

Medical Practices: Save Money on Waste

September 29, 2008 - Biomedical waste hauling can mean big expenditures for medical practices. As a general rule, a small- to medium-sized medical office spends between \$300 to \$1,000 each month for transport and treatment services, with dentists averaging between \$70-150 per month.

“There’s a lot of waste in the waste business, and healthcare workers often think they’re paying less for these services than they really are,” says Don G. Cox, Jr., CEO and President of BioMedical Technology Solutions, Inc. (BMTS), a company that offers biomedical waste treatment solutions for medical, dental, veterinary offices, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other healthcare facilities. “Waste management is getting costlier, landfills are getting smaller, and fuel is getting more expensive every day. And oftentimes, common trash is carelessly placed in ‘sharps’ and ‘red bag’ collectors, which only adds to the cost and environmental burden.”

Medical practices and healthcare facilities are also exposed to liability related to their biohazardous waste. Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, waste generators have “cradle-to-grave” liability, meaning they are responsible for the hazardous/infectious nature of biomedical waste from the point of generation until the point that the infectious potential has been finally destroyed. In other words, the fact that waste may have been properly labeled and legally consigned to a licensed disposal company offers little protection. Under the law, the original generator of the waste may be culpable for injuries, damages, and cleanup costs, with failure to comply with federal regulations resulting in fines of up to \$70,000.

Fortunately, new technology is addressing these concerns. The only device capable of processing sharps and red bag waste into non-biohazardous, non-infectious solid waste that can be disposed of as common trash, BMTS’ Demolizer® II is a self-contained system that provides safety, simplicity, security, and savings. The device saves money for medical practices by eliminating up to 100% of the costs associated with biomedical waste disposal, eliminates “cradle to grave” liability associated with biomedical waste disposal, and helps promote a greener environment by eliminating traditional incineration methods. The Demolizer® II has been reviewed by over seventy-eight governmental agencies and is approved or meets requirements for use in forty-seven states as an optional biomedical waste disposal system.

“Thanks to new technology,” says Cox, “excessive biomedical waste hauling expenses can finally be mitigated.” For more information visit www.bmtscorp.com.