

CASE STUDY



St. Agnes Hospital

TriMedx partner since 2002



SUCCESS IN ACTION : ST. AGNES HOSPITAL

St. Agnes Hospital planned a major hospital environmental project that would augment patient and staff safety. TriMedx, the nation's premier provider of healthcare equipment services, was utilized to employ best practices around several types of medical devices that supported the hospital safety initiative.

"These practices are much more complicated to implement than most people realize," stated Bill Rea, manager of clinical engineering. "TriMedx helped us develop replacement plans, locate the unsafe equipment, and execute the programs."

One such practice was around mercury sphygmomanometers. Since mercury is highly toxic at room temperature, devices that utilize it pose a significant hazard for patients and staff. TriMedx staff were able to remove these devices from use in the

QUICK FACTS

EtO is a flammable and explosive air contaminant.
EtO is a probable human carcinogen.
Mercury is highly toxic at room temperature.
Mercury sphygmomanometers can spill during calibration and break during patient use.

hospital ahead of schedule and without disruption to the provision of care.

Another safety hazard at St. Agnes Hospital was the use of ethylene oxide (EtO) for sterilization. TriMedx found an alternative source for this sterilization, and completely eliminated the use of EtO at the hospital.

"These safety initiatives are an example of the additional value TriMedx brings to our hospital," said Larry Lawson, Directory of Clinical Technologies. "We brought them in to partner with us on our equipment services, but they've also helped us in so many other ways."

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