CONSIDER THIS.

The amount of medical waste the health care industry produces in the U.S. every year could fill all six lanes of Interstate 71 from Cleveland to Columbus and would rise 46' into the air for all 140 miles. That is a lot of garbage.

HERE’S THE GOOD NEWS.

A lot of what we throw away in hospitals, doctors offices and clinics could have a second life saving lives.

That’s where we come in – you, a health care professional with an eye for resourcefulness and a heart for helping others – and MedWish, the Cleveland-based organization that recovers surplus supplies and equipment and connects these items to recipients in developing countries, where instead of going to waste, it’s put to use.

HOW IT WORKS.

You...

- Get to know our “hot list” - things our recipients always need (see reverse). Keep an eye out for surplus in your department that is destined for the landfill but would better serve our recipients overseas.
- Talk to your hospital’s MedWish Champion to learn how your supplies can get to us. Check with your materials management department or call MedWish at (216) 692-1685 to find out who is your champion.
- Be our first line of defense for quality assurance. It costs a lot of time and money to dispose of unusable donations. Please do not donate any of these items:

  - Expired Supplies (They won’t get through customs.)
  - Items contaminated by patient contact.
  - Broken, torn or incomplete equipment (Ex.: Defibrillators must have battery, power cord and paddles.)

We...

- Work with your facility’s MedWish Champion to coordinate donation of medical surplus.
- Take donations to our sorting and distribution center, where volunteers check, sort and pack items for shipment.
- Work with recipients to send exactly the type and quantity of items they need. That could be a single box of sutures or a 40’ cargo container filled with hospital beds, wheelchairs and pallets of supplies.

MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP MEDWISH

*The work isn’t over when your donations arrive at our distribution center. Come help us sort and pack! Visit medwish.org and click on “Volunteer” to learn more and sign up.

**Supplies themselves are given free of charge. Recipients must cover shipping & packing costs. It’s what keeps our doors open, but we are always looking for donations to cover costs our recipients cannot afford. Visit medwish.org/give to help!
GIVE RIGHT. SAVE LIVES.

Hot List
These items are always in high demand among our recipients. **Remember:** Expired, contaminated, broken or incomplete items are never on the hot list.

Equipment
- All-position chairs
- Autopsy tables
- Bedside cabinets
- Canes
- Crash carts
- Cribs
- Crutches
- Dialysis chairs
- Exam tables
- Gooseneck lamps
- Gurneys
- Hospital beds (true hospital beds, not “home health” beds)
- IV Poles
- Manual wheelchairs
- Over-the-bed tray tables
- Phlebotomy chairs
- Physical therapy tables
- Privacy screens
- Shelving
- Spinal boards
- Utility carts
- Walkers

Supplies
- 10, 20, and 60 Drop solution sets
- Adhesive bandages
- Adult diapers
- Ambu bags (all sizes)
- Antibiotic ointment
- Anti-embolism stockings
- Blood glucose meters
- Blood glucose test strips
- Booties
- Braces
- Butterfly needles
- Casting bandage
- Chux underpads
- Cotton umbilical tape & clamps
- CPR supplies
- Delivery/OB kits
- Dental hygiene items
- Ear/ulcer bulb syringes
- External catheters
- Face masks
- Feeding tubes
- Fetoscope
- Foley catheters & insertion kits
- Gauze
- Gloves, sterile & exam
- Gowns
- Gravity feeding sets
- Hemocult/serracult tests
- Hot & cold packs
- IV catheters & start kits
- Lap sponges
- Medical tape
- Nasal dressing
- Nasogastric tubes
- Needles & syringes (all sizes)
- Ophthalmoscope
- OR Caps
- Otoscope
- Perineal pads
- Pregnancy tests
- Reflex hammers
- Saline solution
- Saline syringes
- Self catheter kits
- Sharps containers
- Thermometers (no mercury)
- Splints
- Sterile drapes, OR towels & sheets
- Sterile scalpels
- Sterile water
- Stethoscopes
- Sutures (all sizes/kinds)
- Thermometers
- Tongue depressors
- Tourniquets
- Travel-size toiletries
- Undercast padding
- Urinalysis tests
- Urine meter
- Vaginal packing
- Vaginal pre-op kits
- Vaginal speculums (Stainless steel & plastic)
- Wound dressings

**Please note:** Many other supplies and pieces of equipment may be appropriate for donation. Call to inquire about any other items you would like to donate: (216) 692-1685.