

# The Benefits of Laundry Accreditation: An Owner-Operator's Journey from Reluctance to Advocacy



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If you're an accredited laundry, this article will reinforce your decision to have gone through the process. You may want to pass along the article to your hospital customer to remind them of the level of standards, quality and safe service they're getting from you.

If you know a laundry owner who is sitting on the fence regarding accreditation, please forward this article to them.

And if you're a healthcare facility manager with an unaccredited laundry program, it's time to consider raising your standards.

Thank you!

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By Gregory Gicewicz

The first call came to us this past spring right around the time of the report "Mucormycosis Outbreak Associated With Hospital Linens," which was published in *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*. The reporter, from a national news organization, was looking for an objective source, a leader in the field, to comment on an incident that had identified hospital linens traced to an off-site launderer as the agent of transmission during an outbreak of the deadly fungus that resulted in five deaths at a pediatric hospital between 2008 and 2009.

For the reporter, we were a logical source for information. The nonprofit Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) accredits laundries processing healthcare textiles with standards that are based on federal regulations and guidelines as well as best industry practices. As HLAC's current board president,

Courtesy: Sterile Surgical Systems.

### About HLAC

The Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of inspecting and accrediting laundries processing healthcare textiles for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities.

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