

DEMONSTRATE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

SIGN PRACTICE GREENHEALTH'S EPP PLEDGE

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership organization for companies in health care that have made a commitment to sustainable, environmentally preferable practices. Practice Greenhealth's **Greening the Supply Chain® Initiative** provides a common set of tools for purchasers, suppliers and manufacturers to ensure that environmentally preferable products are available, cost competitive, of comparable quality, and generate a sector-wide market shift in the direction of sound environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP) practices. A critical element of the Initiative is the release of the **Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products** (Version 1.0), which guides the identification, selection and procurement of environmentally preferable medical products.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDIZED ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR MEDICAL PRODUCTS?

The **Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products** are a standard set of questions used in the procurement process for medical products to identify supplier practices that promote environmentally preferable products. These have been endorsed and are being used by five GPOs—**Amerinet, HealthTrust Purchasing Group, MedAssets, Novation, LLC, and Premier healthcare alliance**—in applicable RFPs. Medical products, for the purposes of this questionnaire, are defined as products used to diagnose, treat or care for a patient. This excludes electronic medical products (anything that plugs in or has a battery), as another set of questions will address electronics.

The questions cover key areas of environmental concern in packaging, manufacturing, use and the end-of-life management of medical products.

Take the pledge to support the greening of the health care supply chain as a way to better protect the health of our communities.

WHAT WE BUY MATTERS.



OUR ORGANIZATION, _____ IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE PRACTICE GREENHEALTH EPP PLEDGE:

BY PLEDGING OUR SUPPORT, WE RECOGNIZE THAT A SET OF NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA ARE IMPORTANT TO HEALTH CARE WITH A GOAL TO:

- Reduce the negative environmental and health impacts of products and services across their lifecycle.
- Establish a standard for successfully purchasing environmentally preferable products, thereby encouraging other health care purchasers to adopt.
- Provide a tool for educating staff and others on the environmental priorities in health care.
- Create safer and healthier environments for patients, health care workers and local and global communities.

OUR ORGANIZATION PLEDGES TO:

- Obtain management support to sign the Pledge. (*Pledge signers should be supply chain administrators, vice presidents, or directors.*)
- Support the collaborative work of health care organization to standardize key environmental considerations in contracting and to convey our interest and priorities to them.
- Each year, review upcoming medical supply contracts due to expire within our organization and/or with our GPO, and select at least one contract appropriate to evaluate. Identify and assess opportunities to include relevant environmental attributes (e.g., contains recycled content and/or mercury-free) in value analysis, RFP/RFIs, and decision-making processes.
- Consider the purchase of products and services with environmentally preferable attributes (e.g., recyclable, free of chemicals of concern) for a healthier hospital environment.
- Become familiar with the thirteen environmental attributes in the Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products, and consider how they apply to your organization's supply chain process.
- Affiliate our organization with this effort by allowing Practice Greenhealth to include our organization's name as a Pledge signer on resources and the website.
- When applicable, request details how our GPO will support our commitment to environmentally preferable purchasing.

ADDITIONALLY (OPTIONAL, CHECK AS APPROPRIATE):

- We are willing to share best practices, sample specifications, supply chain metrics, identify and reduce barriers to implementation, highlight successes and strategies to improve implementation of these Standardized Questions and other programs relevant to Greening the Supply Chain at our facility in collaboration with Practice Greenhealth.
- We would be interested in participating in educational and training activities as part of the Greening the Supply Chain Initiative as a presenter or participant.

For more details, see <http://practicegreenhealth.org/initiatives/greening-supply-chain>.

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CITY	STATE	ZIP
CONTACT NAME	JOB TITLE	
NAME OF PRIMARY GPO		
PHONE	EMAIL	
SIGNATURE	DATE	