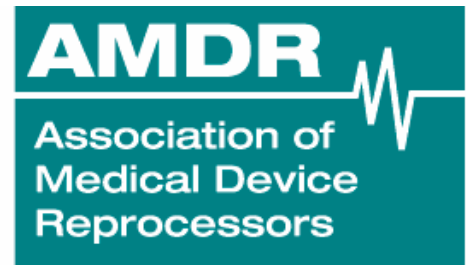


Medical Device Reprocessing in the News

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"Economy, Eco-Awareness Spur Stronger Reprocessing Interest . . . "

In March, 2009, [Healthcare Purchasing News](#) reported that "as for eco-focused initiatives, reprocessing has already gotten the thumbs up from groups like [Practice Greenhealth](#). In fact, the Arlington, VA-based organization lists medical device reprocessing as a best practice under its recommended strategies for reducing regulated medical waste." HPN also reported that "not surprisingly, the top performing hospitals – from both an economic and sustainability perspective – are those that apply the practice more broadly."

Quoting Lorra Miracle, RN, Director of Value Analysis at the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital, which saved nearly \$300,000 on reprocessing and remanufacturing (which translated to five full-time nursing positions), "if someone isn't reprocessing, we bring it to the committee and tell them, 'This is your lost opportunity; you need to do something about it.'" [Link](#) to the full article.

"Disposable Medical Devices Painting a Greener Picture. . . ."

The April 2009 issue of [DOTmedbusiness News](#) reported that "single-use-devices (SUDs) reprocessing has been evaluated for safety and cleaning efficacy by various groups within the health care industry including the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses, the American Hospital Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and the American College of Cardiology. Among these groups, several have introduced Industry Statements that support the use of SUDs based on reports issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)...." [Link](#) to the full issue, see pages 27-30.

AMDR Members Serve Nation's Top Hospitals

Members of the Association of Medical Device Reprocessors serve a majority of the nation's hospitals and nearly all of the nation's [best hospitals](#). AMDR's members reprocess for 17 of the nation's 19 [honor roll](#) hospitals, as listed by [U.S. News & World Report](#) in 2008, including 19 of the top 20 [heart](#) hospitals and 18 of the top 20 [orthopedic](#) institutions in the nation.