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Third Edition of SpaceMed Guide Aligns with FGI Guidelines

A Planning Tool to Help Healthcare Providers, Planners, and Architects Develop the Functional Program and the Room-by-Room Space Requirements Necessary to Begin the Design Process

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 1, 2015 — The third edition of the *SpaceMed Guide: A Space Planning Guide for Healthcare Facilities* is now available. This popular step-by-step space planning guide, written by Cynthia Hayward, provides state-of-the-art planning methodologies, industry benchmarks, and rules of thumb to help healthcare architects, planners, and providers develop the room-by-room space requirements necessary to begin the design process.

The third edition of the *SpaceMed Guide* aligns with the 2014 edition of the *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities* published by the Facilities Guidelines Institute — referred to as the *FGI Guidelines* — and uses the same nomenclature, required spaces, and minimum room sizes.

"The *SpaceMed Guide* complements the *FGI Guidelines* by helping healthcare providers, planners, and architects to develop the functional program required prior to application of the *FGI Guidelines*, along with providing the room-by-room space requirements necessary to begin the design process," Hayward says.

The *FGI Guidelines* identify the functional program as a critical tool for planning and designing healthcare facilities and mandates that a "functional program shall be developed for new construction, major renovations, and projects that change the functional use of any facility space." The Joint Commission, many federal agencies, and authorities in 42 states use the *FGI Guidelines* as either a code or a reference standard when reviewing, approving, and financing projects.

The *SpaceMed Guide* organizes clinical services and support functions to reflect new organizational structures that are replacing the traditional "departments" of the past. It also promotes operational processes that are focused around the patient, exploit new technologies, and provide more efficient use of staff, equipment, and space.

Each of the 16 workbook sections describes current trends, key planning issues, space planning approaches, tips for optimal performance, facility layout considerations, and potential facility planning pitfalls. Detailed space planning templates are provided for use in developing room-by-room space requirements. All templates are included in an accompanying CD-ROM formatted in Microsoft® Excel.

The cost of the *SpaceMed Guide* and CD-ROM is \$495 USD and it can be purchased online at <https://www.spacemed.com>. The *SpaceMed Guide* was first published in 2004 followed by the second edition in 2006. Two-thirds of the firms in *Healthcare Design's* 2014 list of top healthcare architectural firms have purchased a previous edition of the *SpaceMed Guide* to date.

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