ILSM Meaning in Healthcare Construction: Interim Life Safety Measures vs ICRA

THE DIRECT ANSWER

Updated September 30, 2026. ILSM is life-safety compensation; ICRA is infection-control planning. One construction project usually needs both, documented separately.

WHY CONSTRUCTION IN OCCUPIED HOSPITALS NEEDS TWO CONTROL TRACKS

- Active healthcare construction disrupts fire barriers, egress, detection, suppression, HVAC pressure, and clean zones at the same time. Surveyors and accreditors look for evidence that you planned both infection risk and life-safety gaps before the first wall comes down.

ICRA IN ONE PARAGRAPH (DETAILS ON THE MATRIX PAGE)

- ICRA is the documented risk assessment before and during work: who is exposed, what dust or utility disruption is expected, which barrier and pressure strategy applies, and how you will verify controls.

FIELD QUESTION

Where does this come from?

This sheet distills the full Healthcare Facility Hub article linked below, which carries the complete text, references, and sourcing.

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