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IAHTM, HLAC Say Healthcare Laundry Standards Are As Important to OPLs as Commercial, Co-op Laundries

10 Principles for Facility Cleaning Managers Overseeing Laundry

Powell, OH; Plainfield, IL – April 24, 2017 – On-premise laundries (OPLs) must hold themselves up to the same sort of healthcare laundry standards as commercial laundries and cooperatives. So state Rocco Romeo and John Scherberger in a collaborative [article](#) just published in Facility Cleaning Decisions magazine.

Romeo is board president of the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM), and Scherberger is board president of the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC).

In their article, [“Proper Laundering Aids in Infection Prevention,”](#) the authors observe that more hospitals are beginning to recognize that their laundries need to be part of their overall infection prevention strategies. As such, they’re asking for “formal acknowledgment from the laundry verifying that its processes are based on the highest professionally recognized standards for patient safety and infection prevention.”

The “same scrutiny” and “similar healthcare laundry standards” apply to on-premise laundries, say Romeo and Scherberger. They note that there are more than 600 standards found in the [HLAC Accreditation Standards](#) document but specifically for facility managers overseeing laundry, the authors highlight 10 HLAC principles that directly apply: functional separation, hand hygiene, environmental cleaning, cart disinfection, linen protection during transport, air flow, sorting, washing, drying, and finishing.



About IAHTM

Founded in 1969, the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM) is a nonprofit organization serving healthcare laundry cooperatives. IAHTM membership comprises experienced laundry executives serving 7,000 healthcare facilities in the USA and Canada. IAHTM members have access to training and education programs, benchmarking resources, peer information sharing and networking, and group purchasing power on textiles and chemicals. www.iahtm.com

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. Visit www.hlacnet.org and on Twitter [@NewsHlac](https://twitter.com/NewsHlac).