

HTM Standards 101

What are they and why should I care?

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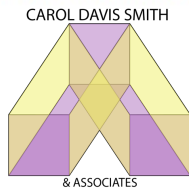
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Introductions



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Discovering the Possibilities

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Badges?

We ain't got no
badges.

We don't need no
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I don't have to show you
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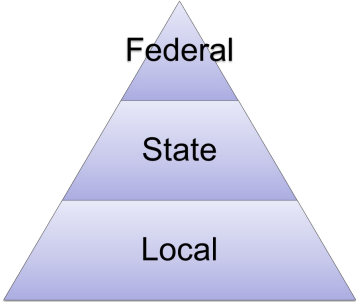
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Standardization versus Standards



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Government Structure



	<p>U.S. Constitution Laws Code of Federal Regulations</p>
	<p>State Constitution Laws Medicaid, Hospital licensure, Public safety, Workers' compensation</p>
	<p>Regulations Rent, Public safety, Zoning</p>



Legislative
Senate & House of Representatives

Create bills (precursors to laws)
Authority to override veto
Define appropriations
Provide oversight



Executive
President & Vice President
Agencies

Set agenda
Propose budget
Issue executive orders
Sign bills into laws
Administer & execute laws
Make regulation & policy



Judicial
Supreme Court
Federal Courts

Interpret laws
Enforce laws
Set precedent



Legislative
Senate & House of Representatives
County Supervisors
City Councils



Executive
Governor
Mayor



Judicial
State & Municipal
Courts

Social Determinants of Health
Conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life risks and outcomes

Food	Housing
Health Insurance	Healthcare
Employment	Education

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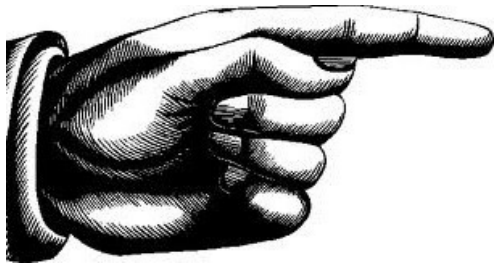
- ❖ Federal Government
- ❖ State & Local Governments

Types of compliance

Mandatory: what must be followed by law

Recommended: what should be followed to align with industry practice

Voluntary: What we might choose to follow as a best practice



Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)

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Types of compliance

Laws



Laws are **rules** that are:

- ❖ Mandatory
- ❖ Enforced by government (federal, state, local)

[Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 \(HIPAA\) | CDC](#)

[Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments \(CLIA\) | CDC](#)

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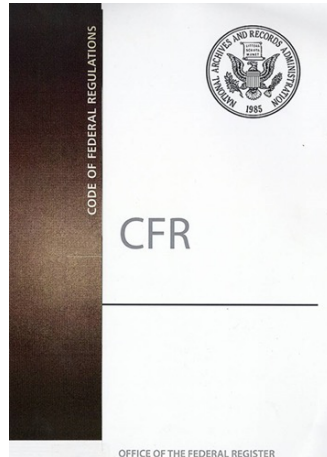
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Regulations, Policies & Directives



Regulations are **rules** that are:

- ❖ Mandatory
- ❖ Issued by agencies, boards, and commissions
 - Federal – e.g., FDA, CMS
 - State – e.g., Health Department
- ❖ Explain how agencies plan to carry out (enforce) laws
- ❖ Published yearly in the Code of Federal Regulations [eCFR :: Home](#)

[eCFR :: Title 21 of the CFR -- Food and Drugs Safe Medical Devices Act of 1990](#)

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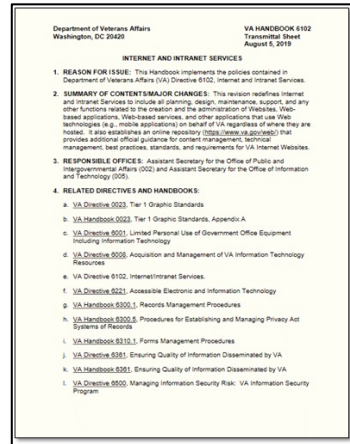
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Regulations, Policies & Directives



Policies and Directives are **instructions** that are:

- ❖ Mandatory
- ❖ Issued by federal agencies, boards, and commissions
- ❖ Further explain how agencies plan to carry out (enforce) laws
- ❖ Published in the Federal Register and the within the department's manual

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Hospital Equipment Maintenance Requirements
[Memo #14-07-Hospital](#)**

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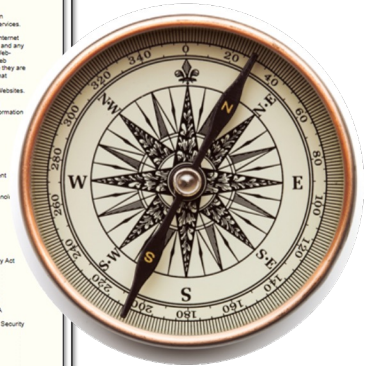
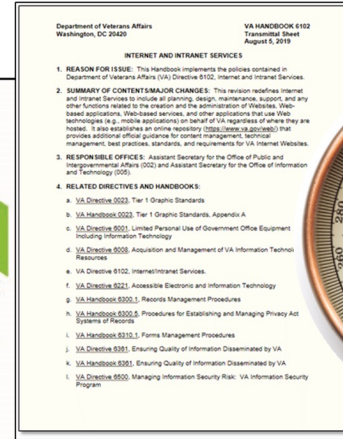
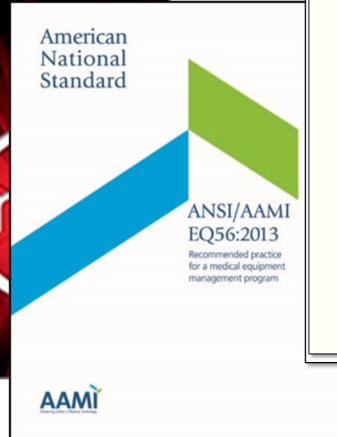
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Standards, Codes, Guidance, & Best Practices



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What are Standards?



- Consensus documents that provide requirements, specifications, guidelines, or characteristics to ensure fitness of materials, products, processes, and services
- Voluntary (unless adopted by an AHJ)

What are Codes?



- Standards written for enforcement
- Voluntary (until adopted by an AHJ)

What is a Guidance Document?



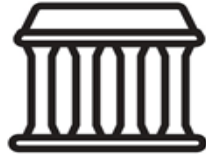
- Best practices or other practice guidelines
- Recommended but not required
- Voluntary (but worth considering)

[Store - HTM Levels Guide, 3rd Edition \(PDF\) - AAMI Community](#)

[Store - Medical Equipment Servicing Guide \(PDF\) - AAMI Community](#)

[Store - AEM Program Guide - AAMI Community](#)

A Common Path: Code/Standard → Law



Non-government organizations create standards to meet or exceed federal regulations.

Standards are adopted by agencies as policy.

Policy is made into law.



Examples

- NFPA 70 National Electrical Code
- Adopted by states and other jurisdictions (law)
- NFPA 99 (2012)
- Adopted by CMS (and TJC et al.)

Alternatively: Law → Code/Standard



The Legislative branch proposes law in the form of bills.



The Executive branch signs bills into law.



The Executive branch then carries out those laws through its agencies, which create regulations.



Non-government organizations create standards in line with regulations.



Example

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA 29 CFR)

- Part 1910 Occupational Safety and Health Standards
- 1910 Subpart S – Electrical

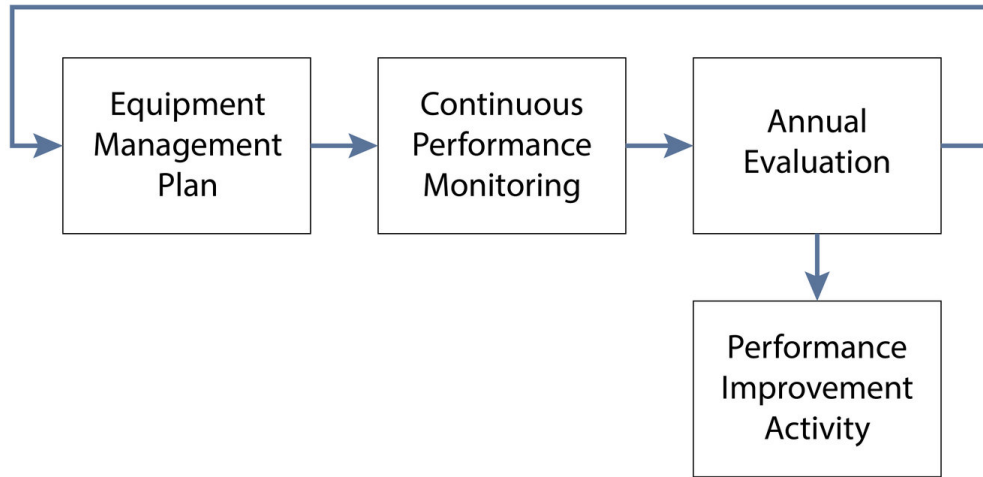
NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace

- Electrical shock protection
- Arc flash protection
- Lockout-Tagout

Incorporating Standards into Your HTM Program

- Who are your AHJs?
- What are the requirements?
- Integrate the requirements into your HTM program
- Monitor compliance
- Review periodically

Medical Equipment Management Plan



- Objectives
- Scope
- Performance
- Effectiveness

AEM (Alternative Equipment Maintenance) Programs

2013 CMS issues an official letter allowing AEM

CMS provides details in its *State Operations Manual*

TJC includes AEM in its HAP accreditation standards

2018 AAMI publishes the *AEM Program Guide*

2023 AAMI begins work on an AEM standard (EQ103)

2024 TJC removes (almost) all AEM material from standards

CMS removes AEM material from *State Operations Manual*

NFPA 99 (2012) testing requirements

- Physical integrity of power cord assembly (visual inspection)
- Resistance between the appliance chassis and the ground pin: 0.50 Ω

NFPA 99 (2012) testing requirements

- Chassis leakage current (touch current):
100 μA (ground wire intact)
500 μA (ground wire open)
Normal polarity only

NFPA 99 (2012) testing requirements

- Lead leakage current

All leads together to ground only

100 μA (ground wire intact)

500 μA (ground wire open)

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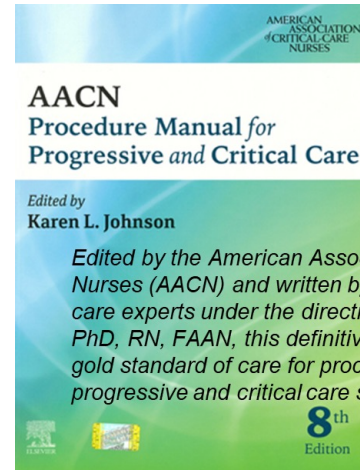
Elevating Your HTM Program with **Clinical** Standards

American Association of
Critical-Care Nurses
(AACN)

Association of periOperative
Registered Nurses (AORN)

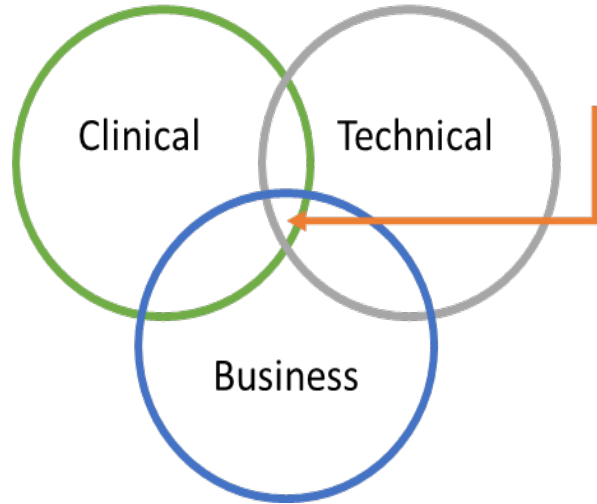


AORN's *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* are the gold-standard in evidence-based recommendations to deliver safe perioperative patient care and achieve workplace safety.



Edited by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) and written by more than 100 critical care experts under the direction of Karen L. Johnson, PhD, RN, FAAN, this definitive reference represents the gold standard of care for procedures performed in progressive and critical care settings.

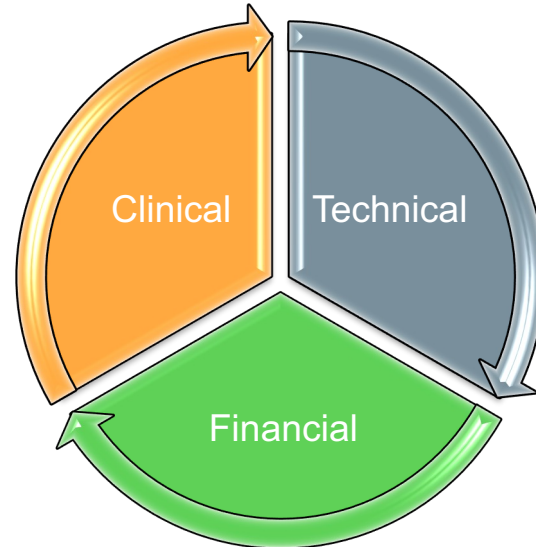
Strategic Technology Forecasting



Optimized balance between Clinical,
Technical, & Business considerations



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Start with the technical ...



End of Manufacture
(EOM)



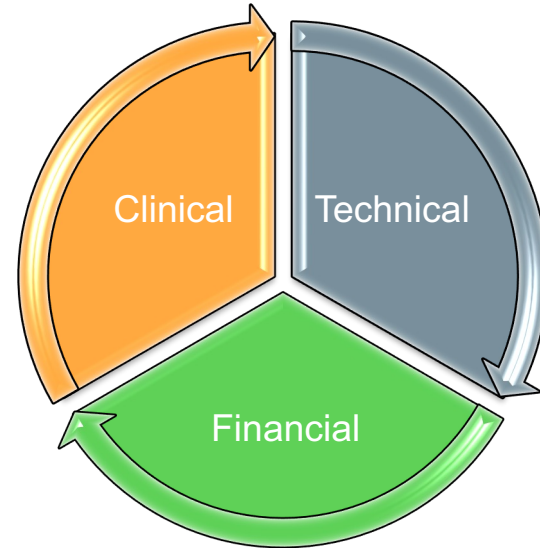
End of Service/Parts
(EOS)



Obsolete Operating
System

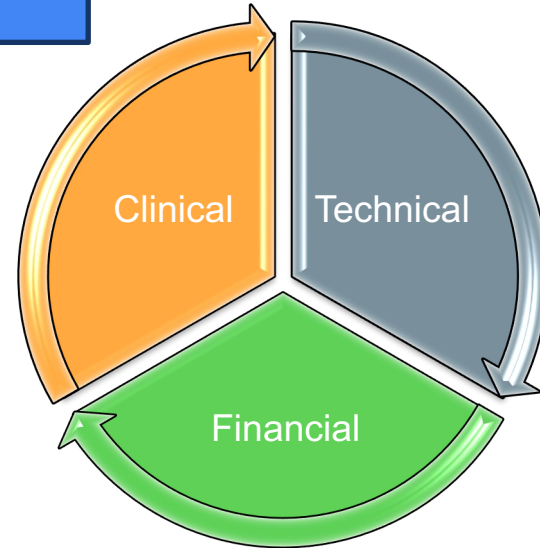
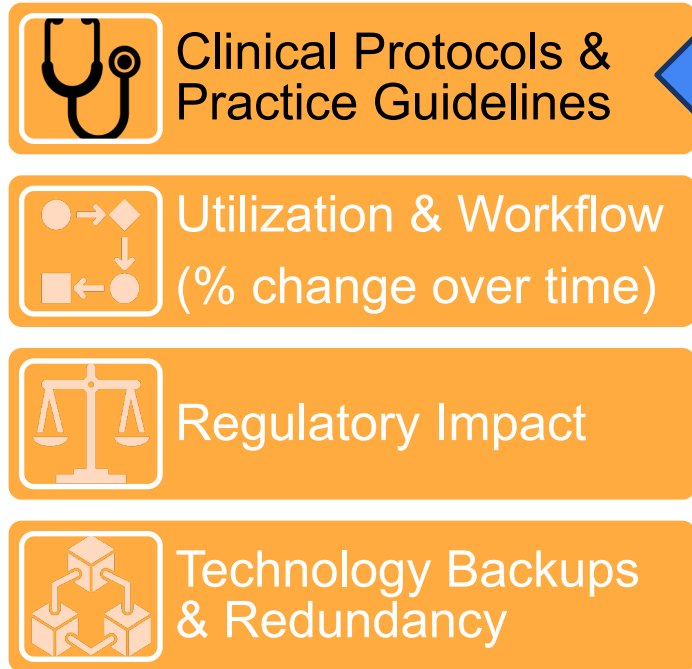


Maintenance History
(% change over time)



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... then move beyond to the **clinical**



TOO MUCH



INFO

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

"ATTENTION"

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY

"QUESTIONS?"

Thank You

Enjoy MD Expo – Las Vegas!



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