

How GREEN is your hospital

The energy crisis has been around for a very long time (and most likely is not going away for a very long time too). It is in everyone's best interest to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. There are many ways to improve how "Green" your hospital is and we will address many of the options in this quiz.

1) The smartest and most complete way to plan the changes for "becoming a GREENER hospital is?

a) Have a hospital staff meeting to look at different ways to improve how we recycle, reuse and reduce

Answer - this is a reasonable first step in the process but most likely not the smartest and most complete

b) Get professional price quotes for installing a solar photovoltaic system

Answer - Installing a solar photovoltaic system is a great way to reduce electricity usage and to long term save money. At this point there is also a 30% federal tax credit that will significantly lower your total investment. However, this would not be the best answer to the question.

c) Replace all the internal and external hospital bulbs with LED Bulbs

Answer - Replacing the incandescent and fluorescent bulbs in the hospital with more efficient and longer lasting LEDs and CFL's (compact fluorescent lights) is a wonderful way to save money, and save lots of electricity, but not the best answer

d) Call the AVMA and ask them to suggest the correct path to Green.

Answer - The AVMA is wonderful at doing what they do best but planning a path to a greener hospital is not what they excel at.

e) Contact your local energy provider and request a free "Energy Audit". They will send someone to evaluate your hospital and determine the different areas where you can make changes and reduce your electricity usage, your gas usage and many other ways to become a "greener" hospital.

Answer - This is a great logical first step and will work well when followed up with having a hospital meeting to plan your comprehensive approach.