

**Interpretation IC 170-2008-5 of
ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2008
Ventilation of Health Care Facilities**

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements in ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2008, Table 7-1 requirements for Operating Rooms and Sterile Storage to both be positive.

Background: Table 7.1 states that both the Operating Room and Sterile Storage Room are to be positively pressured.

Interpretation: When they are adjacent to one another the AHJ has told us that the Sterile Storage is to be positive relative to the Operating Room.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: No.

Comments: The OR should be positive to the Sterile Storage. While both spaces are listed as positive in Table 7-1, the OR is where the surgical instruments and other sterile materials are opened, thus it takes priority.