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Infectious Disease Transmission

- Droplets
- Surface contamination
- Aerosols

Why are indoor spaces the most common for outbreaks?

Infectious Dose

Infection requires susceptible host <u>and</u> exposure to an infectious dose.

Probability increases with **concentration** (of virus in air) and **time** (of exposure)

Aerosol Transmission

- 1. Plume
- 2. Room
- 3. System or building

Plume



Room



System or Building



Old Tools

Airborne Infectious Isolation Rooms:

- 12 Air Changes per Hour (New construction)
- 6 Air Changes per Hour (existing construction)
- Negative Pressure (0.01 in w.c.)
- All air exhausted, unless not practical, then HEPA-filtered air can be recirculated
- Constant-volume airflow rates

Not enough AII rooms

NEW Tools



Particulate Measurements in Hospital Spaces



NEW Tools

- Measurements of viral copies in patient rooms
- Mathematical models for infection risk
- Measurements of air transfer through doors at different airflow differentials
- Measurements of IAQ in hospital spaces
- CFD modeling of air and particle movements
- Research around the world



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Airflow Path Matters





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HEPA is <u>VERY</u> Effective



Estimating viral particle emissions and concentrations



A, The typical exhaled microdroplet concentration used as input for the simulation. B, The modeled viral emission per breath for typical (orange), high, and low (whiskers) emitters. dN/dlogD_e/cm³ is the number concentration normalized by the aerosol size-bin width.



Figure 2. Size Distribution of Exhaled Microdroplets and Resulting Viral Emissions During Coughing

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Figure 3. Temporal Course of Airborne Virus Load in a Perfectly Mixed Room of 50 m³

Steady-state concentration relates to ventilation rate, not room volume

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Ventilation Strategies

Develop a **consensus model** for infectious aerosol emission and behavior, adaptable to specific organisms

Use **CFD modeling** to design airflow in hospitals

Use math, physics, biology, and actual measurements to determine ventilation requirements

- Outdoor air for gas-phase contaminants
- Clean air (filtered) for particulates
- Ventilation rate, not ACH

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