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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Fourth Edition of SpaceMed Guide is a Significant Update**

### **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., May 1, 2022 — The fourth edition of the *SpaceMed Guide: A Space Planning Guide for Healthcare Facilities* is now available for purchase. The SpaceMed Guide was first published in 2004, followed by the second edition in 2006, and the third edition in 2015. The fourth edition of the SpaceMed Guide has undergone a significant update. This popular space planning guide, written by Cynthia Hayward, FAIA, 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. With the step-by-step workbook and space planning templates in Microsoft® Excel, the types, numbers, and sizes of spaces for any healthcare project can be quickly determined.

The 340-page workbook includes fifteen facility component sections. Each section addresses current trends, major planning issues, space planning approach, future flexibility and adaptability, facility layout considerations, and potential facility planning pitfalls. Most functional areas found in acute care hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, and specialty facilities are addressed in one of the SpaceMed Guide's fifteen sections.

"The SpaceMed Guide has undergone a significant update for 2022," Hayward says. The workbook and space planning templates have been reorganized, and some facility components have been realigned to reflect changing technology and medical practice. Common themes throughout the workbook include — planning during times of uncertainty, the impact of telemedicine on facility capacity, the increasing use of imaging across all medical specialties, the rapid evolution of automation and robotics, and the need for flexible, multiuse space.

Healthcare architects, interior designers, facility planning consultants, hospital-based managers and planners, and various other professionals throughout North America use the SpaceMed Guide. In addition, private and government organizations in over 45 countries have purchased the SpaceMed Guide.

The SpaceMed Guide aligns with the 2022 Facility Guidelines Institute's *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals* and *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities*—referred to as the FGI Guidelines. The Joint Commission, many U.S. federal agencies, and authorities in 42 states use the FGI Guidelines as a code or a reference standard when reviewing, approving, and financing projects. The SpaceMed Guide uses the same terminology for departments and spaces and expedites the process of determining the types, numbers, and sizes of spaces required before applying the FGI Guidelines.

The SpaceMed Guide (fourth edition) is available in digital format for \$545 USD. Purchasers can download the workbook (Stamped PDF) and Microsoft® Excel space planning templates immediately upon purchase — from anywhere. In addition, a Library Edition (classic spiral-bound workbook alone) will continue to be offered in 2022 for use by educational institutions and government agencies.

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