



SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS



87th Medical Group Joint Base MDL
 BG Crawford F. Sams Health Clinic
 Blanchfield Army Community Hospital
 Moncrief Army Health Clinic
 Munson Army Health Center
 Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center
 USA MEDDAC Bavaria



Brooke Army Medical Center
 Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center
 Fort Belvoir Community Hospital
 Kenner Army Health Clinic
 Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center
 Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
 Lyster Army Health Clinic
 Madigan Army Medical Center
 Reynolds Army Health Clinic
 Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center
 Keller Army Community Hospital
 Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
 Weed Army Community Hospital
 William Beaumont Army Medical Center
 Winn Army Community Hospital
 Womack Army Medical Center



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2024 Practice Greenhealth Awards

Practice Greenhealth is proud to announce the winners of the 2024 Environmental Excellence Awards, recognizing leading U.S. hospitals for their exceptional commitment to sustainability.

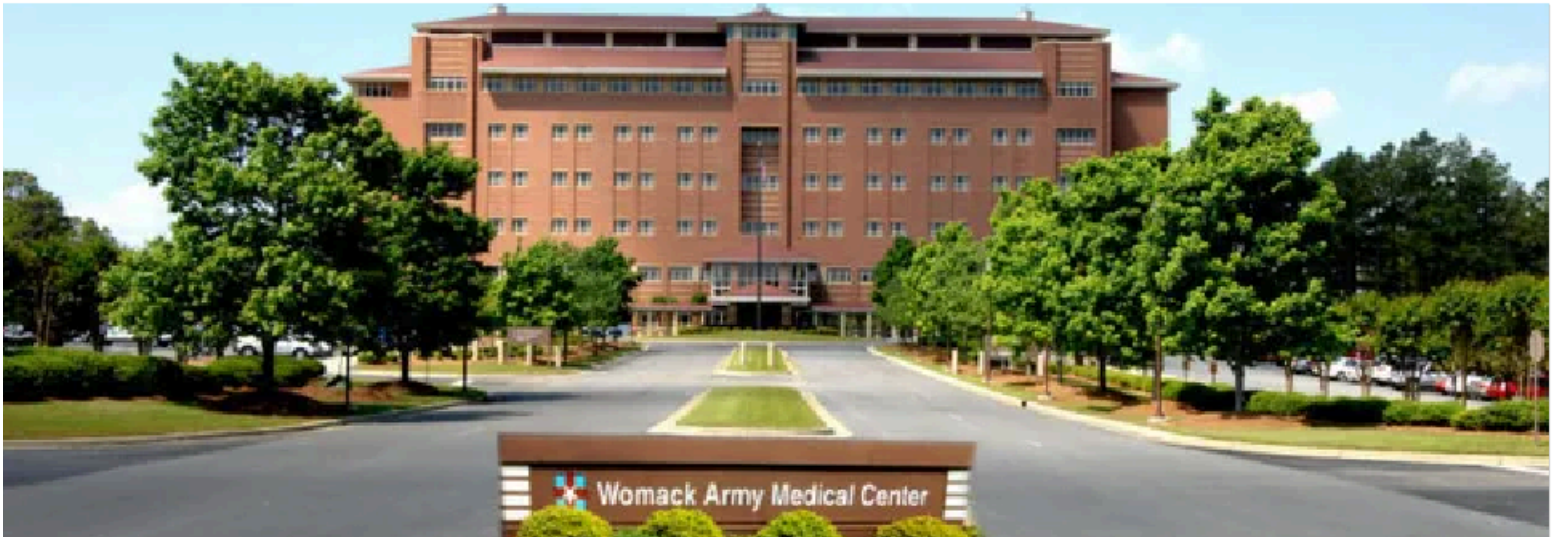
Congratulations to this year’s Practice Greenhealth (PGH) Award winners! We appreciate all your hard work during this PGH cycle and commitment to sustainability.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



WAMC Environmental Excellence

Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC) has been honored with the Stryker Sustainability Solutions Environmental Excellence Platinum Award for its exceptional reprocessing of single-use medical devices. This achievement has resulted in substantial cost savings of \$983,118 and the diversion of 12,994 pounds of waste from landfills. WAMC's commitment and initiative in embedding a full-time Clinical Analyst for procurement and sustainability operations have led to remarkable savings of \$8 million. The collaboration with Stryker Sustainability Solutions and the National Forest Foundation reinforces WAMC's strong dedication to environmental conservation and sustainability.



Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. is leading the way in promoting sustainability by working closely with vendors to source locally and ethically produced products. The hospital's Nutrition Services Department is focused on reducing food waste and being responsible stewards of the region's natural resources. Additionally, eco-friendly initiatives, such as transitioning to biodegradable containers and installing a state-of-the-art aerobic digester to process food waste on-site, have been implemented to minimize waste and reduce CO2 emissions. The hospital's Sustainability Committee, led by U.S. Army Capt. (Dr.) Renuka Rees, is dedicated to integrating sustainability into all aspects of the hospital's operations. Walter Reed has received recognition for its efforts in environmental sustainability and is committed to maintaining its green initiatives.

WRNMMC, Bethesda, Md.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued



CleanMed 2024 Highlights



Attending CleanMed for the first time was a truly enlightening experience. It was personally beneficial as it allowed me to witness firsthand the sustainability challenges faced by both the Government and private sectors. The presentations shared best practices from other healthcare systems, allowing DHA to emulate many of these successful techniques. I had the pleasure of networking with over 15 DHA staff members from different regions, encouraging them to reach out to me for assistance and resources when navigating the Practice Greenhealth Applications. This trip successfully reinvigorated the DHA Sustainability team, provided additional training, and magnified the value of DHA participating in the Practice Greenhealth Awards.

Ambrose C. Rosario Jr., PMP

There are people here who have shown their hospital systems that climate -smart care is not something extra. It's not a 'nice to do.' Climate-smart health care is contributing to patient health, community health, and planetary health - it is the next iteration of quality health care.

-Gary Cohen, President and Founder Health Care Without Harm

Looking Forward

The enthusiasm and commitment displayed at CleanMed 2024 highlight the growing momentum towards a more sustainable healthcare sector. As attendees return to their organizations armed with new knowledge and inspiration, we can expect to see significant advancements in sustainability practices across the industry. We look forward to the continued progress and innovation that will undoubtedly emerge from the connections and ideas fostered at CleanMed 2024. Together, we can build a healthier, more sustainable future for all.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Energy & Emission Savings



The federal government plays a pivotal role in advancing zero emissions in buildings. Through Executive Order 14057 Catalyzing Clean Energy federally owned buildings are targeted to achieve zero emissions by 2045, with a goal to cut emissions in half by 2032 and construct only zero-emission new buildings by 2030. Additionally, with U.S. government-funded projects contributing around 32% of construction-related embodied carbon in the United States, the government has a significant opportunity to drive solutions that reduce emissions from the buildings sector. Furthermore, the federal government's annual investment of approximately \$450 billion in non-federally owned buildings presents an opportunity for deeper energy and emissions savings.

SUSTAINABILITY MISSION

Enhance Military Health System readiness and resiliency by safeguarding human health and the environment through the efficient use of resources and on-going process improvement.



SUSTAINABILITY VISION

We are leaders in delivering world-class health care solutions with minimal environmental footprint to support those who serve in the defense of our country. We focus on securing a sustainable and resilient future for all.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

BECAUSE WE ONLY HAVE ONE

World Environment Day, celebrated annually on June 5th, is a significant event coordinated by the United Nations to raise global awareness and encourage action for the protection of the environment. Established in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly during the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, it has grown into a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 150 countries.

World Environment Day plays a crucial role in uniting people across the globe to take meaningful actions for the environment. By focusing on key themes and promoting a wide range of activities, it helps to foster a global culture of environmental stewardship and encourages everyone to contribute to a healthier, more sustainable planet.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT



May 2024, CleanMed in Salt Lake City, Utah. DHA Sustainability Team and attendees.



CleanMed is the premier national conference designed for leaders in healthcare sustainability, offering a unique platform for healthcare professionals to come together, collaborate, and drive societal transformation aimed at enhancing individual, community, and planetary health. This conference stands out as the only event that connects attendees with pioneers who are implementing innovative, climate-smart health care solutions. These solutions encompass a wide range of areas, including environmentally preferable purchasing, sustainable food strategies, greening the operating room, and renewable energy. CleanMed provides cost-effective, healthcare-specific solutions that align with the sector's goals and mission, making it an essential event for those committed to advancing sustainability in health care.