



Physical Environment, Environment of Care and Life Safety Code Survey Issues

10 a.m.-Noon Tuesday, June 10

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The number of deficiencies in the physical environment condition of participation and the environment-of-care standards has increased over the last several years. This session will review commonly cited life-safety code deficiencies in hospitals. We'll review widely cited physical environment deficiencies and frequently cited life-safety code deficiencies. We'll also review CMS updates, including expectations for ligature-resistant environments, CMS categorical waivers, and surgical suite air pressure and humidity concerns.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe and identify common physical environment deficiencies.
- Describe how and when relative humidity may be lowered in anesthetizing locations.
- Explain how to avoid these common deficiencies.
- Explain how to use a categorical waiver.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This program is for hospitals and health systems, and anyone involved with compliance regulations and standards, including:

- CEOs
- Chief medical officers
- Chief nursing officers
- Compliance officers and legal counsel
- Department directors
- Environmental services staff
- Facilities staff
- Governing board members
- Health care engineers
- Maintenance staff
- Nurses
- On-call physicians
- Physicians
- Quality improvement staff
- Regulatory readiness liaisons
- Risk managers
- Safety officers

SPEAKER

Nancy Ruzicka is a consultant on state and federal rules, regulations and interpretative guidelines. She previously worked as the director of integrity and compliance and privacy official at MercyOne Des Moines and the director of regulatory compliance at UnityPoint Health – Des Moines. She also has over 20 years of experience with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Ruzicka holds master's degrees in health law and business administration and a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, all from Drake University. She is

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certified in health care compliance and maintains her Iowa pharmacy license.

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