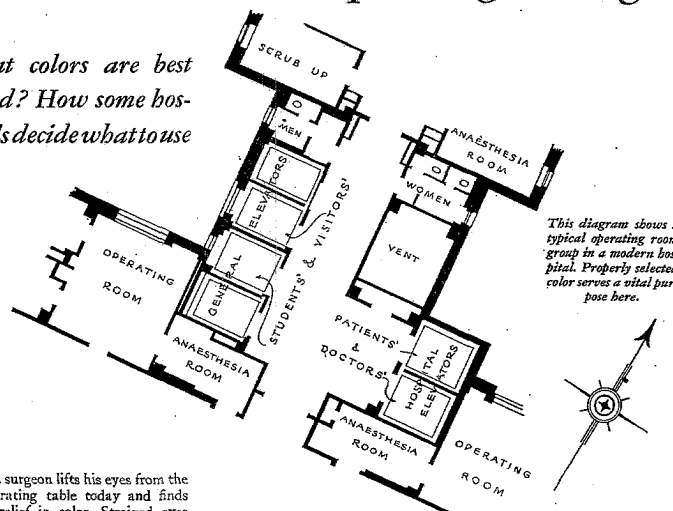


COLOR

how to use it in the operating room group

What colors are best suited? How some hospitals decide what to use



This diagram shows a typical operating room group in a modern hospital. Properly selected color serves a vital purpose here.

THE surgeon lifts his eyes from the operating table today and finds instant relief in color. Strained eyes rest . . . tired nerves relax momentarily . . . and turn back to guide skilled hands in what may be a struggle for a life. Again color serves a vital purpose in the hospital.

What a difference between color on modern walls and ceilings and the unrelieving, glaring white that hospitals once used. Hospitals today bar white painted walls from the operating room. They banish them also from sterilizing, anaesthetizing, and scrubbing-up rooms in the operating group, just as they do from other parts of the building. They cover walls and ceilings with properly colored flat paint.

Colors suitable throughout the operating room group are grays, greens, or gray-greens. These colors in flat paint give the desired amount of light reflection without glare . . . eliminate deep shadows and bright high-lights . . . are refreshing and restful to the eye. Some hospitals use a gray. Others decide on a green. But the selection of this dominant color is not the entire con-

sideration. After that, there still remains the selection of the *exact* tint or shade of the color to be used for the rooms in this group. This is determined by considering, such factors as the amount of natural and artificial illumination, the height and size of the rooms and their relationship to one another. And here is where we can help you.

Color service for hospitals

It is in choosing the exact tint or shade . . . in planning the detailed color treatments . . . for rooms in the operating group and in any other part of the hospital that our Departments of Color Research and Decoration can be of service to hospital superintendents, architects and boards. If you state your color problems, as many hospitals throughout the country have already done, you will receive without charge complete help, which includes definite recommendations as to the proper

colors to use, the correct tints and shades of these colors, and the actual paint formulas to aid in producing the desired treatment.

By using flat paint, made with Dutch Boy white-lead and Dutch Boy flattening oil, you can easily carry out the recommended treatments exactly. The resulting finishes reflect light without glare. They are washable, sanitary, long-lasting and therefore, economical. To obtain the cooperation of our Department of Color Research and Decoration, simply write to it in care of our nearest branch.



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