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- 2010 FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities
- Green Guide for Health Care v2.2 (Jan 2007) – two acoustic credits
- LEED for Healthcare IEQc2 – two acoustic credits (2011)

NOTE TO READERS:

This document is a reference document for architectural acoustics cited by the following organizations:

- FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities, 2010 ed.
- Green Guide for Healthcare v2.2 (January 2007) which includes 2 new credits for acoustics
- LEED for Healthcare (in draft) which includes 2 new credits for acoustics

While the technical information is consistently referred to by these organizations, there are variations in how these criteria are used to achieve credits or compliance.

Notes:

1. Error in the 2010 Guidelines:

A new ASTM standard was erroneously referred to in the 2010 FGI Guidelines section 1.1-5.5 Referenced Codes and Standards (ASTM E2638-08). This error has been corrected in the errata sheet to the 2010 edition. This new ASTM standard appeared too late in the development process for the 2010 FGI Guidelines to be included in the public review process that preceded publication. Therefore, the contents of ASTM E2638-08 were not included in Guidelines *Table 1.5-4: Design Criteria for Speech Privacy*.

2. Corresponding tables in the Guidelines: In the FGI 2010 Guidelines, seven tables from this document are labeled as follows:

- **2010 Guidelines Table A1.2-1:** "Categorization of Health Care Facility Sites by Exterior Ambient Sound"

See **page 23** in this document, [Table 1.3-1](#): "Categorization of Hospital Sites by Exterior Ambient Sound."

- **2010 Guidelines Table 1.2-1:** "Design Room Sound Absorption Coefficients"

See **page 35** in this document, [Table 2.3-1](#): "Recommended design room sound absorption coefficients."

- **2010 Guidelines Table 1.2-2:** "Minimum-Maximum Design Criteria for Noise in Interior Spaces"

See **page 43** in this document, [Table 3.3-1](#): "Recommended criteria for noise in Interior Spaces."

- **2010 Guidelines Table 1.2-3:** "Design Criteria for Minimum Sound Isolation Performance Between Enclosed Rooms"

See **page 51** in this document, [Table 4.3-1](#): "Recommended Sound Isolation Performance Between Enclosed Rooms."

- **2010 Guidelines table 1.2-4:** "Design Criteria for Speech Privacy for Enclosed Rooms and Open Plan Spaces"

See **page 54** in this document, [Table 4.4-1](#): "Speech Privacy for Enclosed Rooms" and [Table 4-4](#): "Speech Privacy Goals for Open-Plan Spaces."

- **2010 Guidelines table A2.1-a:** "Sound Transmission Loss or Attenuation Through Horizontal and Vertical Barriers in NICUs"

See **page 56** in this document, "Adapted from Evans JB, Philbin MK, Facility and operations planning for quiet hospital nurseries."

- **2010 Guidelines table 1.2-5:** "Maximum Limits on Footfall Vibration in Health Care Facilities"

See **page 67** in this document, [Table 6.3.2-1](#): "Recommended Limits on Footfall Vibration in Hospitals."