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Available for Wider Distribution: AJIC Article On Study Comparing Environmental Impact of Reusable vs. Disposable Isolation Gowns

Powell, OH – August 24, 2018 – The American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC) article, “[Environmental Considerations in the Selection of Isolation Gowns: A Life-Cycle Assessment of Reusable and Disposable Alternatives](#)”, is now available in both online and printed formats.

The article, which was originally available online last spring (open access), appears in printed format in the journal’s August edition.

“Having news of this important study now being available in both printed and online formats gives us another opportunity to tout to our healthcare customers in a highly meaningful way the benefits of reusable medical textiles,” said Myles Noel, board president of the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM). “We are encouraging our membership to share this article with their customers, and you can be sure it’ll be a topic of much discussion at our annual meeting in September.”



IAHTM is a nonprofit membership organization for healthcare laundry cooperatives that provides senior-level textile managers with resources and support to maximize their laundries’ efficiencies and control costs without compromising quality or patient focus.

The article examines the methods and results of a life-cycle assessment (LCA) to evaluate and compare the environmental performance of disposable and reusable isolation gown systems in a healthcare system. Providing quantitative benefits, the LCA concluded “selecting reusable garment systems may result in significant environmental benefits compared to selecting disposable garment systems.”

“This is significant information when you consider the increasing role that environmental stability has in a facility’s decision-making process,” Noel said. “As the articles notes, ‘by selecting reusable isolation gowns, healthcare facilities can add these quantitative benefits directly to their sustainability scorecards.’”

IAHTM provided funding and field information for this study. IAHTM’s annual meeting will be held Sept. 15-18 in Naples, FL (new venue).

* [Environmental Considerations in the Selection of Isolation Gowns: A Life-Cycle Assessment of Reusable and Disposable Alternatives](#), E. Vozzola et al. / American Journal of Infection Control 46 (2018) 881-6

About IAHTM

Founded in 1969, the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM) is a nonprofit organization serving healthcare laundry cooperatives. IAHTM membership comprises experienced laundry executives serving 7,000 healthcare facilities in the USA and Canada. IAHTM members have access to training and education programs, benchmarking resources, peer information sharing and networking, and group purchasing power on textiles and chemicals. www.iahtm.com