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Ventilation Management Plan	Nine steps to develop a ventilation management plan	Sample Ventilation Management Plan
	From forming a committee to regular maintenance, these steps can help to improve HVAC system compliance	The Ventilation Management Plan (VMP) aims to create a comprehensive strategy to test and maintain all areas identified that require any type of ventilation management, including pressure, temperature, humidity, air changes, or filter requirements. VMP floor plans can complement the VMP and provide mapping showing the pressure risk ranking of spaces and direction of air flow from the spaces
Risk Assessment for Eyewash Stations	Taking a good look at eyewash station requirements  A new ASHE Tool can help to determine when and where to place eyewash stations in health care facilities	Equipment for Emergency Flushing of Eyes Risk Assessment Tool  This tool can be used to assess the risk and make the determination of when a plumbed eyewash station is necessary. The tool will guide the user to evaluate each product against criteria outlined in the risk assessment tool. The requirement to install an ANSI compliant plumbed eye wash station is triggered if a product meets any one of the criteria listed in the tool
Master Planning to Secure Funding	Creating an easy-to-follow health facility master plan	Sample Facility Master Planning Outline
	Dividing spaces into subcategories can help to make the master planning process more manageable	Breaking a health care facility into subcategories can help to simplify the master planning process. This outline provides a list subcategories that health care organizations can use as a starting point as they customize their own plans
ILSM Requirement Review	Help in determining the basis of an ILSM	Life Safety Risk Assessment Tool
	ASHE's life safety risk assessment tool helps facilities managers determine when to implement interim life safety measures	ASHE's Life Safety Risk Assessment Tool, a matrix of risk tolerance, allows for an organization to document the severity of occurrence and the impact of a deficiency. By cross-analyzing these two factors, whether the deficiency has the potential to cause major injury or death and whether it is facility wide or short duration, the organization can determine if the deficiency is a high, medium or low risk or whether no ILSM is required
COVID-19 - Long Term Pandemic Disaster Preparedness Tools	Operations recovery begins with emergency preparedness	Community hazard vulnerability analysis tool
	The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the importance of performing a hazard vulnerability analysis	Can be used by health care organizations to assess their vulnerabilities and help manage their emergency preparedness programs
Risk Assessment for Maintenance Activities	Efficiently managing facility assets  Seven steps for developing an alternative equipment maintenance program	Asset Risk Management Tool  ASHE has acknowledged proven best practices and partnered with health care professionals to provide a tool to enable health care organizations to manage their most valuable assets. This will aid users in articulating a risk assessment model, and it will provide a comprehensive explanation of how the model enables organizations to maintain compliance
Life Safety Code 2021 Reference Standard Changes	Changes to NFPA 101 and associated standards  Updates to the 2021 Life Safety Code of which facilities managers should be aware.	No Associated Tool
Capital Planning Tools for Long Term Infrastructure Planning	Using risk to drive capital planning  Making informed health care facility investments requires a process for evaluating risk	No Associated Tool
NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code® changes since the 2012 edition	Revisions to the Life Safety Code  Health facilities compliance experts review changes included in recent editions of NFPA 101	No Associated Tool
Corridor Clutter/ Blocking Exit Egress/Locking Issues - Pandemic	Managing life safety during the pandemic  Keep risk assessment tools handy when adapting the physical environment to meet urgent needs	No Associated Tool
Design that Complies with all Standards and Regulations	Projects that comply with regulatory demands  Practical tips and resources to help ensure compliance with the myriad codes and standards governing health facilities	No Associated Tool
Capital Renewal Capital Planning Operational Planning, Repair and Replacement	The impact of reduced facility budgets  Deferred capital and operational costs can lead to major problems in health care facilities	No Associated Tool
Plant Operations and Maintenance Labor Recruitment, Training and Continuity (Retention)	Resource for labor recruitment, training and continuity Integrating training into staff culture can help with job satisfaction and operational continuity	No Associated Tool
Life Safety Drawings - Importance and Use	Maintaining Life Safety Drawings  Updates and accuracy are keys to managing living documents and successfully performing facility inspections	No Associated Tool
Potential Conflicts Between Regulations, Codes and Standards	Navigating code conflicts in health care facilities  What to do when your facility runs into a code conflict	No Associated Tool
Applications for UV use within HVAC	Weighing the benefits of UV disinfection for HVAC	Weighing the benefits of UV disinfection for HVAC systems
	A review on coil cleaning versus air disinfection and how they can be used in HVAC applications	This tool will identify areas where UV can be utilized in HVAC applications
Alternative Maintenance Program	Conducting alternative equipment maintenance risk assessments	No Associated Tool
	Five things to consider when evaluating risks associated with AEM programs	

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Development of Systems and Processes to Aid in Bridging the Gaps to make Facilities Ready for Accreditation Day One	Preparing new spaces for accreditation	No Associated Tool
	Getting facilities ready for those crucial first inspections, from staff education to forming a survey day playbook	NO ASSOCIATED TOOL
Continued Guidance on Improving Energy Efficiency Since COVID	Reviving retrocommissioning and energy efficiency	Energy Efficiency in the Era of COVID-19
	Eight strategies to help tie energy efficiency to the overall hospital mission	Use this worksheet to periodically check for reactive maintenance concerns that could be wasting time and energy. Focusing first on squeaky wheels (reactive maintenance) makes your energy program more relevant to the daily work and problems faced by your maintenance team. Get your RCx agent or energy team leader involved in this process, along with your AC supervisor and mechanics
Bulk Oxygen Storage/Med Gas - Pandemic	Oxygen tank storage regulations	No Associated Tool
	Considerations to help ensure facility compliance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code	NO Associated Tool
Operational Master Planning	Data-driven operational planning	No Associated Tool
	Developing a template to help reach and master the next level of facilities performance	NO Associated Tool
AHU/Air Filter Study to Evaluate Air Filtration	No substitute for a good filter	
	Hospital performs real-world testing on its air handler system to improve infection prevention efforts	No Associated Tool
High Risk Medical Equipment and Utility Inventory Management	'Decomplicating' the mystery around asset management	Asset Risk Management Tool
	ASHE members can access a tool that aids in developing a health care facility asset risk management plan	ASHE has acknowledged proven best practices and partnered with health care professionals to provide a tool to enable health care organizations to manage their most valuable assets. This will aid users in articulating a risk assessment model, and it will provide a comprehensive explanation of how the model enables organizations to maintain compliance
Safety Risk Assessment Tool as per the FGI Guidelines	Conducting an FGI safety risk assessment	
	Guidance on how to outline a safety risk assessment and why it's best to do it early in the design process	
ICRA 2.0	ASHE publishes revised infection control risk assessment guide	Infection Control Risk Assessment 2.0
	The ICRA 2.0 includes several improvements and clarifications to help in prevention planning for construction projects	While the foundation of the ICRA, The IC Matrix - Class of Precautions matrix, remains the fundamental process of the ICRA 2.0 one of the key improvements the team made was to expand on the descriptive language throughout all portions of the ICRA. This tool provides greater clarity in the application of the ICRA
Continued guidance on life safety code compliance and anti-ligature	Performing a psychiatric inpatient bathroom evaluation	Behavioral Health Patient Bathroom Ligature & Safety Risk Evaluation
	New tool helps to manage safety and ligature risks in behavioral health settings	This tool is intended to help facilities professionals make good decisions about psychiatric unit toilet room renovations
Mold and HVAC System	Dealing with mold in HVAC systems	
	Environmental health and safety director discusses the essentials of routine maintenance to keep HVAC systems spore-free	No Associated Tool
Productivity Measurements	How to measure employee productivity	Succession Planning: Preparing for the Future of Your Facility and Your Career
	Knowing the difference between 'output' and 'outcome' is vital to establishing performance goals and monitoring staff progress	This monograph shows health care facility managers how to conduct succession planning for their departments and shows individuals in all positions how to develop a path for personal career development
Determining the appropriate staffing levels	Scheduling staff time requires more than a 'gut feel'	Resource Scheduling Tool
	Resources to help eliminate guess work and create a reliable scheduling process for routine work and special projects	This tool can be used to help facilities professionals identify and document the amount of resources required for a project. It uses a systematic approach that captures the user's "gut feel" and a logical procedure based calculation
Business Occupancies	Assessing deficiencies in business occupancies	No Associated Tool
	Resources to help comply with new standards issued by The Joint Commission last summer	No Associated Tool
Lack of Proactive Code Development	Proactively changing codes and standards	W.A
	Facilities managers can take a stance and help to shape the second-most regulated professional field	No Associated Tool
Lack of Proactive Code Development	Two easy steps to get involved in code devlopment Helpful videos from ASHE show facilities professionals how to participate in the regulatory process	Video How to Submit Public Comments  Being proactive in the code development process doesn't mean that an individual must sit on a technical committee, hold advanced knowledge about a particular subject, or even be a member of the standard development organization (SDO). Proactivity simply means following a particular standard during its development cycle (typically 3-years) and having a voice. To help its members, ASHE has developed these videos to help walk members through the processes of submitting comments with different code and standard organizations
Refurbished electrical equip	Influencing health care facility codes	No Apposinted Tool
	Why professionals must move from a reactive to a proactive stance	No Associated Tool

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Wires Touching Sprinkler Pipe	New monograph offers compliance support for sprinklers  Sprinkler System Support Analysis monograph investigates hazards to sprinkler piping/hangers	Sprinkler System Support Analysis (ASHE Monograph) Study to investigate the hazards posed by non-sprinkler system components being supported by and/or touching sprinkler pipes
Clear Interpretation of Special Locking	Clear interpretation of special locking arrangements  Four steps to perform an existing locking arrangement assessment for specific occupancies	Special Locking Arrangement Worksheet This tool was developed to assist in designing and documenting special locking arrangements
Ligature issues	Safeguarding against ligature risks  Advice on assessing the physical environment and mitigating the potential for patient self-harm	No Associated Tool
Nitrous Oxide Outside of OR	Managing nitrous oxide use outside the operating room  ASHE has created a tool to help manage the increased use of portable nitrous oxide systems	Nitrous Oxide Source: Evaluation Tool  This tool will help health care organizations perform a risk assessment and develop a safety protocol to safely manage patient use of nitrous oxide outside of the operating room
Difference between Central Station and Priority Monitoring	Central and proprietary alarm station monitoring  New ASHE tool breaks down two categories of supervising station systems and their regulatory requirements	Central Station vs. Proprietary Supervising Fire Alarm Systems  Comparision between Central Station and Priority Monitoring
GFCI Monthly Inspection	Receptacle testing in patient areas  Developing a policy to ensure proper operation of devices during emergency and enhance electrical safety	GFCI Testing Data Collection Form  ASHE survey. This form is intended to support the ASHE advocacy team in their efforts to explore failure rates of GFCI devices over the last three years. This data will be used for ASHE advocacy efforts and the results can be made available upon request
Annual Electrical Receptacle Testing	Managing electrical outlets for patients and families  Safety concerns and policies to consider in the age of personal mobile devices	No Associated Tool
Definition of Monthly	Dissecting the definition of 'monthly' compliance  New ASHE tool provides helpful table of monthly tasks necessary to stay in compliance	Monthly Preventive Maintenance Tasks  Preventive maintenance tasks that must be carried out monthly
Propane Refrigerant Management	Determining the hazard levels of refrigerants in health facilities  Simple table helps to categorize refrigerants by level of toxicity and flammability	No Associated Tool
Propane Refrigerant Management	Managing flammable and toxic refrigerants  These standards serve as an invaluable resource to help ensure safety in health care facilities	No Associated Tool
OR Temp/Humidity Code Variations	Managing operating room temperature and humidity  ASHE advocacy video offers clear understanding of minimum relative humidity requirements	ASHE Temperature and Relative Humidity Video  This training video provides a brief explanation on how temperature and relative humidity affect one another
Cameras in Stairwells	Security technologies and code compliance  Current codes guiding the location of security cameras in health care facilities	No Associated Tool
ABHR	The facility's role in infection prevention  Fans, hand rubs and fomites present risk management challenges in health care facilities	The Environment of Care and Health Care-Associated Infections: An Engineering Perspective - ASHE Monograph  This monograph explores the role of the health care environment in infection prevention and control. Written by Farhad Memarzadeh, director of the Division of Technical Resources at the National Institutes of Health, the document describes strategies used to address infection prevention in health care facilities a unique environment in which patients are more likely than the general population to be susceptible to building-related illnesses and airborne microorganisms
Fire Door Gap	Research and testing regarding fire doors  ASHE makes plans to test and study how door gap sizes influence fire door performance during a fire	Fire Protection Research Foundation Report  Influence of Gap Sizes Around Swinging Doors with Builders Hardware on Fire and Smoke Development Fire Protection Research Foundation report: "Influence of Gap Sizes around Swinging Doors with Builders Hardware on Fire and Smoke Development"
O2 Tanks Storage - (Full/Empty)	Oxygen tank storage regulations  Considerations to help ensure facility compliance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code	Updated Medical Gas Cylinder and Bulk Tank Storage - ASHE Monograph  This monograph summarizes storage requirements for medical gas cylinders, including bulk tank storage, in health care occupancies. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and accrediting organizations (AOs) require compliance with the 2012 editions of NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code and NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, therefore this monograph references those editions of the codes
Water Management Plan Action Levels	Developing a water management plan of action  ASHE monograph provides guidance on ASHRAE Standard 188 compliance and Legionella risk management	Water Management in Health Care Facilities: Complying with ASHRAE Standard 188 - ASHE Monograph This monograph provides a summary of the threat of legionellosis; gives an overview of ASHRAE 188 requirements; outlines recommended steps for compliance including the creating of an overall water risk management plan; addresses maintenance procedures, monitoring strategies, and emergency responses; and provides additional information on potential pathogens and possible response methods

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Varying Time for Fire Drill	Hospital fire drill matrix assists code compliance	Fire Drill Matrix Tool
	ASHE has updated its fire drill matrix tool to reflect new interpretation and knowledge of fire codes	Health care facilities must meet the +/- 10-day criteria per the quarterly fire drill requirements; locations and device types must be different; certain locations must be specifically considered; and they must ensure they are covering doctors, transient staff and others. This tool has modified the Excel version of The Joint Commission's fire drill matrix planning tool to automatically turn cells red if the proposed drill does not meet the time criteria
Role of Filtration	Air filter selection and COVID-19	Academic Research to Support Facility Guidelines Institute & ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2013
	The role of mechanical systems in minimizing pandemic transmission	The purpose of this study was to conduct a literature review of ANSI/ASHE/ASHEAE Standard 170 Ventilation of Health Care Facilities to determine whether the 886 requirements defined in the Standard (Part 4 of the FGI Guidelines) are supported by engineering and/or scientific evidence. The authors and the Project Monitoring Subcommittee (PMS) assigned the requirements to one of three categories: rational inclusion, clinical inclusion and evidence-based inclusion
Membership Participation Support	Online community forums provide wealth of resources	MyASHE online community
	The My ASHE community provides virtual peer-to-peer connection and support during the COVID-19 pandemic	My ASHE community provides virtual peer-to-peer connection and support
Use of RPT	Understanding RPT use and code requirements	No Associated Tool
	ASHE highlights tools and resources to help with regulatory requirements for relocatable power taps	No Associated Tool
Recruitment and Retention of Technical Staff	Staff recruitment and Retention	Succession Planning: Preparing for the Future of Your Facility and Your Career ASHE Monograph
	Advice and best practices on hiring and keeping technical personnel	This monograph shows health care facility managers how to conduct succession planning for their departments and shows individuals in all positions how to develop a path for personal career development
Definition of Fire Watch	Defining a fire watch for NFPA compliance	Procedure tool and checklist
	Codes to watch for when complying with requirements to identify and control fire hazards	Locating potential hazards during a fire watch
Surveyor Consistency	Measuring TJC surveyor consistency	No Associated Tool
	A study on The Joint Commission looks into accreditation survey and certification process variables	No Associated Tool
Hospitals Eliminating Education Budget	Investing in education of health care facilities staff	ASHE Education - Program Offerings
	ASHE offers a number of resources to help build knowledge and skills for facilities management staff.	For more than 50 years, ASHE has been a leading source of information on the health care physical environment. ASHE continues to develop and evolve programs and certifications to address the ever-changing challenges that health care facility professionals face. ASHE's robust education lineup addresses current hot topics in the field. Whether you're a health care facility manager, an engineer, a contractor, or an architect, ASHE programs will enhance your professional experience and development
Testing without Certifications	Taking ownership of testing and inspections	Internal Inspections Tool for Facilities Staff
	Deciding when and how to bring code-required testing and inspection in-house	Tool to help facility managers determine which requirements can be completed in-house and the possible cost benefits of each
AHRQ	Considerations for evacuating a high-rise acute care hospital	Pre-Disaster Critical Infrastructure Self-Assessment (Non ASHE Tool)
	Questions to answer when developing an evacuation plan	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's infrastructure self-assessment table
BAS Alarm Fatigue	Taming building automation system alarm fatigue	Building Automation Alarm Management Tool
	Latest ASHE resource gives guidance on alarm management planning to ensure prompts and notifications are handled properly	Taming building automation system alarm fatigue. Tool to help members make the decisions necessary for an alarm management plan. The plan will define the risk, response and escalation required for each alarm type. This will allow operators to prioritize the alarms as they arrive and take appropriate action for each, while providing a clear path for escalation when an alarm goes unacknowledged
OSHA Audits	Navigating OSHA facility regulations	
	Best practices to overcome some common health care vulnerabilities	No Associated Tool
What do I Know that I don't Know	Task force helps members to overcome blind spots	
	ASHE lays out six strategies to continue growing in knowledge	No Associated Tool
What to Expect when TJC Arrives	Readiness for accreditation surveys	Survey Guide for Internal Mock Audits
	A health care facility perspective on managing the accreditation process	This guide provides a list of key survey locations and what to look for during an survey. This guide can be used for advance teams to identify deficiencies and provides the Joint Commission Standard / Element of Performance (EP).
IAQ	Handling indoor air quality concerns	Indoor Air Quality Checklist Tool
	Layered approach to ensuring safety moves from design and installation to routine hazard surveillance	The performance of hazard surveillance rounds, as it relates to indoor air quality (IAQ), provides a key opportunity to identify IAQ issues. Indoor Air Quality Checklist Tool can be used to supplement hazard surveillance rounds and incorporate items related to IAQ

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Mold / Water Infiltration	Preventing mold-related issues	Sample Plan (Non ASHE Tool)
	Taking a proactive approach with a comprehensive water response plan	Guidelines for Moisture Management and Mold Remediation in Health Care Facilities.
From Design to Construction to Operations	Getting into the flow of preventive maintenance	Construction to Maintenance Work Flow Tool
	New ASHE resource helps to manage the process flow from construction to maintenance	An effective preventive maintenance work flow should begin from the beginning of a construction project. ASHE's "Construction to Maintenance Work Flow Tool" provides a diagram to help ensure that preventive maintenance operations are ingrained into the building of new facilities
Facilities Team Helping Infection Control	The role of maintenance in infection prevention	Infection Prevention & Life Safety Checklist
	A guide to using the 'see something, say something' strategy for day-to-day facility operations	Although the primary role of hospital engineering and maintenance staff is to service and maintain the building and equipment, it also plays an important role in preventing infections and other safety issues. By being constantly aware of their surroundings and watching for issues that can increase the risk of infection and other dangers, facility professionals can do even more to improve the safety of their buildings. This checklist provides a guide they can use as they walk through their facilities
Utility Failure Plan	Comprehensive utility failure plans	No Associated Tool
	Developing operational processes for each facility requires staff partnership and critical communication	No Associated 1001
Decommissioning FS/LS Items	Demystifying life safety decommissioning processes	Life Safety Decommissioning Tool
	New ASHE Tool helps to clarify which life safety features are no longer required and can be removed	ASHE's "Life Safety Decommissioning Tool" breaks down a number of life safety features no longer required by code, as well as recommendations to either decommission or maintain these features
Holiday Decorations	Maintaining safety of holiday decor	Making the holidays safer without being a Christmas Grinch
	Tips for health facilities managers on maintaining physical environment compliance during the holiday season	Those responsible for the hospital's Environment of Care may dread the winter holiday season. It is the time of year in which wanting to celebrate and decorate for the season often clashes with the rules and regulations facility and safety staff are responsible to uphold. This video teaches health care facility managers to work with hospital staff to ensure a joyous – and safe – holiday season.
Fire Alarm Reports	Fire system documentation and testing	Fire Alarm ITM
	What facilities managers need to know to prepare for the next Joint Commission survey	Sample template to track the inventory and compare it against testing completed throughout the year and a template to record deficiency summaries.
Training of staff: Career development - how to get into healthcare	Seven attributes of a successful facility manager	
	Experienced leaders offer advice on how to develop a successful career in health facilities management	No Associated Tool
Engaging Undergrads	Strategies to engage tomorrow's professionals	N.A
	Setting clear expectations and offering mentorship can help lead young professionals into success	No Associated Tool
Door Locking Requirements	Complying with door locking requirements	Focus on Compliance: Understanding LS.02.01.20 and locking requirements
	Decoding requirements of the 2012 Life Safety Code and the 2018 International Building Code	This PowerPoint presentation details LS.02.01.20 and locking requirements included in the Life Safety Code.
ILSM Risk Assessment	ASHE e-tool brings clarity to life safety risk assessments	Life Safety Risk Assessment Tool. ASHE's Life Safety Risk Assessment Tool
	Matrix helps to determine physical environment risk tolerance and document necessary ILSMs	A matrix of risk tolerance, allows for an organization to document the severity of occurrence and the impact of a deficiency. By cross-analyzing these two factors, whether the deficiency has the potential to cause major injury or death and whether it is facility wide or short duration, the organization can determine if the deficiency is a high, medium or low risk or whether no ILSM is required
Fire Recall / Exit Lights / Fire Extinguisher Guidance	Survey examines value of monthly elevator-recall and exit-sign testing	No Associated Tool
	ASHE seeks input from field on additional regulatory requirements	No Associated 1001
K-Tags Compliance	Crosswalk tool helps to ensure facility compliance with CMS K-tags	Hospital Conditions of Participation / Accreditation Crosswalk
	New ASHE tool provides resources to comply with health care life and fire safety requirements	This document provides a comparison of the regulations applicable to most hospitals. It is important to verify the editions of the codes and standards that are applicable in your jurisdiction. Some jurisdictions may have adopted a different edition of the building code for construction. Many states have adopted other editions of the NFPA's Life Safety Code®
Ligature Guidance	Guidance to assess ligature risks	No Associated Tool
	CMS works with Joint Commission to prepare permanent guidance on reducing ligature risks	No Associated Tool
Emergency Preparedness Rule	Complying with the new CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule	Hospital Emergency Preparedness Survey Readiness Checklist and Crosswalk
	ASHE tool provides resources to simplify compliance with CMS E-Tags	ASHE's "Hospital Emergency Preparedness Survey Readiness Checklist and Crosswalk" tool provides the E- Tag information along with the codes and standards applicable to the requirements and how to meet the requirements for each tag. This not only helps to prepare for emergencies, but also ensures a compliant and safe physical environment
		This checklist may help hospital facility professionals prepare for survey evaluations regarding emergency preparedness requirements from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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A-Tags and the Physical Environment	What do A-Tags mean for the physical environment?	Hospital Appendix A Survey Readiness Checklist and Crosswalk
	ASHE resource helps facilities managers prepare for compliance surveys	The ASHE CMS State Operations Manual Appendix A Crosswalk provides A-Tag information along with the related codes and standards applicable to the requirements for each A-Tag. To ensure that the tool is relevant to health care facility professionals, it focuses specifically on A-Tag requirements that affect the physical environment.
		This tool will help to ensure that ASHE members understand what is required as they prepare for surveys by The Joint Commission and other accrediting bodies. It also breaks down the requirements in a way that is both accurate and easy to understand, so that health facility professionals can ensure a compliant and safe environment for patients, visitors and staff.
Air Quality and Infection Prevention	Air quality and infection prevention	ASHE Temperature and Relative Humidity
	The facility engineer's often overlooked role in ensuring patient safety	This training video provides a brief explanation on how temperature and relative humidity affect one another
HAI's and Facility Engineers	HAIs present facility challenges	No Associated Tool
	Why facility engineers should engage in the fight against HAIs	
Documenting Physical Environment Compliance	Tracking and documenting physical environment compliance	Environment of Care Documentation Checklist
	How to prepare for accreditation surveys well ahead of time	This Environment of Care (EC) sample planning spreadsheet can help facility professionals track time frames for various EC testing intervals to ensure they aren't missed
In-Sourcing Services	Insourcing services for accreditation surveys	No Associated Tool
	Building the case for hiring staff in-house for compliance tracking	No Associated Tool
Built Environment and Infection Control	The built environment's role in infection prevention	A Best Practice Guide to Help Health Care Organizations Create Safe, Healing Environments
	New CDC resource shows how facilities professionals can join in the fight to prevent infections	A Best Practice Guide to Help Health Care Organizations Create Safe, Healing Environments contains best practices, case studies, resources and information based on key research



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