

Medical Supplies

Please keep everything in its proper place!

Large items such as **wheelchairs** and **pressure mattresses** are at the back of the room.

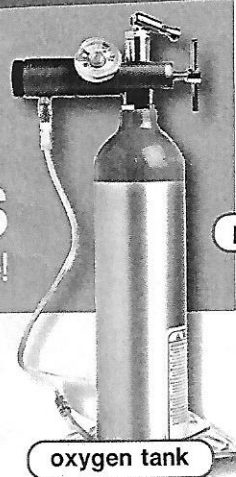
Supplies for patient rooms*, such as **gowns** and **bedpans**, are on the left.

Syringes are on the top shelf on the right. Dispose of used syringes in the **sharps containers**.

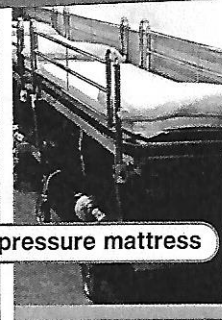
Gauze, **latex gloves**, and other examination supplies are under the syringes. Dispose of these items in a **biohazard waste container**.

If any items are out of stock, please submit an order form to the front desk.

* **Oxygen tanks** for patient rooms are on the second floor next to surgery.



oxygen tank



pressure mattress



gauze



wheelchair



biohazard waste container

syringe

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

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| 1 — syringe | 4 — gown |
| 2 — sharps container | 5 — gauze |
| 3 — biohazard waste container | |

- A a cotton fabric used to cover wounds or surgical incisions
 B a long robe worn by a hospital patient
 C a box for the storing of used needles and other sharp medical instruments before disposal
 D a device used for injecting liquids into the body
 E a box for the storage and disposal of dangerous medical waste

4 Read the sentence and choose the correct word.

- 1 Wear a new pair of **gowns / latex gloves** to examine each patient.
- 2 A(n) **oxygen tank / wheelchair** helps Mr. Hayes breathe.
- 3 The **bedpans / latex gloves** in this room need to be emptied before you leave.
- 4 Please get Mr. Wilson a **bedpan / wheelchair** so he can move around.
- 5 Order a(n) **pressure mattress / oxygen tank** for Ms. Jones to help her back pain.

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What is some common hospital equipment?
- 2 How should disposable medical equipment be thrown away?

Reading

2 Read the supply room poster. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 — The storage room cannot hold large items like pressure mattresses.
- 2 — Oxygen tanks are stored in patient rooms.
- 3 — Syringes should be disposed of in a biohazard waste container.