

Maintenance/Repair

Headroom and accessibility generally very good. Lighting levels lower than in other Medical Centers surveyed. Receptacles for tools. No drains provided.

Modifications/New Construction

Much of the Tele/data cabling installed after construction contract did not use wireways provided; installed across channels and subzones; some cables run in open and not protected from potential damage.

Most MPE work followed available channels.

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Photo A-1 Service Bay Showing industrial stair for access to interstitial service zone



Photo A-2 Service Bay Side showing electrical penetrations of 1-hour wall to interstitial service zone

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Note plumbing risers and stacks in background.

Note non-compliant telephone/data cabling installed outside of wire-ways.



Fire dampers are not required at duct penetrations.

Photo A-3 Service Bay Side showing duct penetrations of 1-hour wall to interstitial service zone



Photo A-4 Service Bay Side showing piping penetrations of 1-hour wall to interstitial service zone



Note dropped girder in S-2 subzone.

Note non-compliant telephone/data cabling.

Note branch ducts supported from platform.

Photo A-5 Interstitial Service Zone Showing typical distribution subzones and channels



Photo A-6 Interstitial Service Zone Showing Electrical channel in Subzone S-4

S-2 subzone. Note dropped girder in background.

S-4 subzone. Hanger rods are visible at both sides of channel for electrical wire-ways.

Channel for HVAC is to left.

Note HVAC piping (insulated) and plumbing are crossing at right angles in S-5 subzone below.



Note piping in S-2 subzone.

Note S-3 mains are supported from structure above; S-4 laterals are supported from interstitial platform (purlins not visible in photo).

Photo A-7 Showing transition of Electrical Wireways from mains to laterals at S-3 to S-4 subzones



Note specially fabricated transitions.

Note strut "christmas trees" supporting wireway from platform.

Photo A-8 Showing transition of Electrical Wireways from mains to laterals at S-3 to S-4 subzones



Note branch duct, sanitary piping and tele/data cabling installed outside designated channels. Low concentration of services in this area still allows access for maintenance or modifications.

Photo A-9 Interstitial Service Zone Showing remodel work



Photo A-10 Interstitial Service Zone Showing remodel work

Note haphazard modifications to HVAC and telecommunications systems. There are numerous violations of established channels for services and access aisle.

Installation has compromised ability to maintain systems in this area as well as future adaptability. This page intentionally left blank.

Medical Center B VAHBS Data Sheet

 Functional Area: 1.5 M BGSF
 Stories: 4
 Basement: Yes
 Subbasement: No

 Interstitial Area: 1.0 M
 Levels: 5
 Evels: 5

 Construction: Structural Frame: Cast in Place Concrete
 Walk-on Platform: Gyp Concrete over fiberglass form board

Service Module Information

Functional Area	Typical Gross Floor	Service Bay	Typical Dimensions			
Туре	Area per Module (SF)	Location	Structural Grid	Floor to Floor		
Clinical	18,000 to 20,000	External/Internal	22'-6" x 22'-6"	18'-8"		
Nursing Units	10,000 to 12,000	External/Internal	22'-6" x 22'-6"	18'-8"		

Typical Service Zone Strategy

S-1	4 1/2"	Typical Subzone Dimensions
S-2	24"	
S-3	44"	
S-4	16"	
S-5	11"	
S-6	4"	Subtotal S-1 through S-6 Subzones = $8'-7 \frac{1}{2}''$
S-7	12 ½" w/ 9'-0" Clg.	

S-3 Subzone Channels—90'-0" Bay

А	U	Р	Н	Н	Н	Н	U	U	Р	U	U	U	А
4'-0"	9'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	6'-4"	9'-4"	4'-0"

S-4 Subzone Channels—45'-0" Bay

E	А	Н	Р	А	Е	А	Е	А	Н	Р	А	E
1'-5"	2'-0"	11'-0"	3'-0"	2'-0"	1'-5"	2'-0"	1'-5"	2'-0"	16'-0"	3'-0"	2'-0"	1'-5"

A=Access E=Electrical H=Mechanical P=Plumbing U=Unassigned

Medical Center B Interview with Facilities Officer

Session Notes, August 22, 2005

Attendees	John Bochek	William Nelson
	Steve Tharldson	Nicholas Krauja
	Cindy Doolittle	Theodore Moeller

Construction

Engineering staff was not present during initial construction. VA staff worked on several completion items prior to initial occupancy.

Operation

Interstitial service zone reduces time required to complete maintenance and modifications/remodel. Impacts on occupied space and adjacent areas are reduced.

Modifications

Original designed for 725 Med-Surg-Psych beds and 120 bed NHCU. Wings converted or remodeled as bed count reduced. Radiology equipment has been replaced.

Tele/data extensions and addition of new systems are by IRMS and do not use defined subzones and channels.

Advantages/Disadvantages of VAHBS

What would you change?

Provide drains in service zone.

Medical Center B Analysis of Building Systems and Modules--Building Construction

Shell Systems

Structure:	Cast-in-place concrete.
Platform:	Gypsum concrete on fiberglass formboard.
Ceiling:	Suspended acoustical and GWB.
Partitions:	GWB on metal stud, non-bearing.

Integrated Service Systems

HVAC: Exhaust fans are in penthouse or on roof. Air handlers are in service bays of external modules with intakes on exterior walls. Air handlers for internal modules are in penthouse with shafts for ducts to the modules. Crossovers of main ducts occur in Service Bays. HVAC piping generally parallels duct systems in HVAC channels. Terminal boxes are in S-4 subzone with final distribution in S-5 subzone.

Plumbing: Risers are in Service Bay. Waste lines are in S-2 subzone and drop to mains in S-3 subzone. Vent piping and pressure piping mains for water and gases are in S-3 subzone; supply branches are in S-4 subzone; and local distribution is in S-5 subzone.

Electrical: The Service Bay electrical room is a dedicated room with vertical bus risers, wallmounted distribution and branch circuit panels, and stepdown transformers. Branch circuits are installed in 4" x 4" wireways from the Service Bay electrical room to throughout the interstitial space Zones S3/S4. Wireways are mounted 'christmas-tree' fashion on full height metal channel posts secured to both the walk-on deck and the structure above. The post supports are dedicated to electrical distribution; telecommunications wireways are mounted on a separate support system identical to that provided for electrical. The wireways were detailed on the construction documents to be mounted at a 45-degree angle, but this was not followed in construction. The wireways are mounted parallel to structure, with the hinged covers vertical, and wiring is apt to fall out of the wireway when the cover is opened.

Communications: All telecommunications systems originate in a dedicated room in the Service Bay. Telephone, network, and signal wireways were originally installed. The telephone (6") and network (4") wireways were little-used. The other signal systems were installed in a 4" common wireway. Some telephone and data cabling was installed loose in the interstitial space, but the bulk of it is in Zone 7 between the walk-on deck and the suspended ceiling of the Functional Floor.

Non-integrated Systems

Fire Protection: Contract documents did not include fire protection system piping in distribution strategy. Risers are typically located in or near exit stairs. Branches and drops to sprinkler heads are in S-7 subzone.

Transport: Pneumatic tube system "overlaid" over services in dedicated subzones or channels.

Medical Center B Analysis of Building Systems and Modules--Service Module

Typical Size/Dimensions: In plan, the building is basically a large square with two projecting rectangular wings. Most service modules are rectangular and vary considerably in size depending on type of functional space. Modules at building corners extend in two directions from the service bay in an "L" geometry.

Structural Bay	22'-6" x 22'-6" typical
Location of Service Bay	Exterior service bays are located at building corners. Interior modules are served from penthouse equipment rooms.
Fire Sections	

Service Bay

Layout in Plan: Service bays are nearly square in plan.

Service Zone

Subzones	18'-8" floor to floor; 8'-7 ¹ / ₂ " typical from top S-1 to bottom S-6 platform; S-7 subzone 12 ¹ / ₂ " with 9 ft ceiling.
S-3 Channels	Typical 14 channels in 90 ft bay (4 structural bays); unassigned chan- nels and access aisles outboard at sides of bay.
S-4 Channels	Typical 13 channels in 45 ft bay, narrow (2 ft) access aisles alternate with channels for services.

Operation

Maintenance/Repair

Access to all areas is very good. Lighting level in service zones is very good. Receptacles are available in service zone for tools.

Modifications/New Construction

Although contractors/installers have used numerous shortcuts (especially for communications), overall subzones and channels remain well defined.



Note cast-inplace concrete structure and piping offsets from S-2 subzone.

Note hanger rods for interstitial platform system; tops of purlins are visible above gypsum concrete deck.

Photo B-1 Interstitial Service Zone Near end of main runs



Note noncompliant tele/data cabling.

Ends of electrical mains in S-3 subzone can be seen in foreground at right side of photo.

Photo B-2 Interstitial Service Zone Showing HVAC mains in S-3 subzone and branch ducts in S-4 subzone



Note branch ducts in background in S-4 and S-5 subzones.

Photo B-3 Showing wireways in S-3 and S-4 subzones

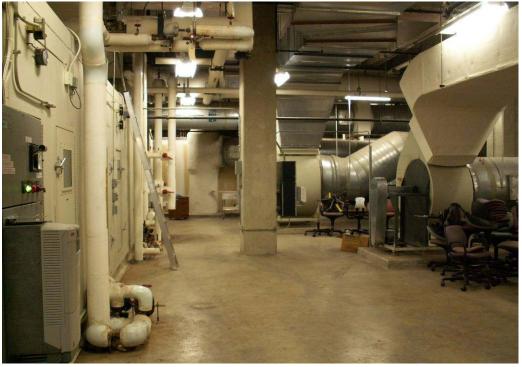


Photo B-4 Typical Service Bay

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Note industrial stair for access to interstitial service zone in background.

Crossovers occur in Service Bay, <u>not</u> interstitial service zone.

Photo B-5 Service Bay Showing crossovers of ducts and piping



Photo B-6 Interior Service Module Showing ducts to interstitial service zone from penthouse



Note fiberglass formboard and sub-purlins for gypsum platform deck.

Fire sprinkler piping is run in subzone S-7.

Photo B-7 Subzone S-7 Above suspended lay-in ceiling system

Medical Center C VAHBS Data Sheet

Functional Area: 8	863,000 BGSF	Stories: 9	Basement: Yes	Subbasement: No
Interstitial Area: 7	00,000	Levels: 10		
Construction:				
Structural Frame	Concrete—prest precast frame an w/ cast-in-place t slabs	id "joists"	Walk-on Platform	Light Weight Concrete on Steel Deck

Service Module Information

Functional Area	Typical Gross Floor	Service Bay	Typical Dimensions		
Туре	Area per Module (SF)	Location	Structural Grid	Floor to Floor	
Clinical	22,000	External	27'-0" x 27'-0"	20'-4"	
Nursing Units	15,000	External	27'-0" x 27'-0"	19'-4"	

Typical Service Zone Strategy

S-1	6"	Typical Subzone Dimensions
S-2	25"	
S-3	40"	
S-4	20"	
S-5	16"	
S-6	4 1/2"	Subtotal S-1 through S-6 Subzones = $9'-3\frac{1}{2}$
S-7 *	¹ ⁄ ₂ " W/ 10'-0" Clg. 12 ¹ ⁄ ₂ " W/ 9'-0" Clg.	* S-7 Based on 19'-4" FLR to FLR

S-3 Subzone Channels

HVAC	ELEC	U	PLMB	HVAC	U	HVAC	ACCESS
4'-2"	3'-0"	10"	2'-6"	5'-8"	10"	4'-2"	3'-0"

S-4 Subzone Channels

PLMB	HVAC	HVAC	HVAC	ELEC	ACCESS
1'-9"	6'-5"	6'-5"	3'-5"	3'-0"	1'-9"

Medical Center C Interview with Facilities Officer

Session Notes, August 22, 2005

Attendance	Wallace Thompson
	William Nelson
	Nicholas Krauja
	Theodore Moeller

Construction

Interstitial deck installed after mains hung from floor above. Contractors typically used highreach lifts to install from structural floor below. Openings through platform were sleeved before lightweight concrete placed.

Floor construction is topping slab over precast, pre-tensioned "joists." Contractor was allowed to run conduits for branch circuits in topping. Creates difficulties for remodel work.

Smoke evacuation is provided for interstitial levels. Fire barriers do not extend vertically through the service zone.

Operation

Interstitial service zone facilitates maintenance and modifications of service systems.

Modifications

Lightweight concrete easily cut (hole saw) and patched for service relocations.

Comments--Advantages/Disadvantages of VAHBS

What would you change?

Service bays should be sized for growth potential in the module. Enforce rules for service distribution (i.e., no conduit in slabs).

Medical Center C Analysis of Building Systems and Modules--Building Construction

Shell Systems

Structure: Pre-cast pre-stressed concrete frame with cast-in-place structural and topping slabs.

Platform:Lightweight concrete on steel deck.Ceiling:Suspended acoustical and GWB.

Partitions: GWB on metal stud, non-bearing.

Integrated Service Systems

HVAC: Air handlers are in service bays with intake through exterior wall. Crossovers of main ducts occur in Service Bays. HVAC piping generally parallels duct systems in HVAC channels. Terminal boxes and final distribution are in S-5 subzone.

Plumbing: Waste lines are in S-2 subzone and drop to mains in S-3 subzone. Risers are in Service Bay. Vent piping and supply mains for water and gases are in S-3 subzone; supply branches are in S-4 subzone; and local distribution is in S-5 subzone.

Electrical: The Service Bay electrical room is a dedicated room with vertical bus risers, wallmounted distribution and branch circuit panels, and stepdown transformers. Branch circuits are installed in 4" x 4" wireways from the Service Bay electrical room to throughout the interstitial space Zones S3/S4. Both electrical and telecommunications wireways are mounted flat in a common, custom, stepped support rack suspended from the structure above. The covers hinge open from the top. Electrical wireways are noted as being over-full per NEC from the panelboards to the first branch wireway. Code allows no more than 20% fill for this wireway application.

Communications: All telecommunications systems originate in a dedicated room in the Service Bay. Telephone, network, and signal wireways were originally installed. The 4" telephone and network wireways were little-used. Telephone and data cabling was installed in the interstitial space or in Zone 7. The other signal systems were installed in a 4" common wireway, and better adhere to the VAHBS. A separate data network installed by VAMC Engineering used the network wireway for the purpose intended.

Non-integrated Systems

Fire Protection: Fire sprinkler and standpipe was not integrated with distribution strategy for interstitial channels. Risers are typically located at exit stairs. Branches and drops are in S-7 subzone.

Transport: Pneumatic tube system cuts across subzones and channels.

Medical Center C Analysis of Building Systems and Modules--Service Module

Typical Size/Dimensions

Structural Bay	27'-0" x 27'-0"
Location of Service Bay	external, near corner of module.
Fire Sections	do not extend through interstitial service zone.

Service Bay

Layout in Plan Rectangular, typically located near corner of module.

Layout in Section Extends from structural floor to structural floor.

Service Zone

Subzones	19'-4" typical floor to floor (20'-4" clinical floors); 9'-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " typical from top S-1 to bottom S-6 platform; S-7 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " w/ 9 ft ceiling and 19'-4" story height.
S-3 Channels	Services require header in S-3 subzone to reach far end of module, mains then take off perpendicular to header and extend through S-3 sub-zone at intervals. Typical 5 channels parallel to purlins for deck (4 purlins at 6'-5" spacing per 27 ft bay).
S-4 Channels	typical 6 channels per 27 ft bay; hanger spacing varies.

Operation

Plan configuration locates most service bays near courtyard at a corner of the service module. Main service runs are routed around the edge of the courtyard, requiring S-3 channels to make 90-degree turns. Service distribution patterns allow for continuous access aisle only around the perimeter of the entire floor. No cross aisles are provided between service modules. This condition increases the difficulty of access and increases the potential or "cross service" between modules.

Maintenance/Repair

Access is fair compared to other Medical Centers due to lack of circulation aisles in transverse direction. Lighting level is good. Receptacles are available for tools. No drains in service zone(interstitial).

Modifications/New Construction

Remodel work was in progress on 9th floor during survey. Work was proceeding without disruptions to occupied space on floor below.



Fire dampers are not required at duct penetrations.

Photo C-1 Service Bay Side showing penetrations of 1-hour wall to interstitial service zone



Note duct and piping crossovers occur in service bay, <u>not</u> in interstitial service zone.

Photo C-2 Service Bay Side showing duct penetrations of 1-hour wall to interstitial service zone.



Note HVAC branches crossing under wireway mains in S-4 channel in background.

Note plumbing in S-5 subzone at far left side of photo.

Photo C-3

Electrical transition from mains in S-3 subzone to branches in S-4 subzone.



Note transition of piping from S-2 to S-3 subzones in background.

Note fluorescent fixture lack wire guards.

Note hanger rods and purlins for platform deck system.

Photo C-4 Interstitial Service Zone Showing typical perimeter access aisle (note stripe on deck)



stressed "joists"

Photo C-5 Interstitial Service Zone Showing typical distribution



S-4 subzone w/ HVAC & Electrical channels

Note flex conduit at transitions from wireway in S-4 through S-5 subzone.

Medical gas and plumbing in S-5 subzone.

Note exposed top of purlin for interstitial deck.

Photo C-6 Transitions from S-4 to S-5 subzones

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S-3 subzone

Photo C-7 Showing Electrical and HVAC channels in S-4 subzone crossing under HVAC main in S-3 subzone



S-2 subzone

Note wire guard on light fixture.

S-3 subzone

S-4 subzone

S-5 subzone

Note marking for access aisle at far left in foreground of photo.

Photo C-8 Interstitial Service Zone Distribution

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