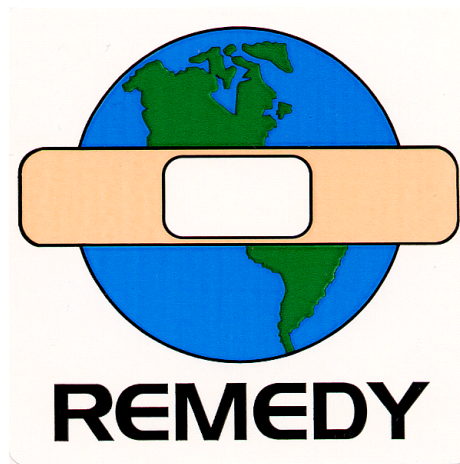


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Can you imagine using IV tubing that's been rinsed from a previous patient?



How about sutures that have been created from old gauze?



Would you want these drapes covering you during surgery?



Imagine washing out latex gloves for multiple usage?



These conditions are inconceivable to us.

Yet, in the United States, hospitals discard **thousands** of tons of usable medical supplies each year.



STATISTICS

** 1.3 Billion people consume less than 1,250 calories, and earn less than \$1 (US) per day

** One third of the Earth's children are malnourished

** Since 1990 there has been no increase in the world's grain production

** \$200 million in unused medical supplies discarded from Operating Rooms annually

** The most needed medical supplies overseas are the most basic to the U.S. – gloves, sutures, drapes, gauze, syringes, beds, IV tubing, catheters, sponges, dressing.

** Fresh Kills Landfill is one of the U.S. Eastern seaboard's highest elevations

“The problems of the many are not the responsibilities of the few. But, the few who are responsible, as well as capable, shall lead...” J. Swan

The REMEDY

Founded in 1991 by William H. Rosenblatt, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology at Yale University School of Medicine, REMEDY is a group of health care professionals and others promoting the nationwide practice of recovery of open-but-unused surgical supplies. The end goal of our mission has been to provide international medical relief while reducing solid medical waste from US hospitals.

Originally, REMEDY was conceived of as a means to collect surgical supplies for use in the volunteer medical mission trips in which Dr. Rosenblatt participated at various Latin American hospitals. On these trips he gained an appreciation for the critical shortages of supplies in developing nations and much more awareness of the overabundance of these same supplies in US hospitals, from which a tremendous amount of unused, but clean, supplies are disposed.

Gloves, sutures, drapes, gowns and many other items prepared but not used during a medical procedure are discarded because they are considered "un-sterile" even if there has been no contact at all with the patient. Due to legal concerns, these supplies are not usable in this country but are enthusiastically accepted by many U.S.-based charitable organizations for distribution to healthcare personnel throughout the developing world where they are so desperately needed.

In response, REMEDY, Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World, became a non-profit organization committed to teaching and promoting the recovery of surplus OR supplies. Drs. Rosenblatt and Silverman developed a comprehensive **In-service Teaching Packet** with information needed to start a standardized recovery program based on the REMEDY model, applicable to any surgical procedure in any hospital in the U.S. Proven recovery protocols were designed to be quickly adapted to the everyday operating room or critical care routine.

The REMEDY Teaching Packet is distributed free of charge to all requesting hospitals.

Rather than reinvent the wheel, REMEDY suggests turning to the huge network of U.S.-based non-profit medical charities to form partnerships. It is the mission of these groups to support and successfully deliver medical assistance and supplies to nations in need. They have the staff, knowledge, experience, funding and contacts overseas to successfully deliver these recovered supplies to medical professionals serving populations in need. We encourage each hospital recovery program to target donations to whatever organization or project they wish.

As of June, 2004, the REMEDY at Yale program alone has donated more than 30 tons of medical supplies! It is estimated that at least \$200 million worth of supplies could be recovered from U.S. hospitals each year (just from operating rooms!)... resulting in an increase of 50% of the medical aid sent from the United States to the developing world.

REMEDY is a support system for hospitals that are looking to start supply recovery programs. Benefits for the hospital include cost reduction, solid waste reduction, tax-deduction, public image, morale/team building.

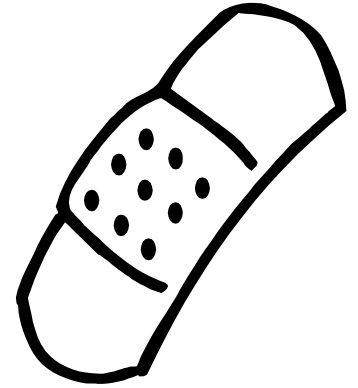
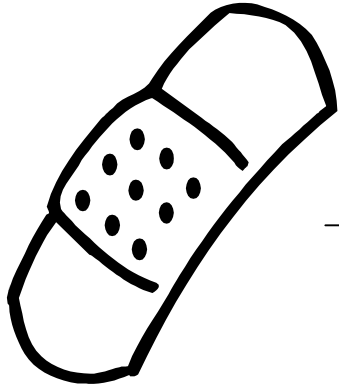


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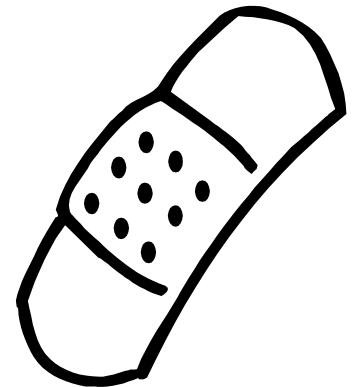
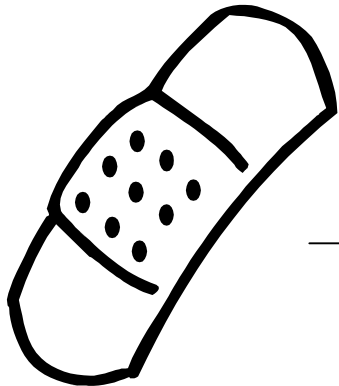


Bridging the Gap – Between Surplus Supplies and Serious Need



Med-Eq is a non-profit online community which posts medical supplies and equipment from hospitals, laboratories, home health care, corporations and individuals.

Med-Eq connects the donor with a **verified** reputable United States 501c3 nonprofit charity doing medical mission work in developing countries.



Items Recently Posted on Med-Eq

Bard Foley Cath Kits in Taylor Mill, KY	8/22/2007
Latex Gloves in Taylor Mill, KY	8/22/2007
Dover Rob-Nel Catheter in San Diego, CA	8/22/2007
prosthetic legs & accessories in Southampton, NJ	8/22/2007
3 way stopcock with leur lock in Omaha, NE	8/21/2007
Vacutainer tubes in Omaha, NE	8/21/2007
Kangaroo Pump Sets in Oakland, CA	8/21/2007
Vacutainer collection set in Omaha, NE	8/21/2007
Cannulas & tubing in Harrison, MI	8/19/2007
Two Electropedic Twin Beds in Portland, OR	8/19/2007
Dyonics Stoncutter 4.0 acromionizer in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Yale Sympathetic Nerve Needle in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Yale Chemo Needle in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
20 gauge Quinke Spinal needle in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Goniometer in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
IM Reamers-manual in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Zickel Intramedullary Rod in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Crutchfield tongs in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Medtronic Xomed Adenoid Curette in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Mytek Cufftack Guide with Obturator in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Mytek Bioknotless RC Anchor in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Mytek Mini QuickAnchor plus in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Mytek RCR QuickAnchor Plus in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Mytek VAPR 90 degree electrode in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Arthrex Biointerference Full thread screw in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Arthrex Biointerference screw with disposable sheath in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Depuy Nancy nail and End Cap in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Circon Disposable Big Sucker in Manitowoc, WI	8/14/2007
Crutches, Walker, Walking Boot - Located in Manhattan	8/14/2007

Past Postings Have Included:

X-Ray Machines, Ultrasounds, Sonograms, Mammography

Hospital Beds, Mattresses

Hoyer Lifts, Canes, Walkers, Adaptive Equipment, Commodes

An Ambulance

Boxes of Various Supplies – Sutures, Gloves, Tubing, Syringes, Surgical Supplies, Catheters, Swabs, Brushes, Packets, Blood Vials, Drapes, Cotton, Masks

Crutches, Air Casts, Braces, Immobilizers, Splints

Wheelchairs, Motorized and Manual

Full Office Donations (Dental, OB/GYN, Chiropractic)

Specialized Surgical Equipment – Laparoscopic, Orthopedic

Why Post Surplus Supplies/Equipment on Med-Eq?

1. Membership and usage is Free.
2. It is VERY easy and can be done per your schedule.
3. Average turnaround time from posting to claim is 48 hours for non-specialized items.
4. All Recipient Charities are VERIFIED United States based 501(c)3 nonprofits doing mission work in developing countries.
5. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the IRS code.
6. Equipment is donated to organizations who have the capacity and knowledge to use it correctly.
7. Surplus equipment doesn't end up in a landfill or incinerator.
8. It is the responsibility of the RECIPIENT to arrange for shipping or pickup.
9. It's a good thing to do.

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

1. Go to www.med-eq.org
2. Click on Become a Member. Fill out a short form, choose a user name and password.
3. Click on Member Log in.
4. Click on View My Donated Items
5. Click on Post a New Item for Donation
6. In the Subject Area – list the item and its location (Sutures in Phoenix, Arizona)
7. In the Description Area – post as much information about the item as you know including any limitations (timetables, etc.)
8. Click submit.

Once you have clicked “Submit”, the posting will appear to us for approval. We will review the posting and make any necessary changes before setting it as “Live”.

Once set as live, an email will be sent to all registered recipient charities. Interested charities will have an opportunity to claim the item. Med-Eq will then check with the charity to make sure that they have the capacity to use the item.

Once the charity is approved, we will give your contact information to the them and it will be their responsibility to contact you to arrange for shipping or pickup.

EASY!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can these items be used in the United States?

REMEDY agrees that there is great need in the United States for medical care. However, the supplies/equipment that we work to collect cannot be used in the United States due to strict federal regulations and liability concerns. We specify that supplies should be “open” or “exposed” but unused or surplus.

2. Does REMEDY/Med-Eq accept expired or surplus pharmaceuticals?

Due to liability concerns, we cannot accept pharmaceuticals of any kind. Since REMEDY acts as the broker between the donor and the recipient, we cannot guarantee that pharmaceuticals will not end up on the black market or in the wrong hands. Other charitable organizations do accept pharmaceuticals, since they are direct medical missions.

3. How do I start a REMEDY program?

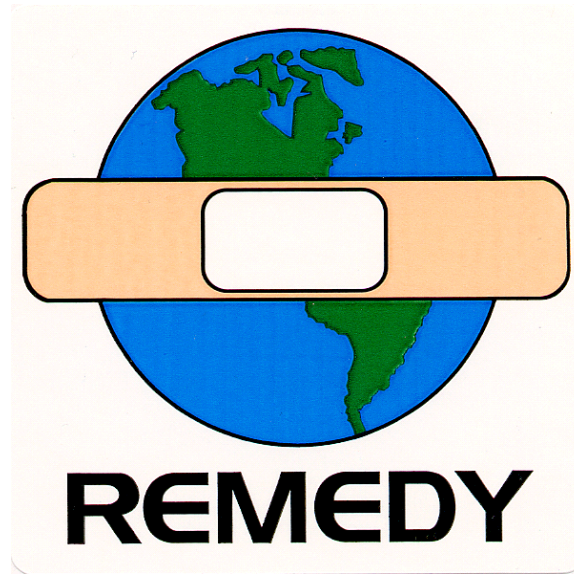
To start a REMEDY program, simply go to www.remedyinc.org and request a Teaching Packet. REMEDY will support you throughout your program.

4. How do you guarantee the sterility of donated items?

It is the responsibility of the recipient to sterilize any items that are in question.

5. Who pays for the shipping of the item?

It is the responsibility of the recipient to pay for shipping or pickup the item.



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