



2012 Mentor Hospital Application

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Practice Greenhealth Members Only

The Practice Greenhealth mentor hospital program identifies facility member experts on a number of topics or “challenges” and through sharing calls, case studies and forums, engages the broader community so others can learn from the success.

The program is also an implementation strategy for the **Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI)**, a three-year campaign kicking off in April 2012, under the sponsorship of ten health care systems in partnership with Health Care Without Harm, Practice Greenhealth and the Center for Health Design. The HHI campaign will demonstrate the financial and environmental benefit of specific, measurable environmental strategies based on the participation of thousands of hospitals. The HHI Challenges are identified in the application and are open to HHI-participating facilities. The other topics are not specific to the HHI Challenges and are available exclusively to Practice Greenhealth members. Learn more and participate at www.healthierhospitals.org.

The time commitment is small—the benefits are significant:

- Personal career development through recognition in the community as a topic expert
- Certificate of participation
- Spotlight in Practice Greenhealth website and *Greenhealth* magazine
- Showcased as a content expert for media inquiries
- Recognized at the CleanMed Conference and Exposition

Name of Mentor Applicant	Title	
Email	Phone	
Name of Hospital	Health System	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Is the facility a Practice Greenhealth Award winner?	Yes	No
If yes, list awards and years received:		

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Mentor Challenges

The mentor topics are listed below. You may choose more than one. If there is more than one applicant from the organization, please fill out separate applications – one for each contact. If you would like to submit as a team, Practice Greenhealth will consider up to two individuals as Team Mentors, covering one challenge. Depending on the types and amounts of applications, a Mentor may be able to address more than one challenge through a combined strategy. This will be determined upon receipt of applications.

Mentor applicants are being sought for the following Smarter Purchasing challenges:

How to Implement an EPP Program - A “how-to” on EPP policy development, team engagement, continuous identification of goals, product disclosure and discussion around quantifying cost savings and/or other positive outcomes as part of an overall sustainability program. *Members Only**

Use of Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products – A “how-to” on the endorsement and use of Practice Greenhealth’s “Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products” when contracting for medical devices or equipment. *HHI Smarter Purchasing Challenge***

Purchase of EPEAT Computers – A “how-to” on the win-win strategy of working with IT and purchasing to set a minimum performance standard for electronics with a goal of reporting total expenditure on EPEAT computers. *HHI Smarter Purchasing Challenge***

Greening the Operating Room – Introduction to Greening the OR™, including team development, data collection, goal setting and education with win-win strategies for improving the performance of the surgical services setting. *PGH Members**

Single-Use Device Reprocessing - A “how-to” on single-use device reprocessing with the goal to increase the expenditure of reprocessed FDA-eligible SUDs by 50 percent within 24 months. *HHI***

Surgical Kit Reformulation – A “how-to” on surgical kit reformulation with a goal of at least 30 OR kits reviewed or 90 percent of OR kit types, whichever is larger, within 12 months, as a win-win strategy for reducing waste and associated costs. *HHI***

Polystyrene Foam Elimination – A “how-to” on eliminating polystyrene foam in cafeterias and on patient units with interest in both reusable dishware and compostable-ware. *Members Only**

Mercury Elimination – A “how-to” on virtual elimination of mercury including policy development, assessment, transition to safer materials, education, monitoring and recognition through Practice Greenhealth Award criteria. *HHI Safer Chemicals Challenge***

Green Cleaning – Team approach to assessment of cleaning protocol and transition to Green Seal Certified cleaners for carpet care, windows, all purpose and bathroom cleaners. *HHI Safer Chemical Challenge ***

Reduction of PVC and DEHP in Medical Products – A “how-to” on inventory and transition to DEHP/PVC-free medical devices. *HHI Safer Chemicals***

Sustainable Furnishings – A “how-to” on development and use of a sustainable furniture and finishings standard for new construction and renovations with a goal of avoiding halogenated flame retardants, perfluorinated compounds, and PVC (also known as vinyl) in 25 percent of exam tables, recliners, furniture and casework. *HHI Safer Chemicals Challenge***

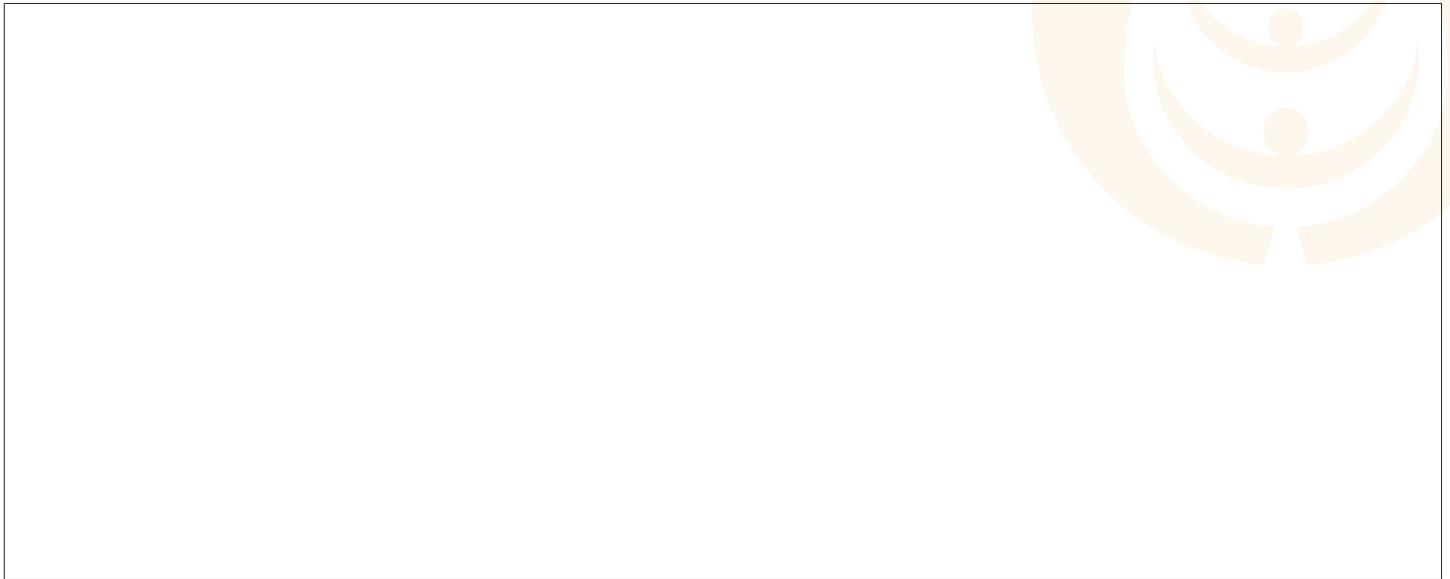
Developing an Institutional Chemicals Policy – A “how-to” on development of a chemical policy that provides a framework for reducing the use of hazardous chemicals in health care and buying and using safer products and equipment. *Members Only**

Healthier Grounds and Landscaping – Sustainable landscaping for water and toxicity reduction goals, xeriscaping, chemical-free maintenance, healing gardens and more. *Members Only**

* **Members Only** Those marked as “Members Only” are for the exclusive use of Practice Greenhealth members only and will be accessed through the Practice Greenhealth website at www.practicegreenhealth.org/mentor.

* **HHI** Healthier Hospital Initiative (HHI) challenges are open to any hospital participating in the Healthier Hospital Initiative and accessible through the Healthier Hospital website at www.healthierhospitals.org.

Briefly describe (in 150 words or less) why you should be considered as a mentor and represent your hospital for this (or these) topic area(s) and attach data that supports the success. The data will not be used or shared but will help identify mentor hospitals.



Submission of the application indicates a commitment to the following Mentor Hospital responsibilities.

By submitting, I agree to the following for the Mentor Hospital Program:

- Provide information (through template) for highlight on Practice Greenhealth website and *Greenhealth* magazine.
- Present and play leadership role in Mentor education calls of no more than four per topic per year. The call type would be based on group needs. First might be formal and follow-up for discussion, overcoming obstacles or focusing in on a specific area, for example. (Call will be coordinated by Practice Greenhealth.)
- Provide frequent participation in online forum. The forum could be shared with more than one Mentor to manage time commitment efficiently. The Mentor could also identify a coordinator from his/her system to monitor the forum for efficiency.
- Provide details for press inquiries when directed by Practice Greenhealth (and any other time!)
- Maintain membership with Practice Greenhealth for the 18-month commitment.
- Commit to participation in Mentor Hospital Program for 18 months from date of acceptance.

Name and Title

Date

Thank you! You will be informed within four weeks of submission.