

## Contribute to Healthcare Cost Control

Investing in reusable gowns, scrubs, uniforms, linen, 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 textiles' 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)  
COULD BE NATURAL GAS HEATED (IF 5.3% CONVERTED)

**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, linen 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.

**TRSA**  
REUSABLE TEXTILES & APPAREL

## 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)

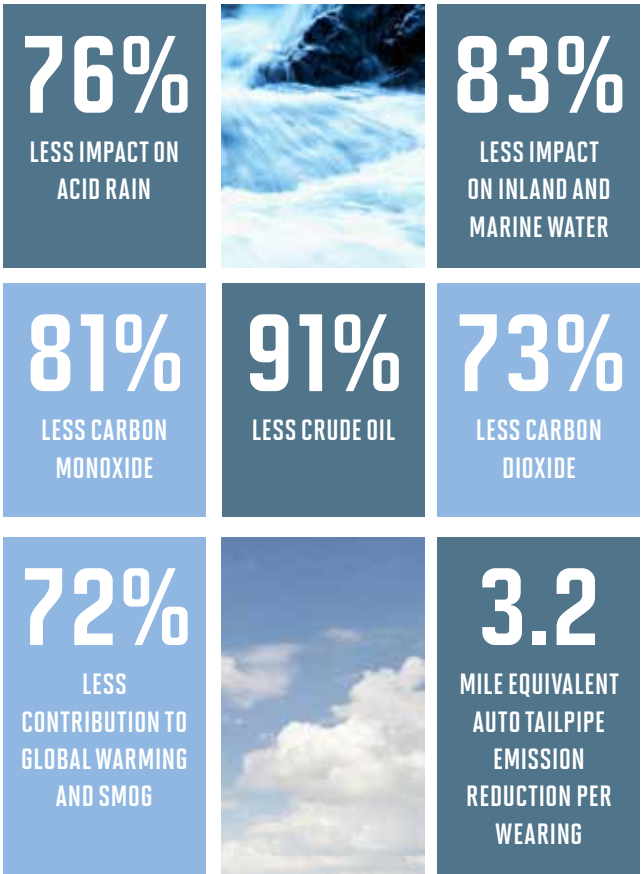
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**\$39K** MEDICAL  
INSTRUMENTS SAVED  
BY REUSABLE TEXTILES IN AN O.R.  
IN A YEAR INSTEAD OF LOST IN  
DISPOSABLE EQUIVALENTS

*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:



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

[www.trsa.org/hygienicallyclean](http://www.trsa.org/hygienicallyclean)