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# CU Anschutz Wins Award for Lab Space Optimization:

## 44,000 sq.ft. of Underutilized Lab Space Reclaimed as Part of Lab Clean-up Project

### *Project Overview*

The charge was led by the School of Medicine Dean's Office to analyze existing lab space use

550,000 sq.ft. of total lab space was surveyed.



### *Key Takeaways*

“Clutter and antique/unused equipment is a huge problem...”

Reclaimed space is being used to meet new research needs.

Research space guidelines have been revised & lab space use is reviewed annually.

### *Clean-up Metrics*

4,000 items and pieces of equipment were collected for reuse.

3,000 pounds of chemicals were disposed.

250 tons of waste was removed, with about 20% being recycled.

***This effort won a 2023 award from the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL).***

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