

**Interpretation IC 170-2021-2 of
ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2021
Ventilation of Health Care Facilities**

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements in ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2017, Table 6-2, regarding the definition and requirements for “procedure room”.

Background: Class 1, 2, and 3 imaging rooms were recently added to this standard to align with FGI room definitions, but it does not appear that the requirements for these spaces were addressed in all areas of this standard. There is no reference to these room types in Table 6-2 Supply Air Outlets and they would by default fall under “all other patient care spaces”.

Interpretation No. 1: Class 2 imaging rooms requirements are intended to align with procedure room requirements, and Class 3 imaging room requirements are intended to align with operating room requirements.

Question No. 1: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer No. 1: Yes

Comments No. 1: The committee may be providing further clarity in Table 6-2 via an upcoming addenda.

Interpretation No. 2: Group E diffusers are required in Class 2 Imaging Rooms.

Question No. 2: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer No. 2: Yes

Comments No. 2: The committee may be providing further clarity in Table 6-2 via an upcoming addenda.

Interpretation No. 3: Supply diffusers within the primary supply diffuser array are required to be Group E nonaspirating diffusers and additional supply diffusers within the room are required to be Group E within Class 3 Imaging Rooms.

Question No. 3: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer No. 3: Yes

Comments No. 3: The committee may be providing further clarity in Table 6-2 via an upcoming addenda.