

1 10A NCAC 14E .0212 is proposed for adoption under emergency procedures as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14E .0212 ELEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

4 The physical plant shall provide equipment to carry out the functions of the clinic with the following minimum  
5 requirements:

6 (1) Mechanical requirements.

7 (a) Temperatures and humidities:

8 (i) The mechanical systems shall be designed to provide the temperature and  
9 humidities shown in this Sub-Item:

| <u>Area</u>      | <u>Temperature</u>      | <u>Relative Humidity</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Procedure</u> | <u>70-76 degrees F.</u> | <u>50-60%</u>            |
| <u>Recovery</u>  | <u>75-80 degrees F.</u> | <u>30-60%</u>            |

13 (b) All air supply and exhaust systems for the procedure suite and recovery area shall be  
14 mechanically operated. All fans serving exhaust systems shall be located at the discharge  
15 end of the system. The ventilation rates shown herein shall be considered as minimum  
16 acceptable rates.

17 (i) The ventilation system shall be designed and balanced to provide the pressure  
18 relationships detailed in Sub-Item (b)(vii) of this Rule.

19 (ii) All air supplied to procedure rooms shall be delivered at or near the ceiling of the  
20 room and all exhaust or return from the area shall be removed near the floor level  
21 at not less than three inches above the floor.

22 (iii) Corridors shall not be used to supply air to or exhaust air from any procedure or  
23 recovery room except to maintain required pressure relationships.

24 (iv) All ventilation or air conditioning systems serving procedure rooms shall have a  
25 minimum of one filter bed with a minimum filter efficiency of 80 percent.

26 (v) Ventilation systems serving the procedure or recovery rooms shall not be tied in  
27 with the soiled holding or work rooms, janitors' closets or locker rooms if the air  
28 is to be recirculated in any manner.

29 (vi) Air handling duct systems shall not have duct linings.

30 (vii) The following general air pressure relationships to adjacent areas and ventilation  
31 rates shall apply:

| <u>Area</u>              | <u>Pressure Relationship</u> | <u>Minimum Air</u><br><u>Changes/Hour</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <u>Procedure</u>         | <u>P</u>                     | <u>6</u>                                  |
| <u>Recovery</u>          | <u>P</u>                     | <u>6</u>                                  |
| <u>Soiled work,</u>      |                              |   |
| <u>Janitor's closet,</u> |                              |   |



1                    (d) At least one wired-in, ionization-type smoke detector shall be within 15 feet of each  
2                    procedure or recovery room entrance.

3                    (4) Buildings systems and medical equipment shall have preventative maintenance conducted as  
4                    recommended by the equipment manufacturers' or installers' literature to assure operation in  
5                    compliance with manufacturer's instructions.

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7                    History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-10; S.L. 2023-14, s. 2.4;  
8                    Emergency Adoption Eff.