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BARRIER MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

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BARIER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Barriers include

- Walls
- Joints
- Doors
- Other openings
  - Windows
  - Ductwork
  - Pipes, conduits, etc.
  - Chutes, shafts, vertical openings
Policy:

- Define
  - Scope
  - Authority
  - Management process
- Interim Life Safety Measures
- Pre-construction Risk Assessment
DEFICIENCY RESOLUTION

Deficiency Resolution Options:

- Correct it immediately
- Correct it within 60 days from end of survey
  - Management process that documents the deficiency and actions to resolve
  - ILSM must be implemented
- Time Limited Waiver (TLW) located in the Statement of Conditions™
  - For additional time beyond the initial 60 days
  - Must be requested within 30 days from survey end
  - ILSM must be implemented
INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES

Order of Standards (LS.01.02.01)

- EP 1 must clearly define the ILSM policy including
  - Criteria to consider ILSM implementation
  - What to do to protect occupants
  - Both construction related and non-compliance with the LSC

- EP 2 & 3 now ILSM actions
- EPs 4 – 14 align with policy and implementation strategies
- EP 15: Other, used for other ILSM
Preconstruction Risk Assessment (PRA)

Construction or renovation in occupied healthcare facilities can result in environmental problems such as:

- Noise
- Vibration
- Creation or spread of contaminants
- Disruption of essential services
- Emergency Procedures
- Air quality
Barrier Management Program: Policy, Permit, Educate and Inspect

Permit

- Follows policy
- Define when permits are issued
- Define criteria for awarding permits
- Define permit display requirements
- Define scope of permit: where the work is being done
- Define time frame for the permit will expire
BARRIER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: POLICY, PERMIT, EDUCATE AND INSPECT

Educate

- Facilities staff
  - Components of the Barrier System
  - Maintenance of the Components
- All other staff
  - Barrier System awareness
  - Permit awareness
- Contractors
  - Barrier Management expectations
Barrier Management Program: Policy, Permit, Educate and Inspect

Inspect

- Establish inspection frequencies
  - Hospital experience
  - Reliability Centered Maintenance
- Document inspection activities
- Management inspections
  - Verify quality
  - Modify program as needed
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