

## **Dartmouth Hitchcock on-site autoclave saves \$250,000**

Since dismantling its incinerator in 1995, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H., has saved about \$250,000 annually by autoclaving and landfilling instead of shipping its general infectious waste through a vendor.

The hospital made the decision after being convinced of the environmental, financial and operational advantages of autoclaving over incineration or outsourcing. The hospital also saved money by reducing the amount of regulated medical waste it generates. The facility averaged between six and seven autoclave loads per day, representing nearly 1,500 pounds of general infectious waste.

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