

Study Summary Report

Reusable versus Single-use Laryngoscopes

Life Cycle Cost and Environmental Savings

Reusable versus disposable laryngoscopes environmental and economic considerations.
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Life Cycle Assessment is an internationally, standardized, science based approach to **quantify multiple environmental and public health impacts of a product and/or process over its entire life span**, from raw material extraction, device production, transport, use and reusable and end of life disposable. Life Cycle Assessment **should support procurement in decision making** on the **real costs** and **environmental burden** of a product.

Significant Life Cycle Cost and Environmental Savings with reusable vs. single-use Laryngoscope combinations.



Environmental Savings:
 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) measured in CO₂ equivalents

~85% per year

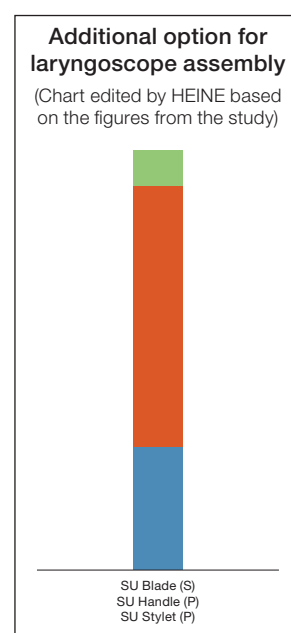
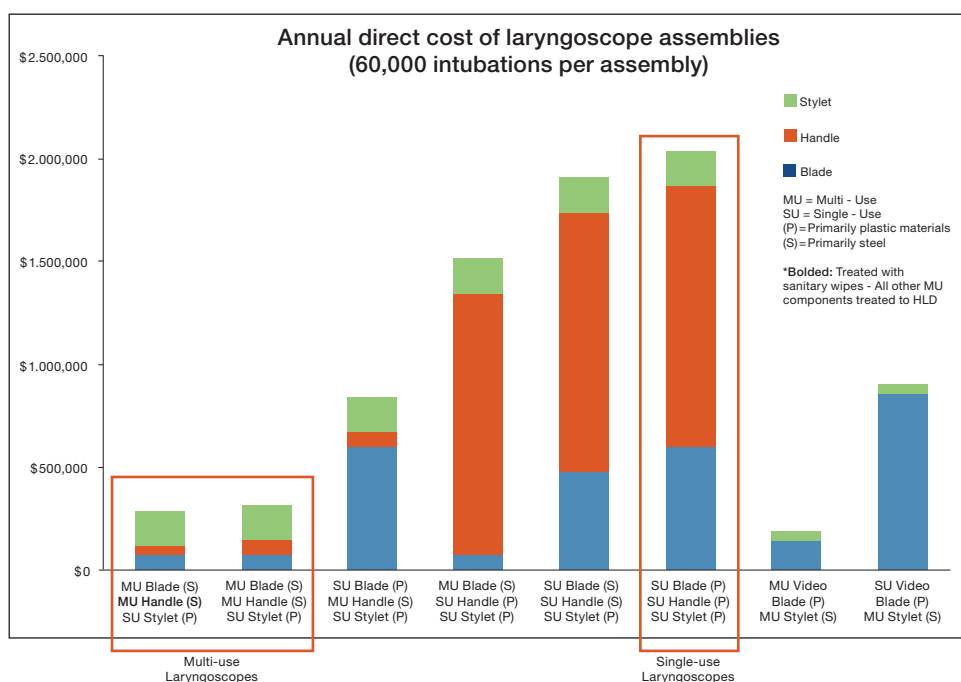


Annual Operating Cost Savings:
 Based on 60,000 intubations in Yale University per year and 4000 reprocessing cycles of reusable laryngoscope systems

~88% per year

SAVE UP TO \$ 1.8 Million per year with reusables

The more reusable Laryngoscope components used the higher Life Cycle Cost Savings are.



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