

Collaborating to Prevent Massive Nitrous Oxide Waste in Medical Gas Systems

A Pacific Northwest Regional Webinar
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Cascadia Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) Collaborative



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What brings us here: A story of dual collaborations

- CleanMed conference presentation in 2022
- Collaborative research, assessment, solutions developed by Dr. Brian Chesebro and Andy Mason initially at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland
- Inspiration to follow Brian and Andy's lead, duplicate their work
- Legacy of roundtable meetings among PNW healthcare sustainability folks
- High interest in expanding collaboration on this issue in depth and breadth
- Ultimate vision: *Across the region, transform the delivery method of nitrous oxide within hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers to radically reduce leaks and resulting greenhouse gas emissions*



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- Dr. Brian Chesebro, Providence Health
- Geoff Glass, Providence Health
- Hillary Greenwood, Practice Greenhealth
- Dr. Liz Hansen, Seattle Children's Hospital and University of Washington (UW)
- John Leigh, CommonSpirit Health (Virginia Mason Franciscan Health in WA)
- Adam Lough, Allegheny Health Network and UW Executive MHA program
- Andy Mason, Providence Health
- Brian Nelson, PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center
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- Dr. Wyn Strodbeck, Virginia Mason Medical Center

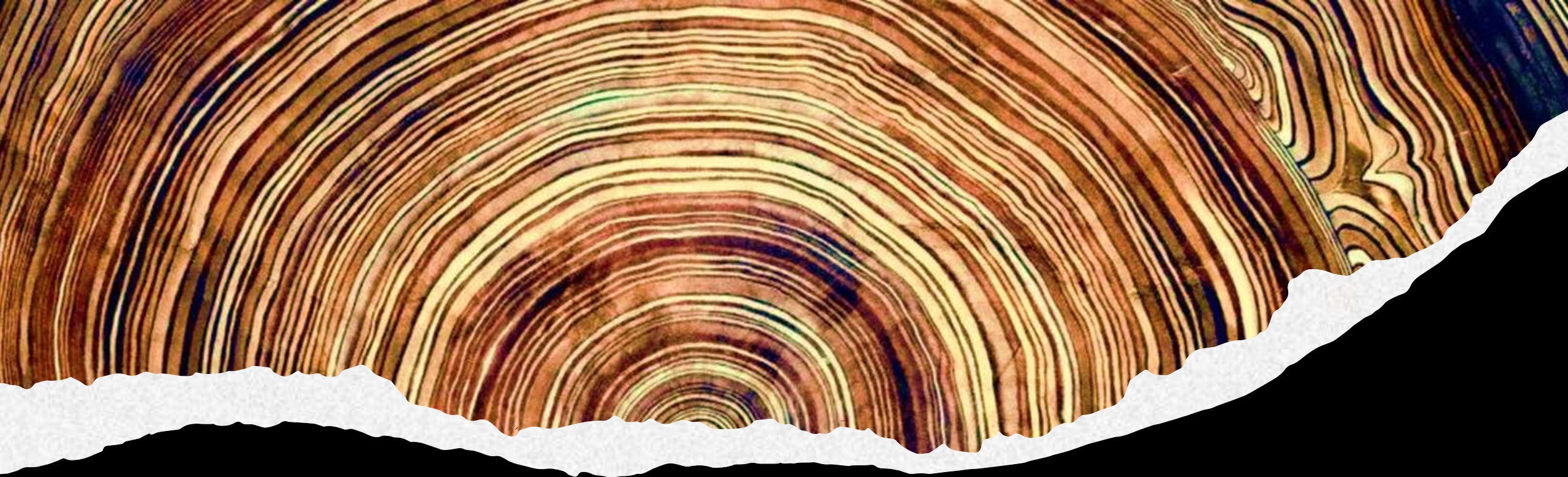




AGENDA

1. Introduction – John Leigh, PNW Sustainability Director, CommonSpirit Health
2. Providence Health’s research, assessment and solutions
 - Dr. Brian Chesebro, Anesthesiologist
 - Andy Mason, Regional Facility Director
3. Q&A with Dr. Chesebro and Mr. Mason
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Baseline Polling Question

Do you know the principal type of Nitrous Oxide medical gas system your organization uses today?



Nitrous Oxide Mitigation

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Medical Director- Environmental Stewardship

Providence Health



Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)

Clinical Uses

- adjunct to general anesthesia
- sedation / analgesia
- cryoablation (cardiac, GI)
- abdominal insufflation (?!?!?)

Side-effects





- nausea/vomiting
- inhibition of methionine synthase
 - neuropathies
 - bone marrow suppression
 - myocardial/vascular injury

Occupational Exposure

- OSHA (25 ppm)
- spontaneous abortion
- acute intoxication

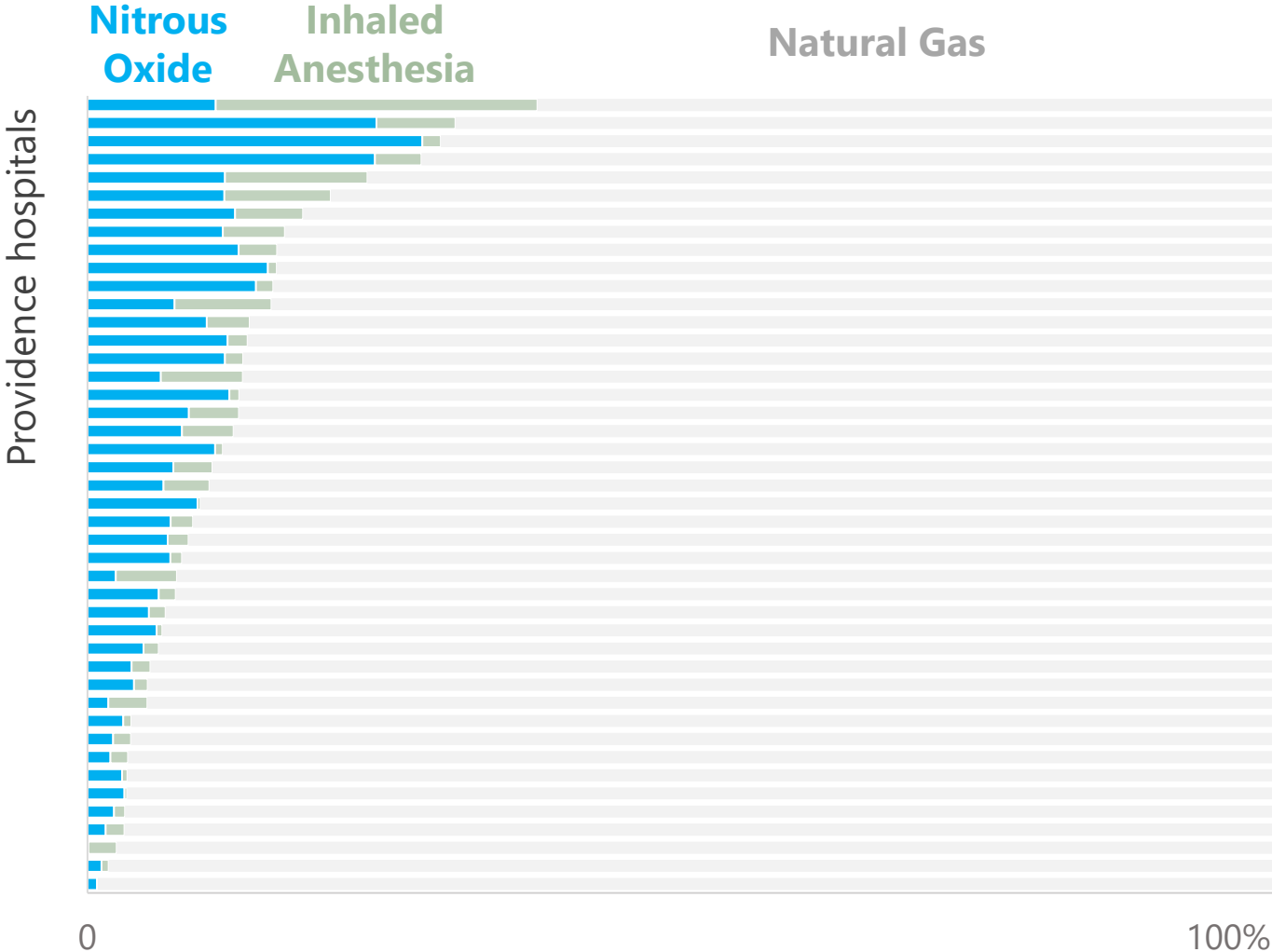


Inhaled Anesthetics

	<u>desflurane</u>	<u>sevoflurane</u>	<u>isoflurane</u>	<u>nitrous oxide</u>	
MAC ₄₀	6.6 %	1.8 %	1.2 %	104 %	(clinical potency)
GWP ₁₀₀	2540	130	510	265	(emissions intensity)
Atm lifetime	14	1.1	3.2	114	(atm lifetime- yrs)
					
	bottles	bottles	bottles	tanks	



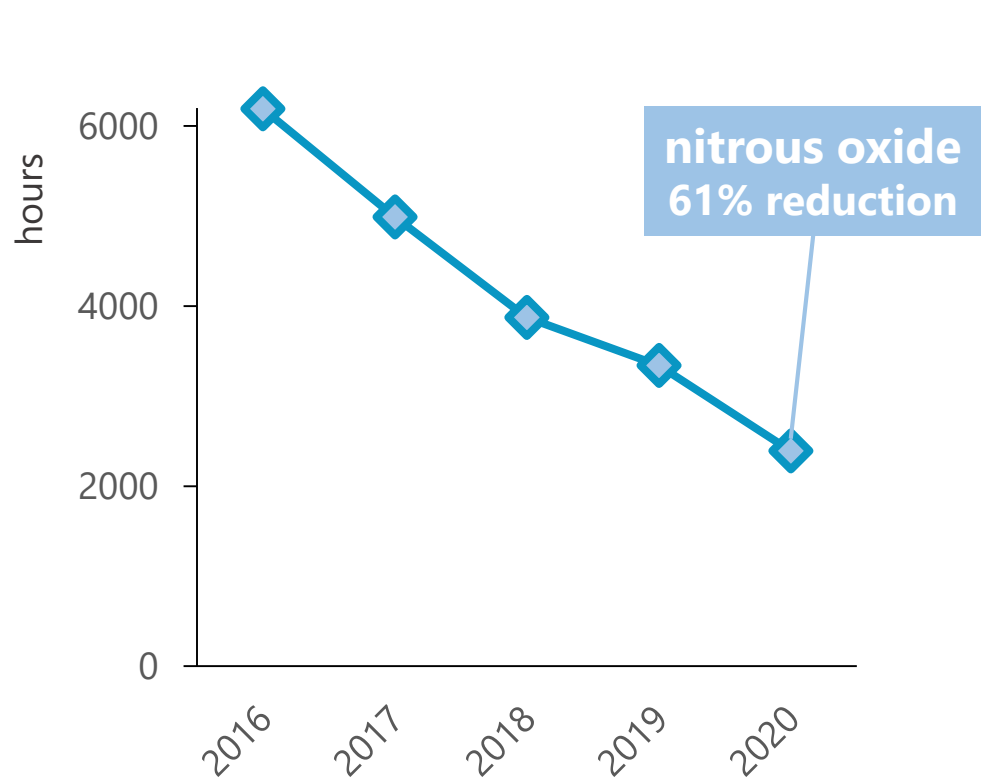
Medical gases contribute up to 40% of hospitals' direct emissions.



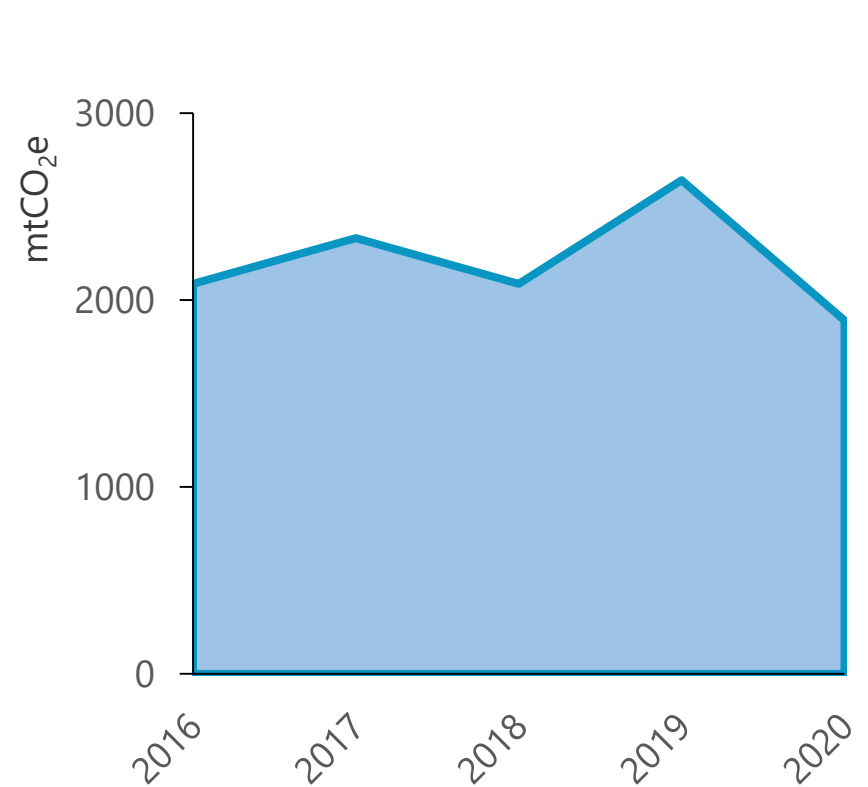
Clinical nitrous oxide use is not a primary driver of emissions.

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Clinical use



GHG emissions

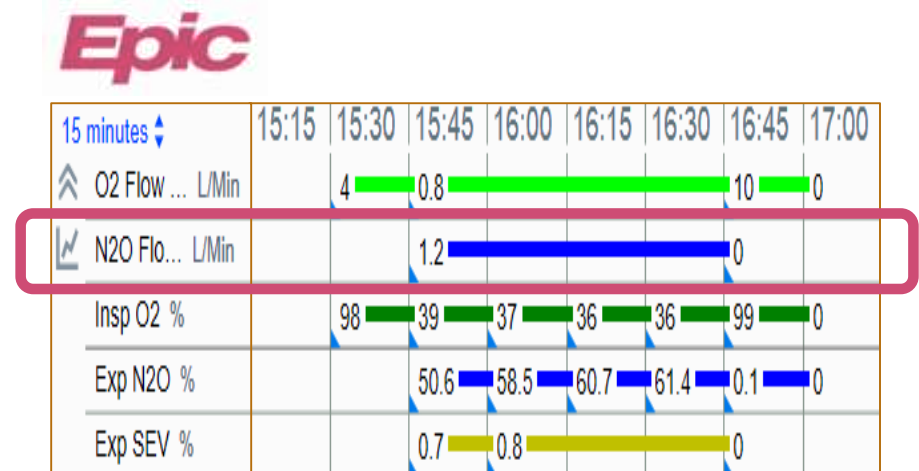


Assess system efficiency with data.

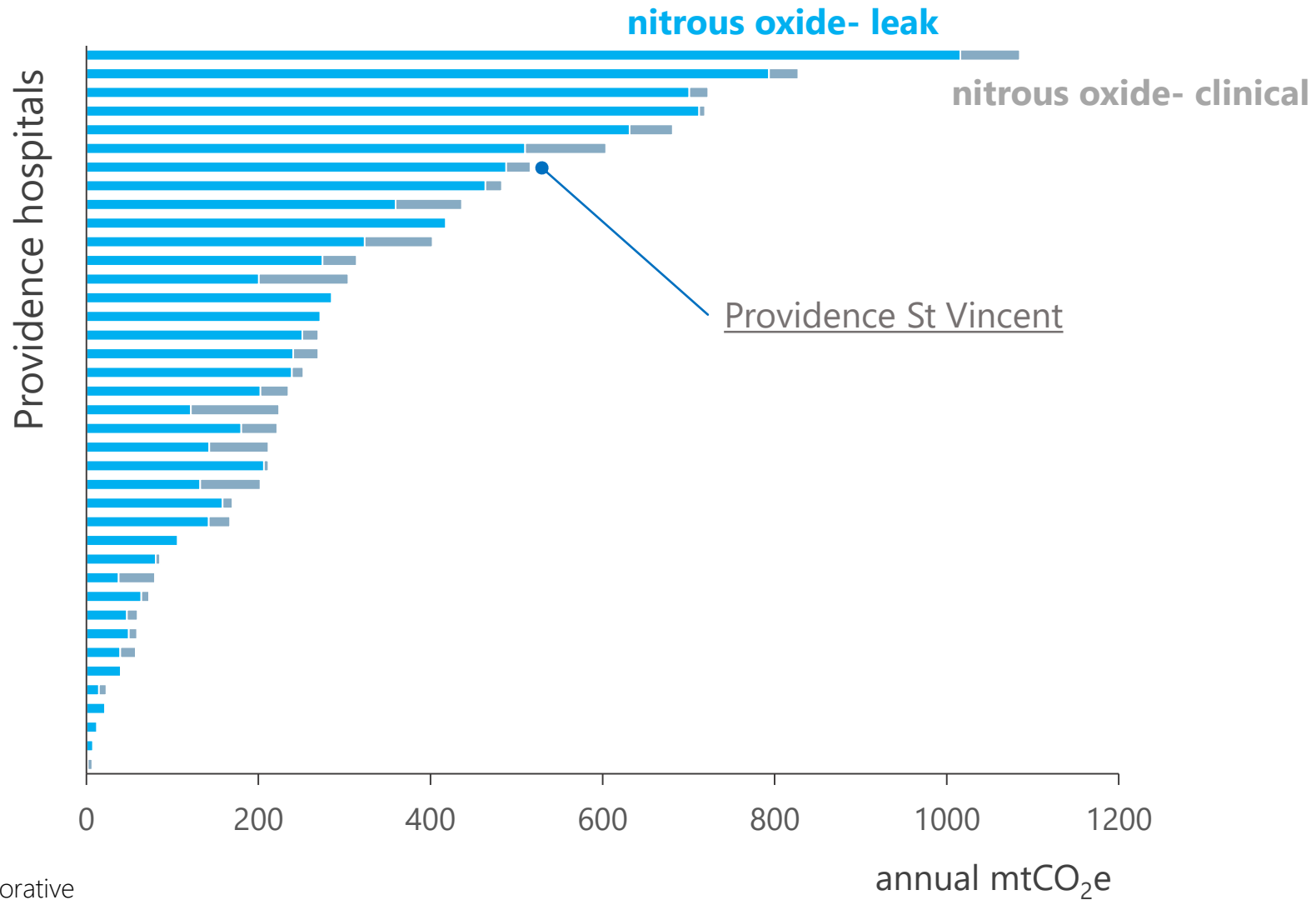
supply

	Item Desc	Qty Tanks	Nitrous Oxide (lbs)	Nitrous Oxide (Liters)
central	NITROUS OXIDE LIQ USP LC180 - 350 PSI	11	4180	1,032,460
	NITROUS OXIDE USP 50LB	6	300	74,100
cryosurgery	NITROUS OXIDE 99.5% CR 10#	21	210	51,870
	NITROUS OXIDE USP 20LB -	5	100	24,700
portable	NITROUS OXIDE USP E -	13	91	22,477
	NITROUS OXIDE USP - E 20	2	14	3458

clinical use



Facility nitrous oxide leaks are common.



Nitrous oxide losses can occur throughout the pathway...

Supply

Tank design



liquid

gas

Delivery

Manifold
Pipeline
Zone valves, gauges
Wall outlets
Anesthesia machine



Clinical Use

Over-use (practice habits)
Inefficient use (high fresh gas flows)
Beyond anesthesiology
Anesthesia machine turnover/shutdown

Disposal

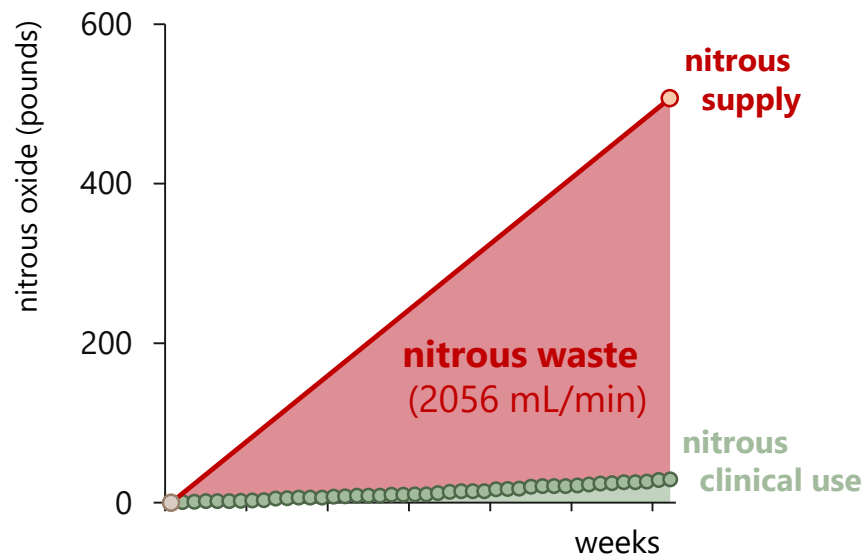
Residual volume



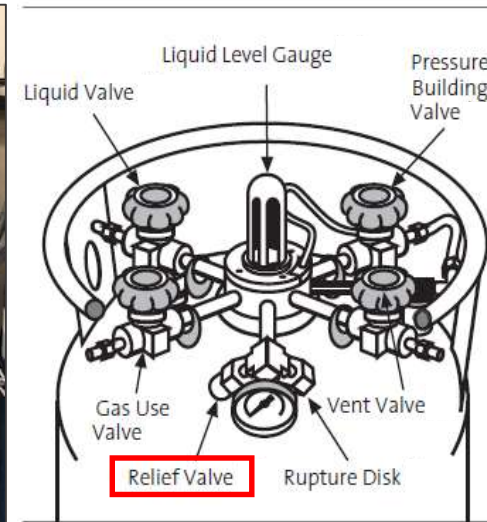
Cryogenic containers release pressure (leak) by design.

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Central cryogenic liquid



cryogenic containers



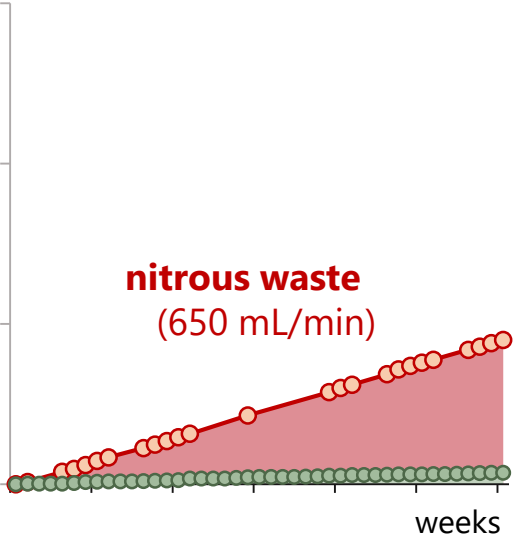
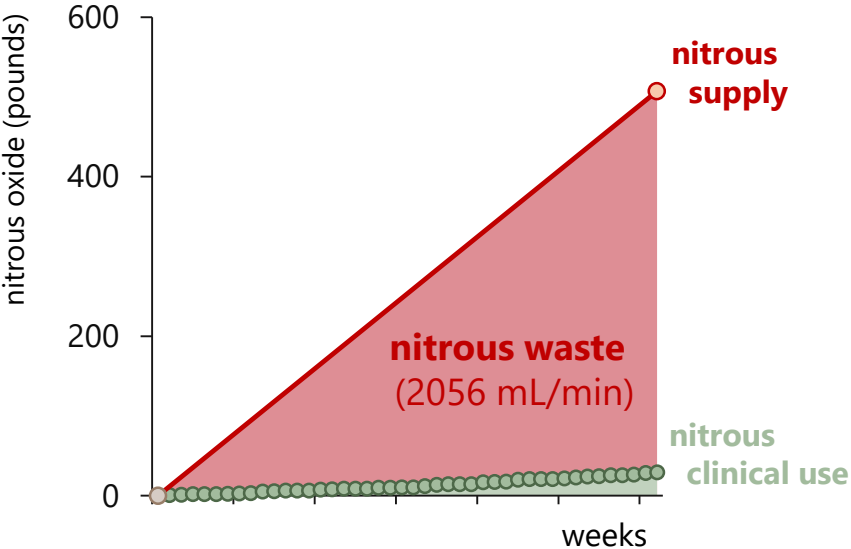
Compressed gas cylinders do not leak, but downstream components do.

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Central cryogenic liquid



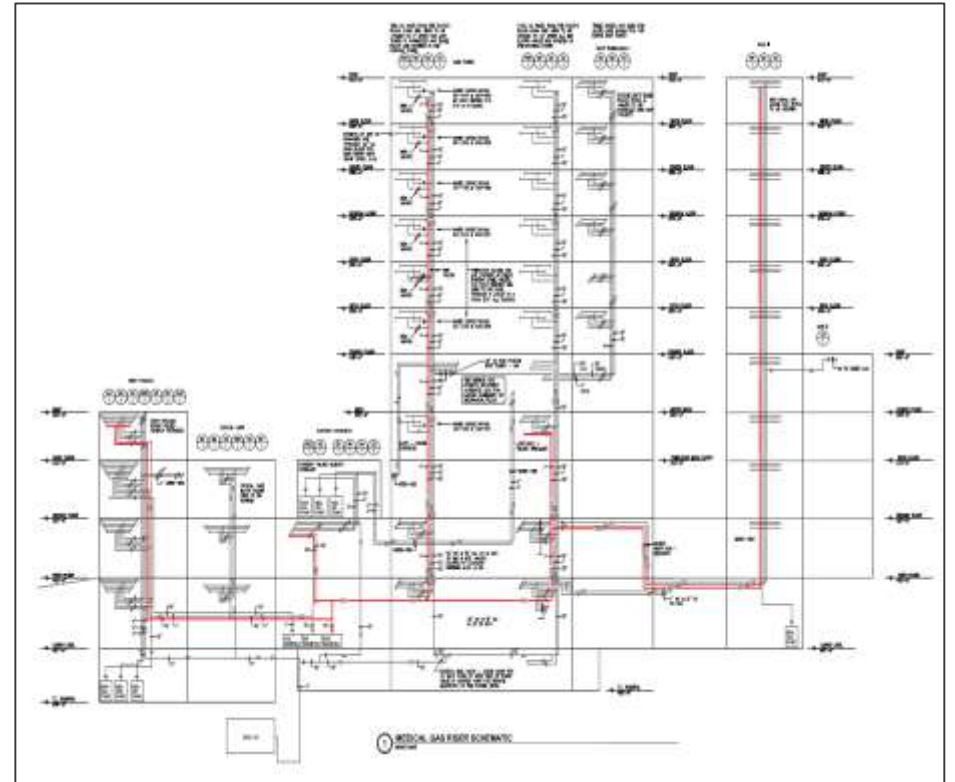
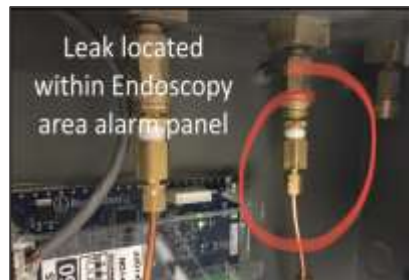
Central compressed gas



Leaks can occur throughout the delivery system.

Delivery system leak assessments are not worth the trouble.

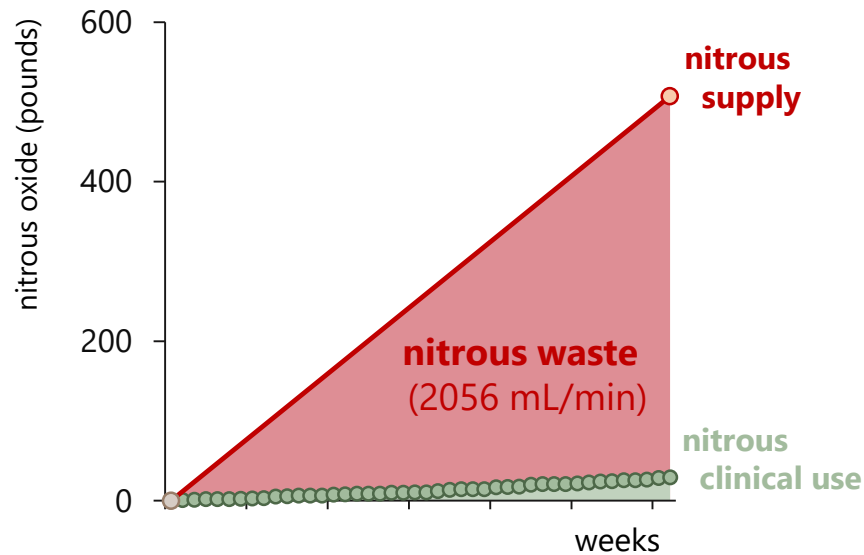
- difficult, expensive, time-consuming, *qualitative*.



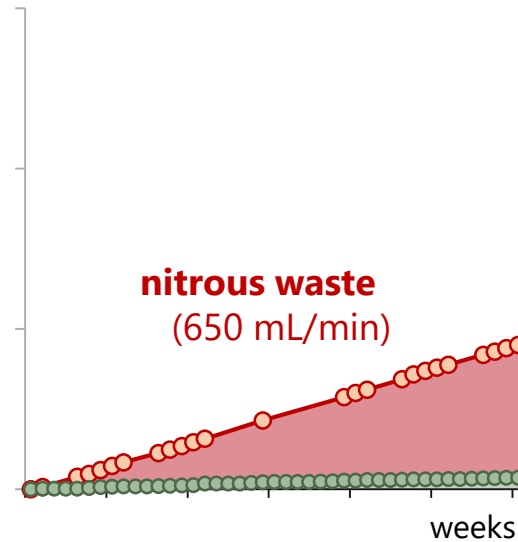
Portable nitrous oxide cylinders can bypass the central supply system.

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Central cryogenic liquid



Central compressed gas

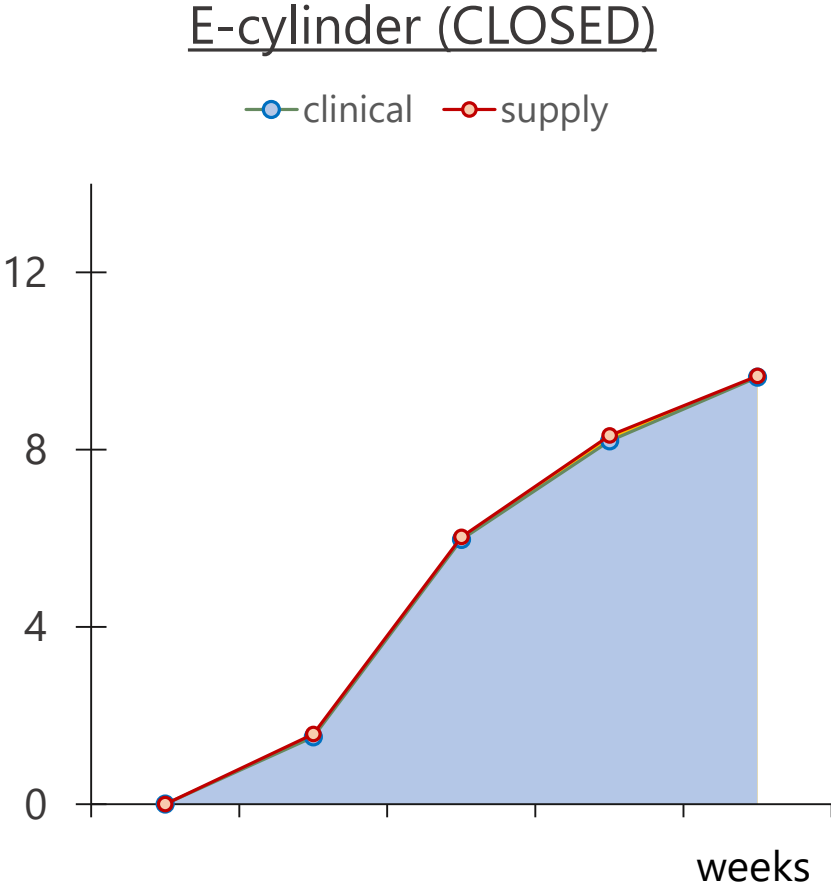
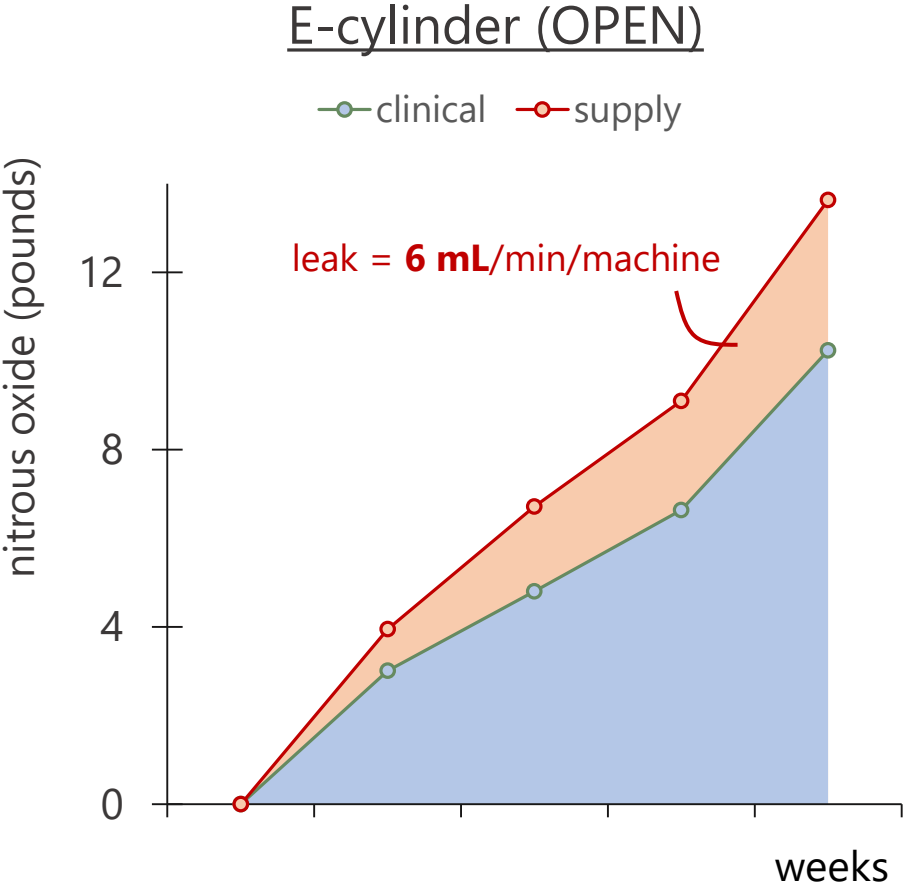


Portable Tanks...?



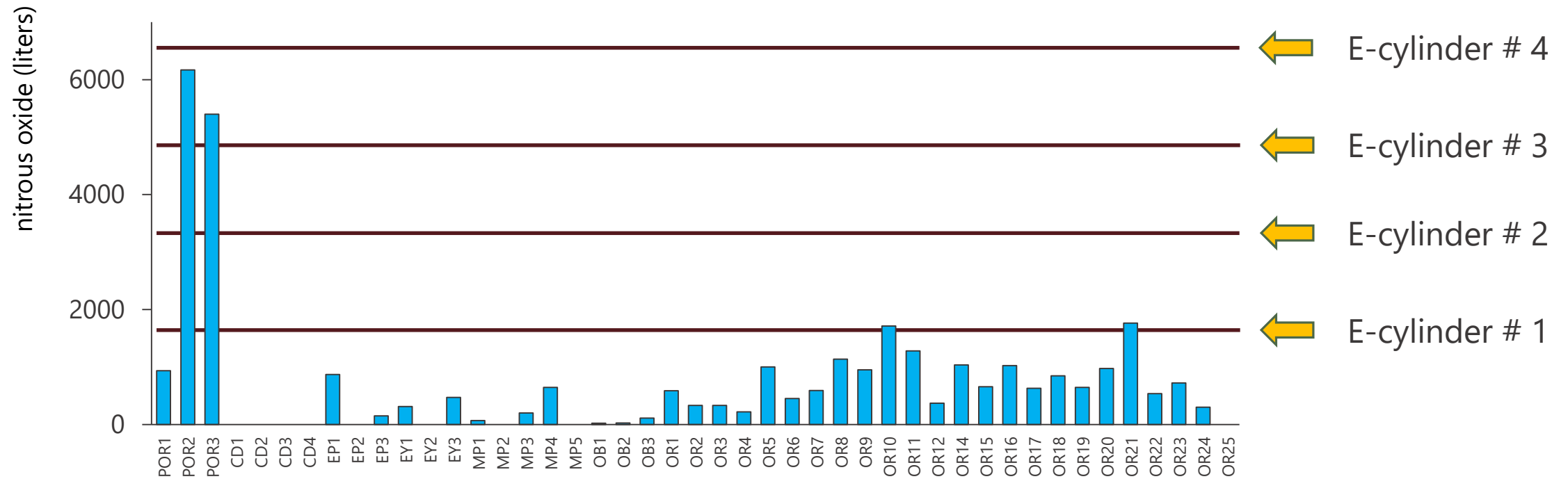
Closing the E-cylinder post-valve between clinical uses improves efficiency.

* GE Aisys C2 anesthesia machines



Estimate cylinder exchange frequencies by location.

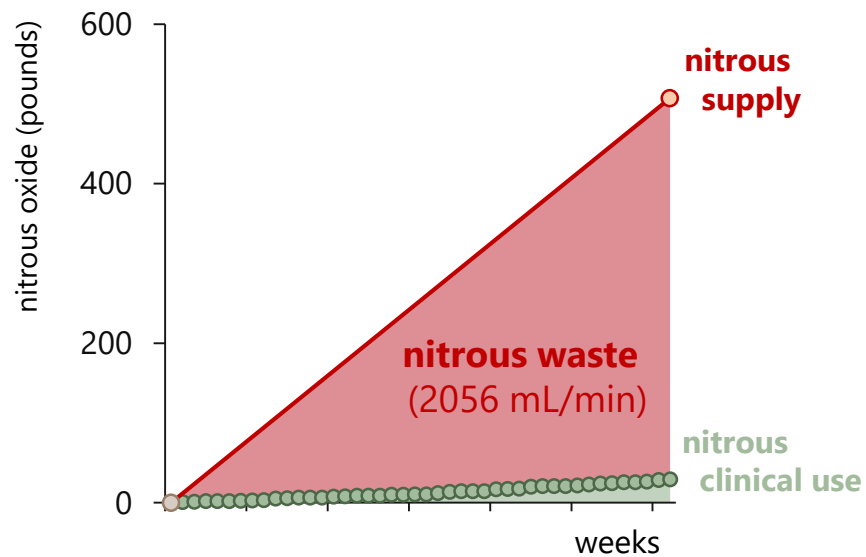
Providence St Vincent N₂O use (liters/location), 2021



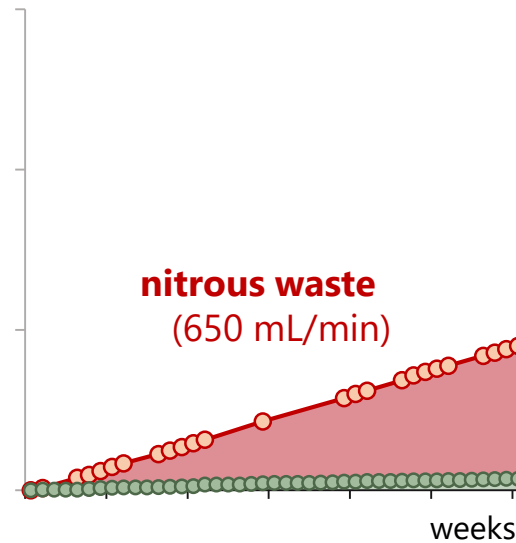
Portable cylinders are efficient in hospital-wide practice.

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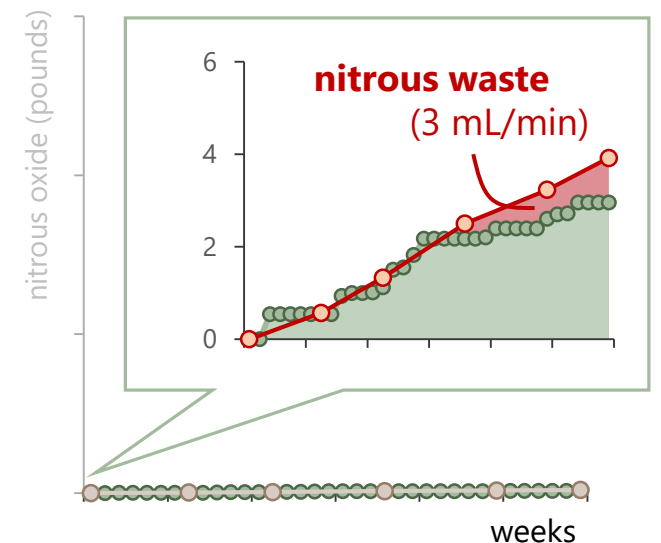
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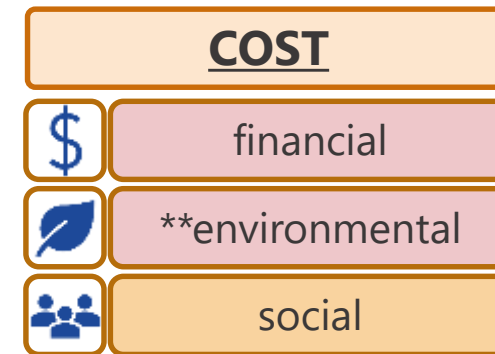
Central compressed gas



Portable compressed gas



There are multiple benefits to using portable N₂O cylinders.



First Steps Forward-

Assemble your Team-

- Anesthesiology Champion
- OR Director Champion
- Facilities Champion
- Hospital Leadership



Three Phases-

1. Assessment- impact, opportunity, risk
2. Establish portable supply
3. Decommission central system



Assessment-

Anesthesiology Champion

1. gather **clinical** use (L) data
 - by location
 - by clinician
2. determine out-of-OR uses
 - departments
 - indications
 - delivery system(s)

OR Director Champion

1. N₂O E-cylinder inventory
 - by location
2. Anesthesia machine inventory
 - make/model

Facilities Champion

1. gather procurement data
 - medical gas vendor
 - by supply tank type
2. wall outlet inventory
 - identify hospital depts
 - central system access points

Calculate **clinical** N₂O GHG emissions and % preclinical loss/leak.



Normalize nitrous oxide utilization (mtCO₂e / OR / year) to benchmark & gauge opportunity.

Calculate anticipated E-cylinder exchange frequency for each location (supply logistics).



Assessment-

Data Reporting-

Nitrous Oxide- (electronic medical record)							
Date	Procedure	Surgical service	Anesthesia clinician	Anesthesia type	Operating room	total N ₂ O volume (liters)	total N ₂ O time (minutes)
 							

Nitrous Oxide- (medical gas vendor)							
Delivery date	Item description (cylinder type)	Amount N ₂ O (lbs) / cylinder	# cylinders / order	\$ / order	Facility name	Ship-to address	Name- person placing order, &/or Acct #

Normalization-

	Low performance					High performance				
	0-10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	41-50%	51-60%	61-70%	71-80%	81-90%	91-100%
Nitrous Oxide Use Efficiency (mtCO ₂ e/OR/yr)	> 50	25 - 50	20 - 25	15 - 20	10 - 15	7.5 - 10	5 - 7.5	2 - 5	1 - 2	< 1

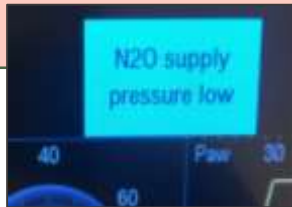


Establish Portable Supply- if needed, procure N₂O E-cylinders & retrofit anesthesia machines

Anesthesiology Champion

1. **Clinical operating conditions**

- post valve CLOSED between uses
- cylinder exchange trigger
- anesthesia machine alarms
(display, threshold, volume)



OR Director Champion

1. **Ordering** / Storage

- personnel, PAR levels

2. **Exchange**

(Anesthesia Technicians)

Facilities Champion

1. **Storage**

- location(s), PAR levels
- NFPA smoke compartments



Define N₂O E-cylinder management process, protocols, education.



Decommission Central Supply-

*** consult Medical Gas Supply Contractor ***

Anesthesiology Champion

1. Be available
2. Be supportive
3. Communicate

OR Director Champion

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2. Be supportive
3. Communicate



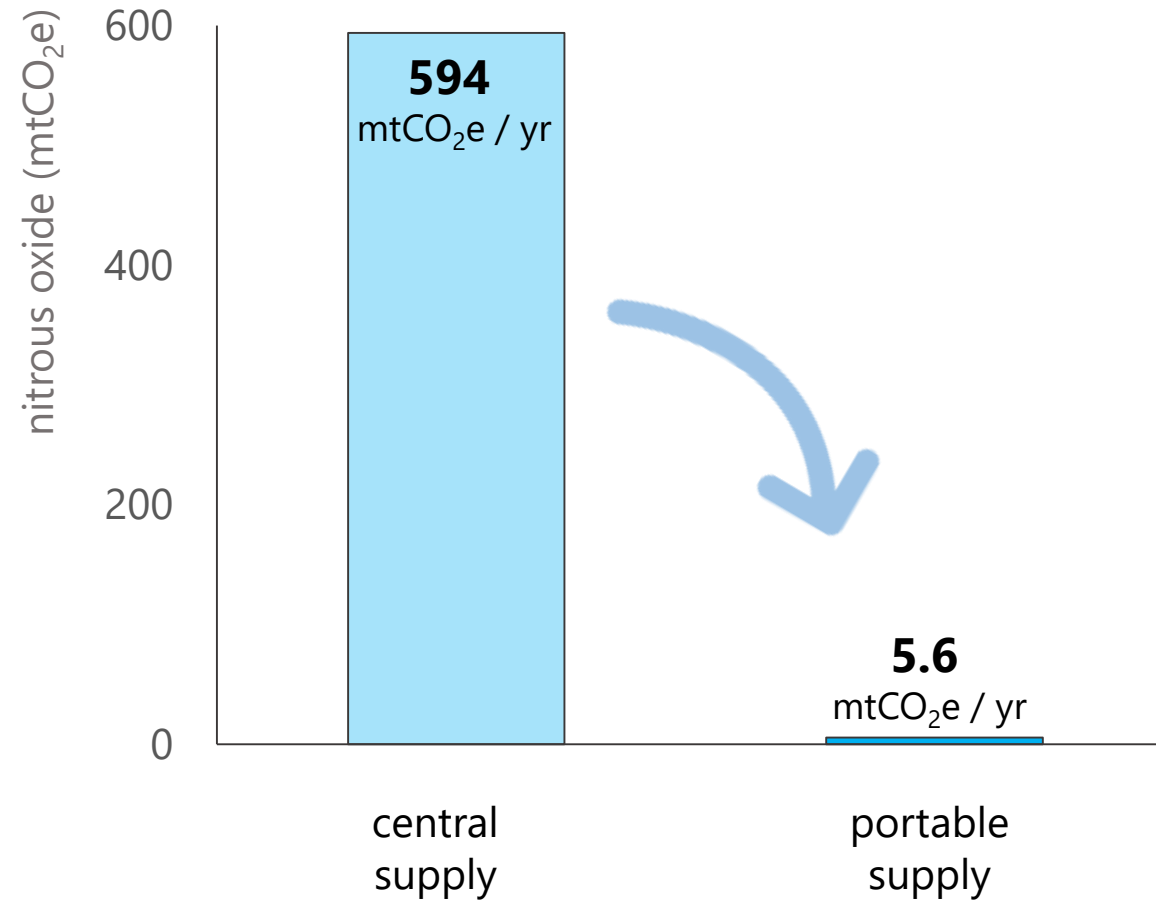
Facilities Champion

1. Identify low pressure alarms
 - type(s)
 - locations
 - disable procedures
2. Depressurize central system
 - disable low pressure alarms
 - close proximal source valve
3. Decommission central system
 - remove drop hoses
 - blank off N₂O wall outlets
 - disable & label system zone valves
 - remove central manifold and tanks



Transition to portable supply reduced N₂O emissions by over 99%.

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Take Home Points

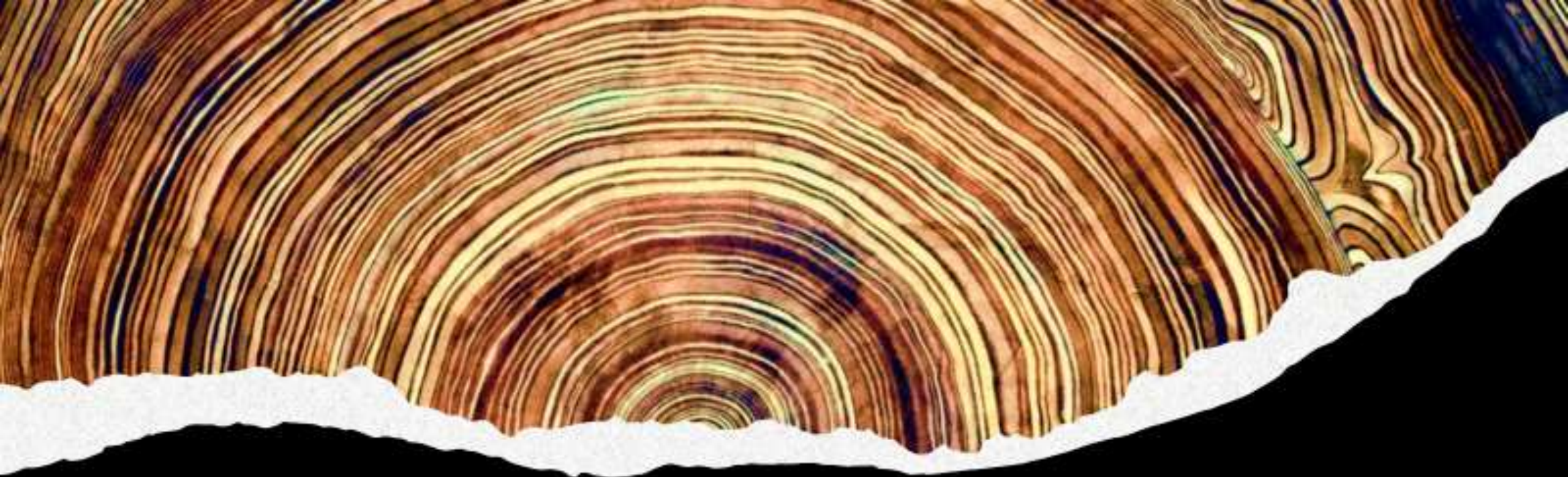
- Nitrous oxide is a significant source of direct, healthcare-specific GHG emissions.
- *Most* nitrous oxide emissions are the result of inefficient facility infrastructure.
- Portable supply strategies increase overall value & can reduce emissions by 99% !



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Polling Question

To what extent has your organization considered decommissioning nitrous oxide medical gas systems?



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Vancouver General Hospital's experience

Dr. Stewart Brown



Building a case for waste reduction

- FMO → Suppliers
- 40-44 cylinders annually
- 1000kg N₂O
- Half a million liters (20c)

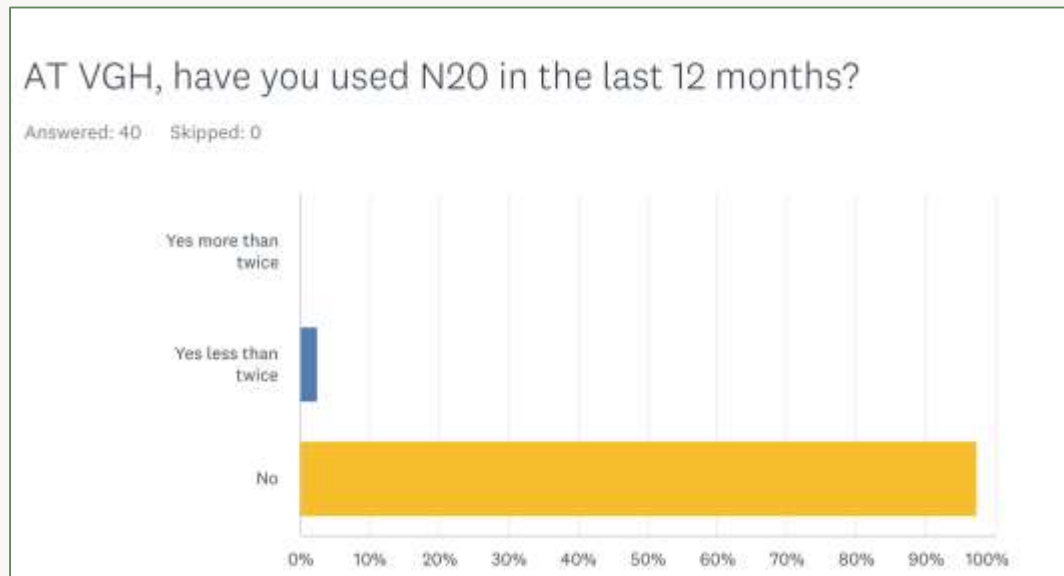


Measuring the deficit

Use

Survey

Data extraction



Time	Msec Since	E Gas Control	Trend Event	EGC State	FB Reasons	IOD Reasons	EGC Chks	Str	Breath Rejec	Exit Reason	MGas	Amb	F User Set	Flo	Min	Flo
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Timeline



DATA GATHERING



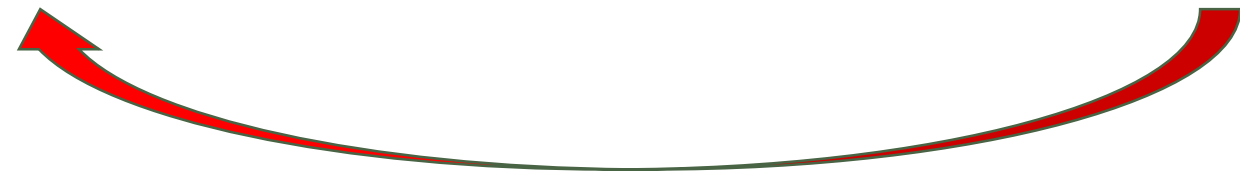
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PREPARATION +
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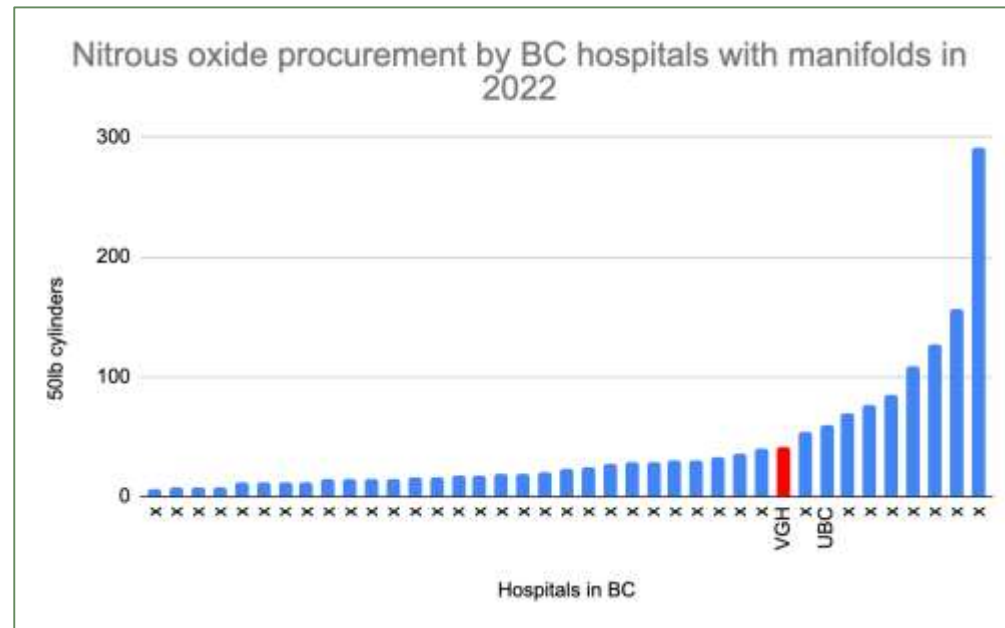
- \$6,000 annually
- 8% of our theatre footprint

The impact of surgery on global climate: a carbon footprinting study of operating theatres in three health systems

Andrea J MacNeill, Robert Lillywhite, Carl J Brown



- More to do:



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Department of Anesthesia and Pain Medicine

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Chief of Anesthesiology

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Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle

Independent Academic Medical Center

- 40 Anesthesiologists
- 32 Residents and Fellows
- 40 CRNAs
- 15 Anesthesia Techs

Facilities

- 29 Operating Rooms, 11 Procedure Suites
- 2 OB ORs, 4 L&D suites with nitrous oxide available
- 2 Outpatient Surgery Centers with 6 additional ORs
- Case Volume included 26,000 GA cases in 2022



Starting the journey in 2015 by reducing desflurane

2015 - Initial efforts focused on changing practice through peer persuasion including discussion at department meetings and 1:1 conversations

2016-2019

- Department protocols for desflurane use
- Remove desflurane from standard setup

2019 – Stopped purchasing desflurane and removed vaporizers



Randy Johnson, Cer.ATT and Ryan Pong, MD

	Purchases in Milliliters (ML's)							
Inhalation Gasses	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Desflurane	50,400	21,600	17,280	10,080	11,520	-	-	-



January 2021 - Virginia Mason joins CSH Earth Day 2022 – CEO Lloyd Dean announces CAP

CommonSpirit Health 2022 Climate Action Plan

CommonSpirit has committed to net-zero emissions by 2040.



What is Net-zero?

Net-zero by 2050 aligns with the Paris Climate Accord goal of limiting global temperature rise <math><1.5^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, helping humanity avoid many of the worst potential impacts of climate change.

In 2019, CommonSpirit's GHG footprint was **3.8 million tons of CO₂ equivalent**. CommonSpirit's goal of net-zero carbon by 2040 puts us on an accelerated path to **meet the requirements of the Paris Climate Accord 10 years ahead of schedule**.

CommonSpirit's starting point is a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint of **3.8 MMTCO₂e**, equivalent to the CO₂ emissions from electricity needed to power 740,000 homes for one year¹

Climate Resilient Communities: Developed health equity strategies in the clinical, and community and public policy settings

Buildings and Operations: Achieved net-zero GHG emissions across the entire buildings portfolio

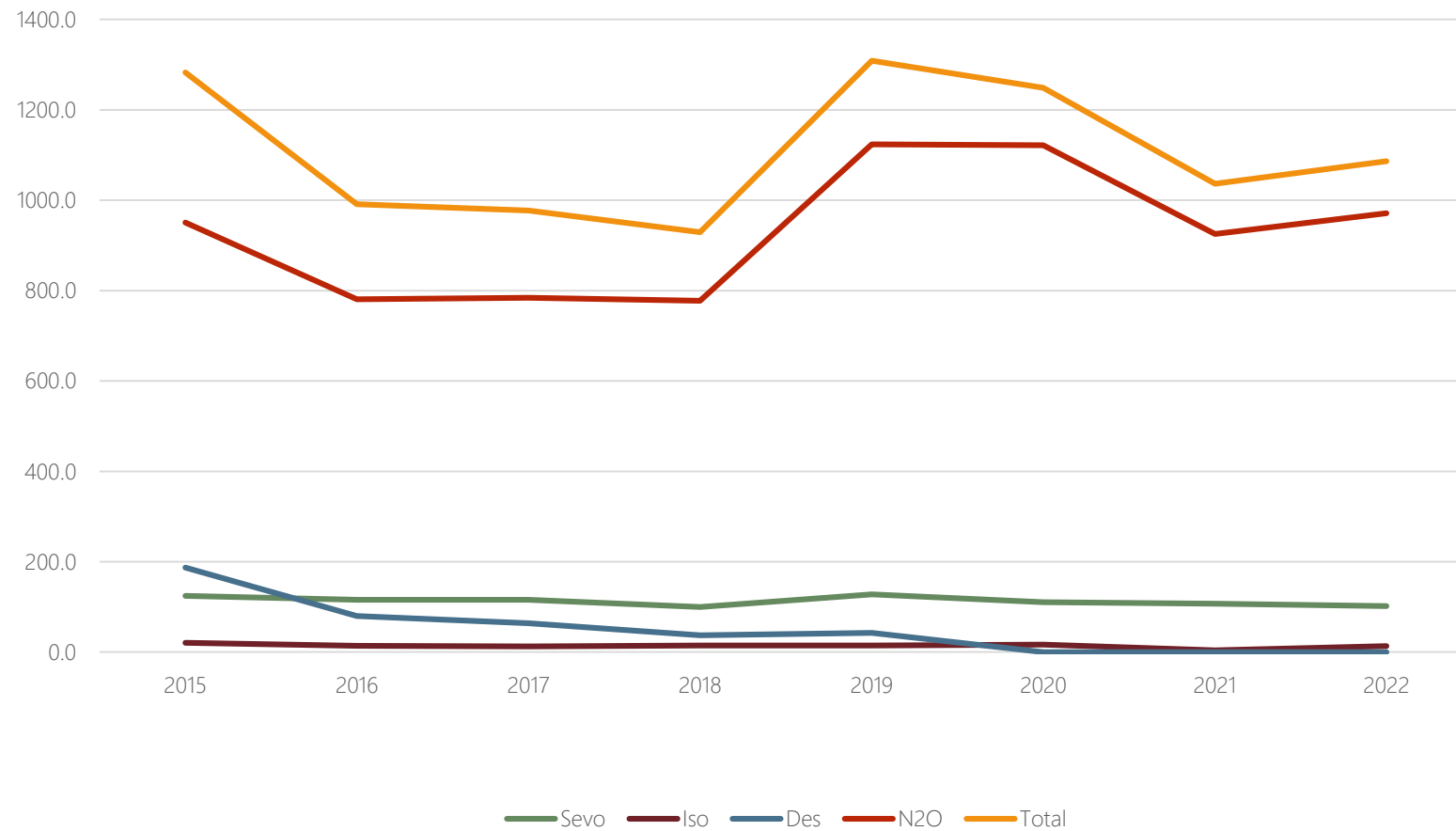
Supply Chain: Achieved 90% absolute reduction³ in Scope 3 emissions

Climate Resilient Communities: Excelled in delivering consistent clinical practices and in partnering with others to improve community health and support the goals of the Paris Accord



Quality 2022 – Understanding VMMC’s Nitrous Oxide Use

GHG Emissions from Anesthesia Gasses, VMMC
Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MTCO₂e), 2015-2022



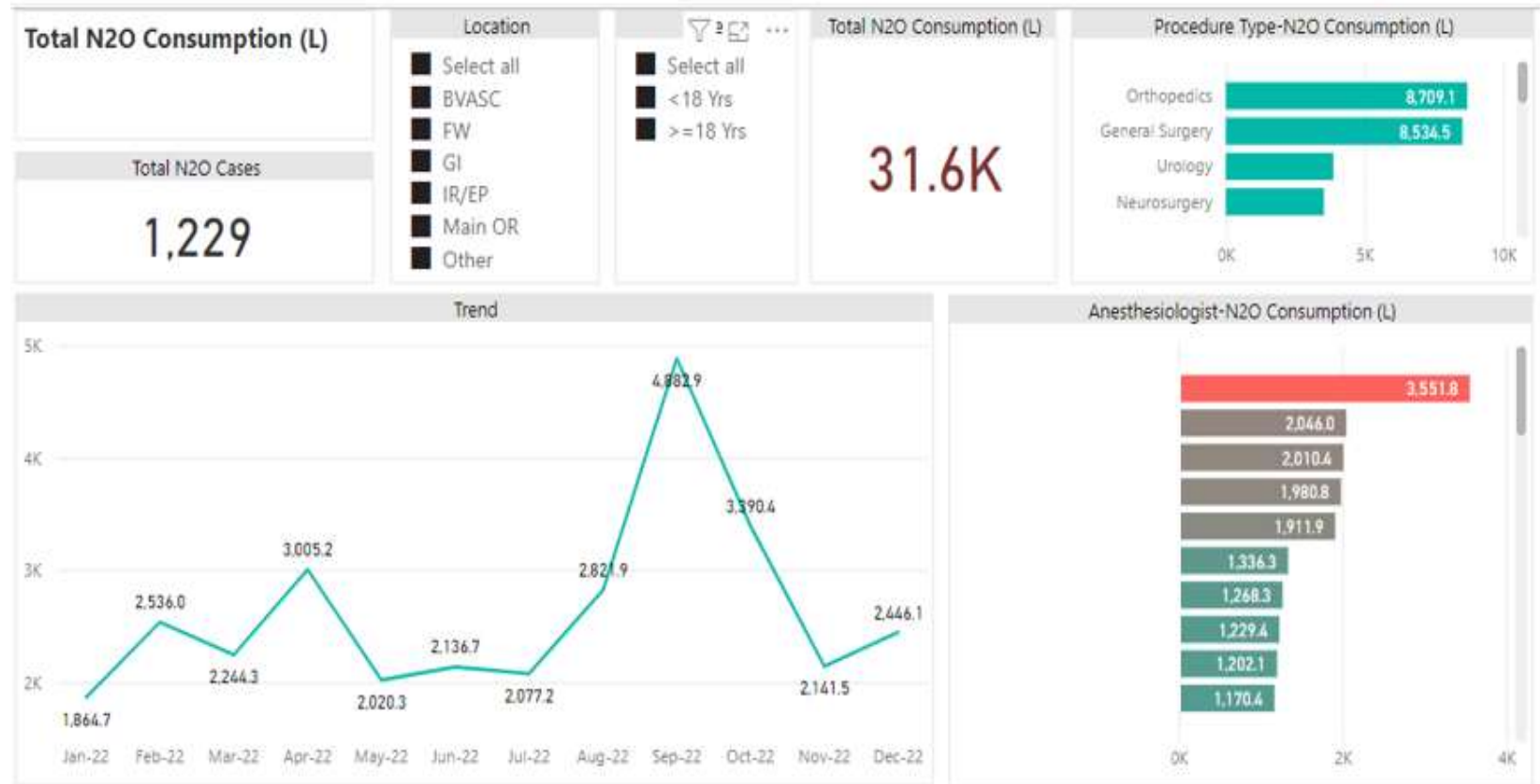
VMMC Clinical Nitrous Oxide use vs. Purchased Quantity

Hospital Name	2022 Total Sales	2022 Volume	Cryogenic volume	Large pressurized tank volume	E-cylinder volume	Total pounds
Virginia Mason Medical Center	\$20,264.50	7182 LBS	6544 LBS		638 LBS	7182

31,600 L N2O used for patients

1.9% - clinical use

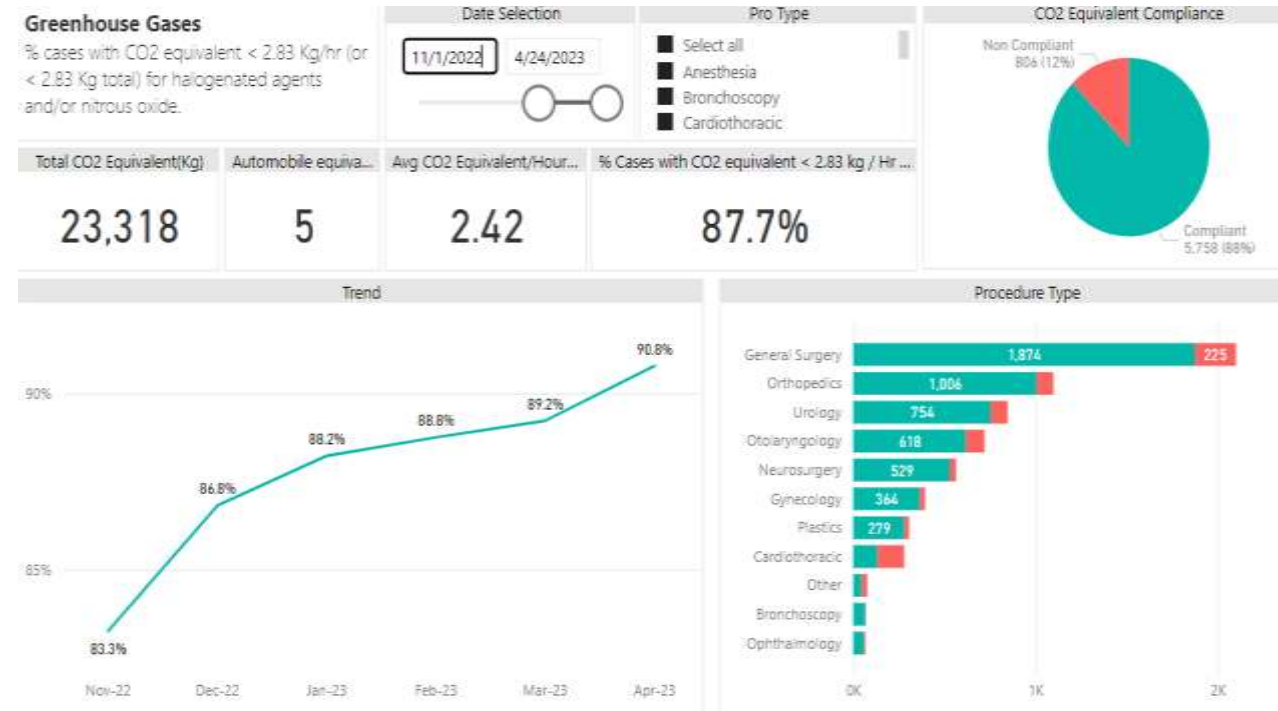
98.1% - environmental waste



Clinical Decision Support and Personal Metrics

Smart alerts pop up after first 20 minutes of case to remind anesthesia providers to reduce fresh gas flows on anesthesia machine and again after any period of increased FGF

Anesthesiologists, CRNAs and residents can now view their personal performance on meeting the MPOG SUS-02 standard for GHG emissions during General Anesthesia



CO2 absorbent selection

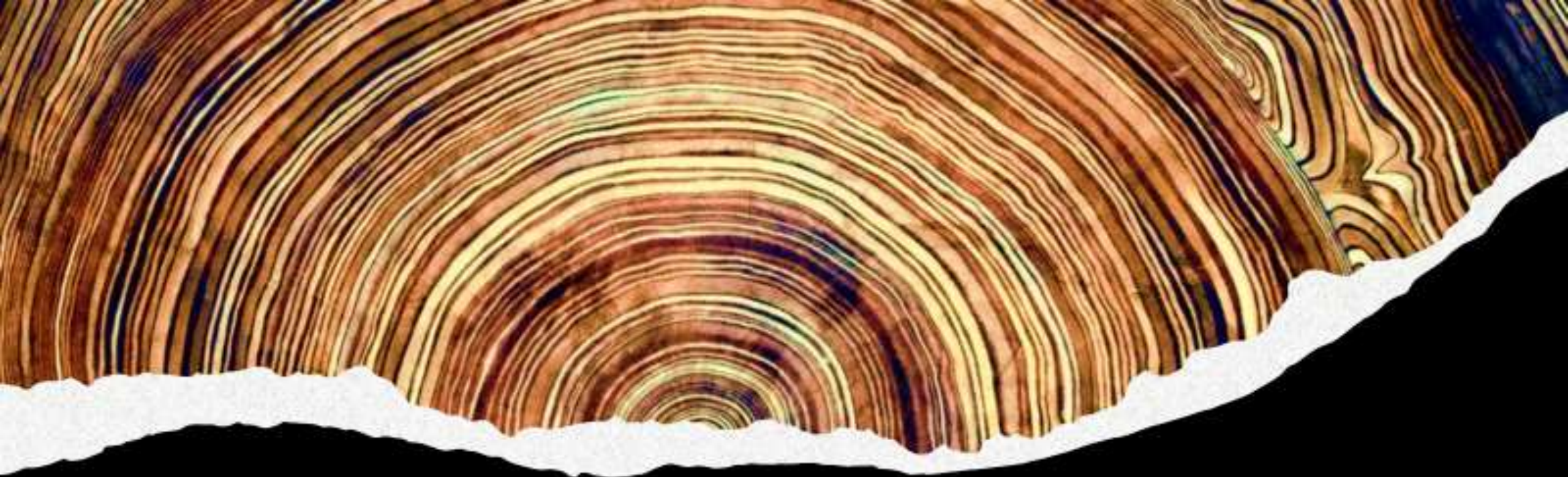
WA Dept of Ecology required hazardous waste disposal of our legacy CO2 absorbent due to high pH (corrosive waste)

- >2 tons shipped out of state at \$9600/year cost

Changed to new absorbent at end of 2022

- Permitted in regular trash due to lower pH
- No significant risk of Compound A formation at low fresh gas flows
- Does not generate carbon monoxide under any clinical setting
- Similar acquisition cost to the health care system
- Results for 2023 TBD





Polling Question

What concerns or barriers do you see when starting to decommission nitrous oxide medical gas systems in your organization?

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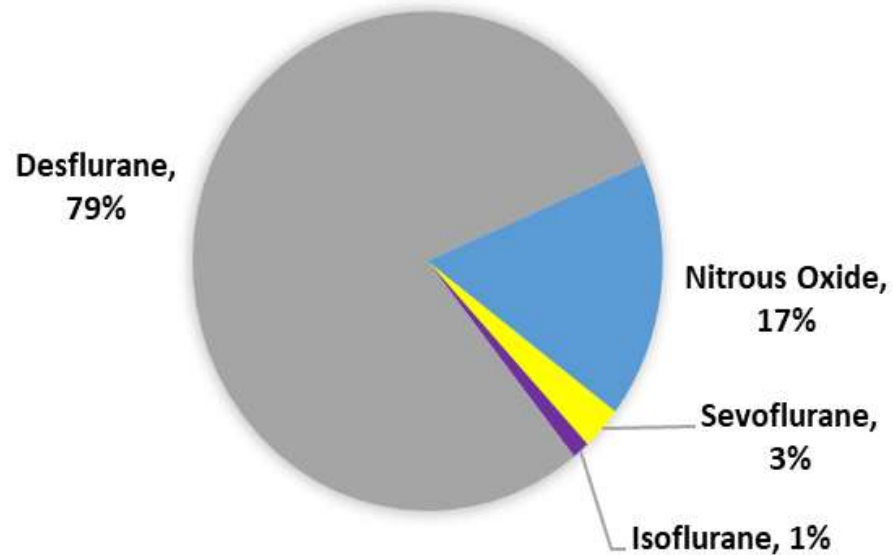
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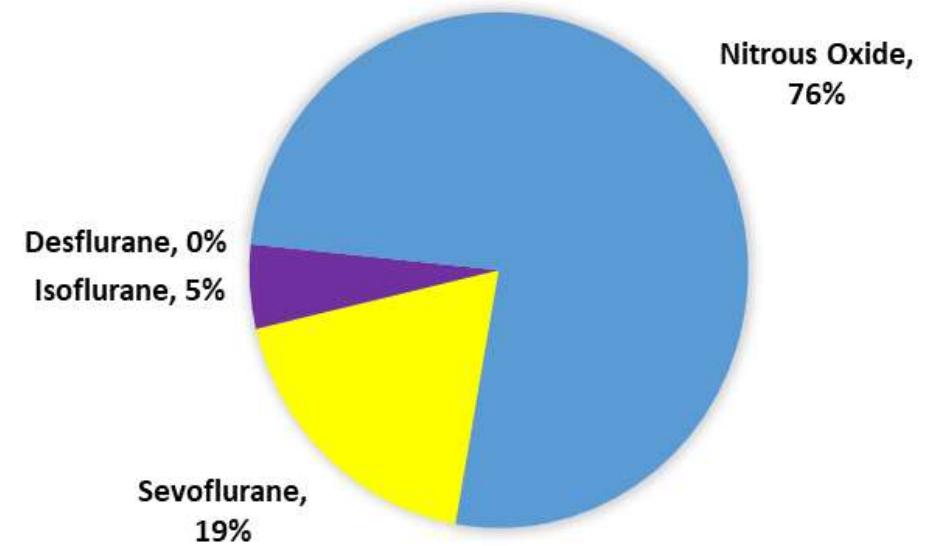
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% GHG EMISSIONS PER ANESTHETIC AGENT



2022

% GHG EMISSIONS PER ANESTHETIC AGENT



Nitrous Supply @ PeaceHealth

What are we currently using?
How much do we purchase?
How much do we use clinically?

Two towers with their own gas rooms:

- one containing 24 56-lb H-cylinders
- and the second with 11 56-lb H-cylinders



Supplied Annual Purchase N2O

What are we currently using?
 How much do we purchase?
 How much do we use clinically?

Material		Total Billed Revenue	Quantity (Base UoM)	Volume (Base UoM)	Product Revenue
NS CC10ACT50C	NITROUS OXIDE CRYOCATH 10LB ALUM C/O	\$ 1,778.60	14 CL	140 LBS	\$ 1,441.68
NS USP20	NITROUS OXIDE USP 20 LBS	\$ 86.22	1 CL	20 LBS	\$ 52.33
NS USP56	NITROUS OXIDE USP SIZE 56LBS	\$ 3,943.64	37 CL	2,072 LBS	\$ 3,705.95
NS USPE	NITROUS OXIDE USP E CGA 910	\$ 191.99	6 CL	42 LBS	\$ 158.10
NS USPEAC	NITROUS OXIDE USP EA CGA 910 C/O	\$ 133.62	1 CL	7 LBS	\$ 99.73

Conversion: 230.6 gas phase liters / pound

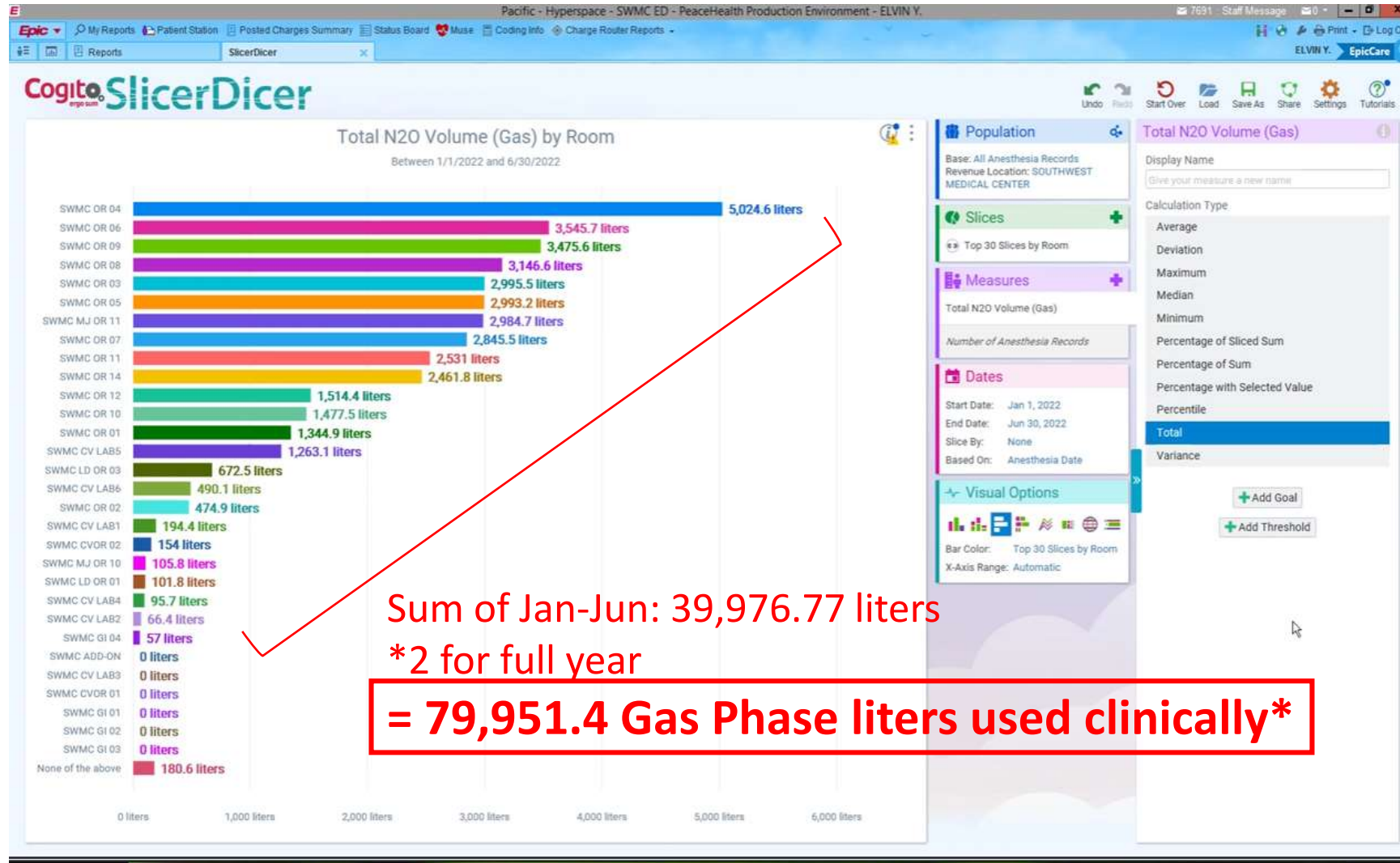
Tank	Lbs	Gas Phase Liters
USP56	2,072	477,803

Gas Phase Liters



Clinical N2O Usage

What are we currently using?
How much do we purchase?
How much do we use clinically?



*Note: this usage was errant as Epic was previously over-counting the minutes of N2O usage



Results

For the full year that we reviewed, our results were consistent with Providence's experience.

...we used ~11% of our supplied gas while other the remaining ~89% **was wasted** and/or leaked into the hospital.

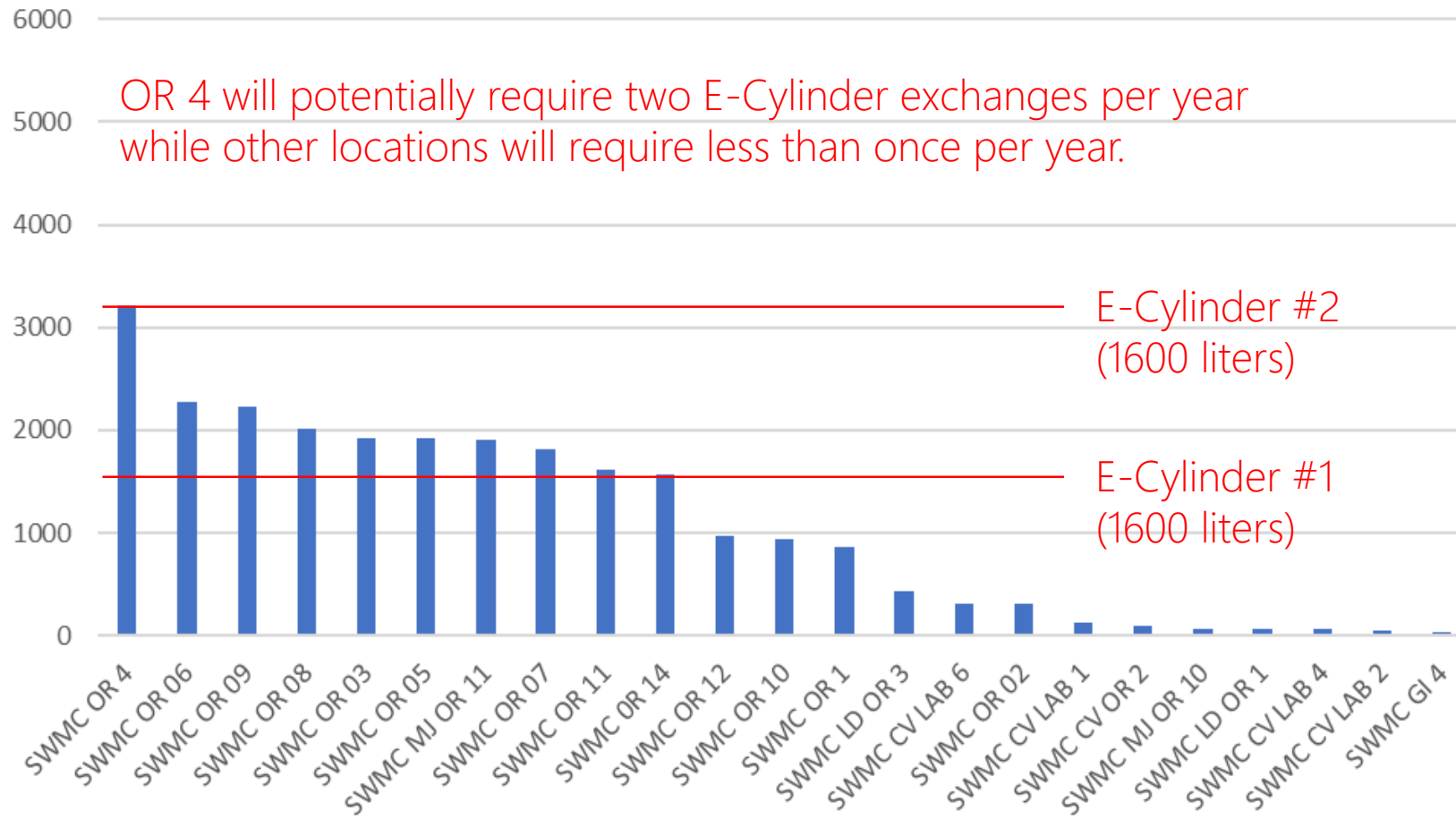


Current Recommendation

- Prove the process workflow by starting with Neuro and ENT (as the heaviest users) and moving to e-cylinders only.
- “Turn the e-cylinders on/off” education to providers and techs.
- Unplug the N2O hoses in Neuro & ENT in OR’s 4-9 (but leave the hose as it’s part of a bundle). Place “Please use the cylinder” stickers over the machine ports.
- Once workflow proven after a three-month trial, expand to all ORs for an additional three-month trial.
- Begin the effort to decommission the delivery system entirely.



Total N2O Volume (Gas) by Room - 2022 Adjusted



- Only change to handling and ordering workflow is increasing our PAR level by 1
- Facilities on board with recommendation
- The ONLY new step is for providers to turn their cylinders on/off for each case.





Seattle Children's Named a Climate Champion

Seattle Children's is proud to have been named a 2021 Climate Champion by Health Care Without Harm! We received Silver certification in both Climate Resilience and Climate Leadership.

2022 Climate Champion

- Silver in Climate Resilience
- Gold in Climate Leadership



Seattle Children's®

Seattle Children's hospital campus aims to be carbon neutral by 2025 with climate work across several areas including health care delivery, supply chain and infrastructure, and education

About Seattle Children's

Sustainability Program

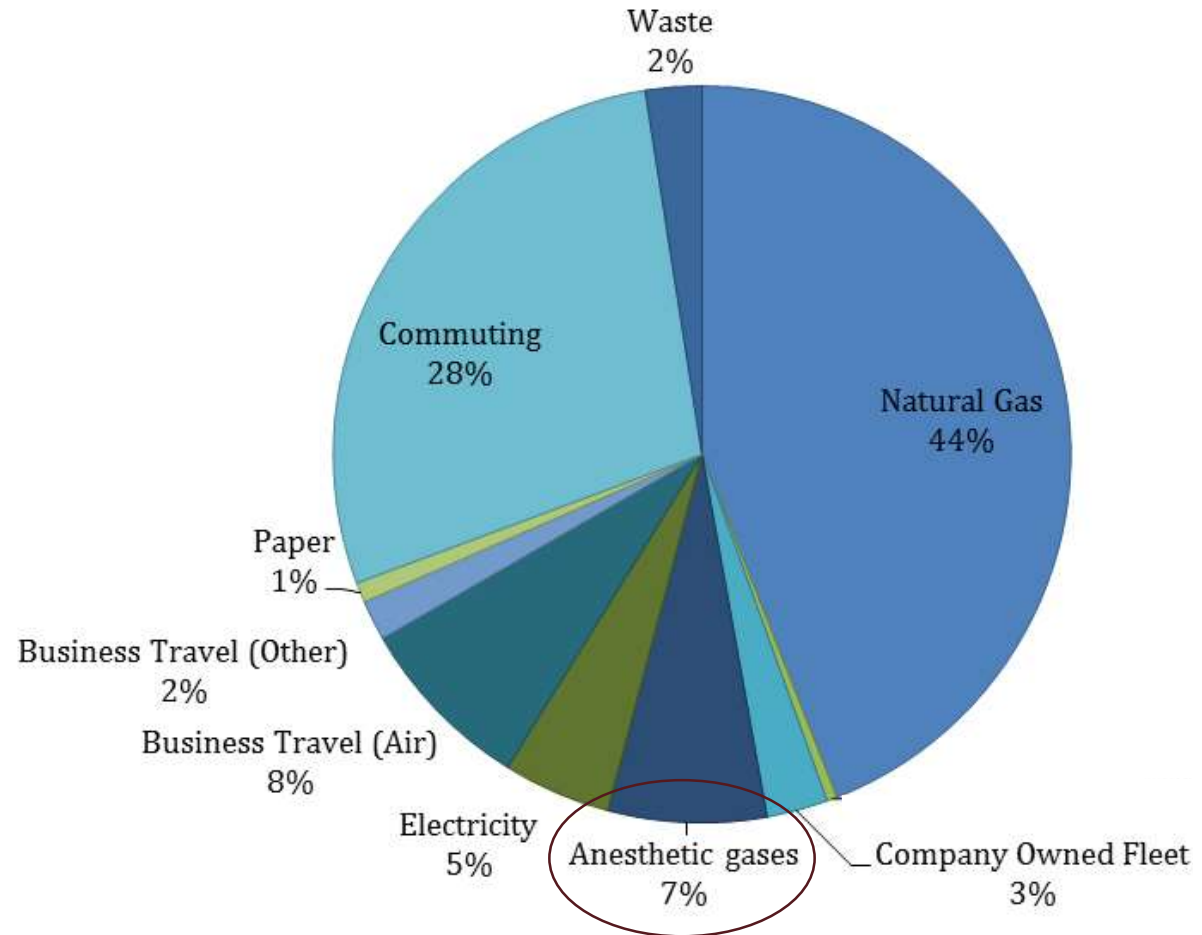
Our Sustainability Mission

- **People:** We are committed to improving the health and well-being of our patients, families, workforce and our local and global community.
- **Planet:** We will work to promote a healthy environment to further our mission to provide hope, care and cures to help every child live the healthiest and most fulfilling life possible.
- **Promise:** We will support our promise to care for every child who needs us – regardless of their family's ability to pay – by implementing sustainable practices that enhance patient care, reduce costs and minimize our environmental footprint.



Seattle
Children's Main
Hospital
2018 emissions –
baseline data

FY 2018 GHG Inventory
22,069 mt CO₂e





Socialization and Education

- Work room discussions
- Lectures to residents
- Formal presentations to department
- Hospital-wide climate pledges & initiatives
- Clinical decision support

Practice Constraints and Changes

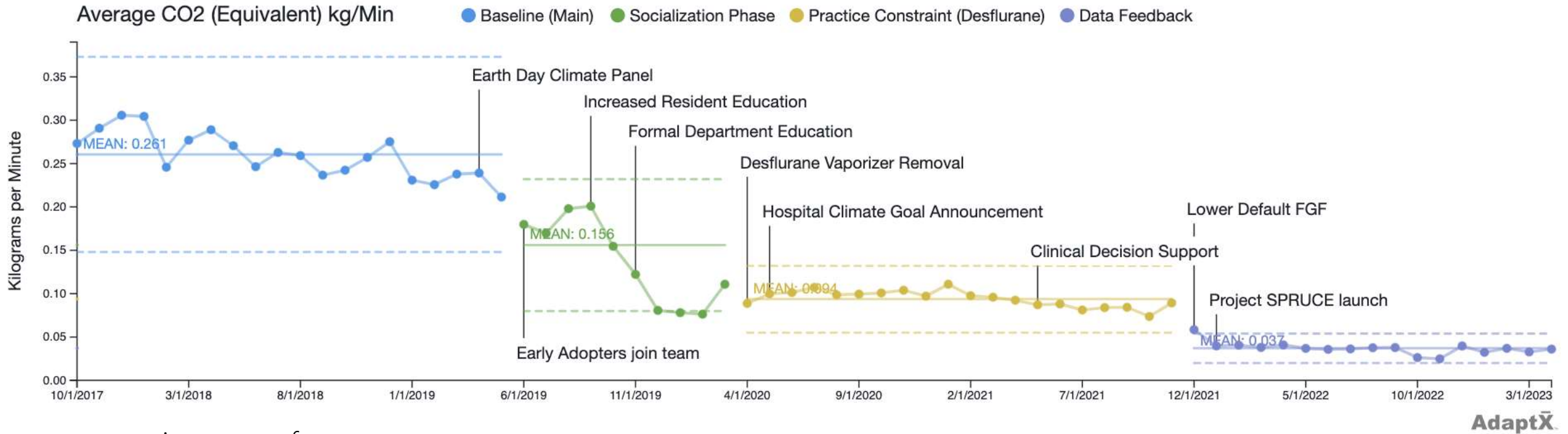
- Desflurane vaporizer removal
- Lower Fresh Gas Flow defaults
 - Low flow induction
- No nitrous oxide
- TIVA maintenance

Data Feedback

- Launch of Project SPRUCE (Saving our Planet by Reducing Carbon Emissions): Sharing the data with AdaptX
- Identification of high emission cases
- Celebration of low emitter (solicit success stories from your team)

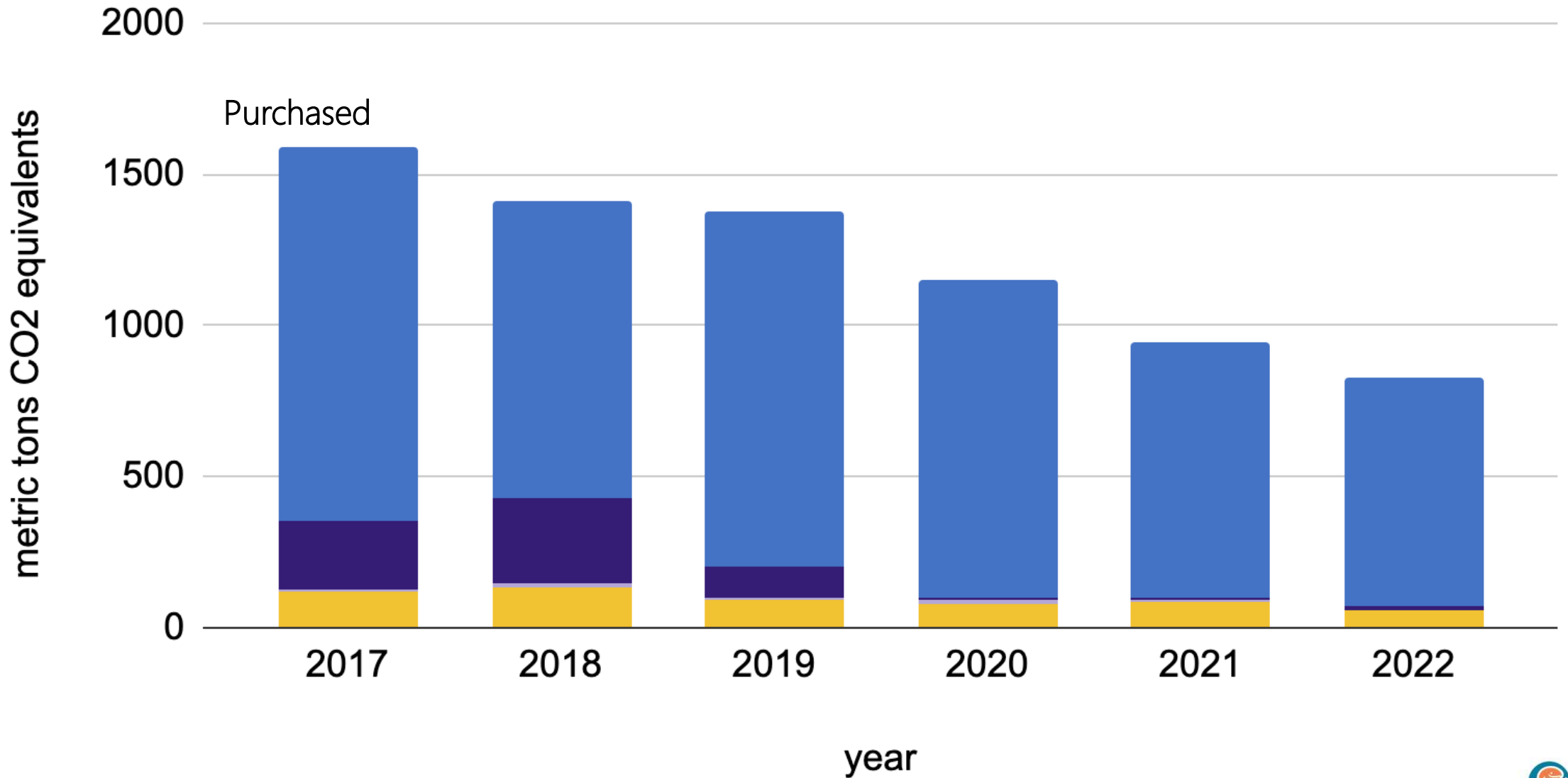


Main hospital Emissions from inhaled anesthetics over 5 years – 87% reduction



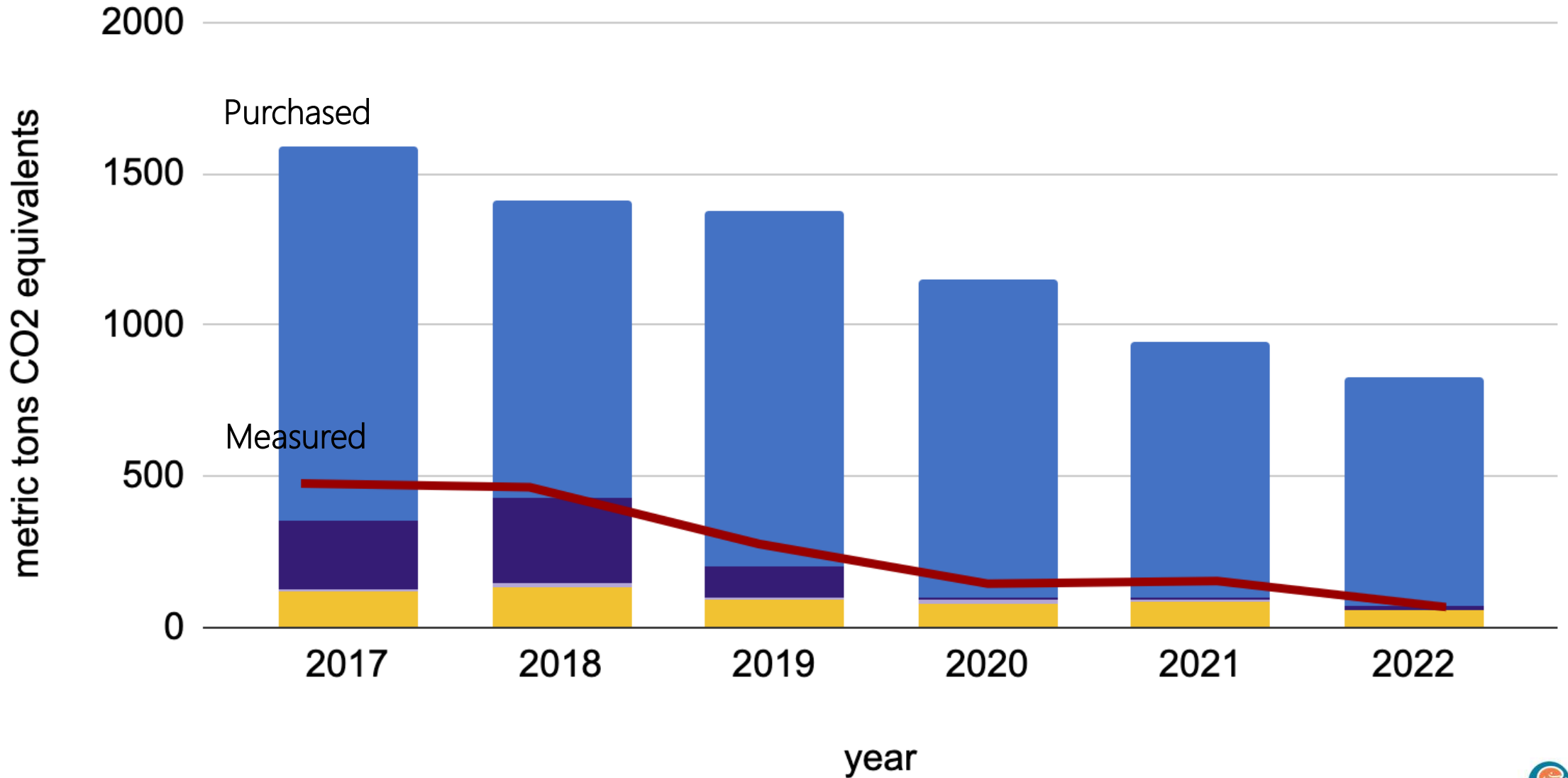
Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Anesthetic Agent (GWP100)

■ Nitrous Oxide (298) ■ Desflurane (2540) ■ Isoflurane (510) ■ Sevoflurane (130)



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Lessons learned from Seattle Children's Hospital experience

Nitrous oxide is not necessary for pediatric anesthesia care – kids do well with alternatives!

Central supply decommissioning project revealed how even straightforward efforts require broad support from multiple stakeholders

Infrastructure supporting the environment of care has a number of embedded policies and design standards that are challenged by new best practices

Decommissioning a central supply takes leadership buy-in, engineering support and execution

Like any project that could involve presenting to regulators and pulling a permit, there will be unexpected requirements of time and effort

In the end, it's worth it for the future of medicine, healthcare, and our children

Srini Pendikatla, Mike Bigelow, Colleen Groll, and SCH leadership team





Polling Question

What resources or support do you feel would be most helpful to drive the decommissioning of nitrous oxide medical gas systems in your organization?



1. Introductory remarks
2. Providence's research, assessment and solutions
 - Dr. Brian Chesebro, Anesthesiologist
 - Andy Mason, Regional Facility Director
3. Q&A with Dr. Chesebro and Mr. Mason
4. Hospital case studies
 - Vancouver General Hospital – Dr. Stewart Brown, Anesthesia Fellow
 - Virginia Mason Medical Center – Dr. Wyn Strodbeck, Anesthesiologist
 - PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center – Brian Nelson, Sustainability Mgr.
 - Seattle Children's Hospital – Dr. Liz Hansen, Anesthesiologist
5. **Opportunity for post-webinar implementation assistance – Adam Lough, UW Executive MHA program**
6. Discussion and continued Q&A

UW School of Public Health Project

- Assistance with...

Normalizing, analyzing and trending data

Scheduling periodic check-ins

Sharing of N₂O Medical Gas System
Playbook

Setting up time with members of this group
to transfer knowledge/lessons learned



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Webinar Survey

Collaborating to Prevent Waste in
Nitrous Oxide Supply

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Q & A FOR ANY
MEMBERS OF THE
COLLABORATIVE

AND OPEN DISCUSSION



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Final Thoughts

To achieve our vision of transforming the delivery method of nitrous oxide in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers across the region...

- Please share our webinar recording and tools with your counterparts at other organizations who can benefit from the research, assessment, and solutions presented here.
- Please consider participating in our post-webinar support offer. We want to help you accelerate this work and measure the impact across the region.

THANK YOU

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