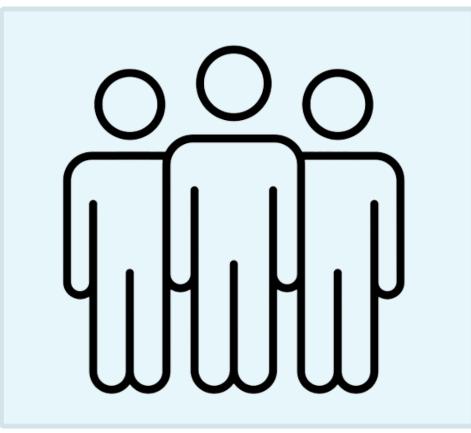
Building an OR Green Team



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

IDENTIFY & RECRUIT

ENGAGE HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP

Support from leadership is essential for effective implementation.

GAIN SUPPORT BY:

- Identifying potential overlapping priorities
- Sharing potential costsaving or goodwill-building sustainability opportunities

DEFINE GOALS

SHORT- & LONG-TERM

- Develop pathways to achieve your goals
- Divide tasks fairly
- Set achievable timelines
- Schedule regular meetings to maintain accountability

COMMUNICATE...

WITH STAFF:

- Demonstrate the value of sustainable practices to the rest of the workforce
- Obtain buy-in and engagement from those tasked with implementation

WITH PATIENTS AND RELATIVES:

- Engaging with patients and their relatives generates public interest
- Demonstrates to patients how healthcare facilities can participate in reducing their environmental footprint

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

Identify champions from all

major operational divisions,

not just clinical departments.

- Facilities management
- Food and nutrition services
- Administration

FROM VARIOUS

DEPARTMENTS

- Information Technology
- Infection Control
- Procurement

BARRIERS TO

- Nursing
- Surgery & Anesthesiology

IMPLEMENTATION

SOLUTIONS

Finding individuals from enough divisions of hospital operations

Finding meeting time and maintaining accountability

Taking proposed initiatives into implementation

- Engage with departmental leadership to identify interested individuals
- Engage leadership to help ensure employees are supported to participate

 Create timelines and mechanisms to ensure

projects stay on schedule

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

COST

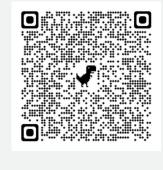
Green programs can lead to savings of up to \$56,000 per operating room §

Additional Resources:















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