



# The Sterile Times

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## “Surgery Starts in CSSD”: Celebrating the World “Science of Sterilization” Day

The theme of this year's celebration, “Surgery Starts in CSSD” emphasizes the importance & crucial role Sterile Supply Technician professionals play in safe surgery & healthcare delivery.

CSSD or Central Sterile Supply Department plays a vital role in patient safety and reducing hospital surgical infection. In fact, CSSD can be considered the "heart of the hospital" because so many other departments depend on the service we provide. It is the “backbone” of which Perioperative Services rely on to keep the Operating Rooms or Surgery going.

We are committed to quality; implementing continuous quality improvement initiatives that increase the safety for both our patients and staff. We focus on the needs of our customers based on the latest Quality Standards of ISO 13485 and ASNZS 4187:2014 on the processing of reusable medical devices (RMDs).

**Fast Facts.** For Financial Year 2016–2017, CSSD processed a total of 491,184 trays or sets of instruments equivalent to handling of more than 5.7million simple to very complex critical surgical instruments or RMDs .

**CSSD is located on Two sites.**

**Grafton Site, Starship Hospital & Auckland City Hospital**

- ⇒ 31 Operating Theatres
- ⇒ 3 Endoscopy Procedure Rooms
- ⇒ Average 85% of total production

**Greenlane Site, Greenlane Surgical Unit**

- ⇒ 8 Operating Theatres
- ⇒ 1 Endoscopy Procedure Room
- ⇒ Average 15% of total Production

85% of our Sterile Supply Technicians are certified to have completed the NZ Sterilizing Technology Course.



ADHB CSSD is ISO 13485 Quality Management System Certified and the only ISO certified CSSD in New Zealand.

