



## Standardization Suite

Improving the quality and efficiency of care delivery through product and best practice standardization

Standardizing on the most appropriate product for a given application — even something as “small” as a roll of tape or an electrode — can have significant impact on the quality and cost of patient care. The Standardization Suite from 3M is designed to help hospitals and health systems:

**Improve the quality and consistency of patient care** by following best practices and selecting suitable product solutions for each application

**Increase efficiency and reduce waste** by providing fewer but more appropriate products for staff to use

**Reduce inventory costs** and streamline SKU management by eliminating unnecessary SKUs

Experienced 3M staff is available to assist healthcare organizations in achieving standardization in the following areas:



### Sterilization Standardization

3M technical service representatives can support your goals through an on-site review of the policies and procedures in your sterile processing environment. We will benchmark your performance against Standards and Recommended Practices from AORN, AAMI, and the CDC, and provide recommendations to help you:

- > **Maintain compliance** with recommended Quality Assurance practices
- > **Reduce the risk of human error**
- > **Potentially consolidate for SKU management**
- > **Better leverage high-quality educational resources**



### Forced-Air Warming Standardization

Utilization of 3M Forced-Air Warming Therapy can help prevent unintended hypothermia and its associated complications. 3M can be your one-stop, forced-air warming resource, helping you:

- > **Reduce SKUs and lower inventory management costs** — Eliminate areas of duplication where the same dimension is ordered
- > **Consolidate purchasing** — Choose the best option for warming patients that fits your facility's perioperative process
- > **Increase workflow efficiency** — Decrease linen usage and improve worker productivity through active warming
- > **Achieve greater consistency across departments or facilities**
- > **Improve patient satisfaction**



### Electrodes Standardization

Standardizing on 3M high quality electrodes — quick to stick but gentle to remove — can help health systems:

- > **Stock fewer SKUs** but still meet all patient needs
- > **Achieve greater consistency** across departments or facilities
- > **Improve electrode utilization** while reducing inventory



Most IDNs carry 15+ electrode SKUs when less than half that number may be needed.



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### Cables and Leadwires Standardization

Often overlooked in standardization initiatives, cables and leadwires offer significant opportunities for cost reduction. 3M can be your one-stop resource for all cable and leadwires, helping you:

- > **Consolidate purchasing** — Choose lower-cost options for replacement cables and leadwires that work with virtually any brand of monitors
- > **Increase workflow efficiency** — Create a universal connection that accepts disposable or reusable leadwires without having to use adapters, for faster patient transfers



### Tape Standardization

Innovative 3M Medical Tapes can help you improve patient care while reducing the number of different types of tape you stock. Tape Standardization can allow you to:

- > **Reduce SKUs and lower inventory management costs** — Only stock the tapes you really need
- > **Combat cross-contamination** — Take advantage of 3M's single patient use rolls to reduce waste while also following the CDC guideline of dedicating a single roll of tape to each patient
- > **Afford gentler tapes** — By finding areas of duplication and eliminating unneeded SKUs, many hospitals find it possible to move to gentler, more patient-friendly tapes



Using 3M Medical Tapes, many hospitals are able to reduce tape categories by 50% or more.



### IV Dressings Standardization

Evaluating IV dressing and catheter securement practices across your IDN can lead to more standardized patient care and more consistent utilization across facilities. IV Dressing Standardization can help you:

- > **Reduce SKUs and lower inventory management costs** — Eliminate areas of duplication where the same dimension is ordered from multiple vendors or kits don't include your product of choice
- > **Right-Size utilization** — Identify and resolve dressing utilization outliers across your organization
- > **Streamline clinician education** — Reduce the need for clinicians to become familiar with multiple product lines and provide a more consistent patient experience



### Immobilization Standardization

When systems standardize immobilization products, they are often able to reduce the number of manufacturers and harmonize accessory products, helping you:

- > **Utilize bulk rolls for splint products** — Bulk rolls allow health systems to reduce SKUs and inventory
- > **Streamline accessories** — By evaluating casting accessories system-wide, hospitals can standardize on manufacturers, technology and SKUs
- > **Evaluate casting tape** — Standardize on select colors and sizes system wide

## 3M: Your Partner in Standardization

Working with your team, experienced 3M staff will:

- Create a customized standardization plan to meet your clinical and financial goals
- Help align your protocols with recommended clinical best practices to help improve patient outcomes
- Provide a dedicated team and educational resources to support adoption of new protocols and products for a successful implementation

Talk to your 3M account manager to discuss how we can work together to achieve your goals.



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