

# HOSPITAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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## SUMMARY

Hospital wastes pose a serious problem. This is primarily caused by the diversity of the individual components of the waste which constitute a risk to health if inadequately handled.

It is evident that economic and technical conditions for both a safe disposal as well as efficient steam sterilization and management practice based on legal regulations consequently will contribute to protections of both human health and the environment.

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