

#### Regulatory Resources to be Incorporated: External Jurisdiction: Includes all applicable building codes and:

AIA Guidelines: 2006, AIA Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities. American Institute of Architects. CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control

- MDH: Minnesota Department of Health also expects the facility to be aligned with current CDC and AIA standards.
- OSHA & NIOSH
- Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE): HVAC Design manual for Hospitals and Clinics Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Health Care Resources Service Administration

#### Current Regulations and Guidelines

- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Heathcare Organizations
- · Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities (mandated by state law)
- CDC -Guidelines on Environmental Infection Control
- · State Licensure (in many states)
- HRSA Healthcare Resource Services Administration
- · NIOSH Protecting Building Environments

#### The Joint Commission

- A Private Not-for-profit Organization
- Environment of Care Standards on Utilities Management EC.7.10
- Environment of Care Standards on Construction Risk Assessment EC8.30
- New in 2006, unannounced surveys
- Continued use of an engineering surveyor for all hospitals over 200 beds
- National Patient Safety Goal on Infection Control

#### The Joint Commission - EC.8.30

- · Demolition, Construction, or Renovation
- Proactive Risk Assessment
- · Identify hazards that could potentially compromise patient care
- · Address impact on:
  - Air quality requirements
  - Infection control
  - Utility requirements
  - Noise and vibration
  - Emergency procedures

#### **TJC-EC7.10**

- · Infection Control Systems
- Utilities
- · Ventilation
- Plumbing
- Functionality









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#### Summary of Outbreak Analysis

- Environmental disruption causes release of opportunistic microbes
- · Lack of adequate ventilation
- Point source of microbial contamination
- Minimal protective measures
- Institution of protective measures reduces infection:construction management, masking, filtration, pressure control and procedural practice
- Infection Control Risk Assessment is necessary for patient risk reduction

Maintenance & Environmental Infection Control

- •Air
- •Water
- •Hazardous items

#### Healthcare Air Quality

- Fungi
  - Common with body temperature incubation
- Bacteria
  - Human shed microbes
- Virus
  - Embedded virus in sputum droplet nuclei
- Particles
  - Surrogate real time measurement



| Editorial<br>In With the Good Air<br>Andrew J. Streidel, MPH  |
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| Validation of ventilation parameters:<br>-air exchanges<br>-pressure (airflow direction & intensity)<br>-filtration |

| Verification of Special Ventilation Rooms  |                           |                               |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Commissioning Guidelines                   |                           |                               |  |  |  |  |
| Design Parameters<br>•Air Changes per hour | Airborne Infection<br>>12 | Protective Environment<br>>12 |  |  |  |  |
| •Filtration                                |                           |                               |  |  |  |  |
| -supply                                    | 90% dust spot             | 99.97%@0.3um                  |  |  |  |  |
| -return                                    | 99.97%@0.3um              | back through filter           |  |  |  |  |
|  | or 100% exhaust           |                               |  |  |  |  |
| -toilet                                    | 100% exhaust none         | 100% exhaust                  |  |  |  |  |
| •Supply vs exhaust offset                  | >125cfm                   | >125cfm                       |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Airflow direction</li> </ul>      | in                        | out                           |  |  |  |  |
| •Pressure differential                     | ≥0.01" W.G.               | ≥0.01" W.G.                   |  |  |  |  |
| •Minimal room leakage                      | <u>≤</u> 0.5sq.ft         | <u>≤</u> 0.5sq.ft.            |  |  |  |  |







What ways do we have to monitor airflow and pressure?



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| Condensation PC*   | Outside PC                      | After filter PC                          | Percent reduction              |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| MERV** 12<br>filters   | 55000                           | 11000                                    | 80                             |
| MERV 14 filters  | 55000                           | 5500                                     | 90                             |
| MERV 16 filters  | 55000                           | 50                                       | 99.97                          |
| Centimeter.<br>*PC = particle cou<br>**MERV = minin  |                                 | uting value (current A                   | SHRAE rating                   |
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| UMMC-Fairview |        |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 |     |      |
|---------------|--------|--------------|---------|------------|--------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|------|
| Ward          | Room   | Monitor Type | Monitor | DPG<br>A>R | DPG<br>C>A   |  | Return<br>(cfm) | Doors                              | Ceiling         | RR? | ANTE |
| 2A            | 9      |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 |     |      |
| зс            | C-14   |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 |     |      |
| 4A            | 4-213  |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 | yes | yes  |
| 4B            | 4-227  |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 | yes | yes  |
| 4C            | 4-304  | TSI          | -0.1    |            | 1.7<br>to C) |  |                 | double hinged                      | susp. w/gaskets |     |      |
| 4C            | 4-305  | TSI          | -0.4    | -0<br>(A)  | 1.3<br>to C) |  |                 | 1 sliding door +<br>1 hinged door  | susp. w/gaskets |     |      |
| 4C            | 4-407  |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 |     |      |
| 4C            | 4-313  |              |         |            |              |  |                 |                                    |                 |     |      |
| 4D            | 4-512  | TSI          | -0.3    | -0.3       | 0            |  |                 | 2 sliding doors<br>+ 1 hinged door | SUSD            |     |      |
| 4E            | 4-501A | TSI          | -3.1    |            | 1.9<br>to C) |  |                 | 1 sliding door +<br>1 hinged door  | susp            |     |      |
| 5A/B          | 5-207  | none         |         | -1.9       | -0.6         |  |                 | 1 hinged                           | susp            |     | yes  |
| 5A/B          | 5-218  | none         |         | -0.2       | -0.2         |  |                 | 1 hinged                           | susp            | yes | ves  |
| 5A/B          | 5-219  | none         |         | -1.1       | -0.5         |  |                 | 1 hinged                           | susp            | yes | yes  |
| 5A/B          | 5-230  | 0008         |         | 1.8        | -2.6         |  |                 | 1 hinged                           | SUSD            | ves | ves  |

| APPERDIX C HVAC System Maintenance Schedule<br>Single Premite Maintenance Schedule HVX: Sparso<br>Preacher, page & Thing applicates. *Produce "in the Schedule Teal and a T |     |    |            |          |  |  |  |
|--|-----|----|------------|----------|--|--|--|
| FAN IDI.OCATION  |     |    |            |          |  |  |  |
| TASK   | YES | 80 | FOLLOW UP  | COMMENTS |  |  |  |
| Inspect and clean exhaust grilles<br>to prevent blockage & aldow retordation   | Y   | N  | 95<br>95   |          |  |  |  |
| Visually inspect filter housing<br>for holes and proper fiter seal   | Y   | X  | 045<br>045 |          |  |  |  |
| Clear outside air intake<br>clubbrin   | Y   | X  | 95         |          |  |  |  |
| Check return/exhaust dampers   | Y   | x  | 26         |          |  |  |  |
| Check filters  | Ŷ   | X  | 95<br>95   |          |  |  |  |
| for proper installation/spacers<br>Check pressure  | Y   | ×  | 200        |          |  |  |  |
| set points<br>Check steam/CW lines   | _   |    | De5        |          |  |  |  |
| have no laaka  | Y   | X  | 240        |          |  |  |  |
| Check return/exhaust<br>bets are tight   | Y   | N  | 26         |          |  |  |  |
| Check fan bearings/sheaves<br>are lubricated   | Y   | N  | 26         |          |  |  |  |
| Check humidilier controls<br>are in working order  | Y   | X  | 95<br>95   |          |  |  |  |
| Check fan lights   | Y   | ж  | 95         |          |  |  |  |
| are is working order   | _   |    | 95         |          |  |  |  |
| Dheck fan cleanliness  | Y   | X  | 045        |          |  |  |  |



EXISTING CONDITIONS ASSURANCE



- particle reduction to include both viable and nonviable particles - rank order reduction of particles from dirty to cleanest areas
- non viable particles can be analyzed real time

| A<br>University of M | 5              | Surveillanc<br>Aedical Ce |              |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Airborne             | Fungi and      | l Ventilatio              | n Parameters |
| Filtration local     | cfu/m^3        | Temp                      | % filtration |
| –U of MN 1962        | 706            | 35C                       | none         |
| –U of MN 1982        | 82             | 35C                       | 40           |
| –U of MN 2002        | 3.6            | 35C                       | 90           |
| Infection Control    | Ventilation Pa | arameters                 |              |
| •Airflow o           | e differential |                           |              |

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> Improving Performance of HVAC Systems to Reduce Exposure to Aerosolized Infectious Agents in Buildings; Recommendations to Reduce Risks Posed by Biological Attacks

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If facilities can demonstrate control will employees have confidence to come to work during infectious disease event?

#### Water Systems in Healthcare

- Drinking water
- · Kidney dialysis
- Laboratory
- Therapeutic
- Cooling
- · Fire management



### Municipal Water Quality

- · Debris & color
- Bacteria
- Fungi
- Virus
- Water Usage
  - Drinking
  - Dialysis
  - Laboratory
  - Process



| Hemodialysis fluid   | Maximum total heterotrophs<br>(CFU/mL)+   | Maximum endotoxin level<br>(EU/mL)§ |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Present standard   | 100   |                                     |
| Product water¶<br>Used to prepare dialysate<br>Used to reprocess dialyzers<br>Dialysate  | 200<br>200<br>2,000   | No standard<br>5<br>No standard     |
| Proposed standard**  |   |                                     |
| Product water<br>Dialysate   | 200<br>200  | 2<br>2                              |
| <ul> <li>Colony forming units per milliliter.</li> <li>§ Endotoxin units per milliliter.</li> <li>Product water presently includes water us</li> </ul> | rom references 789 and 791 (ANSI/AAMI standards I<br>red to prepare dialysate and water used to reprocess di<br>r development, American National Standards Institut | alyzers.                            |

#### Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria: Infections or Colonization

| Implicated Environmental<br>Vehicle            | <i>Mycobacterium</i> spp.                        |
|--|--|
| Inadequately sterilized medical<br>instruments | M. abscessus, M. chelonae, M.<br>fortunitum      |
| Potable water, ice                             | M avium complex (MAC), M. fortuitum, M. ulcerans |
| Hydrotherapy tanks and pools                   | M. chelonae, M. fortuitum, M.<br>marinum         |
| Reprocessed dialyzers                          | M. chelonae                                      |
| Shower aerosols                                | M. fortuitum                                     |

Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria: Pseudo-Outbreaks

| Implicated<br>Environmental Vehicle                                   | Mycobacterium Spp.   |
|---|--|
| Potable water used during<br>bronchoscopy, instrument<br>reprocessing | M. chelonae  |
| Potable water, ice  | M. fortuitum, M. gordonae,<br>M. kansasii, M. terrae, M.<br>xenopi |
| Intrinsically-contaminated laboratory solution                        | M. gordonae  |









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## Healthcare-associated Outbreaks of Legionellosis

- · Contaminated aerosols
- · Exposure to aerosols produced from:
  - Cooling towers
  - Showers, aerators
  - Faucets
  - Respiratory therapy equipment
  - Room-air humidifiers
  - Decorative fountains

#### Colonization of Man-made Aqueous Environments

- Temperatures of 25° 42° C (77° -107.6° F)
- · Stagnation; dead legs
- · Scale and sediment
- Presence of certain free-living aquatic amobae that can support intracellular growth of *Legionella*

# • CULTURE WATER FOR LEGIONELLA

- IF FOUND CULTURE PATIENTS
- RETROSPECTIVE EPIDEMIOLOGY WATER SYSTEM DECONTAMINATION

#### FOLLOW HIGH RISK PATIENT

- IF FOUND IN PATIENT WITH NOSOCOMIAL PNEUMONIA INITIATE SEARCH FOR WATER SOURCE
- MAINTAIN COOLING TOWERS AND USE STERILE WATER FOR NEBULIZATION

#### MAINTAIN POTABLE WATER

- >50C OR <20C RECIRCULATION IDEAL
- HEATED WATER AT 1-2MG/L FREE RESIDUAL CHLORINE









# Legionella Control with Chlorination In 1990 - 23% of municipalities with >50,000 people used mono chloramine disinfection Advantages: does not form trihalomethanes heat stabi more effective at penetrating bio film Hospitals with outbreaks of Legionellosis predominately >200 beds \*3% of those hospitals have a transplant program \*31 outbreaks in hospitals with mono chloramine Chlorine dioxide Collorine dioxide Collorine dioxide Inclair production for legionella management (PCU area or whole hospital?) long term disinfection Royal Infirmary Glasgow Scotland (10 years)

#### **Cooling Tower Concerns**

- Cooling towers provide ideal environments for *Legionella* spp. growth
- Locate cooling towers to minimize intake of drift aerosols into the ventilation system
   Perform maintenance cleaning
- and treatment as per manufacturer's instructions and other available guidance
- Clean and treat before seasonal start-up



#### **Cooling Tower Consideration**

- location of air intakes
- drift eliminators in place
- design to facilitate cleaning and disinfection
- corrosion and biomass treatment
- tower materials resistant to disinfection
- startup of tower greater risk for dispersal
- routine maintenance
- testing & record keeping



CONTINUOUS TREATMENT OF TOWER WATER WITH CHEMICALS

-optimize chemical usage -control biofilm to control legionella -enhance efficiency -precautions when cleaning







Roof drain Preventative Maintenance is Infection Control





# Water related incidences At University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview from 11/21/06 to 11/20/07 1364 total water events in events events 71 water events in Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) • 612 toilet plugged > 20 toilet plugged • 41 shower leaking > 20 sink plugged • 32 sink leaking > 20 sink plugged

#### Mold Growth Management

•Mold growth

- about 4 hours with ideal conditions
- -Mycelial growth
- -Sporulation about 72 to 96 hours
- -Dissemination of spores
- •Mold Growth Conditions
  - -About 25% water content
  - -Approximately 95% relative humidity
- Interrupt growth
  - Reduce moisture
  - -Resistant substrate

Moisture meters are useful decision makers for water damage mold prevention Keep moisture content <20%

Maintain air movement Remove moisture physical evaporation





•Know which moisture meter to use •Dry it out <72 hrs •Move occupants if possible



#### Process for Mold Remediation & Mitigation

- -Recognize and identify mold by smell or sight
- -Document the scope of the problem
- -Find and eliminate source of moisture
- -Dry and maintain an environment free of excess moisture
- -Remove and replace saturated building materials
- -Assess situation & evaluate if pesticide treatment is needed -Wipe, scrape and clean visible mold from affected area
- -Paint, coat or seal building material when conditions indicate
- -Treat mold with labeled pesticide and/or
- -Consult an expert for best practice

#### JCAHO ENVIRONMENT OF CARE UTILITY MANAGEMENT

- EC.7.10.15 Management of Water Systems
   LAB, DIALYSIS, MUNICIPAL, PROCESS, EMERGENCY
- EC.7.10.16 Management of Ventilation Systems
   SUPPLY, RETURN, EXHAUST, LOCAL
- EC.7.30.4 Testing of Infection Control Support Equipment
   METHODS, PARAMETERS, LIMITS, CORRECTION

#### Hospital Maintenance for Infection Prevention

 $\bullet \mbox{Maintenance}$  essential to the sustainability of the HCF.

•Maintenance of ventilation, water fixtures and water damage will help assure control of critical patient care facilities.

•"Out of sight: Out of mind" bad indicator of potential problems.

•Infection Prevention & Control must team with facilities management for environmental safety priorities.

