

## PTAP 2020 Workplace Setting Definitions

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What is a Medical unit?	In acute care organizations this is a unit serving predominantly adult populations requiring medical services. In pediatric organizations this is a unit serving providing medical services.
What is a Surgical unit?	In an acute care organization this is a unit serving predominantly adult populations requiring surgical services. In pediatric organizations this is a unit serving providing surgical services.
What is a Medical-Surgical unit?	In an acute care organization this is a unit serving predominantly adult populations requiring either medical or surgical services. In pediatric organizations this is a unit serving providing either medical or surgical services.
What is an Oncology unit?	This is a unit serving populations requiring non-surgical oncology services.
What is a Step Down unit?	This is a unit serving populations requiring a higher level of service than that provided in medical and/or surgical units but a lower level of service than that provided in critical care units.
What is a Critical Care unit?	This is a unit serving predominantly adult populations requiring a higher level of service than that provided in step down units. Pediatric organization should categorize their critical care units in either the PICU or NICU unit types.
What is a Labor and Delivery unit?	This is a unit serving intrapartum patients.

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What is an Ante/Postpartum unit?	This is a unit serving antepartum and/or postpartum patients.
What is a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)?	This is a unit serving the highest level of service to neonates.
What is a Pediatric unit?	In an acute care organization this is a unit serving medical-surgical patients outside of the neonatal period but less than 18 years of age. Pediatric organization should categorize their non-critical care/non-stepdown units in other available unit types such as medical, surgical, orthopedic, oncology, etc.
What is a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)?	This is a unit serving the highest level of service to patients outside of the neonatal period but less than 18 years of age.
What is an Operating Room Suite?	This is an area in which intraoperative care is provided.
What is a Post Anesthesia Recovery Unit (PACU)?	This is a unit serving patients recovering from anesthesia.
What is a Same Day/Ambulatory Procedure Unit?	This is a same day surgery/same day procedure unit serving patients receiving preoperative and postoperative care for less than 24 hours.
What is a Psychiatric unit?	This is a unit serving populations requiring psychiatric services.
What is a Rehabilitation unit?	This is a unit serving populations requiring rehabilitative services.
What is an Ambulatory unit?	This is an outpatient area accommodating provider visits and related support services such as patient education. Inpatients may be seen.

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<p>What is an Emergency Department?</p>	<p>This is a unit serving patients with emergent and/or urgent conditions.</p>
<p>What is a Specialty Practice unit?</p>	<p>This is a unit/practice providing a higher level of intensity of nursing practice than that seen in a typical ambulatory clinic supporting provider visits. By analogy, medical-surgical is to critical care as ambulatory is to specialty practice. Wound-care-ostomy, diabetic education, interventional radiology, cardiac catheterization laboratory, etc. fit in this unit type.</p>
<p>What is an Acuity adaptable (universal bed) unit?</p>	<p>This is a unit standardized in design with characteristics to accommodate a wide variety of patient conditions, needs, and staffing during changes in patient acuity.</p>
<p>What is a Long Term Care unit?</p>	<p>This is a unit serving both the medical and non-medical needs of people with a chronic illness or disability who cannot care for themselves for long periods of time.</p> <p><b>Please contact the PTAP Program office at <a href="mailto:practicetransition@ana.org">practicetransition@ana.org</a> for guidance before using this unit type.</b></p>
<p>What is a Preoperative unit?</p>	<p>This is a unit serving patients (preparation and management) prior to surgery.</p>
<p>What is a Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum (LDRP) unit?</p>	<p>This is a unit serving families throughout the entire stay from labor through birth and post-delivery care.</p>
<p>What is Home Care?</p>	<p>This is health care or supportive care provided in the patient's home by healthcare professionals.</p>

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<p>What is a Hospice unit/care?</p>	<p>This a unit or type of care serving the physical and emotional needs of dying patients in their home or in a healthcare facility.</p> <p>Please contact the PTAP Program office at <a href="mailto:practicetransition@ana.org">practicetransition@ana.org</a> for guidance before using this unit type.</p>
<p>What is a Centralized Function?</p>	<p>This unit type accommodates roles, such as informatics, educators, wound care, etc., which cross multiple units or are organization-wide and not associated with a clinical unit type.</p>
<p>What is an All Others unit type?</p>	<p>This unit type is reserved for emerging unit types that do not fit into any of the other categories provided.</p> <p>Please contact the PTAP Program office at <a href="mailto:practicetransition@ana.org">practicetransition@ana.org</a> for guidance before using this unit type.</p>