

# THE WHISTLE

FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lamar Bragg, *CHE, CHFM*

It is truly an honor to serve as the State President and I am very humbled by this experience. As we move into the new year, I look forward to working with the Board of Directors to ensure the FHEA legacy throughout the State of Florida.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Bobby Baird for this past year. There were so many obstacles and challenges, but his leadership and guidance have put the association in position to have a great year. I am sure I speak for the Board when I say we are greatly appreciative Bobby's guidance and continued presence as the Past President.

As we start the new year, our first Board of Directors' meeting was held on February 18th, 2022. The Board meetings, by design, are the heartbeat of FHEA. They truly are a device used to support the association and its members.

Some new Board Committee Chair introductions are in order, and I would like to welcome:

- John Hatfield, Codes & Standards
- John Crouch, Education
- Felix Robinson, Membership Development & Retention
- Jordan Smith, Finance

Thank you to each of these people as well as the rest of the Board members - I look forward to working with them as the year progresses.

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If you recall, in the Spring of 2021, Bobby had mentioned a pathway of change with regards to the AHCA /FHEA meetings. Unfortunately, we were not allowed the opportunity to follow through with FHEA wishes last year as a stand-alone conference. Now, twelve months later, we are back and bigger than ever with all systems go.

I am pleased to announce that this year's FHEA 59th Trade Show and Annual Educational Conference is scheduled for June 1-3, 2022, at the Caribe Royal Orlando. I encourage you to visit the FHEA website for all the information surrounding this event.

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# FHEA Trade Show and Annual Educational Conference

June 1 - 3, 2022

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Jessica Lynch**

Ex-POW Iraq 2003

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**Dr. Dale Henry**

*Keynote Sponsor:  
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## REGISTRATION

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- FHEA Life Members (Complimentary)
- FHEA Supporting Members (\$95.00)
- Non-members (\$150.00)

*(Prices are for registrations made prior to April 1, 2022; after that date add \$25 to all fees)*

FHEA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

7:15 am

FHEA Golf Registration at Falcon's Fire

8:00 am

FHEA Golf Tournament - Shotgun Start

2:30 - 5:00 pm

FHEA Board Meeting

5:30 - 6:30 pm

FHEA Engineers, Supporting Members, Exhibitors, and Sponsors "Meet n Greet" Reception

Sponsors: FlexCart; Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.; Victaulic

**Thursday, June 2, 2022**

7:00 am

FHEA Trade Show - Exhibitor Set-up

7:45 am

FHEA Registration and Continental Breakfast (for educational session attendees)

Sponsors: Abatement Technologies; EVOR Solutions Inc.; Florida Detroit Diesel Allison; Intertek PSI;  
Medical Technology Associates; Stark Tech Group/Mc2; Sutter Roofing

8:30 am

Welcome to the 59th FHEA Trade Show and Educational Conference

Lamar Bragg, CHFM, CHE - FHEA President

8:45 - 10:30 am

FHEA Opening Session: "Sailing the Winds of Change"

Dr. Dale Henry

Sponsor: First Onsite

10:45 - 11:00 am

Gathering Break

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

"Engineered Infection Protection"

Carmen Gonzalez, Franke Commercial Systems

12:00 - 1:15 pm

FHEA Luncheon (for educational session attendees)

Sponsor: Envelop Group

FHEA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

1:15 - 3:15 pm

"NFPA Standards: The Process, Participation, and Possibilities on the Horizon"  
James "Robby" Dawson, MBA, CFO, National Fire Protection Association  
(The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical, and related hazards.)

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Keynote Address: "Through the Rain-The Power of Perseverance and Perspective in Overcoming Challenges"  
Jessica Lynch  
Sponsor: Advanced Roofing Inc.

4:30 - 6:30 pm

FHEA Trade Show and Welcome Reception AND Book-signing with Jessica Lynch  
Drink Ticket Sponsors: Building Engineering Consultants, Inc.; TLC Engineering Solutions, Inc.

8:30 - 10:30 pm

FHEA After Hours Casino Party  
Sponsors: Acousti Engineering Company of Florida; Burns; Forbo Flooring Systems; Gerflor; Industrial Engineering;  
Modern Containment Systems; Waco Filtration Group

**Friday, June 3, 2022**

7:30 am

Continental Breakfast in FHEA Trade Show  
Sponsor: Boiler Technologies Unlimited (BTU)

7:30 am - 2:30 pm

FHEA Trade Show

9:00 - 10:00 am

"Rethinking Ventilation: Design to Protect Staff and Patients from Airborne Contamination"  
Kathy Warye, CEO, Infection Prevention Partners

10:00 - 11:00 am

"Finding the Right Talent: Strategies to Improve Healthcare FM Recruitment, Retention, and Succession Planning"  
Steven A. Call, PhD., Assistant Professor in the School of Design & Construction, Washington State University

11:00 - 11:30 am

Morning Break in the FHEA Trade Show

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

"How and Why to Plan and Design for the "What-if Scenario"  
Gary Schindele, Logistics and EMT, Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition  
Juan Atan, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire/Rescue

FHEA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Friday, June 3, 2022**

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Informal Networking Luncheon in FHEA Trade Show (and door prizes)

2:30 - 3:30 pm

"An Exclusive Update from The Joint Commission for FHEA"  
Jim Kendig, Field Director, The Joint Commission

3:30 - 4:30 pm

FHEA Annual Business Meeting and Closing Session

*The FHEA reserves the right to change topics, speakers, dates, and times due to unforeseen circumstances.*

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## FHEA TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS

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SHOW

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 a-fabco, inc.  
 Airmax Service Corporation  
 Airsource Corporation  
 Airstron  
 All Phase Electric and Maintenance, Inc.  
 American Portable Air  
 Andrews Filter & Supply  
 APG Engineering  
 AquaDesign  
 ARC Facilities  
 Archer Western  
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 ASCO Power Technologies  
 ASSA ABLOY Door Security Solutions  
 ASSA ABLOY Entrance Systems (Door Control)  
 Automated Door Ways  
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 Bell Performance  
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 Brady Infrared Inspections, Inc.  
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 Building Engineering Consultants Inc.  
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 Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI)  
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 CIC, Inc.  
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Consulting & Testing Services, Inc.  
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 Creative Contractors Inc.  
 Davey Tree Expert Company  
 Davidson Sales Company  
 Debonair Mechanical  
 Delta Cooling Towers, Inc.  
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 Duct Dynasty  
 Dynamic Air Quality Solutions  
 EcoWater Systems  
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 Envinity  
 Enviralum Industries, Inc.  
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 Fire & Life Safety America  
 Fire Door Solutions  
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 Flagship Fire, Inc.  
 FlexCart  
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 FSI (Facilities Survey LLC)  
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 Gulfstream Petroleum Services, Inc.  
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 IDEACOM Healthcare Communications of Florida, Inc.  
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 Innerface Architectural Signage, Inc.  
 Inpro Corporation

International Fire Protection  
 J Newton Enterprises, Inc.  
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 Johnson Controls, Inc.  
 Johnson-Laux Construction  
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 LSS Life Safety Services  
 Magnum Door Solutions  
 MaintenX International  
 Mason Engineering  
 McEnany Roofing & Contracting, Inc  
 Medical Technology Associates, Inc.  
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 Schneider Electric  
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 Starc Systems  
 Stark Tech/Mc2  
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 TECO Peoples Gas  
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 TEKNOFLOR/SPARTAN SURFACES  
 The Garland Company  
 The Vertex Companies, Inc.  
 Trane  
 TRC Worldwide Engineering, Inc.  
 Tremco Roofing & Building  
 Maintenance

TriDim Filter Corporation  
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 United Electrical Sales / Legrand NA  
 United Fire Protection, Inc.  
 Universal Fuel Services  
 Unlimited Restoration, Inc.  
 USA Coil & Air  
 Viracon  
 Vonix  
 W+J Construction Corp.  
 Waco Filters/Sterilaire  
 Wal-Mark Contracting Group, LLC  
 Watson McDaniel  
 Wehr Constructors, Inc.  
 Western Specialty Contractors of America  
 William R. Nash Mechanical Contractors  
 WSP Golder  
 Yown's Boiler Service, Inc.

## President's Message (Continued)

Note also, the FHEA will be offering an incentive for Full Active facility management members to attend - more information will be available soon about this special offer. If you have not registered or reserved a room, now is the time to do so. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando and as we say in this region, during this time of the year, "laissez les bon temps rouler" (let the good time roll)!

In closing, I would give special recognition to our Supporting Members and our management team as they truly define the meaning of partnership.



Lamar Bragg  
 FHEA President

# 2022 FHEA FALL CONFERENCE



## Save the Date!

### FHEA FALL CONFERENCE & EXPO

*"ALL SYSTEMS GO: INNOVATE, INTEGRATE, AND MOTIVATE"*

October 24 - 26, 2022

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## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

You are invited to submit a presentation for the FHEA Fall Meeting. Presentations must be 60 minutes in length and topics should be directly relevant and of interest to our core member group, Florida's healthcare facility management professionals.

Presentations must be strictly informational and in no way promote any company's products and/or service offerings.

Send your submittal to [info@fhea.org](mailto:info@fhea.org) with the required documentation as noted on the Call for Presentations form.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS  
FORM





**By: Larry Peterson, ASHE Region 4 Liaison**

As we move into 2022, there will be several opportunities to join other ASHE members and your counterparts from around the country for events sponsored by ASHE. These events are a great opportunity to hear from industry leaders, motivational speakers, network, attend educational sessions, and explore new products and services.

The PDC Summit is scheduled for March 20-23, 2022, in New Orleans Louisiana. The PDC Summit is the premier event for healthcare facility planning, design, and construction professionals. For everyone's safety, if you plan to attend, please be aware that the American Hospital Association (AHA) will require all attendees to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of such vaccinations.

The ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition is scheduled for July 17-20, 2022, in Boston Massachusetts. The ASHE Annual Conference provides knowledge and necessary tools to health care professionals dedicated to building, operating, and maintaining a safe, efficient, and effective care environment. Registration opens in March so stay tuned to ASHE for further details.

For more information on both of these events, please visit [ASHE.org](https://www.ashe.org).

As your Region 4 ASHE Liaison, I attend four quarterly Liaison and Sustainability Webinars where we cover many topics of interest to FHEA members. A sampling of these topics includes updates from NFPA, FGI, ASHRAE, and ICC, as well as many other topics that impact healthcare environments. These webinar presentations are available to you to view at [FHEA.org/Resources/Advocacy](https://www.fhea.org/Resources/Advocacy).

## THE LATEST FROM CODES AND STANDARDS

John Hatfield, CHE, CHEP

Chair, FHEA Codes & Standards

### ***EC CHAPTER REVISIONS COVER NFPA, STORAGE TANKS, HARM REPORTS INVOLVING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT***



Effective July 1, 2022, The Joint Commission has approved several revisions to the Environment of Care (EC) chapter for hospitals, critical access hospitals, ambulatory health care organizations, assisted living communities, behavioral health and human services organizations, home care organizations, nursing care centers, and office-based surgery practices.

The changes vary across accreditation programs and include the following:

- New and revised elements of performance (EPs) that clarify and/or strengthen expectations for accredited organizations as they relate to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes.
- Standard EC.02.03.05, EPs 7 and 8 were deleted for ambulatory health care organizations, behavioral health and human services organizations, critical access hospitals, home care organizations, hospitals, and office-based surgery practices because most organizations no longer have water storage tanks.
- Standard EC.02.04.01, EP 11, which addresses reporting incidents of death, injury, or illness involving medical equipment, was added back for critical access hospitals and hospitals after being inadvertently deleted.



**EDUCATION** By: John Crouch, Director of Facilities at AdventHealth Wesley Chapel, FHEA Education Chair

Greetings from your new FHEA Education Chair! I have 18-yr in facility management since my retirement from the USMC and I really love the stress of this job.

In the last few months, I have pushed out educational information to my facilities peers that will benefit all of us. Several of these initiatives are listed below:

**Investing in your non-electricians to get their Certified Electrical Safety Technician certification.**

- *Staff, who are not electricians, but perform work that involves exposure to electricity should be at a minimum certified to perform such work. Example, HVAC technicians are prime candidates. About 70% of the work they perform involves exposure to energized circuits. How many have non-electricians who are replacing power outlets, light switches, and ballast? These are the people you want to have this certification training.*
- *The cost is \$350 per technician. You may not be able to do all your technicians in year one, but you should at least invest in a few of them each year. Here is a link to one of a few online courses to earn the certification: Certified Electrical Safety Technician (nfpa.org)*

**Ensuring staff that have any hands-on work with medical gas get their 6040 Certification.**

- *There are many online programs and even classroom setting programs out there to get your staff certified. Below is a link for the program I have all my maintenance staff attend. They have one year to complete the self-paced course.*
- *My hospital pays for all the certification programs for our staff.*
- *I have my staff on the payroll clock completing the online programs and for test taking.*
- *This particular online program is \$795 per person: ASSE 6040 Maintenance | Medical Gas Certifications (medgascerts.com)*

**Who on your team performs any daily, weekly, monthly inspections of the Emergency Power Generators?**

- *The Joint Commission, DNV and CMS all require routine inspections and testing of generators from no load to full load testing and as well as visual inspections that include the battery testing. Is your inhouse technician certified? The cost is \$299 and is good for three years. The CHEPP® program was developed for ANY individual responsible for the maintenance, testing, or compliance of an emergency power supply system (EPSS). For more information, visit Certified Healthcare Emergency Power Professional (CHEPP®) (mgiepps.com)*

**Is someone on your staff certified to competently inspect fire doors in your facility for the annual requirement of fire door inspection and documentation?**

*You will appreciate this suggestion: it is FREE if you use your NFPA membership, Fire Door Online Training (nfpa.org)*

**OSHA 10 Certification – Allows your staff to walk a construction site**

- *Ever wonder why General Contractors don't want your staff walking their jobsite when performing construction on your campus? It is because your staff most likely are NOT OSHA-10 certified.*
- *All contractors and sub-contractors are required to be OSHA-10 certified to be on a jobsite without escort.*
- *The 10 in OSHA-10 indicates it is ten hours of instruction. They also have OSHA-30. The cost is \$54.00 per student. The link to the OSHA certification page is \$54.00 OSHA 10 Hour Construction Course - OSHA.com*

**Please invest in your staff - it builds loyalty that you believe in them to become better and safer. You are then less likely to have injuries from your staff and surveyors who inspect you for accreditation, AND you will smile knowing that you have invested in your team.**

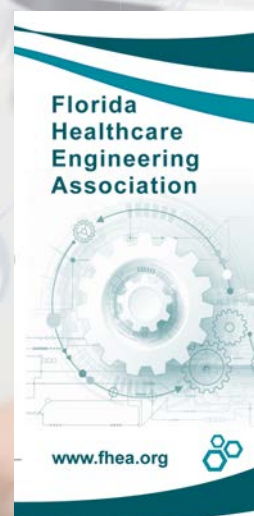
## FHEA MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By: Felix Robinson, FHEA Membership Chair

At the FHEA Board Joint Planning meeting in December, the board of directors agreed to create a membership development committee beginning in 2022. The purpose of this committee is to increase and retain statewide membership. The members of the newly formed committee are Dan Glenn, William Westbay, John Hatfield, Tracey Galantine, and Felix Robinson. Sarah Jeffcoat and Marty Streeper, of the FHEA management team, will assist the committee. This committee will meet quarterly or as often as necessary.

The Committee held its first meeting on January 26, 2022. Some kickoff ideas included communications, visibility, marketing, education and training, and recognition as ways to promote the FHEA objectives and membership benefits. We discussed linking active ASHE and FHEA memberships as a baseline to find potential new members. Work has already started to compile data from memberships and certifications. The committee hopes to inform, engage, and increase member involvement at the state and district levels. Communications and publicity to members and non-members of the healthcare community is a priority to encourage all interested and qualified engineers to become members of FHEA. The committee believes using social media feeds such as LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube (<https://youtu.be/lwuQ5idbOxI>) and the FHEA website will aid in promoting FHEA. Collaborating with other associations, such as Florida Hospital Association, the Florida Nurses Association, and others, can also be useful resources. Committee updates will be provided through The Whistle and email updates.

Attached is our revised membership brochure.



## SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY UPDATES

By: Edgard Niebles, MBA, CHC, FHEA Sustainability Chair

As energy star benchmarking systems continues to grow and evolve, there are many useful updates that are implemented yearly. Here are changes in 2021 that I see useful:

- **Aggregate Meters:** You can now identify aggregate energy meters. The use of aggregate meters is common and is a critical mechanism for utilities that are providing whole-building aggregate data to make data available for benchmarking. In addition to marking a meter as "Aggregate," you can specify information about each of the individual meters that are rolled up into the Aggregate Meter so users can more readily review and confirm the accuracy and completeness of the aggregated consumption data that is being used to calculate energy performance metrics.
- **Added the Years Certified & Score on the My Portfolio page:** This is helpful to keep track of the years of certification with their annual scores.
- **Added a New Metric for Percent Electricity** - which equals Electricity Site Energy/Total Site Energy. You can find this new metric in Reporting under "Energy Use by Fuel Source."
- **Improvements to the Data Request process, which include:** Data requests have been moved to their own tab, which is the default tab if you have any Data Requests. The Status column was updated to call out any errors with a hyperlink.
- **Improvements to the Energy tab --> "Energy Use By Calendar Month" Chart** - This chart is now asynchronous, so you have to click "Refresh Chart" to generate your up-to-date chart. Previously, this chart was only showing for properties with less than 5 meters. With this new implementation, all users can generate this chart. The same applies for the Water and Waste Use By Calendar Month charts.

Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for additional updates and information on setting up your energy star program. If you require assistance on setting up your energy star portfolio, please reach us at [info@fhea.org](mailto:info@fhea.org). Our main goal for 2022 is to encourage and assist every member to benchmark their facility in energy star.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



District II Happenings
President Paul Hamilton, CHFM, CHC



District II finished last year with our Annual Clay Shoot and Pig Roast. What a success the shoot was! A great time was had by all who attended. The food was delicious, the location (Bradford Sportsman's Club) was great, and most of all, we had wonderful fellowship with our fellow FHEA Members and Supporting Members. Many thanks to our Supporting Members for making this event such a success.

As of November of 2021, District II membership was at 47 active members, 393 supporting members, and 4 lifetime members.

Our District Engineer of the Year is Lawrence Homan, CHFM Journeyman, Master Electrician of UF Health Shands and our District II Supporting Member of the Year is Tracey Gallentine with McKim & Creed.

District II was presented the ASHE Platinum Award. The award was accepted by John Newman, President of District II. This ASHE award recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of affiliate chapters that partner with ASHE to help optimize the health care physical environment.

Our new officers for 2022 are:

President.....Paul Hamilton, CHFM,CHC

Vice President.... We are currently accepting candidates for a special election

Secretary.....Larry Homan

Treasurer.....John Newman, CHSP, CHC, CHE

ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT AND PIG ROAST



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ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT
AND PIG ROAST



## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



## District III Message

President Jordan Smith, CHFM, CHC, CHE



FHEA District III appreciates Past President Kirk Dickson for leading us through a very tricky 2021. Overall, 2021 proved to be a successful year of networking, education, and fun. Well done, Kirk!

The District III leadership team is committed to providing meaningful opportunities to facilitate education as well as networking opportunities for our members. We have all benefited from both certifications offered through FHEA, and also relationships built with full active and supporting members alike.

As District III looks forward in this new year, we are planning meaningful and exciting events. The first district education meeting was February 11, followed by our 5th annual Clay Shoot on March 5th at Blackjack Sporting Clays. Some people said it was the best FHEA networking event of the year!

Our district will be focusing on communications among our members as we move through 2022. With that in mind, we've started new [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages. Please help us get the word out by liking and subscribing today! Future event dates and education announcements will also be posted on these pages.

Finally, we encourage everyone to save the date for our 59th FHEA Trade Show and Educational Conference, June 1-3, at the Caribe Royale Orlando. [Register now at 59th FHEA Trade Show & Annual Meeting \(regfox.com\).](#)

Jordan Smith CHFM, CHC, CHE  
AdventHealth Dade City | Zephyrhills  
Director | Facilities  
FHEA DIII President



## FHEA DISTRICTS

Become more involved in the FHEA by taking part in District activities. To learn more, visit the District pages on [www.fhea.org](http://www.fhea.org). You will see the Florida counties included in each, as well as leadership and meetings.

District I

District II

District III

District IV

## PERFORMING A PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT BATHROOM EVALUATION

By Sherri Reyes, MA and Kevin Turner, AIA



Patient bathrooms are the most dangerous spaces in a psychiatric inpatient unit. There is a great risk for suicide attempts, suicide completion, and tampering with hardware, plumbing, and accessories to obtain weapons to harm oneself or others in this target-rich-environment. It is also an easy place to be cited by regulatory agencies for patient safety and ligature risk issues. Such citations are costly and time-intensive and can put the entire hospital at risk of losing Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement capabilities. Many hospitals have been cited as an “immediate jeopardy to life” for ligature citations.

When performing a patient safety risk assessment, professionals should consider ligature risk at all levels. Many people do not think about a ligature condition low to the floor, but any ligature point can put a patient at risk. They should also consider any item or condition that may provide the patient with a weapon with which to harm themselves or others. Becoming familiar with the latest products before reviewing the existing condition may help the reviewer see potential safety issues they may not have otherwise considered.

Once potential safety issues have been identified, professionals should carefully consider the best renovation option. They should begin by imaging the ideal solution. In many cases, budget or physical constraints make the ideal solution impossible. There are many ways to solve each condition within the available spaces and a wide variety of products with which to achieve those solutions. Product manufacturers can be very helpful, as can behavioral health consultants who are already familiar with the options. For each solution, professionals should consider not only the safety implications, but also those for infection control, operational efficiency, and quality of the therapeutic environment.

It is very expensive to renovate all patient bathrooms to the standard of new construction. However, due to the inherent risk of being in an unsupervised space, the patient bathroom is an important area of focus for patient safety and ligature risks and to consider retrofit options. For more information, visit [ashe.org/ligatureriskbh](https://www.ashe.org/ligatureriskbh)

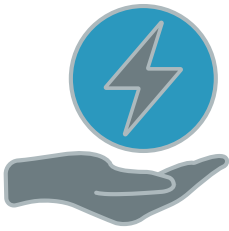
Source: <https://www.hfmmagazine.com/articles/4328-performing-a-psychiatric-inpatient-bathroom-evaluation>



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## ENERGY TO CARE: GREATER EFFICIENCY SUPPORTS PATIENT CARE



Energy to Care is an energy reduction program for health care facility management professionals who want to add value to their organizations through energy savings. Energy to Care offers participants resources that are designed to help achieve energy management goals.

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## INFECTION PREVENTION- LAUNDRY FACILITY REMEDIATION STOPS FUNGI OUTBREAKS

By: Megan Headley

Several studies have documented health care laundry facilities as sources of nosocomial outbreaks of fungal and bacterial infections, but new research published in the July 2021 issue of *Clinical Infectious Diseases* creates a roadmap for identifying and remediating these outbreaks.

According to researchers with the University of Pittsburgh, University of Minnesota Department of Environmental Health and Safety, and the University of Virginia Division of Infectious Diseases and International Health, collaboration between hospital infection prevention experts and laundry facility leadership is key in creating a targeted and effective remediation.

The study, "Remediation of Mucorales-contaminated Healthcare Linens at a Laundry Facility Following an Investigation of a Case Cluster of Hospital-Acquired Mucormycosis," outlines the process of investigating the off-site laundry facility that was deemed the source of several cases of health care-associated infections caused by Mucorales fungi. The investigation identified air vents and lint buildup across rooftop air intakes and throughout the building as the most likely sources of fungal contamination.

The researchers note that it is common practice for large commercial laundries to cool linens using outside air. However, in this case, the unfiltered outside air was carrying fungal spores through an intake ventilation system covered by thick layers of lint.

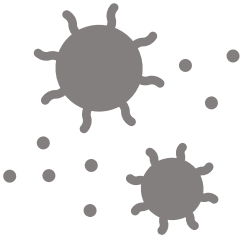
The lint fibers serve as a nutrient source for Mucorales, and the warm, moist environment of the laundry provides an ideal environment for its spores to proliferate. Lint had also accumulated heavily within the exhaust air vents that faced the intake vents, resulting in contaminated loops of recirculated air.

Working closely with the infection prevention team at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, the laundry facility's leadership implemented a number of remedial interventions based on these findings. The researchers concluded that environmental remediation, in addition to quality-assurance measures and education around these potential infection sources, helped deliver a marked and sustained reduction in Mucorales-contaminated linens delivered to the medical center.

While the team still periodically tests surveillance cultures of newly delivered health care linens, there have been no further health care-associated mucormycosis cases diagnosed for the facility in the four years since this remediation.

As a result, the researchers conclude with a renewed "call for increased collaboration between hospital epidemiologists, infection prevention practitioners, clinicians, hospital administrators, industry leaders, and public health officials to develop reasonable standards for producing, testing, and certifying hygienically clean (health care laundry facilities) that balance patient safety, workflow, and costs."

Source: <https://www.hfmmagazine.com/articles/4320-laundry-facility-remediation-stops-fungi-outbreaks>



## MOLD AND HVAC SYSTEMS

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Microbial growth, such as mold, can be costly to remediate, unhealthy to the building occupants, and damaging to the hospital's reputation.

Airborne mold spores are constantly present in outdoor concentrations and vary widely by season, location, and even time of day. The spores can enter the building through the ventilation system, open windows and doors, and through air leaks in the building envelope. Mold can grow on virtually any substance if moisture or water, oxygen, and an organic source are present.

HVAC systems play a very important role in hospitals by maintaining not only a comfortable environment of care, but also clean environment of care. HVAC systems also can be a known contributor to moisture and microbial growth because water is a natural byproduct. Small amounts of wetting and drying are normal and don't present a long-term risk for mold growth if drying occurs immediately after wetting. This is one reason it is critical to have a properly designed and well-maintained HVAC system.

Routine maintenance is essential in preventing microbial growth. Access doors, panels, or other means should be provided in ventilation equipment, ductwork, and plenums to allow for convenient and unobstructed access for inspection, cleaning, and routine maintenance of air intakes, coils, drain pans that are not sloped, or drain line connections placed too high above the drain pan's floor.

When it comes to operations and maintenance, ASHRAE Standard 62.1, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality, Table 8-1, contains the minimum activity and frequency for ventilation system equipment and associated components. Effective filtration is one of the most important factors in preventing dirt and debris from accumulating in the HVAC system. In addition, ultraviolet lamps and regular cleaning are added measures that can help keep coils free from buildup and prevent mold growth on coils.

The environment of care is supposed to be a safe and health environment, which is why it is critical to perform routine maintenance of HVAC systems.

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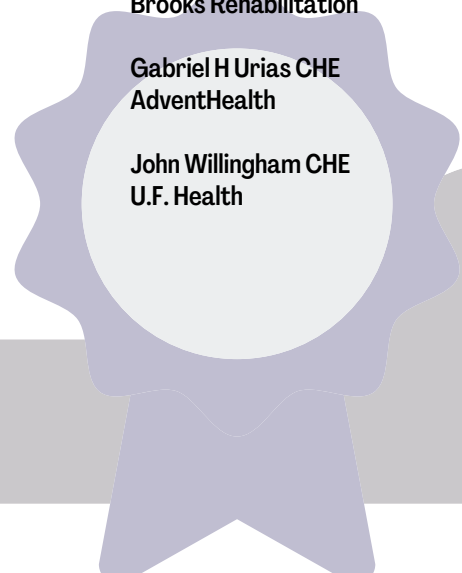
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