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#### ASHRAE Standard 170 – Ventilation for Health Care Facilities, 2021 Edition

# **170 UPDATE - AGENDA**

- Introductions
- History of ASHRAE 170
- Major changes between 170-2017 and 170-2021 REDLINE
- New / current directions
  - Highlights of 170 meetings
- Guideline 43
- Summary / Q & A



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- Analyses and Design/Construction: 41 years
- New & Renovation: Healthcare & Lab Projects
- ASHE, HESNI, ASPE, NSPE, NFPA
- ASHRAE:
  - Voting Member ASHRAE TC 9.6—Health Care
  - Corresponding Member ASHRAE Std 170
  - Judge: ASHRAE-IL Excellence in Engineering
- Presented at ASHE PDC, MWHCEC and HESNI
- Board member of HESNI



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- 25+ years in Healthcare "Bricks and Mortar
  - Construction
  - Operations and Maintenance
  - Compliance: The Joint Commission
- ASHRAE
  - Standards Committee
  - Standard 170 Committee
  - Standard 202 Committee Commissioning



### Hospital Design Manual for Hospitals and Clinics, 2003

#### First Edition



HVAC Design Manual for

# Hospitals and Clinics



ASHRAE Special Project

### The Problem – WHY was Standard 170 created?

- Risk: AHJ's (Authorities Having Jurisdiction) invoke ASHRAE HVAC Design Manual for Hospitals and Clinics similar to way invoke ASHRAE **Applications Handbook**
- KEY: These documents are **not** standards
  - Create confusion, problems or liability
- Standard incorporates new research and technology without new book.
- The Design Manual complements the Standard.



## The Solution

- First jointly sponsored standard by ASHRAE and ASHE - 2008!
- Consensus standard
- "continuous maintenance"
- continuous maintenance = continuous improvement
- Written so easily invoked by AHJ's

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# Hospital Design Manual for Hospitals and Clinics, 2013 and ASHRAE Standard 170-2013

Second Edition Of both documents published the same year—sync'd up IS THE text = nfpa handbook verbiage?

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#### HVAC Design Manual for Hospitals and Clinics

**Second Edition** 

### FGI Guidelines 2014 incorporates Standard 170-2013



Guidelines

FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF Hospitals and **Outpatient Facilities** 

The Facility Guidelines Institute

2014 edition

Includes ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2013: Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

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### **HVAC Systems – Basis of Design – FGI adoptees** States that have adopted the FGI Guidelines and the edition year

Last updated 10/13/23



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2022		
2018		
2014		
2010		
2006		
2001		
1996-97		
Equivalency*		
HVAC Only		

### What 170 IS :

- Agreement between ASHRAE and FGI
  - 170 = Best location for Ventilation requirement
  - ASHE also included
    - FIRST standard jointly sponsored by ASHRAE and ASHE
- Set of MINIMUM requirements intended for **Code Enforcing Agencies**



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#### Ventilation of Health **Care Facilities**







# What **170** is **NOT** :

- NOT a design guide
- NOT a COMFORT Guide: **Refer to ASHRAE Standard 55** 
  - 170:2.7 & Appendix B







### Summary of Differences between 2017 and 2021 **Editions of Standard 170**

- Reference: **REDLINE** edition of Standard 170-2021, available from ASHRAE as downloadable .PDF or printed copy.
- Bread and Butter of the document:
  - Table 6-1, Intake relationships/distances
  - Table 7-1, Design Parameters, Inpatient Spaces revised
  - Table 8-1, Design Parameters, Specialized Outpatient Spaces revised
  - Table 8-2, Design Parameters, General Outpatient Spaces NEW
  - Table 9-1, Design Parameters, Residential Health, Care, and Support **Specific Spaces** – revised
- New Sections for Outpatient (Section 8) & Residential (Section 9) to match the FGI Guidelines books.
- Added FGI section references to Rooms in Tables.

### Improvements to the 2021 Edition of 170

- Improved guidance on thermal comfort conditions (hint: look elsewhere)
- Revised Outpatient and Residential sections
- New outpatient ventilation table: nonacute-type spaces
- Revisions to air filtration requirements
- New columns in vent tables: filtration requirement and unoccupied turndown
- New separation distance requirements for intakes and exhausts coordinates with ASHRAE Standard 62.1 data (Table 6.1)
- Airborne infectious isolation (AII) room exhaust to general exhaust
- New ventilation requirements: anesthetic gas use
- Clarification of Class 1/Class 2/Class 3 imaging in coordination with FGI
- Revised definition of "invasive procedure"
- New section: behavioral and mental health

### **1.0** Purpose

Purpose is to define HVAC system *design* requirements that provide *environmental control* in health care facilities.

- Planning
- Design
- Construction
- Operations
- Maintenance



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#### Ventilation of **Health Care Facilities**

# 2.0 Scope (broader over time)

Applies to **patient care areas**, **resident care areas and their related support areas** within:

- Inpatient Facility (hospitals)
- <u>Outpatient Facilities</u> (ASTC, MOB, free standing ED's, free standing birthing centers, etc.)
- <u>Residential Facilities (nursing homes, etc.)</u>







Applies to these kinds of projects:

- New buildings
- Additions to existing buildings i
- Renovations of existing buildings
- Infrastructure upgrades







Considers:

- Dry bulb temperature and relative humidity (Standard 55—thermal comfort)
- Not mean radiant temperature (Standard 55 thermal comfort)
- Not speed of air flow; drafts (Standard 55 thermal comfort)
- Airflow rates (supply, outdoor, exhaust; not return, recirculated, relief or infil/exfil)
- Filtration (captures particulates)
- Cleaners (captures VOC's (read: odor), chemical, biological; not radiological)



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#### Ventilation of **Health Care Facilities**



Pressure 0

 <u>Contamination Control</u> = aseptic environment = state of being free from particulates and from biological matter such as bacteria, viruses and fungi....<u>HVAC is dominant</u>

#### is not the same as

Infection Control = (dose x site x virulence x time)/(level of host defense)
HVAC is secondary







#### TRANSMISSIONS OF INFECTIOUS PATHOGENS

TRANSMISSION TYPE	HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFE
CONTACT – Direct or Indirect (TOUCH)	85%
DROPLET (FALL)—between 1 and 5 micron	10%
AIRBORNE (FLOAT)—smaller than 1 micron	5%

- Mechanisms by which HVAC systems can impact <u>airborne</u> • transmission within a room:
  - Airflow path
  - Dilution (air changes/hour) ullet
  - Filtration and Cleaning
  - Temperature (dry bulb), relative humidity

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- Mechanisms by which HVAC systems can impact <u>airborne</u> • transmission **outside a room**:
  - Pressurization at the room level
  - Pressurization at the suite level
  - Pressurization at the system service area level

#### CTIONS (HAI)

### **3.0 Definitions**

<u>Definitions</u> includes very specific medical and technical terms

 it's important to understand the vocabulary they'll need to communicate



Nonmedical Person Expanded and Updated Descriptions of diseases • symptoms • first-aid procedures . human anatomy and body organs dentistry • medications • more New line illustrations Extensive cross references

**Fifth Edition** A-to-Z Medical Reference for the

Mikel A. Rothenberg, M.D., Charles F. Chapman

# **3.0 Definitions**

Key Definition Additions:

- Class 1 Imaging Room: D only procedures w/ natural orifice entry and do not pierce or penetrate natural protective membranes (ex. MRI, US, etc.)
- Class 2 Imaging Room: D/T procedures such as coronary, neurological, or angiography and similar procedures (ex. cardiac cath lab, ep labe, etc.)
- Class 3 Imaging Room: invasive procedures and any Class 2 procedure where patient will require physiological monitoring and might require active life support (ex. stent implantation, etc.)
- Invasive Fluoroscopy (changed to Procedural Fluoroscopy): D/T invasive procedures that require fluoroscopic imaging (ex. implantation of cardiac devices)
- Invasive Procedure
- Procedure Room
- CLINICAL TEAM must define their own spaces for the A/E team!!!

# **3.0 Definitions**—check FGI for restricted vs. semi-restricted INVASIVE – OPERATING SUITE LAYOUT



# **4.0 Compliance**

Compliance applies to both new buildings as well as additions and alterations to existing buildings, systems and spaces (including infrastructure upgrades)

Documentation required includes:

- --<u>Basis of Design with calcs</u>
- --Plans

--Specs

Alternates to prescriptive criteria can always be presented to the AHJ in a timely manner for their consideration and approval





**5.0 Planning** (focus on planning & space allocation)

<u>Planning</u> requires that the Owner prepare a detailed Program; ASHRAE defines this as an <u>Owners Program</u> <u>Requirement (OPR):</u>

- define a space-by-space program including what clinical services are to be provided and what FF&E is expected in the space
- room names per FGI (ASHRAE aligned with FGI now)
- define risk categories per NFPA 99
- define operational plan for an extended power or fuel outage





## 5.0 Planning (new facility)

System Sources (Steam, Heating, Cooling, AHU's)

- away from clinical spaces
- space for O&M (pm's, repairs, minor overhauls, major overhauls, replacement)
- safe access (catwalks, ladders, lifts, etc.)
- seal all floor penetrations
- note to engineers-you <u>must</u> involve facilities team







### 5.0 Planning (new facility)

#### System Distribution (Steam, Heating, Cooling, AHU's)

- Integrate all MEP systems into ceiling plenums (integrate is proactive; coordinate is reactive)
- Integrate all MEP systems into shafts providing for access to any and all dampers and valves
- Make composite MEP drawings in 3-D







### 5.0 Planning (existing facility)

Infection Control and Risk Assessment (ICRA)—now PCRA!!

- Goal is to minimize disruption to the patients and staff
- Goal is to maximize contamination control in order to maximize infection control





### 5.0 Planning (new or existing facility)

Planning for HVAC System Operation during Construction

 Owner and design team shall determine if, and under what conditions, the permanent HVAC systems can be used for providing temporary heating, cooling, and/or dehumidifying during construction. Refer to Section 10.1.4.3(b).





# 6.0 Systems and Equipment

- 6.1 Utilities
- 6.2 Air Handling Unit (AHU) Design
- 6.3 Outdoor Air Intakes and Exhaust Air Outlets
- 6.4 Filtration (particulates only)
- 6.5 Heating and Cooling Systems
- 6.6 Humidifiers
- 6.7 Air Distribution Systems
- 6.8 Energy Recovery Systems
- 6.9 Insulation and Duct Lining



### 6.0 Systems and Equipment-6.1 Utilities

Ventilation Systems That Must be Connected to the Appropriate Branch of the Essential Power System (EPS):

- All Rooms
- PE Rooms
- OR's including C- Section and Cysto
- Keep in mind that if space heating is accomplished by moving air, all those AHU's must also be connected to the EPS ('cause hospitals tend to use single path all-air systems)



### 6.0 Systems and Equipment – 6.1 Utilities

- Reserve Capacity (n+1) Required for DHW, Sterilization, Dietary, Humidification and Seasonal Space Heating for Operating, Delivery, Birthing, Labor, Recovery, Intensive Care, Nursery, and Inpatient Rooms
- Dual Fuel Required (even for HHW condensing boilers)
- Reserve Capacity (n+1) is <u>not</u> required if the ASHRAE 99% dry bulb is greater than or equal to 25 F; <u>however; Reserve Capacity (n+1) is</u> <u>still required for DHW, Sterilization,</u> <u>Humidification and Dietary</u>



### 6.0 Systems and Equipment – 6.1 Utilities

- Reserve Capacity (n + 1) Required for Enough of the Space Cooling Load to Meet the Owners' Program if the Seasonal Space Cooling Load and Process Cooling Load is Greater Than 400 Tons (serious discussion needed between Owner and Engineer)
- Don't forget about connection to the EES!
- Don't forget about those heat recovery chillers, too –they do heating!!!

![](_page_33_Picture_4.jpeg)

#### 6.0 Systems & Equipment – 6.3 OAI & EAO

 Major effort to align this section with ASHRAE Standard 62.1—Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

![](_page_34_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Picture_3.jpeg)

### 6.0 Systems & Equipment – 6.6 Humidifiers

- Adiabatic high pressure water atomizing humidifiers are now allowed (decarbonization)
- Must use RO water
- Must use a UV-C sterilization light
- Must use a sub-micron filter
- Check with local AHJ's before using this type of humidifier
- Compressed air nozzle, centrifugal atomizer and ultrasonic humidifiers are not acceptable
- Water temperature per legionella risk management plan
- Adjust heating coil capacity up; lengthen AHU

![](_page_35_Picture_9.jpeg)

### 6.0 Systems & Equipment – 6.7 Air Distribution Systems

- New section on air balancing
- Considers pre-testing defined by design engineer and carried out by a qualified contractor
- Considers post-construction defined by design engineer and carried out by a qualified contractor
- Considers building pressurization---a complicated analysis that needs to done by a <u>design engineer</u>

![](_page_36_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_36_Picture_6.jpeg)

### 6.0 Systems & Equipment – 6.8 Energy Recovery Systems

- Air-to-air energy recovery wheels must be • located upstream of filter bank #1 and #2
- Air-to-air energy recovery wheels can be used with exhaust air with no more than 5% leakage (keep in mind that air-to-air energy recovery cannot be used with All room or other exhaust systems moving toxic/noxious Class 4 air)

![](_page_37_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Picture_5.jpeg)

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![](_page_37_Picture_7.jpeg)

WINTER CONDITIONS

# 7.0 Space Ventilation

- 7.1 General
- 7.2 Room Specific Requirements
- 7.3 Critical Care Units
- 7.4 Surgery Rooms
- 7.5 Support Spaces
- 7.6 Behavioral and Mental Health

![](_page_38_Picture_7.jpeg)

### 7.0 Space Ventilation – 7.1 General

- Table 7.1 defines several design parameters—added two (2) columns
- --unoccupied turndown
- -final filter
- Air movement should always be from clean to less clean
- VAV systems cannot compromise pressure relationships or minimum air change requirements
- Air changes can be reduced when a space becomes unoccupied provided that required air pressure relationship is maintained, if allowed
- Higher air change rates may be required to maintain room temperatures
- Recirculating room HVAC units can be used where allowed per Table 7.1 such as Passive Chilled Beam, Active Chilled Beam or Fan Coil Units but must be provided with a MERV 6 filter upstream of any cooling coil (keeps the cooling clean) 40

### 7.0 Space Ventilation – 7.3 Room Specific Requirements

Burn unit patient rooms (WICU) require booster humidifiers in order to achieve a relative humidity level of 40% ; this assumes that the central AHU provides a 30% level of relative humidity across its' entire service area

Neonatal intensive care rooms (NICU) may need to be provided with booster humidifiers in order to achieve a relative humidity level of 40% [suggestion]

Both become trickier without any steam.....

![](_page_40_Picture_4.jpeg)

#### **Space Ventilation – 7.4 Room Specific Requirements**

At least 0.01" w.g. positive pressure at all times; [design .03"---alarm .01"]

Primary supply diffuser array must extend 12" beyond the footprint of the surgical table; additional supply diffusers may be located elsewhere in the OR

At least 70% of the area associated with the 12" extension must be diffusers (implies that 100% of the area associated with the surgical table must be diffusers)

![](_page_41_Picture_4.jpeg)

#### TABLE 6.7.2 Supply Air Outlets

Space Designation (According to Function)	Supply Air Outle Primary supply dif additional supply of	
Operating rooms, procedure rooms (all class A, B, and C surgeries <sup>b</sup> )		
Protective environment (PE) rooms	Group E, nonaspir	
Wound intensive-care units (burn units)	Group E, nonaspir	
Trauma rooms (crisis or shock)	Group E, nonaspir	
All rooms	Group A or Group	
Single-bed patient roomse	Group A, Group D	
All other patient-care spaces	Group A or Group	
All other spaces	No requirement	

a. Refer to the 2009 ASHRAE Handbook-Fundamentals, Chapter 20 (see ASHRAE [2009] in Informative Appendix B), for definitions related to outlet classification and performance.

b. Surgeons may require alternate air distribution systems for some specialized surgeries. Such systems shall be considered acceptable if they meet or exceed the requirements of this

standard.

c. Air distribution systems using Group D diffusers shall meet the following requirements:

1. The system shall be designed according to "Design Guidelines" in Chapter 7 of ASHRAE System Performance Evaluation and Design Guidelines for Displacement Ventilation.11 2. The supply diffuser shall be located where it cannot be permanently blocked (e.g., opposite the foot of the bed.)

3. The room return/exhaust grille shall be located in the ceiling, approximately above the head of the patient bed.

4. The transfer grille to the toilet room shall be located above the occupied zone.

#### t Classification<sup>a</sup>

ffusers Group E, nonaspirating diffusers, Group E

- ating
- ating
- ating

), or Group E

#### **Space Ventilation – 7.4 Room Specific Requirements**

Primary supply diffusers at a speed of 25 to 35 ft/min w/ unidirectional flow (term "laminar flow" is N/A; parallel streamlines likes straws in a box) At least two (2) low sidewall return grilles (bottom at 8"AFF) on opposite sides of room; wall-mounted return air grilles located high as well as ceiling-mounted returns outside the sterile field are preferred (current research supports these flow patterns)

![](_page_42_Picture_2.jpeg)

### 8. Space Ventilation – Outpatient Spaces

- Does NOT provide for comfort, odors, airborne transmission
- NEW: Table 8-1 Design Parameters **Specialized** Outpatient Spaces
- NEW: Table 8-1: Column: Minimum filter Efficiencies
- NEW: Table 8-2: Design Parameters General Outpatient Spaces
- Night Setback / unoccupied:
  - 55 degF 85 DegF / 65% RH max

### 8.1 – Specialized Outpatient Facility

- Specialized Defined as:
  - Surgical
  - Endoscopy
  - Infusion
  - Renal Dialysis
  - Freestanding emergency departments
  - Class 2 and Class 3 imaging
- Ventilation as listed.
  - If not listed, by function or ASHRAE 62.1
- Minimum Filter: MERV 8 (was 6)

### Table 8-1 NEW

- READ the NOTES!
- b. Pharm. prep: Minimum efficiency filters per USP 795, USP 797, USP 800
- g. Diagnostic Imaging: ICRA governs or else ASHRAE 62.1
- s. Sterile equipment: MERV 14 minimum
- t., u. Where anesthetic gases used: Air changes are 6
- ff. Facility to tell designer the class of imaging room

### **8.2 General Outpatient Facility Requirements**

- ASHRAE standards are often basis of state and local building codes.
  - BUT: Regional conditions and interests.
  - THEREFORE: Follow local codes as possible.
- For positive or negative pressure areas, air changes can be reduced when unoccupied as long as pressure relationship is maintained.
- A lot **new**, including Table 8-2
- READ the NOTES: many new.
  - Notes tell when to refer to Table 8-1

![](_page_46_Picture_8.jpeg)

#### 8. - continued

- 8.5.3 Gas Storage Rooms: Ventilation complies with NFPA 99
- 8.6 Behavioral Health: HVAC systems and controls secured as in risk assessment
- 8.7 Nuclear Medicine: refer to Table 8-2
  - Deal with Treatment areas and hot labs

#### A 99 red as in risk

# 9. Space Ventilation – Resident Health, Care and Support Spaces - NEW

- Does NOT protect from discomfort, odors, airborne
- New Table 9-1
  - Read the NOTES
- New Columns:
  - Unoccupied Turndown
  - Minimum Filter Efficiencies
- If area not covered, refer to ASHRAE 62.1 or 62.2
- 9.4.2 Food prep: Make up air

### **10. (REVISED) Planning, Construction and System Start-Up**

- 10.1 Protect materials in transit and on site
- 10.1.4 Use ICRA as required or section 5.5

![](_page_49_Picture_3.jpeg)

## **10.1.4.3 – HVAC During Construction - NEW**

- Prevent microbial growth
- If permanent HVAC equipment is used during construction:
  - 1. Supply 100% outdoor air
  - 2. Provide pressure relief
  - 3. Provide final level of filtration in air-handling units (AHUs).
  - 4. Cover supply duct openings when air-handler(s) are OFF.
  - 5. Provide prefilters over outdoor air
  - 6. Clean air-handling components prior to occupancy.
  - 7. Operate AHU(s) only if safety devices and sequences are in place and operational.
- After testing and balancing is complete, isolate system

### 10.2 – System Start Up - NEW

- Test and balance per national standards
- Testing of Drain Pans:
  - Issue: water stagnation & microbial growth: verify function
- Follow manufacturer's start-up recommendations and requirements.

#### n ements.

#### • <u>Problem:</u>

- <u>Owner</u> detected dP going negative in each OR from time to time
- Airflow by <u>testing</u> <u>specialist</u> confirmed a few negative OR's

![](_page_52_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### • <u>Discovery:</u>

- Design Engineer consulted to problem solve
- Uncovered two (2) issues:
  - 1. no active control of return air
  - 2. improper diffuser locations in corridor w.r.t. OR door

![](_page_53_Figure_6.jpeg)

![](_page_53_Picture_7.jpeg)

#### • <u>Solution:</u>

- F/I terminal units on return air system; tricky design and construction
- Reconfigure supply and return air diffusers in semirestricted corridor outside the OR's

![](_page_54_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### • <u>Results:</u>

- Continuous pressure independent control
- Occupied mode OK
- Unoccupied mode-OK (saves 3000 cfm for \$3000/yr)
- BAS trends proved compliance
- Airflow testing proved compliance

#### Interested? GET INVOLVED!!!

Here's How.....

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#### **Appendix A – Operations and Maintenance Procedures: Guideline 43 – in comment period!**

#### **PURPOSE**

• Operation of HVAC systems in health care facilities SCOPE:

- Operation of health care facility HVAC systems and equipment, maintenance, and energy conservation.
- Operation and preventative maintenance, and risks, including infection prevention
- Health care spaces to monitor, what to monitor and the means of monitoring and recording.
  - ranges in monitored spaces
  - time-dependent protocols when out of range.
- Emergency operations: continuity of service and resiliency planning.
- Does not cover new design

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# Summary: ASHRAE 170 Update

- 170 Background
- What has changed / improved / deleted
- Guideline 43
- How to get involved

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# Questions? Comments?

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