Presentation for the Minnesota Healthcare Engineering Association



FGI and the Hospital, Outpatient and Residential Guidelines







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Today's objective is...

• Provide a basic understanding of the *Guidelines* process



Who is FGI?

Consumer Reports



We view ourselves as the *Consumer Reports* of the health care physical environment.

We have a similar view and mission...

Consumer Reports is an **expert**, **independent**, **nonprofit** organization whose mission is to work for a fair, just marketplace for all consumers and to empower consumers to protect themselves.

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Patient and staff safety is a guiding principal of the FGI *Guidelines*!



Guidelines History

- 1947: First Guidelines Published General Standards of Construction for Hospitals
- 1985: AIA-AAH assumes responsibility for managing the revision process & publishing the document; organizes multidisciplinary consensus process.
- 2001, 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018 Editions developed by FGI





National Committee of Experts



Who from Minnesota is involved in development of the 2022 Guidelines?

- Rebecca Lewis
- Bob Dehler
- Rick Hermans
- Karen Finneman Killinger
- Ryan Turner



FGI Participating Organizations

- ACHA
- AIA-AAH
- ASHE
- ACHE
- AHRQ
- AORN
- ASHRAE
- ACS
- CHD
- NIH
- CDC
- TJC
- CMS



2022 HGRC 130+ Multidisciplinary Committee

20% - Architects

18% - Medical professionals

16% - State AHJs

13% - Engineers

10% - HC administrators/HC org. reps

8% - Federal AHJs (IHS, CMS, HUD, VA)

7% - Infection control experts + NIH/CDC

4% - Construction professionals

4% - Interior designers

FGI Process Overview

Consensus-based process for *Guidelines* development using:

- · Collective multidisciplinary experience
- Professional stakeholder consensus, including many AHJs (no manufacturers vote on proposals)
- · Public review process
- Clinical and evidence-based research





Every new edition of the FGI *Guidelines* is different and an "evolution" from previous editions.

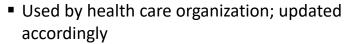
Driving Principles

- Minimum/Baseline/Fundamental
- Where possible advised by evidence
- Addresses national patient safety goals
- Written to be adopted as a standard
- · No duplication of other standards
- Manufacturers cannot be members of the Health Guidelines Revision Committee
- Evaluated by a Benefit/Cost Committee

Defining differences of the Guidelines!

Functional Program

- Owner driven
- Critical thinking and outcome driven
- Provision of executive summary



- Informs the physical space program
- Used by AHJ to evaluate design documents



Acoustic Requirements

"Unnecessary noise is the cruelest absence of care" Florence Nightingale

The Six Key Topics

- 1. Site Exterior Noise
- 2. Acoustical Finishes and Details
- 3. Room Noise Levels
- 4. Sound Isolation & Speech Privacy
- 5. Electro-acoustics—Alarms, Sound Masking
- 6. Vibration





Elements of the SRA

- Falls (including noise causing poor sleep)
- Medication errors (noise and distraction)
- · Behavioral health (noise reduction impact)
- · Hospital-acquired infections
- Security
- · Patient handling and movement
- Patient immobility (hospital only)











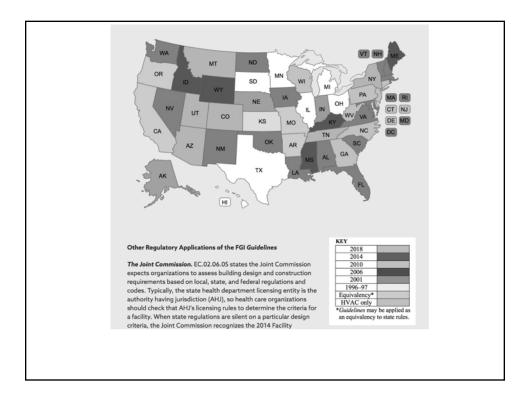


2018 Guidelines

- Split the standard into two parts:
 - Fundamental requirements Minimum/baseline standards that can be adopted as code by AHJs.
 - Beyond Fundamentals Emerging and/or best practices that exceed basic requirements
- Focus on primary care/outpatient facilities as the trend in health care delivery is continuing to move in that direction

FGI Beyond Fundamentals

What States use the *Guidelines* and what edition have they adopted?



State Adoption of 2018 Guidelines

Currently referencing 2018

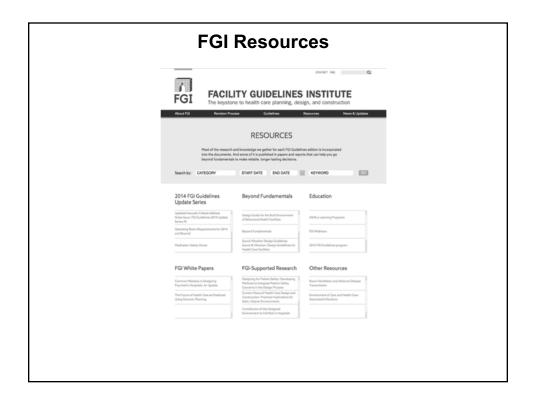
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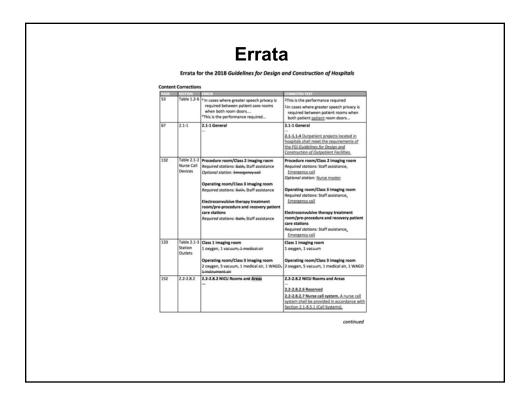
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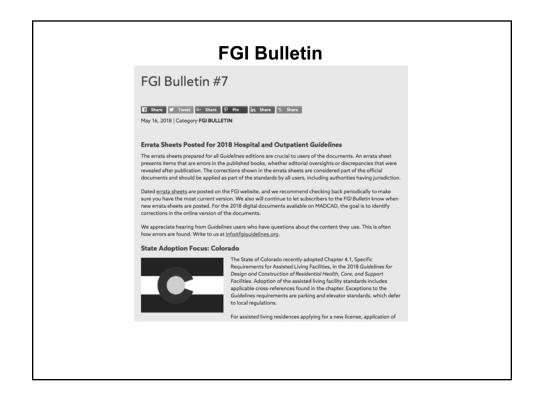
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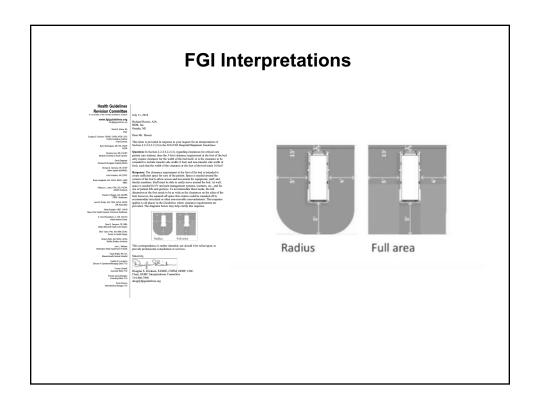
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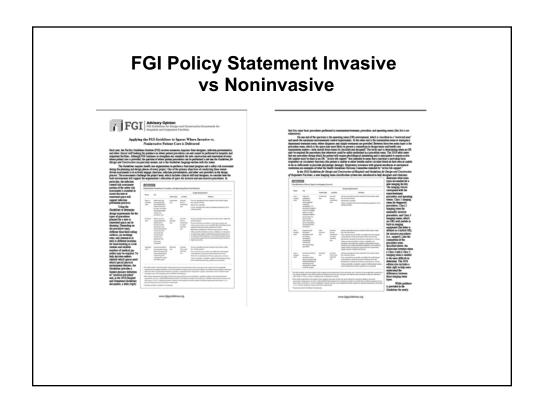
FGI website: a way to keep current with FGI and *Guidelines* activities



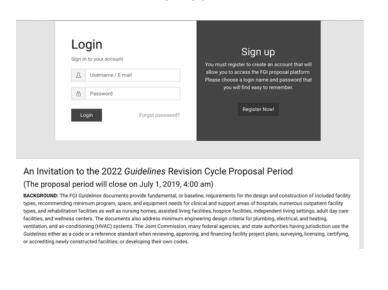








Be a part of the *Guidelines* success – get involved!



2018 Guidelines



An overview of major topics that were addressed and changes in the 2018 Guidelines.

2018 Hospital and Outpatient Guidelines Major Topics Addressed

- · Design of Telemedicine Services
- Emergency preparedness
- · Design/clearances to accommodate patients of size
- Pre- and post-procedure patient care areas flexibility to combine areas and correct ratios
- Procedure and operating room sizes that reflect space requirements for anesthesia team and equipment
- · Classification system for imaging rooms

2018 Hospital and Outpatient Guidelines Major Topics Addressed

- Guidance for when exam/treatment, procedure, and operating rooms are needed
 - Clearances and spatial relationships
 - Locations for procedure types
- Mobile/transportable medical unit revisions



2018 Hospital Guidelines Other Notable Changes

- · Single-bed CCU rooms
- · Sexual assault forensic exam room
- · Geriatric treatment room in ED
- Technology distribution room size



2018 Residential *Guidelines*Major Topics Being Addressed

- Updated acoustic and lighting requirements
- Grab bar configurations
- New chapter on facilities for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- New chapter on long-term residential substance abuse treatment facilities







Ventilation Standards They are a mess...here are the organizations with something to say about compliance.

















ASHRAE 170 and the Outpatient Guidelines

Hospital and Outpatient ventilation requirements

This section is a reprint of the 2017 ASHRAE Standard 170. FGI and ASHRAE have a partnership to work on the content together and to publish Standard 170 as a part of the *Guidelines*.





ASHRAE 170 and the Outpatient Guidelines

- Ambulatory surgery and and endoscopy facilities shall comply with all of ASHRAE 170
- The following facility types only have to meet ventilation requirements for the spaces listed in ASHRAE 170, other spaces not listed do not have to comply with ASHRAE 170:
 - Imaging facilities with Class 2 and 3 imaging rooms
 - Infusion facilities
 - Dialysis facilities



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ASHRAE 170 and the Outpatient Guidelines

- The following facility types do not have to comply with ASHRAE 170 but should follow local mechanical codes:
 - General and specialty medical services
 - Urgent care
 - Imaging facilities with Class 1 imaging rooms
 - Outpatient psychiatric facilities
 - Outpatient rehabilitation facilities
 - Dental facilities
 - Birth centers



ASHRAE 170

- Initial committee meetings in 2002
- · First standard issued in 2008
- Updated through a continuous maintenance process
- · New edition published every 4 years
- · FGI and ASHRAE try to keep in sync with each other
- · Included in the Hospital and Outpatient Guidelines



Continuous Maintenance Process

Under continuous maintenance procedures anyone may propose changes at any time. Each change will be considered by the appropriate Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC) or Standing Guideline Project Committee (SGPC), according to a definite schedule, shown in Clause 2. The project committees may also propose changes



ASHRAE 170 - (2008 - 2013)

- Patient room total air changes per hour reduced from 6 to 4
- Endoscopy procedure room pressure relationship changed to no requirement
- · Added language on fully ducted return or exhaust air systems
 - Any location where pressure relationship must be maintained
 - Recovery rooms, critical and intensive care areas, intermediate care areas, burn units
 - Patient care areas of inpatient facilities
- OR air change rate setback
- · Switchable pressure systems are not permitted

ASHRAE 170 - (2013 - 2017)

- Exam room air changes per hour reducing from 6 – 4
- · Clarification of outpatient occupancy requirements
- OR classification
- · Clarification of "recirculating room HVAC units"
- OR air distribution primary diffuser array requirements
- · Residential health care requirements
- Coordination of central sterile ventilation and OR humidity requirements with AAMI

Now onto our old "friend"...



CMS Regulation for Ventilation

§482.41(c)(4) - There must be proper ventilation, light, and temperature controls in pharmaceutical, food preparation, and other appropriate areas

• Interpretive Guidelines §482.41(c)(4)

Temperature, humidity and airflow in the operating rooms must be maintained within acceptable standards to inhibit bacterial growth and prevent infection, and promote patient comfort. Excessive humidity in the operating room is conducive to bacterial growth and compromises the integrity of wrapped sterile instruments and supplies. Each operating room should have separate temperature control. Acceptable standards such as from the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) or the American Institute of Architects (AIA) should be incorporated into hospital policy.

CMS Regulation for Ventilation

§482.41(c)(4) - There must be proper ventilation, light, and temperature controls in pharmaceutical, food preparation, and other appropriate areas. Survey Procedures §482.41(c)(4)

- Verify that the hospital is in compliance with ventilation requirements for patients with contagious airborne diseases, such as tuberculosis, patients receiving treatments with hazardous chemical, surgical areas, and other areas where hazardous materials are stored.
- Verify that each operating room has temperature and humidity control mechanisms.
- Review temperature and humidity tracking log(s) to ensure that appropriate temperature and humidity levels are maintained.

All bad roads lead to CMS...

The Main Issue: If you design to current Standard 170 requirements, CMS may require you to comply with the 2008 edition, without amendments, anyway. This is a potential problem when requirements of the 2008 edition

have been relaxed or reduced by amendments to either the 2008 or 2013 edition. This is also a potential issue with states that have not adopted the current edition or addenda.



CMS referencing 2012 NFPA 99

Chapter 9 Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

> Chapter 9 was added by a tentative interim amendment (TIA). See page 1.

9.1.1 This chapter shall apply to construction of new health care facilities, except as noted in 9.1.2 and 9.1.3.

9.1.2 This chapter shall also apply to the altered, renovated, or modernized portions of existing systems or individual com-

9.1.3 Existing construction or equipment shall be permitted to be continued in use when such use does not constitute a distinct hazard to life.



2.3.2 AHSRAE Publications. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc., 1791 Tullie Circle, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-2305

ASHRAE 170, Ventilation of Health Care Facilities, 2008.

ASHRAE 90.1, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, 2010.

ASHRAE Guideline 0, The Commissioning Process, 2005.

ASHRAE Guideline 1.1, HVAC&R Technical Requirements for The Commissioning Process, 2007.

CMS Application of ASHRAE 170

Addendum a - 2008

- » CMS could require 70°F 75°F temperature range vs. 72°F to 78°F
- While the addition of the word "patient" in front of "corridor" in Table 7.1 was intended to clarify that non-patient corridors do not need to meet these requirements, CMS could potentially apply these requirements to all corridors.

Addendum b - 2008

- CMS could preclude the use of recirculating room HVAC units in laboratories (no chilled beams)
- CMS could require positive pressure in endoscopy, ICU and Burn Unit rooms vs. no requirement
- CMS could require 15 ACH of Total air vs. 6 in an endoscopy procedure room

CMS Application of ASHRAE 170

Addendum w - 2008

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Procedure Room

- Positive pressure
- Reduces minimum Relative Humidity to 20%
- Requires space to be treated as Bronchoscopy if both procedures will be performed in the same space
- Changes differential pressure from Positive to No Requirement (N/R)
- CMS may not allow endoscopy and bronchoscopy procedures to be performed in the same room

CMS Application of ASHRAE 170

Ducted Return Air Systems

In addition to spaces listed in Table 7.1 that have differential pressure requirements, these spaces also must be served by ducted return air systems:

- Recovery Rooms
- Critical and Intensive Care
- Intermediate Care
- Burn Unit



