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As the need for attentive health care becomes more important than ever, on-the-job risks to physicians, nurses, and related professionals have continued to relentlessly increase. Ever-changing technology, new and unforeseen hazards, the dramatic shift to managed care, and a lack of skilled workers have only heightened the difficulties of maintaining safe environments for caregivers and patients alike. For guidance on health care worker protection, safety specialists have found definitive advice and guidance in William Charney's Essentials of Modern Hospital Safety, Volumes I to III -introduced by Lewis Publishers during the early 1990s. Charney now offers all the important details of that three-volume series, combined with an additional volume's worth of information, in a convenient, single-volume Handbook of Modern Hospital Safety. It's a tragic irony: the industry dedicated to healing and recovery has now become the second highest compensable injury sector--even more hazardous than manufacturing. Make sure your health care professionals have the skills, tools and awareness to protect themselves--and, in turn, their patients--with the Handbook of Modern Hospital Safety.

"Provides in-depth design recommendations and proven, cost effective, and reliable solutions for health care HVAC design that provide low maintenance cost and high reliability based on best practices from consulting and hospital engineers with decades of experience in the design, construction, and operation of health care facilities"--

Surpassing the standard set by the first edition, Healthcare Hazard Control and Safety Management, Second Edition presents expansive coverage for healthcare professionals serving in safety, occupational health, hazard materials management, quality improvement, and risk management positions. Comprehensive in scope, the book covers all major issues in the field. It presents information on physical, chemical, biological, ergonomic, and psycho-social hazards in an organized format. In addition to providing easily digested information, the author has constructed practical checklists and forms that can be readily put to use. He provides advice and guidance on management, hazard control, compliance, standards, and accreditation. Updates to the second edition include additional information on leadership, performance improvement, risk management, organizational culture, behavioral safety, root cause analysis, new OSHA and Joint Commission requirements, and regulatory changes. And if that weren't enough, the book supplies a blueprint for developing training and education programs, provides more than 25 appendices addressing healthcare-related safety topics and OSHA issues, and includes more than 30 safety checklists that cover a variety of hazards found in healthcare and long term care facilities. Not only will you use this reference on a daily basis, you may find yourself reaching for this book so often that it will not stay on your bookshelf.

Indoor Air Quality and HVAC Systems is a practical guide for understanding the relationship between the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of HVAC systems and achieving indoor air quality (IAQ). The book describes the individual components of HVAC systems and the role each plays in maintaining good indoor air quality. It also identifies the techniques available for evaluating the performance characteristics of ventilation systems (including the use of carbon dioxide monitors and sulfur hexafluoride tracer testing equipment). Other topics discussed include the determination of pathways of air movement through buildings and understanding pressure relationships, ventilation effectiveness, and efficiency. The book concludes with an overview of sources of air contaminants to be concerned about when performing an IAQ evaluation. Indoor Air Quality and HVAC Systems provides critical information for industrial hygienists, HVAC contractors and engineers, and building owners and managers.

This is a well conceived and executed volume detailing in close to encyclopedic proportions the question of control of air borne contamination in hospital environments. Many different application areas are described and well documented. Alternative solutions are presented in historical perspective with the necessary scientific background to provide the uninformed an opportunity to learn not only how to solve a particular problem but more critically why one solution is preferable to another. Every clinician concerned for his patients' welfare must consider the quality of the environment within the hospital--for only there is it potentially controllable. Airborne dissemination of nosocomial infections are considered generally rare today. This may be the result of improved intrahospital environmental control or better infection control techniques. If

one considers airborne contamination, real or potential, as undesirable within certain areas of a hospital then proper environmental control must be included in the framework of the physical and functional structure. Often it is difficult to specify which controls are needed for a specific application. Frequently this is a problem of inadequate knowledge of the application area and not the availability of technology. Too often, in the rush to provide a solution the newest and most sophisticated equipment is chosen, installed, and found to be more than is required for the task. To avoid these types of errors it is necessary to provide a series of alternative solutions for each problem.

Although nosocomial, or hospital-acquired, infections have been well cataloged and are fairly well understood, traditional solutions have failed to completely eliminate the problem. Even the most modern hospitals find themselves stymied by the persistence of these pathogens in hospital wards and operating rooms. The degree to which most of these infections are airborne is not known, but a growing body of evidence indicates that airborne transmission plays a role in many hospital-acquired infections. Addressing one of the most important topics in health care, Hospital Airborne Infection Control is the first book to deal with the control of airborne nosocomial infections in detail. It identifies all pathogens known or suspected to be airborne, along with their sources in hospital environments. It also summarizes all epidemiological evidence for airborne transmission. The text addresses respiratory, surgical site, burn wound, immunocompromised, pediatric, nursing home, and non-respiratory infections. In each category, an extensive number of examples show that inhalation is not the only airborne route by which infections may be transmitted. Noting that airborne transmission and surface contamination are virtually inseparable, the author emphasizes that both air and surface disinfection, including hand hygiene, are important factors in controlling the transmission of airborne disease. He also proposes a variety of new solutions and technologies, including ultraviolet, ionization, ozone, plasma, and vegetative air cleaning systems. A compendium of scientific and medical information, this book helps hospitals control nosocomial infections and outbreaks spread by the airborne route as well as by direct contact and contact with fomites or contaminated equipment.

This book collects the main scientific contributions presented at a NATO Advanced Research Workshop entitled "Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Requirements in Hospitals" that was held in Milan, Italy, from September 13-16, 1995. The workshop was made possible through the funding support of the NATO Scientific and Environmental Affairs Division and was sponsored and supported in part by the International Centre for Pesticide Safety, the Institute of Occupational Health of the University of Milano, the Politecnico di Milano, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The workshop was held in the frame of the program of the NATO/CCMS Pilot Study on Indoor Air Quality and in conjunction with the international conference Healthy Buildings'95, which was attended by more than 500 delegates. The contents of the book are arranged in six main sections. The first section deals with the major issues related to indoor air quality in hospitals, that are reviewed from the North-American, Scandinavian, Italian and Russian perspective. The second section discusses the ventilation requirements in hospitals, with particular focus on design and maintenance of the ventilation systems and provision of clean air to critical areas, such as infectious disease wards, surgical theatres, etc. The third section is directed to chemical and biological air pollution in hospitals and collects papers from surveys carried out in various countries. Airborne allergens in hospitals is the subject of section 4. New problems have arisen for the health care personnel from exposure to allergens and they are illustrated with studies performed in North America and England.

ASHRAE Research: Improving the Quality of Life ASHRAE is the world's foremost technical society in the fields of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Its members worldwide are individuals who share ideas, identify needs, support research, and write the industry's standards for testing and practice. The result is that engineers are better able to keep indoor environments safe and productive while protecting and preserving the outdoors for generations to come. One of the ways that ASHRAE supports its members' and industry's need for information is through ASHRAE Research. Thousands of individuals and companies support ASHRAE Research annually, enabling ASHRAE to report new data about material properties and building physics and to promote the application of innovative technologies. Chapters in the ASHRAE Handbook are updated through the experience of members of ASHRAE Technical Committees and through results of ASHRAE Research reported at ASHRAE conferences and published in ASHRAE special publications, ASHRAE Transactions, and ASHRAE's journal of archival research, Science and Technology for the Built Environment. For information about ASHRAE Research or to become a member, contact ASHRAE, 1791 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30329; telephone: 404-636-8400; www.ashrae.org. Preface The 2015 ASHRAE Handbook—HVAC Applications comprises more than 60 chapters covering a broad range of facilities and topics, written to help engineers design and use equipment and systems described in other Handbook volumes. Main sections cover comfort, industrial, energy-related, general applications, and building operations and management. ASHRAE Technical Committees in each subject area have reviewed all chapters and revised them as needed for current technology and design practice. An accompanying CD-ROM contains all the volume's chapters in both I-P and

SI units. This edition includes two new chapters: • Chapter 61, Smart Building Systems, covers smart systems and technologies for automated fault detection and diagnostics, sensors, and actuators, and the emerging modernized electric power grid and its relationship to buildings and facilities. • Chapter 62, Moisture Management in Buildings, addresses avoiding or reducing risks associated with damp buildings, with suggestions for architectural and HVAC system design, operation, and occupancy. Other selected highlights include the following: • Chapter 1, Residences, has updated guidance on duct system design and communicating control systems. • Chapter 4, Tall Buildings, has new content on supertall and megatall buildings; improved stack effect discussion and calculations; and new information on chilled beams, code references, split central plants, and elevator shaft pressurization. • Chapter 7, Educational Facilities, provides new design criteria updated for current standards, a new section on energy measurement and verification, and a newly compiled list of case studies from ASHRAE Journal. • Chapter 8, Health Care Facilities, has been extensively revised to ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2013, with new content on regulatory resources, hospital-acquired infections, sustainability, and operations, and expanded text on control measures, outpatient care, isolation and bronchoscopy rooms, plus research results from RP-1343 on heat gain from imaging systems. • Chapter 16, Laboratories, includes updates on applying usage factors, pressurization control, and energy efficiency measures. • Chapter 18, Clean Spaces, has extensive new content on demand control, computational fluid dynamics analysis, pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities, safety, environmental systems, installation and testing, and sustainability and energy conservation. • Chapter 19, Data Centers and Telecommunication Facilities, has been completely rewritten for current best practices as in the ASHRAE Datacom Series. • Chapter 33, Kitchen Ventilation, was updated for the latest revisions to relevant standards, with new sections added on commissioning and the design process (for the first-time designer), and the chapter content restructured to reflect the sequence of the design process. • Chapter 34, Geothermal Energy, has significant new content and examples on ground-coupled heat pump systems design, hybrid ground-source heat pumps, piping, pressure considerations, purging, deep boreholes, central plants, open-loop/surface-water direct cooling, and simulation. • Chapter 35, Solar Energy Use, has revised examples and figures, plus new content on solar-combi systems; design, control, and operation of solar cooling; and grid-connected photovoltaic systems. • Chapter 49, Water Treatment, has major revisions on corrosion, deposition, microbiological growth and control, filtration and closed-loop systems, alternative water sources, Legionnaires' disease, thermal storage, and steam boiler systems. • Chapter 50, Service Water Heating, describes new technologies for hot-water generation and distribution and reducing consumption at end-use fixtures. • Chapter 53, Fire and Smoke Control, has been revised to align with ASHRAE's Handbook of Smoke Control Engineering, with many new figures and examples. This volume is published, as a bound print volume and in electronic format on CD-ROM and online, in two editions: one using inch-pound (I-P) units of measurement, the other using the International System of Units (SI). Corrections to the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Handbook volumes can be found on the ASHRAE web site at <http://www.ashrae.org> and in the Additions and Corrections section of this volume. Corrections for this volume will be listed in subsequent volumes and on the ASHRAE web site. Reader comments are enthusiastically invited. To suggest improvements for a chapter, please comment using the form on the ASHRAE web site or, using the cutout page(s) at the end of this volume's index, write to Handbook Editor, ASHRAE, 1791 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30329, or fax 678-539-2187, or e-mail mowen@ashrae.org. Mark S. Owen Editor

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