Contribute to Healthcare Cost Control

Investing in reusable gowns, scrubs, uniforms, linens, drapes, curtains, and other reusable textiles reduces waste, contributing significantly to efforts to reduce the cost of care:

$1.4M SAVINGS PER YEAR, 30 HOSPITALS, RETAINING REUSABLE GOWNS INSTEAD OF SWITCHING TO DISPOSABLES
United Hospital Services

$360K SAVINGS PER YEAR FROM CONVERTING 20K SURGICAL PROCEDURES FROM DISPOSABLES TO REUSABLES
University of Minnesota Medical Center

$10K SAVINGS PER YEAR, 100 GOWN USES, 365 DAYS
ADI American Dawn

Converting to Reusables Helps Everyone

Reusable textile benefits extend beyond patients and practitioners. Reusables require fewer natural resources to manufacture and deliver. This frees energy to benefit the population at large:

10k homes could be natural-gas powered for a year (if 8% of U.S. medical office visits annually converted from disposables to reusables)

100k people would benefit from crude oil savings that could be used to make all the plastics, synthetic materials and soap/chemical products needed for everyday living (if 3.6% converted)

Take the Challenge—Make a Difference

Try reusable gowns, scrubs, linens, and other textiles if you use disposables. Track your cost control, waste reduction, and patient satisfaction gains. You’ll find reusables are the more sustainable alternative.

Take the Challenge: Replace Disposables with Reusable Healthcare Textiles

Control Costs

Improve Patient Satisfaction

Reduce Waste

Reduce Environmental Impact
Improve Patient, Employee Satisfaction

Healthcare workers benefit from reusable uniforms’ superior heat insulation, breathability, moisture management and comfort. Patients enjoy the difference, too. Reusable gowns help generate better customer satisfaction scores such as Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) results.

Better Staff Reaction Time, Lower Error Rate

Study of operating room employee performance, reusable clothing vs. disposable, Hohenstein Institute

72% Of Patients Say Cloth Is More Comfortable Than Paper

National telephone study, International Communications Research

Reduce Waste

With the average patient generating 15 pounds of waste per day, hospitals need alternatives to single-use disposable items. Reusable gowns achieve this goal while providing comfort and barrier protection.

65% Reduced Regulated Medical Waste From Substituting Reusable Products For Disposables In Surgery

Association of Operating Room Nurses

$105K Waste Costs Avoided, Chemotherapy, One Year (8,000 Procedures)

University of Minnesota Medical Center

$39K Medical Instruments Saved By Reusable Textiles In An O.R. In A Year Instead Of Lost In Disposable Equivalents

University of Maryland

Enhance Environmental Quality

Throughout a product’s life cycle, it uses natural resources and creates discharges to the environment. According to TRSA’s life cycle assessment, compared with disposable equivalents, reusable healthcare gowns exhibit:

- 76% Less Impact on Acid Rain
- 83% Less Impact on Inland and Marine Water
- 81% Less Carbon Monoxide
- 91% Less Crude Oil
- 73% Less Carbon Dioxide
- 72% Less Contribution to Global Warming and Smog
- 3.2 Mile Equivalent Auto Tailpipe Emission Reduction Per Wearing

Learn more about the textile services industry’s role in sustaining healthcare businesses:

www.trsa.org/hygienicallyclean