**Sample Newsletter Article**

**<Hospital Name> Sets Sights on Greener Operating Rooms**

Operating rooms (ORs) are among the most important facilities in a hospital. Operating them efficiently can be a complex process, requiring precise scheduling of procedures and staff, ordering and tracking necessary supplies and consistently maintaining patient and worker safety.

<Hospital Name> is taking the next step toward a well-run, efficient operating room by joining the Greening the OR Initiative, a Practice Greenhealth program that helps hospitals and health care facilities run more efficient, environmentally-friendly operating rooms. Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading membership organization for sustainable hospitals, began the Greening the OR Initiative to help hospitals reduce environmental impact and costs and improve worker and patient safety. <Hospital Name> joins nearly 200 hospitals nationwide that have committed to greening their operating rooms.

The Initiative will help <Hospital Name> save energy and costs, as operating rooms use a large portion of a hospital’s energy and are a major consumer of resources. In fact, operating room supply costs can amount to as much as 56 percent of the total operating room budget. In addition, they produce a disproportional amount of waste—as much as 20 or 30 percent of a hospital’s total waste volume.

Sometimes this waste is disposed of as “regulated medical waste,” which is very expensive to dispose of—costing between *10 and 15 times* more in than regular waste. In addition, most operating room supplies are thrown out after just one use or even after being opened but not used, even though re-use is possible. The Greening the OR Initiative will help <Hospital Name> reduce waste and save resources by (Add details about specific hospital Greening the OR practices here.)

These efforts are a part of <Hospital Name’s> overall sustainability efforts, which include (Add details about Hospital Name sustainability efforts).