

NFPA 99

National Fire Protection Association

NFPA 99 covers the systems a health care facility depends on to keep patients safe: piped medical gases and vacuum, the electrical systems in patient-care spaces, and the risk categories that decide how far each provision reaches. The piping itself is proven by a certified verifier; on a walk the field role is to observe and document that the work matches what that verification will check.

What it covers

- Piped medical gas and vacuum systems
- Electrical systems in patient-care spaces
- Risk-category assignment for spaces and systems
- Zone valves, alarms and outlet identification
- Support systems serving patient care

What a field inspection looks at

- Zone valve boxes photographed labeled for the rooms they serve, before the ceiling closes.
- Medical gas outlets shown identified by gas, with the label readable in frame.
- Area and master alarm panels documented in place, positions and legends shown.
- Patient-care receptacles photographed at rough-in for the trades that follow.
- Verification-scope items observed and documented; the certified verifier proves the piping.

Adoption varies by jurisdiction. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction enforces before you run a walk against it.