



# Department of Facilities POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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## SUBJECT: EC 8.10.7 TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY FOR THE LAB & SURGERY

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**POLICY:** EC 8.10.7

Facilities will ensure that all temperature, humidity and ventilation within the Laboratory and the ASC are maintained to the specifications of, The Joint Commission and ASHRAE Standards.

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure correct and consistent temperature, humidity and ventilation levels are met.

**PROCEDURE:**

The Facilities Department will maintain the HVAC system to ensure it provides the proper level of, temperature, humidity and ventilation in the Laboratory and the ASC, as per, The Joint Commission and ASHRAE Standards.

Operating Rooms: **ASC has adopted the waiver, to lower humidity standard to 20%.**

- Temperature: 68 to 75 deg. (F)
- Humidity: 20% to 60%

Postoperative Rooms: **ASC has adopted the waiver, to lower humidity standard to 20%.**

- Temperature: 70 to 75 deg. (F)
- Humidity: 20% to 60%

Laboratory:

- Temperature: 70 to 75 deg. (F)
- Humidity: 30% to 60%

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