Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 99, Standard for Health Care Facilities, 2005 edition. The TIA was processed by the Health Care Facilities Committee, and was issued by the Standards Council on January 14, 2005 with an effective date of February 3, 2005.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards-making procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a proposal of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards-making process.

Add the following paragraph to 5.1.5.16 (added per Errata 99-02-1) as follows:

5.1.5.16.1 Station inlets for WAGD service shall have the following additional characteristics:
(1) They shall not be interchangeable with any other systems, including medical-surgical vacuum.
(2) Components necessary for the maintenance of WAGD specificity shall be legibly marked to identify them as components of a WAGD inlet.
(3) They shall be of a type appropriate for the flow and vacuum level required by the facility’s gas anesthetic machines.
(4) They shall be located to avoid physical damage to the inlet.