

GLOSSARY

COMMON HEALTHCARE ACRONYMS AND TERMS	
AII	Airborne Infection Isolation room
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AHJ	Authority having jurisdiction
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
Bariatric	Relating to or specializing in the treatment of obesity; also known as “persons of size”
Behavioral Health	The scientific study of the emotions, behaviors and biology relating to a person’s mental well-being, their ability to function in everyday life
CCRC	Continuing Care Retirement Community
CRI	Color Rendering Index
DCOF	Dynamic Coefficient of Friction
Dialysis	The process used to assist those with kidney failure
EMR	Electronic medical records
FF&E	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Air
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IEQ	Indoor Environmental Quality
Infusion	The process of receiving medicines through intravenous lines
LDR	Labor-Delivery-Recovery
LDRP	Labor-Delivery-Recovery-Postpartum
MOB	Medical Office Building
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Restricted Area	An area which requires specific clothing and preparation
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility

ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT RESOURCES	
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ADA	American with Disabilities Act
ADAAG	Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ASTM	American Society for Testing of Materials
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
DOH	Department of Health
FGI	Facilities Guidelines Institute publishes the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
CHD	Center for Healthcare Design
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

IBC	International Building Code
ICRA	Infection Control Risk Assessment
ES	Illuminating Engineering Society
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
NIOSH	The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NFPA	National Fire Protection Agency
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Planetree	Planetree.org
The Greenhouse Project	An American national non-profit organization dedicated to creating caring homes for meaningful lives for elders, where residents have private rooms and bathrooms and can move freely through the home. It is based on the philosophy seeking to reverse enforced dependency by creating intentional communities of 7-10 elders, designed to foster late-life development and growth.

PLANNING CONCEPTS	
Evidence-based design	
Patient-centered care	
Household model, Small house model	
Wayfinding concepts	
Environment of Care	
Evidence-based design	