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IAHTM Member Company Profiles Laundry Processing's Role in Use of Copper-Embedded Healthcare Linens at ARTA Conference

Powell, OH – April 22, 2016 – Shared Hospital Services, a member of the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM), recently shared the stage in a presentation on the use of copper in healthcare textiles at the 2016 Education Conference of the American Reusable Textile Association (ARTA) held in Orlando, FLA.

In a joint presentation with Cupron, Richmond, VA, representatives of Shared Hospital Services, Portsmouth, VA, summarized the role of laundry processing of Cupron medical linens as part of a trial to measure the impact of copper-infused textiles on reducing hospital-acquired infections (HAIs).

A presentation on the trial is available [here](#) (link to IAHTM).

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.

“New technologies like the use of copper in textiles have the potential to make a big difference in the battle against HAIs,” said Rocco Romeo, board president of IAHTM. “The role of the laundry provider is critical to the success of these innovations in healthcare.

“We're happy to see one of our member organizations, Shared Hospital Services, take a lead in the endeavor,” he said. “The knowledge and expertise garnered from their participation benefits all of our membership.”

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