

POLICY

Renovations and New Construction to a Facility

Purpose

The Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program (NHMSFAP) Committee is responsible for establishing accreditation standards for non-hospital facilities and ensuring that facilities meet required standards for the quality and safety of service delivery in an accredited non-hospital facility.

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Canadian Healthcare Facilities (design) standard (CSA Z8000) provides requirements for the planning, design, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of health-care facilities (HCFs) and applies to new building, additions to existing buildings, and alteration to existing buildings such as changes in function or size of space and the rearrangement, replacement or addition of physical plant equipment.

This policy is intended to address the requirements surrounding physical design which include but are not limited to facility layout, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical, and medical gas pipelines for facilities undergoing major renovation or new construction.

Policy

Before major renovations are made to an existing facility or the facility commences new construction on the facility, the medical director shall first provide written notification to the committee at least 90 days in advance of the commencement of any renovations or construction to enable the committee to review the existing accreditation to determine if such renovations or new construction requires a new application for accreditation; if so, such an application will be treated by the committee as if it is an application for a new facility.

All major renovations and new construction are required to meet standard CSA Z8000 in place at the time of the proposed major renovation or new construction.

The committee may, in extenuating circumstances, accept that there are minor variances to the standards and not impede accreditation provided there is a risk assessment provided by the facility that supports no significant risk to patients.

