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New SpaceMed Essentials Replaces the SpaceMed Newsletter

A New Searchable Knowledge Base for Hospital and Healthcare Facility Planners and Architects

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 1, 2018 — SpaceMed Essentials is a new searchable knowledgebase for hospital and healthcare facility planners and architects. In this new online resource, Cynthia Hayward, author of the *SpaceMed Guide: A Space Planning Guide for Healthcare Facilities*, continues to write about predesign planning for hospitals and healthcare facilities and current issues facing facility planners and architects. SpaceMed Essentials replaces the SpaceMed Newsletter which she has published since 2008.

Upon its initial launch, SpaceMed Essentials includes over 120 articles on a variety of topics which are searchable by:

- **Case Studies** — includes instructive case studies from real-life challenges faced by healthcare organizations in North America.
- **How to Articles** — where readers can learn to determine facility capacity, estimate bed need, plan specialized facilities, and more.
- **Current Trends** — focuses on trends in utilization, medical practice, regulations, and care delivery and their facility impact.
- **In the News** — with timely news stories about innovative healthcare organizations, research, and other issues.
- **Technology** — addresses advances in medical technology, equipment, and new products that impact facility planning.
- **Rules-of-Thumb** — with helpful rules-of-thumb for estimating capacity, preliminary space need, standard spaces, parking, and more.
- **Planning Process** — with articles about various aspects of the healthcare facility planning process including new planning models.
- **Design Features** — identifies innovative design features and concepts that impact the sizing and layout of spaces.
- **Facility Components** — allows readers to search for all articles relating to a specific clinical service or major facility component.

The *SpaceMed Guide: A Space Planning Guide for Healthcare Facilities* 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 *SpaceMed Guide* was first published in 2004 followed by the second edition in 2006 and the third edition in 2015.

Author Cynthia Hayward, FAIA, is the founder of Hayward & Associates LLC (<https://www.hayward-assoc.com>), which focuses exclusively on predesign planning for the healthcare industry. She has been a leader in healthcare facility planning for over 30 years and has assisted hundreds of healthcare institutions to economically and efficiently plan their facility investments. She is also the author of *Healthcare Facility Planning: Thinking Strategically*, published by Health Administration Press, a division of the Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives.