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March 3, 2023

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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 4146  
**Date of Request:** February 23, 2023  
**Facility Name:** Novant Health Rowan Medical Center  
**FID #:** 933436  
**Business Name:** Rowan Regional Medical Center, Inc.  
**Business #:** 1593  
**Project Description:** Renovate the GI endoscopy suite  
**County:** Rowan

Dear Ms. Gymer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(g). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Donna Donihi  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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Micheala Mitchell, Chief  
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**Novant Health**

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**RE: Novant Health Rowan Medical Center – Renovation of GI-Endoscopy Suites; FID# 933436;  
Rowan County**

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S § 131E-184(g), I am writing to provide prior written notice that Novant Health Rowan Medical Center (NHRMC) is intends to renovate the existing two licensed GI-Endoscopy suites on its main campus. The renovation is necessary because the GI-Endoscopy suites were significantly damaged in August 2018 when a torrential rainstorm flooded the section of the hospital where the rooms were located resulting in the GI-Endoscopy rooms being unusable.

NHRMC began renovating areas of the hospital impacted by the flood. However, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 delayed the renovation of the GI- Endoscopy Suites causing GI-endoscopy procedures to be performed in the hospital's licensed operating rooms. Then in 2022, NHRMC was approved to relocate 2 of the licensed GI-Endoscopy Rooms to a new, not yet developed ambulatory surgery center in CON Project ID F-12157-21. A copy of the Certificate is included as Attachment A.

Attachment B indicates the GI-Endoscopy Suite area before the renovation with its four licensed GI-Endoscopy Rooms. Attachment C is of a floorplan of the renovated GI-Endoscopy Suite area with the two GI-Endoscopy Rooms remaining at the hospital highlighted.

NHRMC believes the proposed projects satisfy the criteria set forth in N.C.G.S § 131E-184(g) and is therefore exempt as follows:

- 1) The sole purpose of the proposed project is to renovate a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus where clinical services are provided. NHRMC is located at 612 Mocksville avenue, Statesville, NC 28144 (License # H0040; FID # 933436). The GI-Endoscopy suites are located on the ground floor (or Lobby Floor) as indicated on the campus maps included as Exhibit D. Mr. Gary Blabon serves as the President and Chief Operating Officer of NHRMC. In his role as President, he exercises administrative and financial control of the facility and his office is located on the first floor of NHRMC.
- 2) The capital expenditure will neither result in a change in bed capacity as defined in N.C.G.S § 131E-176(5) nor the addition of a health service facility or new institutional health service. The sole purpose of the project is to renovate the existing GI-Endoscopy suites on the existing main campus of NHRMC.
- 3) NHRMC is providing this letter as prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria in this subsection.

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The proposed total capital cost for the renovation is expected to be \$3,000,000. Novant Health will fund this project from its accumulated reserves. The capital costs were calculated by Novant Health management in consultation with experts in architecture, engineering, and construction management.

I look forward to receiving written confirmation that this project is exempt from Certificate of Need review under N.C.G.S § 131E-184(g). If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Andrea Gymer*

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Andrea Gymer

Vice President, Strategic & Business Planning

Attachments

# ATTACHMENT A

# State of North Carolina

Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation

## Certificate of Need

for

Project ID #: F-12157-21

FID #: 210958

**ISSUED TO:** Novant Health Rowan Endoscopy Center, LLC  
Novant Health, Inc.

Pursuant to G.S. 131E-177(6), the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services hereby authorizes the person or persons named above (the certificate holder) to develop the project described below. The certificate holder shall develop the project in a manner consistent with the representations in the application and with the conditions contained herein and shall make good faith efforts to meet the timetable contained herein, as documented by the periodic progress reports required by G.S. 131E-189(a). The certificate holder shall not exceed the maximum capital expenditure amount specified herein during the development of this project, except as provided by G.S. 131E-176(16)e. The certificate holder shall not transfer or assign this certificate to any other person except as provided in G.S. 131E-189(c). This certificate is valid only for the scope, physical location, and person(s) described herein. The Department may withdraw this certificate pursuant to G.S. 131E-189 for any of the reasons provided in that section.

**SCOPE:** Develop a new freestanding GI endoscopy facility by acquiring and relocating two licensed GI endoscopy rooms from Novant Health Rowan Medical Center/ Rowan County

**CONDITIONS:** See Reverse Side

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** Novant Health Rowan Endoscopy Center  
Intersection of Julian Road and Corporate Circle  
Salisbury, NC 28147

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:** \$4,133,278

**TIMETABLE:** See Reverse Side

**FIRST PROGRESS REPORT DUE:** March 1, 2023

This certificate is effective as of March 31, 2022

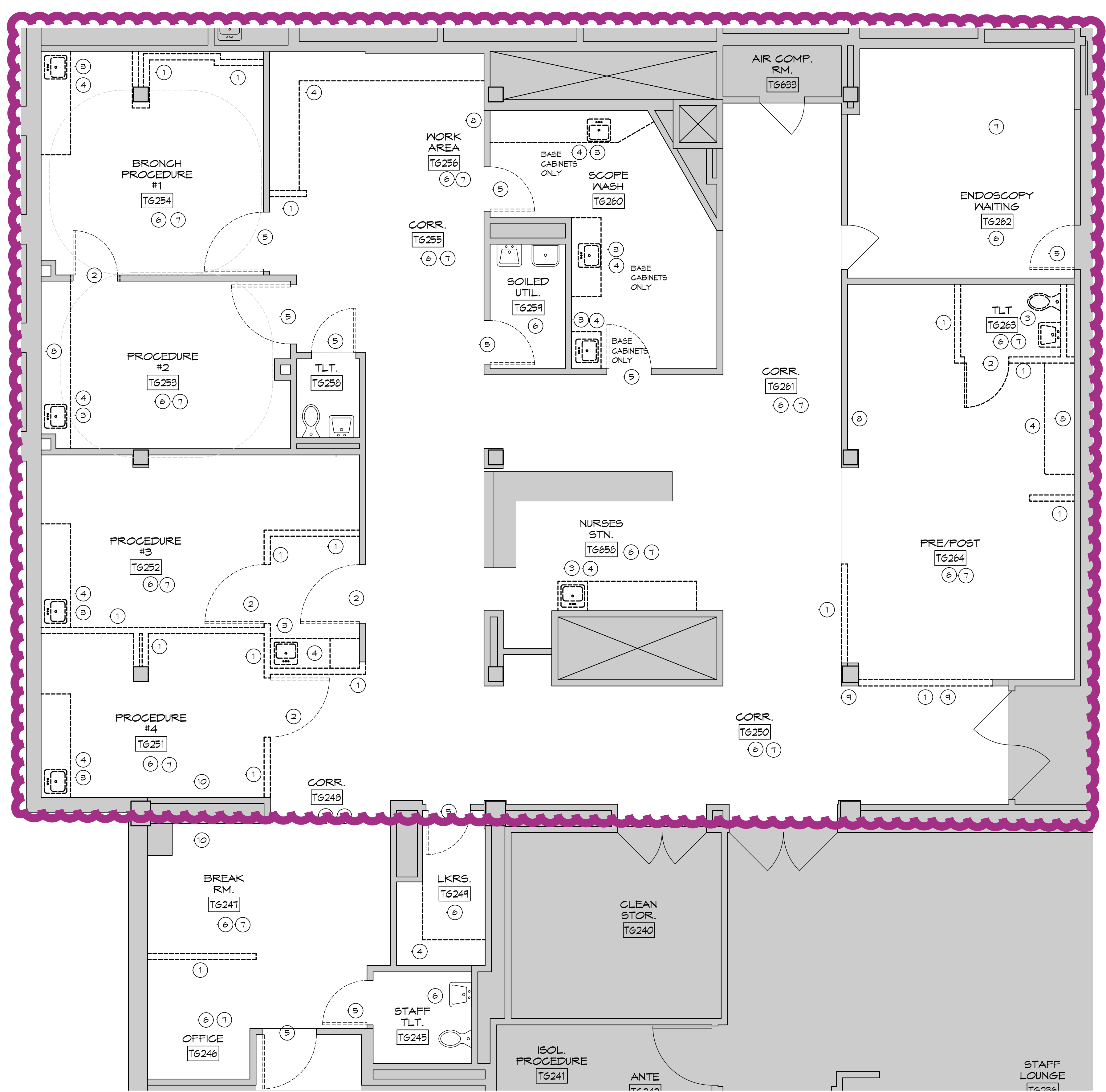
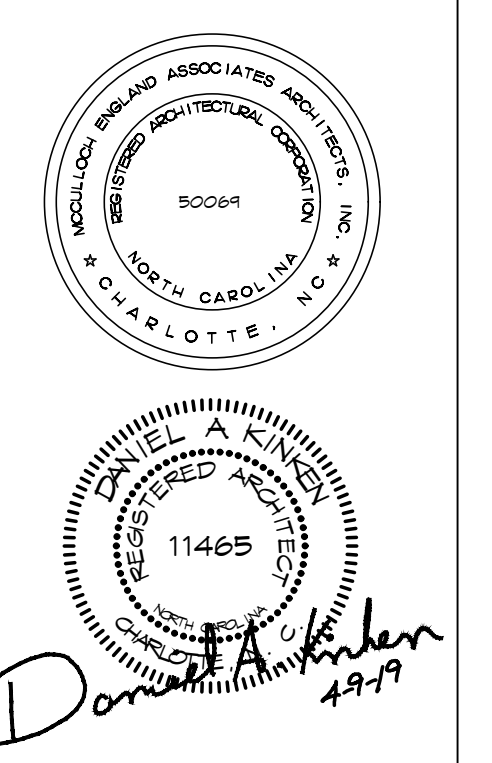


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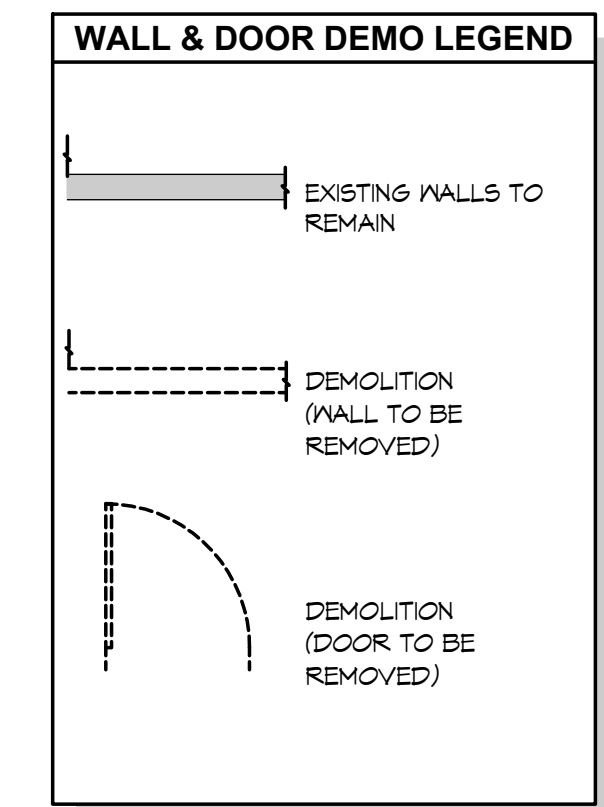
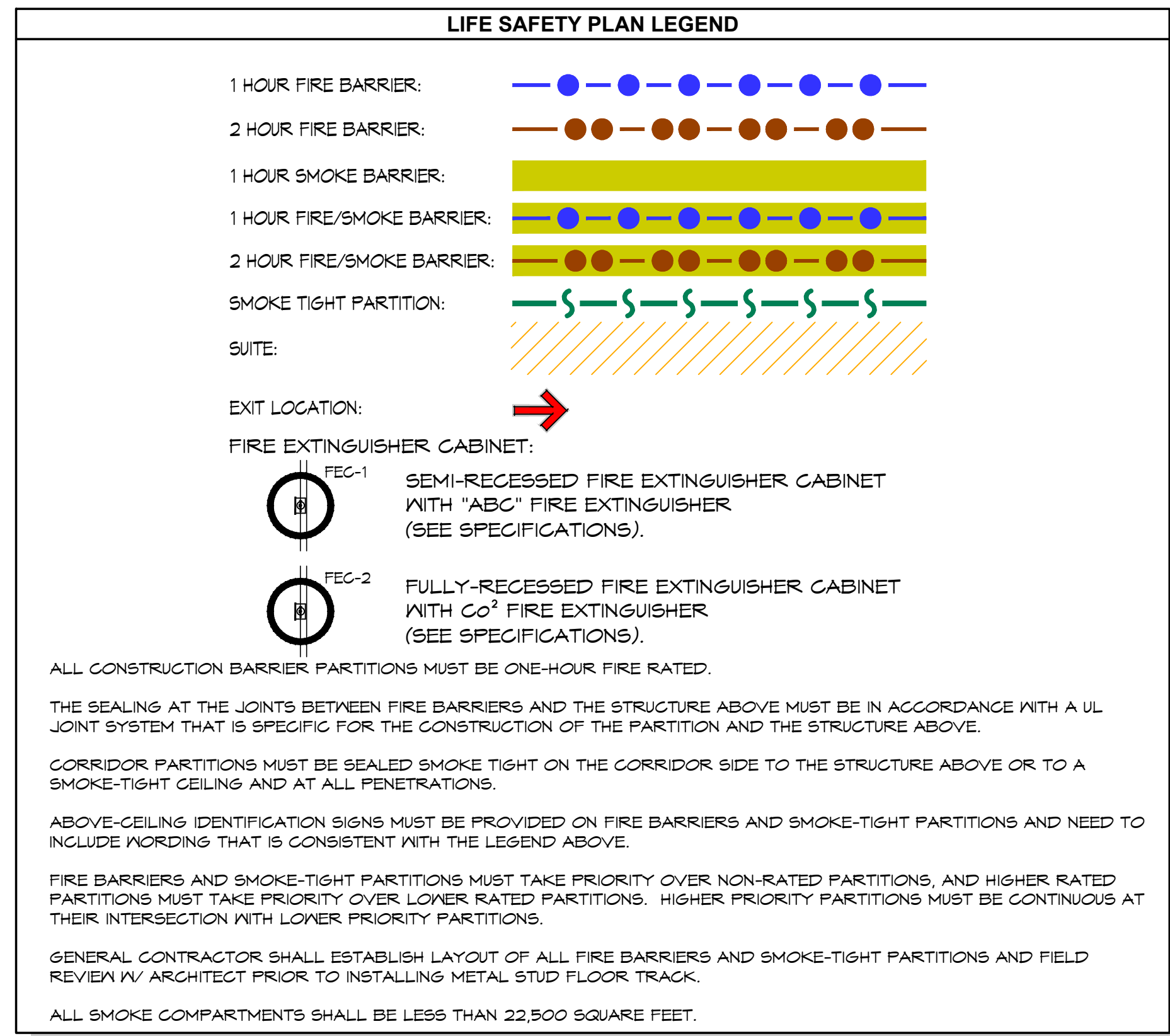
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# **ATTACHMENT B**





**1 DEMO PLAN**  
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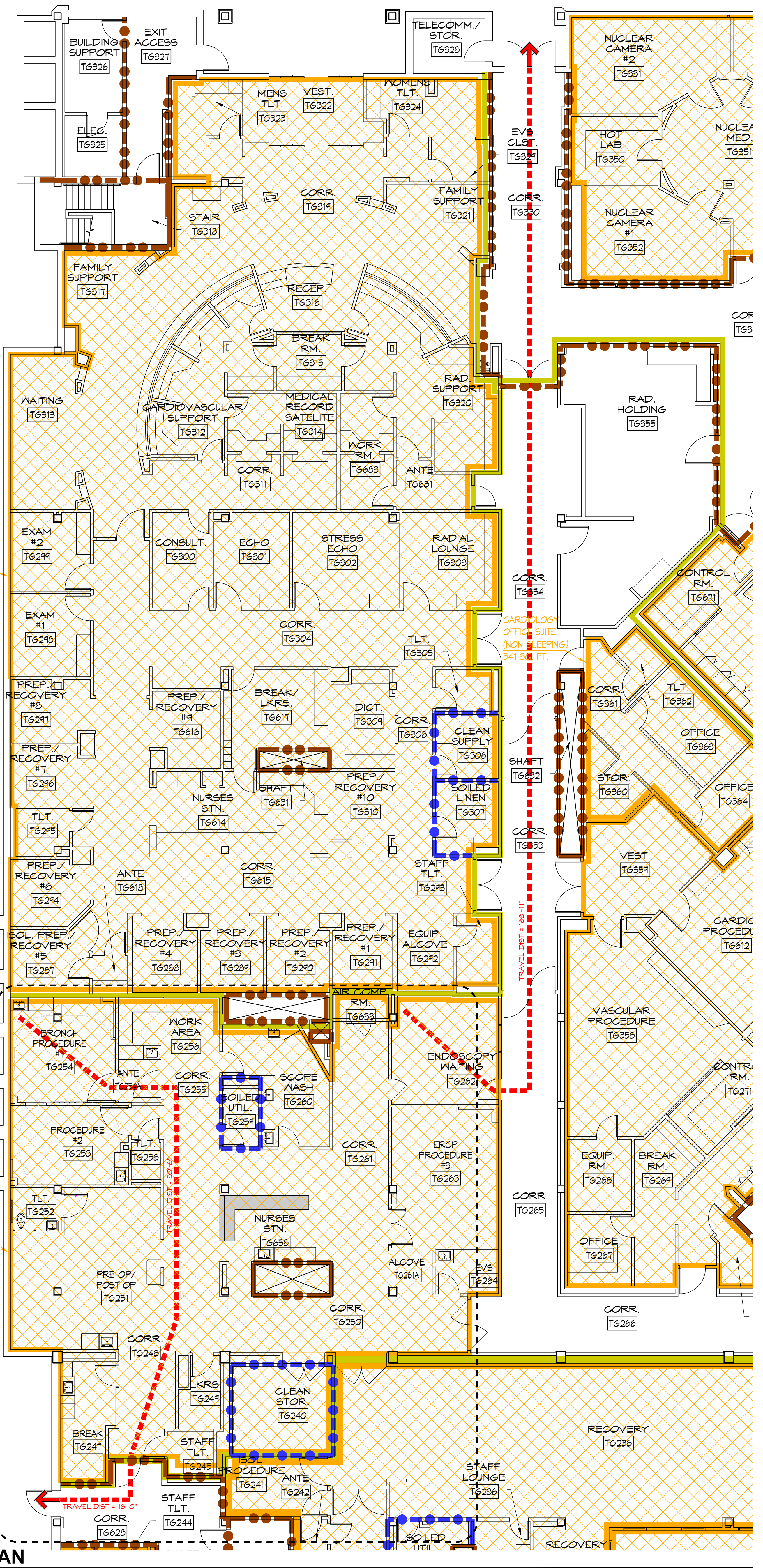


- DEMOLITION PLAN NOTES**
- CONSTRUCT PARTITIONS AROUND CONSTRUCTION AREA TO MINIMIZE DISTURBANCE TO SURROUNDING SPACES.
  - REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ALL MATERIALS FROM SITE SHOWN AS BEING DEMOLISHED.
  - OWNER WILL REMOVE OR IDENTIFY ANY ITEMS OF DEMOLITION WHICH ARE TO BE KEPT. OTHER ITEMS MAY BE SALVAGED BY CONTRACTOR.
  - ANY DAMAGE DONE BY CONTRACTOR TO MATERIALS THAT ARE TO REMAIN SHALL BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED BY CONTRACTOR TO RESTORE TO CONDITION AT START OF PROJECT.
  - WHERE PARTITIONS ARE SHOWN AS BEING DEMOLISHED, ALL FIXTURES, DEVICES, GASWORK AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTITION SHALL ALSO BE REMOVED.
  - WHERE WALLS ARE REMOVED, PATCH REMAINING WALL TO FINISH CONDITION, PRIME & PAINT TO MATCH.

- DEMOLITION KEYED NOTES**
- REMOVE EXISTING WALL TO THE EXTENTS SHOWN. ALSO PARTIAL HT. WALLS.
  - REMOVE EXISTING DOOR AND FRAME
  - REMOVE EXISTING PLUMBING
  - REMOVE EXISTING CASEWORK
  - REMOVE EXISTING DOOR PANEL ONLY. EXISTING FRAMES TO REMAIN. FIELD VERIFY EXISTING FRAME DIMENSIONS FOR NEW DOOR PANEL.
  - REMOVE EXISTING FLOORING AND BASE AND PREPARE FOR NEW. REMOVE ALL FLOORING AND ADHESIVES COMPLETELY. PREPARE A SMOOTH FINISH.
  - REMOVE EXISTING CEILING TILE, CEILING GRID, CEILING FIXTURES, AND PREPARE FOR NEW. COORDINATE WITH ENGINEERING DRAWINGS.
  - REMOVE EXISTING GYP BD. TO ALLOW FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW MED GAS. SEE NEW WORK PLANS. COORDINATE WITH ENGINEERING DRAWINGS.
  - RELOCATE EXISTING DOOR FISH PAD. SEE NEW WORK PLANS.
  - COORDINATE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SLAB AS REQUIRED FOR NEW PLUMBING. SEE ENGINEERING DRAWINGS.

**LIFE SAFETY PLAN & DEMO PLAN**

**LS-1.0**



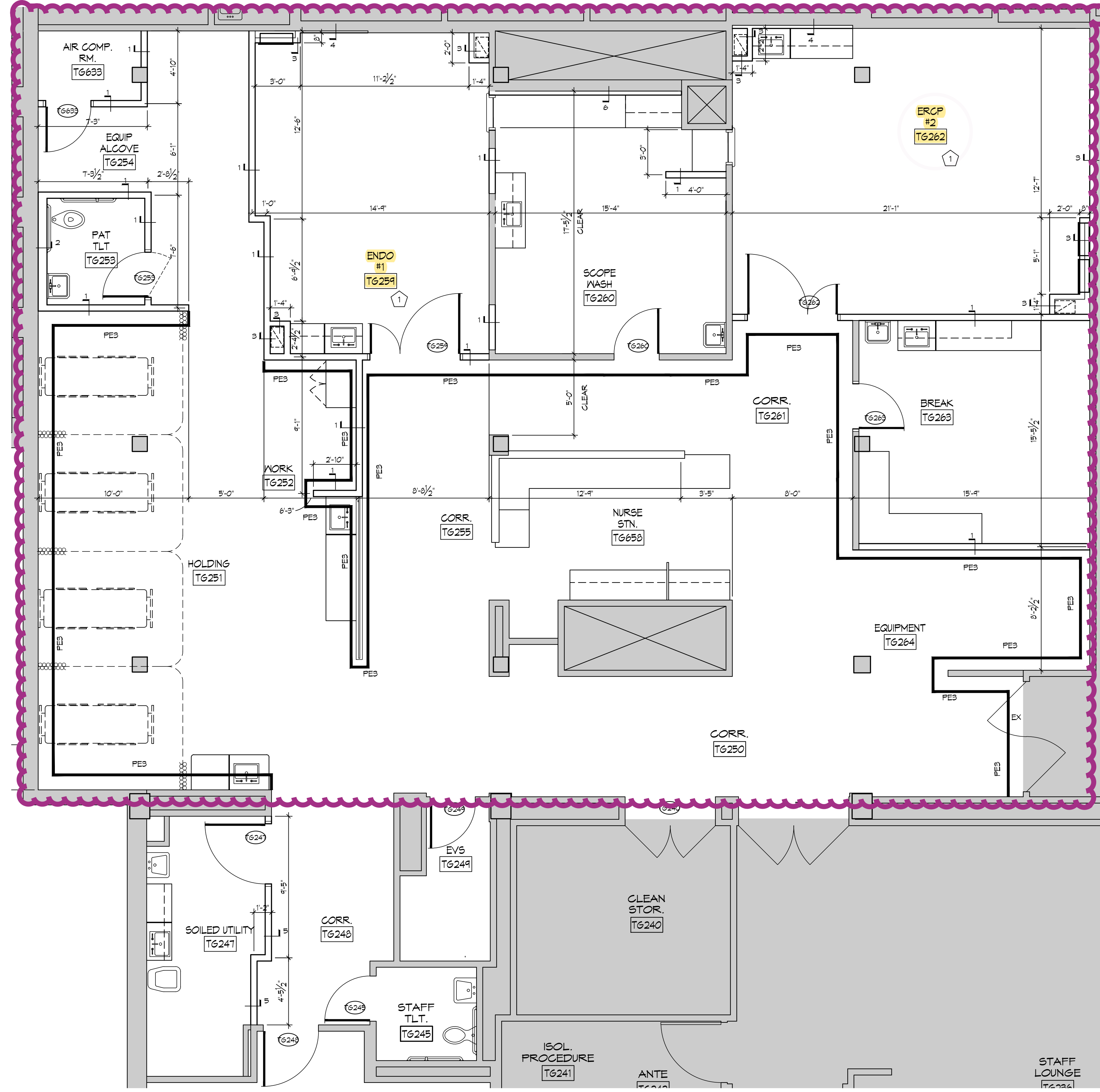
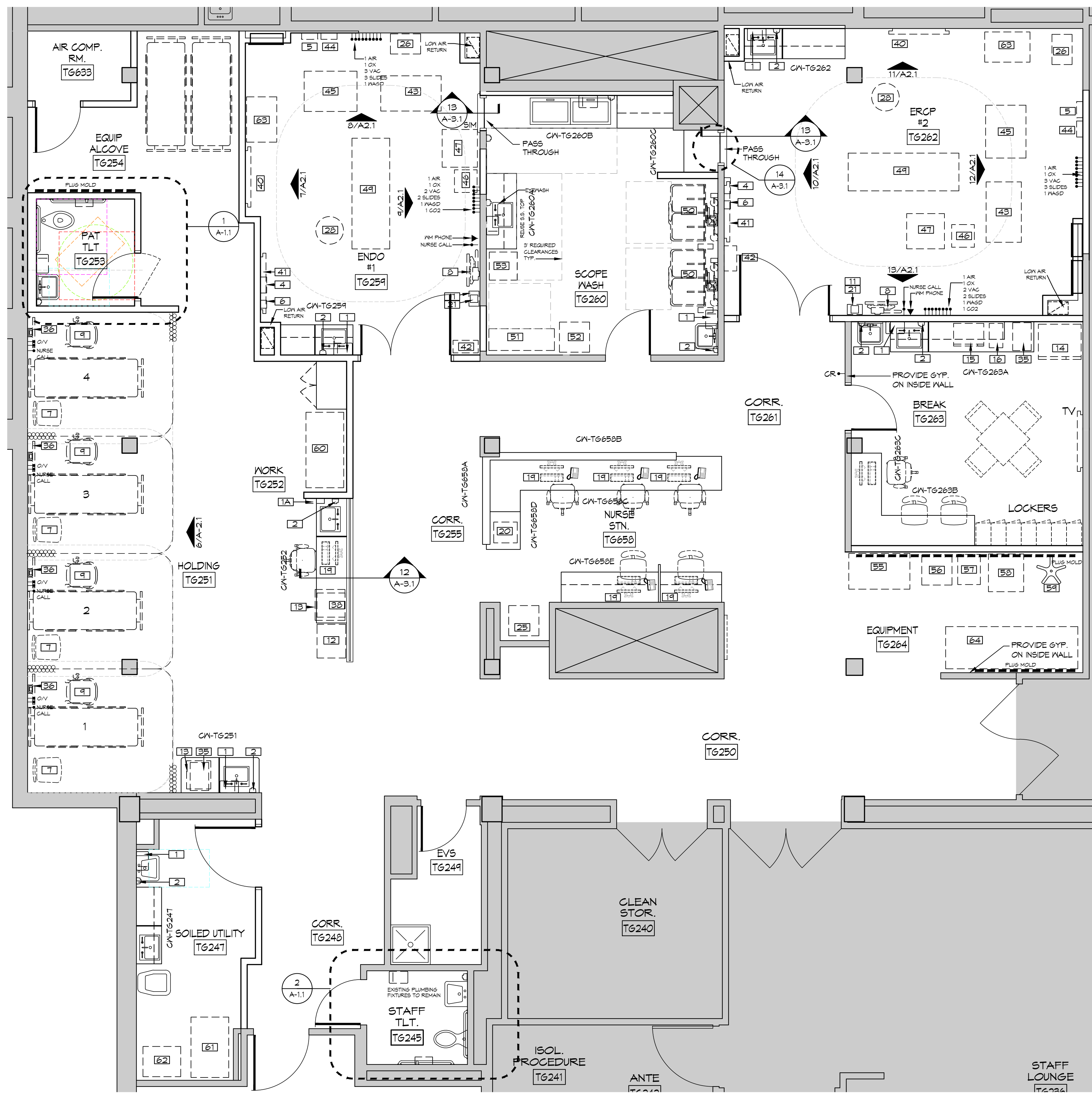
**1 LIFE SAFETY PLAN**  
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# **ATTACHMENT C**





1 EQUIPMENT PLAN  
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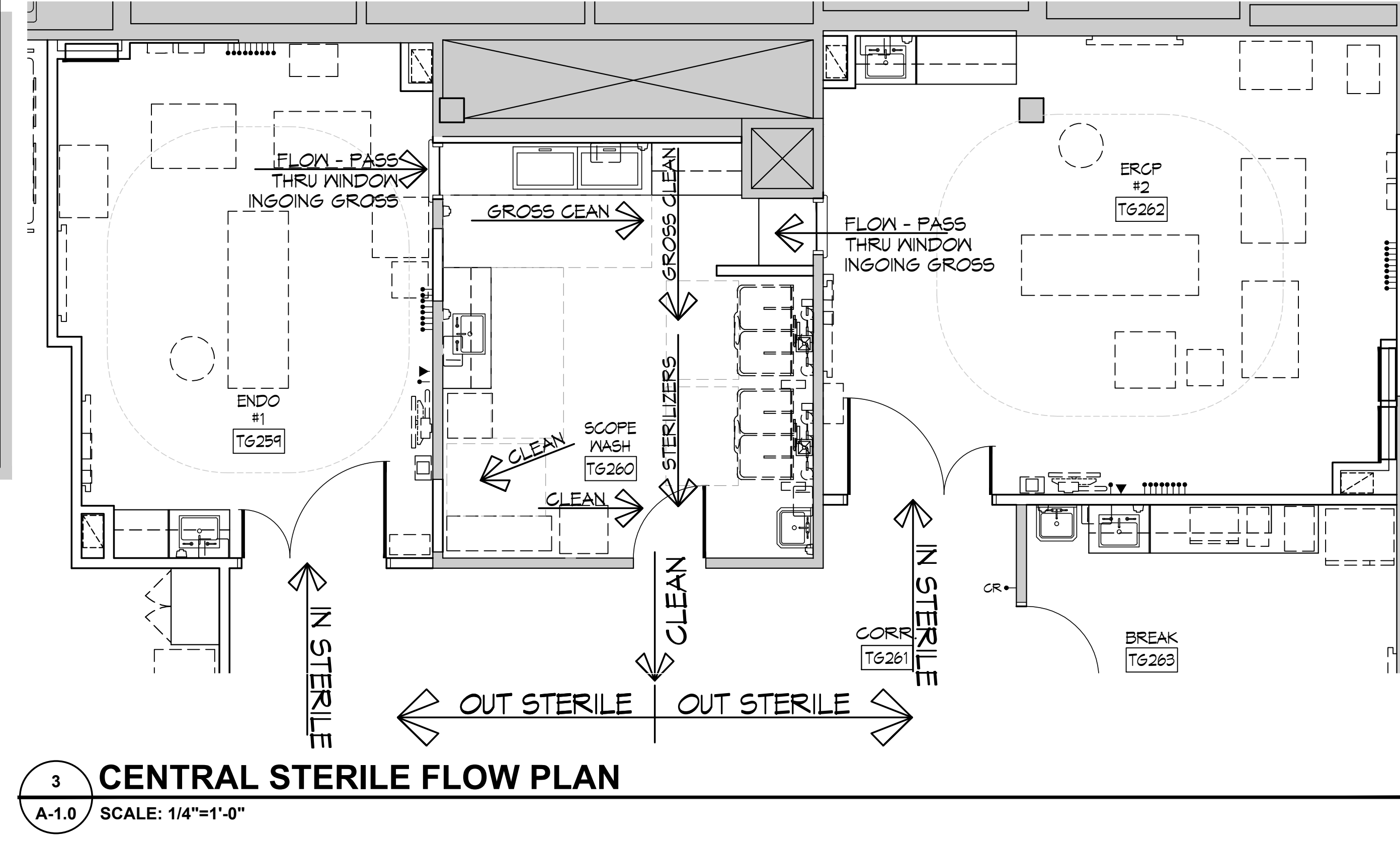
2 DIMENSION PLAN  
A-1.0 SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"

- GENERAL NOTES**
- SEE SHEETS A-1.0 FOR DIMENSIONS AND WALL TYPES.
  - SEE SHEETS A-2.0 FOR SPECIALTIES AND ACCESSORIES.
  - SEE SHEETS A-2.0 FOR REFLECTED CEILING PLANS.
  - DOOR FRAMES SHALL BE INSTALLED 4" FROM CORNERS UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE.
  - AT THE CONTRACTOR'S OPTION, SHORT SEGMENTS OF EXISTING WALLS SHOWN AS REMAINING MAY BE DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED.
  - SEE SHEETS A-3.0 FOR INTERIOR ELEVATIONS AND CASEWORK.
  - SEE SHEETS A-1.1 FOR FINISH AND DOOR SCHEDULES.
  - BEFORE STARTING WORK, ANY FINISHES IN THE EXISTING AREAS THAT ARE DISTURBED SHALL BE RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION.
  - PATCH EXISTING CONCRETE FLOOR SLABS IN ALL LOCATIONS WHERE EXISTING PIPING, DRAINS, CONDUITS, DUCTWORK, ETC. HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR ABANDONED DURING THE DEMOLITION PHASE. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS BARE CONCRETE SLABS PREPARED TO ACCEPT NEW FLOOR FINISHES (WITH LEVELING COMPOUNDS AS MAY BE REQUIRED).
  - NOTIFY ARCHITECT OF ANY EXISTING STRUCTURAL CONDITIONS THAT APPEAR DIFFERENT THAN PLANS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING FURTHER.
  - PATCH EXISTING SPRAY APPLIED FIRE PROTECTION AS REQUIRED THROUGHOUT AREA OF RENOVATION. MAINTAIN ALL EXISTING FIRE SEPARATIONS BOTH VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY AS SHOWN ON THE LIFE SAFETY PLAN.

EQUIPMENT LIST		
TAG	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
1	PAPER TOWEL DISP.	OC NEW
1A	PAPER TOWEL DISP. - C-FOLD	OC NEW
2	SOAP DISP.	OC NEW
3	HAND SANITIZER	OC NEW
4	GLUE DISP.	OC NEW
5	SHAMPOO	OC NEW
6	WIPES	OC NEW
7	GUEST CHAIR	OC NEW
8	WALL-MTD P.C.	OC EXISTING
9	W.O.W.	OC EXISTING
10	CURTAIN TRACK AND CURTAIN	OC RPTD. CLOZESE OPTIC. CURTAINS BY OWNER
11	METAL BUREAU	OC EXISTING
12	PYXIS MAIN	OC NEW
13	VCR/FR	OC NEW
14	REFRIG/FREEZER	OC NEW
15	MICROWAVE	OC BELIEVE EXISTING BUT CAN PROVIDE NEW IF NEEDED
16	COFFEE MACHINE	OC PROVIDED BY FOOD SERVICES
17	TYMONITOR	OC NEW IN BREAKROOM
18	LOCKERS	OC NEW
19	P.C.	OC EXISTING
20	PRINTER	OC NEW
21	ZEBRA PRINTER	OC NEW
22	NURSE CALL MAIN	OC
23	LATERAL FILES	OC
24	SCOOTER STRIP	OC
25	BLANKET WARMER	OC EXISTING. HAVE NOT PLANNED FOR ONE.
26	RED BIV (WASHER)	OC EXISTING
27	RED PHONE	OC EXISTING
28	LINEN CART	OC EXISTING
29	STOOL	OC EXISTING
30	4" GRAB BAR	OC BOBROCK MODEL B886
31	3" GRAB BAR	OC BOBROCK MODEL B886
32	18" VERTICAL GRAB BAR	OC BOBROCK MODEL B886
33	DOUBLE HOLE TOILET TISSUE DISP.	OC GEORGIA FRONTIERS IF SOIL.
34	ROBE HOOK	OC HANFLEIN NEW MODEL 842 82.1
35	ICE MACHINE	OC NEW
36	TELEMETRY MONITOR	OC EXISTING
37	MIRROR	OC BOBROCK 8-185 SERIES
38	DATAMATION	OC
39	COPPER	OC
40	LARGE MONITOR	OC EXISTING
41	FLIGHT BOARD	OC
42	TRASH CAN	OC NEW
43	PYXIS A SYSTEM	OC NEW
44	MED BIN	OC EXISTING BUT BELIEVE WE ARE GETTING RID OF THESE.
45	ANESTHESIA CART	OC NEW
46	EMER	OC EXISTING
47	ENDO TOWER	OC EXISTING
48	SMALL MONITOR	OC EXISTING
49	FLUORO TABLE	OC EXISTING
50	SCOPE WASH	OC EXISTING
51	SCOPE DRIVING RACK	OC EXISTING
52	BIN SHELF	OC EXISTING
53	CYBEX SCOPE CLEAN	OC EXISTING
54	MOBILE MONITOR	OC EXISTING
55	CRASH CART	OC EXISTING
56	TRAINING SUPPLIES	OC EXISTING
57	ENDO FRUIT	OC EXISTING
58	OR TOWER	OC EXISTING
59	VEN. FINGER	OC EXISTING
60	CLEAN LINEN CART	OC
61	WASTE CART	OC
62	BED CART	OC
63	CLOCKER	OC NEW
64	C-ARM	OC

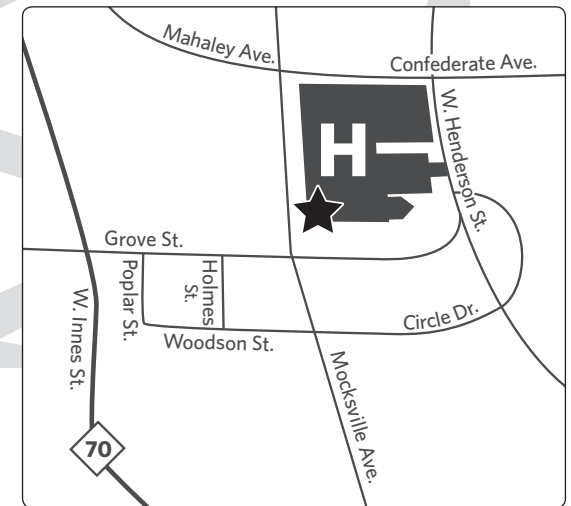
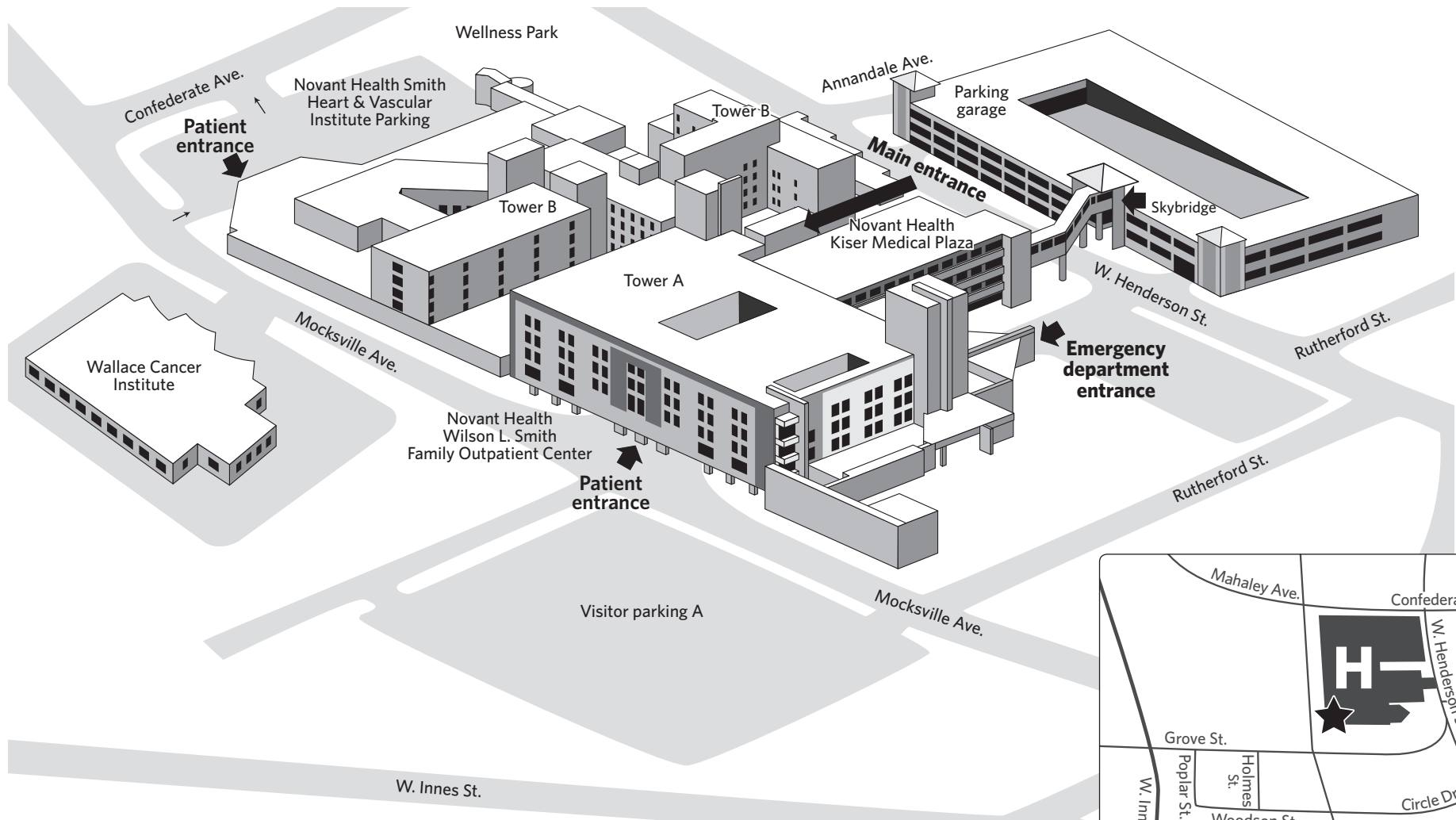
**FLOOR PLAN NOTES**

1 GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO PATCH AND SEAL TIGHT ALL WALLS & PENETRATIONS. TYPICAL ALL PROCEDURE ROOMS



3 CENTRAL STERILE FLOW PLAN  
A-1.0 SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"

# **ATTACHMENT D**



# Campus map

## Novant Health Rowan Medical Center

612 Mocksville Ave.

Salisbury, NC 28144

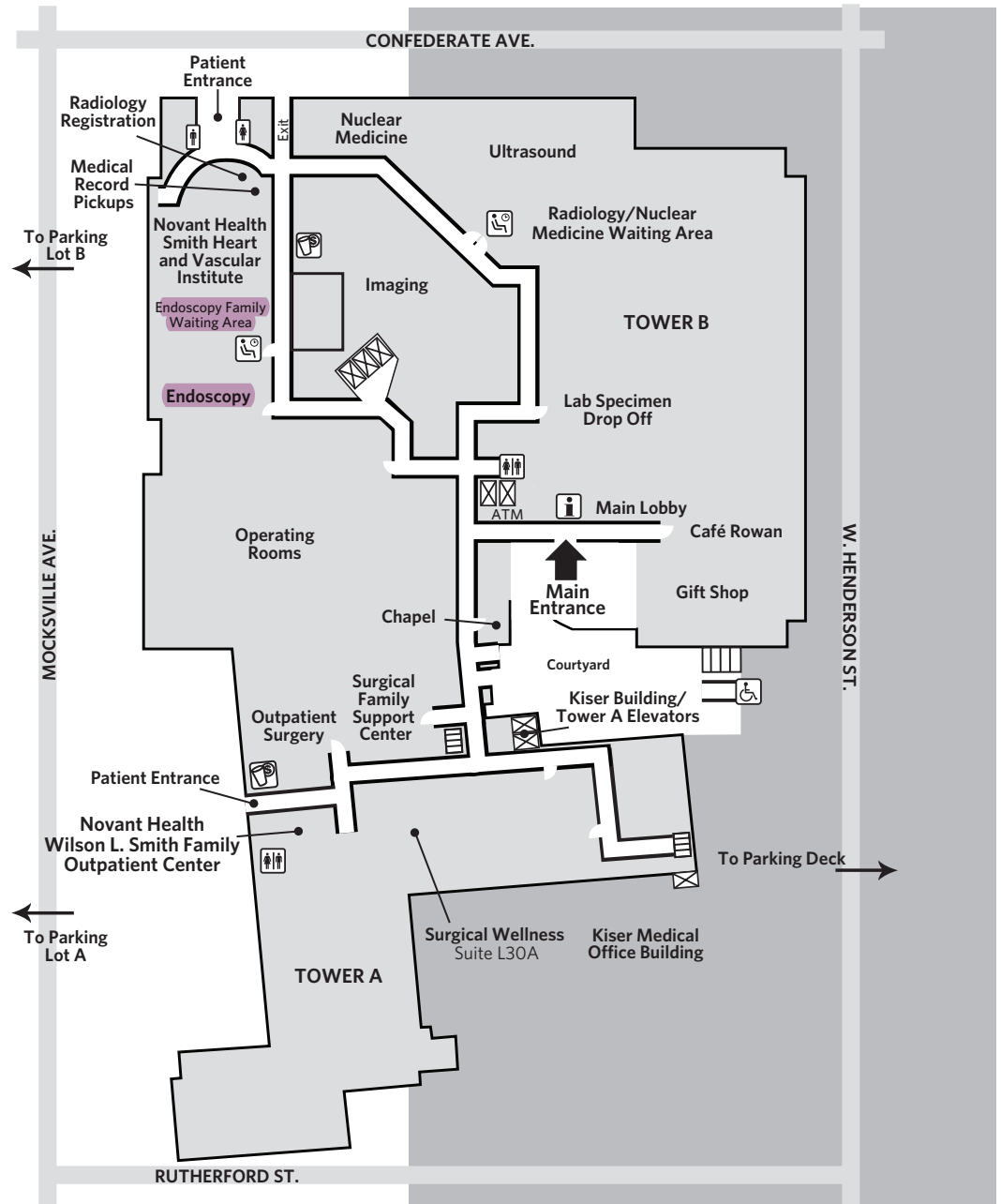
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# Lobby floor

## Novant Health Rowan Medical Center

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Good morning,

Attached is an exemption letter regarding a renovation project at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center in their GI-Endoscopy Suite area.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

***Lisa Griffin***

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