



Why 7 Leading Children's Hospitals Chose Proactive Sharps Management

Children's hospitals implement stringent safety protocols as patients tend to be active explorers of their surroundings. Ensuring patient rooms and all areas of the hospital are safe from needlestick risks for staff and patients is crucial.

As the largest provider of sharps medical waste solutions, Stericycle delivers safe, simple, compliant, and sustainable services that maximize hospital staff's time to focus on what matters most – patient care. To fully appreciate how Stericycle works to protect what matters, let's explore why seven top U.S. children's hospitals chose our Sharps Management Solution.



ACCORDING TO THE HOSPITAL'S SAFETY DIRECTOR, HIS TEAM CAN

"do their job while the service happens at the technical level. The Stericycle team is 'part of our family.'"

— MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO

Evaluating Sharps Management Partners

When considering a sharps management partner, hospital leaders studied a broad range of criteria, including:

- Does the solution contribute to hospital safety, compliance and sustainability goals?
- Does the solution minimize dependency on hospital staff for monitoring or maintenance?
- Can containers safely accommodate the size and type of sharps used, and not be accessible by staff, patients or others once disposed?
- Are containers visible and recognizable with easy to read fill status line?
- Will the partner provide training (or work with our training team) to support staff and program administrators?
- Is the service cost-effective and reliable?
- Does the solution comply with OSHA design requirements?

Note: OSHA rule [29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(4)(iii)(A)] indicates that sharps disposal containers must be closeable, puncture resistant, leakproof on all sides and bottom, and labeled or color-coded in accordance with paragraph (g)(1)(i) of the standard.

Why Stericycle?

As one hospital leader noted, “Stericycle has become a trusted resource and a ‘one-stop shop’ for managing waste, as well as training and regulatory compliance.”

Our partnership with each hospital started with a comprehensive analysis of the existing sharps waste stream as well as other regulated waste streams, based on the hospital’s unique needs. We listened and learned from hospital team members and uncovered ways to optimize waste solutions in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way. We brought our 30+ years of waste management experience to help the hospital mitigate risk to their business and brand while improving the quality and consistency of patient interactions.

“The hospital is in the business of helping children get well and doing what we can to protect the environment. It is not just a regulatory requirement. It is the right thing to do.”

– ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR AT A CHILDREN’S
HOSPITAL IN ARKANSAS

Hospital leaders shared four key reasons for choosing Stericycle:



SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Our network of localized team members across the U.S. maintain a 98% on-time pickup rate.*



HOSPITAL TEAM SAFETY & SUPPORT

Stericycle’s team worked alongside each children’s hospital to create an environment of safety and efficiency. Our experts are frequently sought out as trusted advisors to help customers navigate the intricacies of regulatory complexities. Their mindshare pours into each collaboration with hospital training staff to deliver start-up training, and access to on-demand support and resources.



COMPLIANCE & VALUE-ADDED PARTNERSHIP

Stericycle’s proactive service and flat fee approach minimizes costs associated with unnecessary container exchanges. Our proprietary tracking software provides visibility to waste containers throughout their lifecycle. This system, combined with our team of industry-leading regulatory experts, provided the best solution to help the hospitals mitigate risk.



SUSTAINABILITY RESULTS

Our reusable sharps containers can potentially be reused up to 600 times, thus reducing the number of sharps containers sent to landfills when compared to non-reusable sharps containers. Reusable containers are disinfected and thoroughly inspected prior to being returned for reuse. All seven children’s hospitals are leaders in sustainable practices, and utilize Stericycle’s solutions to advance their mission.

Collectively, the Children’s hospitals reduced their carbon footprints by approximately 209,883** pounds per year by using Stericycle’s Reusable Sharps Management Solution.

Stericycle’s compliance-based solutions protect people and brands, promote health and well-being, and safeguard the environment. We welcome the opportunity to help you protect what matters.

For more information, visit stericycle.com or call **866-338-5120**.

*Source: Stericycle data, 2020

**Based on Stericycle’s Carbon Footprint Estimator, which uses industry-specific benchmark data and metrics derived from the EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator.

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