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Nursing Practice & Patient Advocacy Alert

Combining Units

Questions: Can a hospital combine its maternity and its pediatric unit into one?

Response: By integrating maternity and pediatrics a hospital would be violating Title 22. These units must be licensed separately and in distinct locations. Each unit has different space, staffing and equipment requirements that must be met. They cannot be met in a shared space. DHS has cited hospitals in the past for this practice.

If you have further questions, need more information or help please call CNA's Nursing Practice Program at 510/273-2250