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**Green Hospital Scorecard**  
The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, in collaboration with the Ontario Hospital Association is pleased to announce the fourth year of the [Green Hospital Scorecard](#) program!

The Green Hospital Scorecard (GHS) provides meaningful measures of hospital operations, management, and policy adoption in the energy and environment sphere, and benchmarks environmental performance for hospitals alongside de-identified peer data. The survey collecting data for 2015 is now open! Participation is FREE. If you would like your facility to participate and have not received an email invitation, email samantha@greenhealthcare.ca.

The GHS is currently only for Ontario hospitals. However, if you are outside Ontario and are interested in the program, please contact Linda Varangu at linda@greenhealthcare.ca.

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[Sample Scorecard](#)

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[LEARN MORE](#)
HealthAchieve 2016 is almost here!

HealthAchieve 2016 kicks off this Monday, November 7th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Come visit the Coalition at booths 2017 & 2019 along the Healthy Green Promenade next to the Healing Garden and Green Product Showcase. We'll be promoting several of our current initiatives, including Climate Change Mentoring, Green Hospital Scorecard, and the new Green Health Leaders Institute! Check out the program schedule other Innovative Environmental Sustainability venues at HealthAchieve. See you there!

Medical Imaging Equipment Energy Study

The Coalition is pleased to announce the undertaking of a new study funded by Natural Resources Canada, which will gather energy data for six types of medical imaging equipment that have been pre-identified as possible candidates for ENERGY STAR certification. Visit the project website to learn more.

HealthCare Energy Leaders Ontario (HELO)

Together with our partner, the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society, we are excited to offer HELO: an affordable resource for improving energy efficiency and resiliency. Through auditing assistance, education, training, custom assistance, and guidance to senior leaders, HELO helps reduce your utility consumption and your organisation's ecological footprint. Our competitively-priced services can help you uncover energy and water conservation opportunities throughout your organisation, freeing up much needed monies for infrastructure renewal, facility resiliency, and improved delivery of compassionate patient services. Click here to learn more.

Healthcare Quarterly Focuses on Climate Change

Released November 3, 2016, Volume 19 of Healthcare Quarterly has a special focus on climate change. Check out these exciting GREEN articles:

- Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care Leading the Evolution of Green
- Healthcare in the Anthropocene: Challenges and Opportunities
- Recovering Plastics in a Hospital Can Have Environmental, Social and Economic Benefits
- Organic Waste Reduction at Hamilton Health Sciences
- Healthcare and Climate Change: Do No Harm

CAPE Releases 2015-2016 Impact Report

The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) has released the 2015-2016 Impact report, which summarizes significant achievements over the last year including the accelerated phase-out of coal-powered plants and the
reduced use of neonicotinoid pesticides. Read the full report [here](#).

**Fall 2016 Issue of Greenhealth**

*Practice Greenhealth*’s Fall 2016 issue is now available online. The focus of the issue is Climate and Water. Highlights include one major city’s strategy to enhance its climate change resiliency, environmental stewardship in anaesthesia, environmentally preferable purchasing, and celebrating Healthcare Without Harm's 20th anniversary. Access the full magazine [here](#).

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**CHES Winter Issue: Call for Submissions**

The Winter issue of CHES’ Journal, *Canadian Healthcare Facilities (CHF)*, spotlights Canadian healthcare projects. Submissions on construction, renovation and redevelopment projects that began or were completed in 2016, Safety & Security, and Emergency Preparedness are encouraged.

Contact Donna Dennison at CHES’s National Office at ches@eventsmgt.com, or CHF’s Editor, Clare Tattersall, at claret@mediaedge.ca with the proposed topic. **Deadline for final article submissions is Friday, November 25, 2016.**

**Call for Abstracts!**
Speaker abstracts are now being accepted for the 2017 CHES National Conference.

**Quality Healthcare by Design: Putting People First**
September 17-19, 2017
Scotiabank Convention Centre
Niagara Falls, ON

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** November 15, 2016

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**2020 Challenge Awards: Submission Deadline Extended!**

The deadline for data submission to qualify for this year's 2020 Health Care Climate Challenge Awards has been extended to November 30, 2016. Any hospital, health system, or health organization can join the 2020 Challenge, and 130 participants from more than 9000 hospitals and health centres in 23 countries have already done so! Read more about the Challenge and how to sign the 2020 Challenge Pledge.

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**CleanMed Europe 2016 Sees Launch of New Initiatives**
Taking place in Copenhagen, CleanMed Europe brought together participants from 26 countries to discuss and plan strategies around sustainable health care. The conference saw several exciting announcements, including the launch of Health Care Without Harm Europe’s new Safer Pharma campaign, the release of Health Care Without Harm Europe’s Healthy and Sustainable Food in Health Care Pledge, as well as the launch of Global Green and Healthy Hospitals’ new Hippocrates Data Center, an innovative tool for members to track, benchmark, and analyze data on their sustainability programs.

Hospitals crave antibiotic-free meat to reduce threat of superbugs

More hospitals have worked to eliminate antibiotics in the meat they serve in patient meals in an effort to address concerns about the rise of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens.

But making the transition to serving only meat from animals that have not been fed antibiotics can be challenging in terms of sourcing an available supply and getting it at a reasonable cost. Read the full article here.

Smarter Waste Management Strategies Needed
According to Practice Greenhealth, hospitals and health systems produce **12,800 tons of waste each day**. As much as 60% of this may be recyclable or compostable.

Click to read more about [calls for waste management and diversion](#), or to learn about what's being done to reduce the [225 million pounds of blue wrap](#) that's thrown away annually.

**Quick Links**

- Heads Up: Building Energy Efficiency - Current Issue
- ENERGYSTAR Fall 2016 News
- Greenhealth Cost of Ownership Calculator