

Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care: 13 years down the road to sustainable health

Canada's premier green health care resource network, the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, has been a national voice and catalyst for environmental change within the health care sector for thirteen years.

The Coalition, a national not-for-profit, encourages the adoption of resource conservation, pollution prevention principles and effective environmental management systems to reduce the Canadian health care system's ecological impact while protecting human health.

Collaborating with health care organisations, and a multiplicity of other health care stakeholders in the private and public sectors, the Coalition works to raise awareness and increase the capacity of organisations to embrace environmental issues.

Membership benefits include opportunities to engage in and support Canada's green health care movement and be part of a relevant and meaningful process to meet greening health care needs, collaboration with like-minded individuals and groups, access to educational collateral, and opportunities to advise/mentor those taking on greening initiatives.

Coalition initiatives with a focus on sustainable energy management include:

Healthcare Energy Leaders Ontario (HELO)

When fully operational, the HELO project team will be providing free onsite assistance to facilities with activities such as energy assessments, developing business cases, applying for

incentives, and helping implement a culture of conservation. www.greenhealthcare.ca/HELO

EcoAction GHG Emissions Reduction

In partnership with the Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) and Synergie Sante Environnement (SSE), the Coalition is embarking on a three-year GHG and water reduction initiative across Canada with targeted outreach and education collateral, and training modules to incite organisations to adopt sustainable environmental practices.

Climate Change Resiliency Toolkit

With research and technical support from Health Canada, the Health Care Facility Climate Change Resiliency Toolkit helps organisations improve their ability to withstand the negative impacts of climate change. www.greenhealthcare.ca/climateresilienthealthcare/

Green Revolving Fund for Health Care Energy Efficiency

The Coalition recently launched a Green Revolving Fund pilot project, to research and test a new funding model for energy projects. Implementation is under development and the Coalition is actively looking for funding partners. www.greenhealthcare.ca/projects_energy/greenrevolvingfund

Achieving environmentally-responsible health service delivery requires a collaborative approach, clearly articulated in the Joint Position Statement – toward an Environmentally Responsible Canadian Health Sector available at: www.greenhealthcare.ca/images/pdf/jps.pdf



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