Building an OR Green Team

Healthcare systems and the entities they are composed of, from small clinics to large academic referral hospitals, all require a staff with a broad range of skills and knowledge to make them function.

Creating a Green Team is a great way of collating stakeholders in order to unify effort and effectively implement sustainable practices.

By bringing together a team of employees from different disciplines, new areas of innovation & improvement can be identified and potential obstacles can be avoided.

An effective green team should be diverse in representation yet manageable in size. A team of 5-10 people is a good size.

**BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Finding individuals from enough divisions of hospital operations

2. Finding meeting time and maintaining accountability

3. Taking proposed initiatives into implementation

**SOLUTIONS**

1. Engage with departmental leadership to identify interested individuals

2. Engage leadership to help ensure employees are supported to participate

3. Work with hospital leadership early on to obtain the authority and resources to carry out projects

**COST SAVING**

Green programs can lead to savings of up to $56,000 per operating room.

**Additional Resources:**

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