



Practice Greenhealth

The nation's leading sustainable health care membership organization

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for health care institutions that have made a commitment to sustainable, environmentally preferable practices. Our members include more than 1,200 hospitals and health care systems, health care providers, manufacturers and service providers, architectural, engineering and design firms, group purchasing organizations (GPOs) and affiliated non-profits.

Practice Greenhealth provides technical assistance, tools and recognition to its members, and with Health Care Without Harm co-organizes the CleanMed conference each year. We work with our members to support, design and implement numerous sustainable health care initiatives.

Initiatives

Practice Greenhealth leads and supports a number of initiatives that further the adoption of sustainable, eco-friendly practices. These initiatives help educate, motivate and engage health care professionals to adopt best practices that increase operational efficiency to improve the health of patients, staff and the community.

- The Greening the OR™ Initiative was launched by Practice Greenhealth in 2010 to help the health care sector see cost savings, maintain worker and patient safety and reduce the environmental footprint of our nation's operating rooms.
- Practice Greenhealth's Greening the Supply Chain™ Initiative extends Practice Greenhealth's leadership role in supporting hospitals and GPOs by engaging businesses in the demand for more environmentally preferable products (EPP) within health care facilities, GPOs and in the business marketplace.
- The Practice Greenhealth mentor hospital program identifies member experts in relevant areas and through sharing calls, case studies and forums, engages the broader community so others can learn from their successes and increase networking and member connections.
- Practice Greenhealth and Citi formed the Healthcare Renewable Energy Initiative to offer transparent and flexible financing options for health systems and hospitals seeking to reduce energy consumption and become more energy efficient.
- The Healthier Hospitals Initiative helps hospitals use their collective sustainability experience, purchasing power and industry representation to speed the process of greening the health care sector.
- Practice Greenhealth supports the Chicago Health Care Initiative, generating cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions while improving the environmental, economic, public health and social conditions in the community.



Environmental Excellence Awards

Part of Practice Greenhealth’s mission is to encourage market leaders in health care sustainability, and this includes presenting numerous awards to individual healthcare facilities, health care systems and health care-related businesses that achieve distinction in a number of areas. Under the banner of the annual Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards, facilities and systems along the spectrum from beginning to implement sustainability efforts to building upon considerable progress and achievement can apply to win one or more of these awards, which are application-driven and given annually at the CleanMed conference.

Member services and benefits

Practice Greenhealth provides a number of benefits to our members, including:

Greenhealth Academy, a cutting-edge sustainability training and education program that encompasses individualized curriculum, training and consulting designed specifically for individual facilities, a set of webinar series designed to offer comprehensive case studies, tools and resources on sustainability topics and sustainability professional training.

A wide variety of **tools & resources**, including tools for comprehensively tracking and analyzing healthcare facility waste, developing a health care-specific sustainability program, forming and managing a green team, and energy and sustainability benchmarking.

About Practice Greenhealth

Since its founding as a stand-alone membership organization in 2008, Practice Greenhealth has become the healthcare sector’s go-to source for information, tools, resources and expert technical support on sustainability. Practice Greenhealth offers practical and cost-effective programs to its members and continues to educate, motivate and engage the sector to move toward a higher standard of care.