



## Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council

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**Abstract:**

In the healthcare textile processing industry, tunnel washers provide an excellent way for a laundry facility to create a work pattern that supports functional separation of soiled from clean reusable textiles. For laundries that do not have tunnel washers but use conventional washer/extractors, or washers and separate centrifugal extractors as primary methods of washing, achieving functional separation can be a significant challenge unless the facility has implemented additional policies and procedures.

The purpose of Project CW will be to develop a Best Practice document that provides guidance and recommendations for facilities utilizing conventional equipment that can help a laundry meet the functional separation requirement as required for HLAC accreditation. The Best Practice document will reference the ***Accreditation Standards for Processing Reusable Textiles for Use in Healthcare Facilities*** as its primary source and justification for creation of the document. This Best Practice document will also incorporate basic infection prevention concepts such as hand hygiene, work flow patterns, PPE, equipment cleaning & sanitization, bloodborne pathogen references and more, as well as a bibliography to further validate its recommendations and provide additional guidance to the reader.

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