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Environmental Responsibility in Healthcare

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Healthcare facilities in Canada and elsewhere are increasingly concerned with green purchasing and other ways of staying environmentally responsible. One strategy is for purchasing departments to specify environmentally preferable products, or EPP, whenever possible.

EPP purchase decisions can encompass thousands of products and services that impact staff, patients and visitors. That scope can include areas as diverse as food services, pharmaceuticals, hand hygiene products, hazardous and non-hazardous waste, energy and chemicals ranging from mercury, PVC and phthalates to cleaners, pesticides and even flame retardants in furniture.

Healthier, safer and more environmentally responsible healthcare environments are primary goals of such national and international non-profit organisations as The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care and Health Care Without Harm.

The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care spearheads a range of green purchasing priorities and initiatives including safer chemicals, fragrance-free cleaners and sustainable and locally grown foods. The organization's Green Products and Services Directory is a valuable starting point for healthcare purchasers.

Health Care Without Harm is an international coalition of hospitals and health care systems, medical professionals, community groups, health-affected constituencies, labor unions, environmental and environmental health organizations and religious groups. The organization's website points out some of the defining attributes of environmentally responsible products:

- Less toxic
- Minimally polluting
- More energy efficient
- Safer and healthier for patients, workers and the environment
- Higher in recycled content
- Packed in less packaged material
- Fragrance free

From this list of attributes, it becomes readily apparent that hand hygiene products belong on a facility's EPP shopping list and can help your facility contribute to a more environmentally responsible healthcare environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you work for a Canadian healthcare provider or are otherwise interested in the issue of environmentally responsible purchasing in healthcare settings, you'll find more information and support at the following websites:

- The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care (greenhealthcare.ca)
- Health Care Without Harm (noharm.org)

Among other useful tools and resources, the Health Care Without Harm website contains implementation action kits for making safer and healthier purchases in cleaning products, electronics, food and other materials, and for mercury elimination and greater energy efficiency.

You'll also find a comprehensive "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing How-To Guide" on the noharm.org site.

For details on our product offering, please contact us at healthcare@GOJO.com.

THAT'S a FACT!

Hand washing with tap water uses about 8 liters of water.[1] Using alcohol-based hand rub is better than washing hands when hands are not visibly soiled.[2]

1 Environmental Canada. Quick Fact #72. http://www.ec.gc.ca/eau-water/default.asp?lang=En&n=11A8CA33-1
2 Public Health Agency of Canada. Appentix II, Fact Sheet (A) – Hand Hygiene for health Care Settings. http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/amr-ram/ipcbp-pepci/appendix_ii-annexe_ii-eng.php.

Product Feature

GOJO HAND HYGIENE SOLUTIONS: DESIGNED FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The GOJO Purpose, saving lives and making life better through well-being solutions, drives an ongoing commitment to sustainability. GOJO is committed to both developing sustainable products and embracing sustainable ways of working as a daily part of our culture. As a result of this corporate culture, we are well positioned to support the growing need for more sustainable solutions in healthcare with new products and delivery systems.

You too can play an active role in promoting sustainability by promoting good hand hygiene with your customers and offering green certified solutions as part of your green cleaning bundle.

PURELL® ADVANCED GREEN CERTIFIED HAND SANITIZER FORMULATIONS

- Readily biodegradable gel and non-aerosol foam formulas
- Meet the EcoLogo hand sanitizer standard CCD-170 for environmental leadership and proven performance
- Fragrance free, dye free formulations
- Made with 100% naturally renewable ethanol

GOJO/PROVON® GREEN CERTIFIED HANDWASH FORMULATION

- Mild, biodegradable foam soap formulas for use in healthcare environments
- Certified to meet Green Seal™ standard GS-41 and EcoLogo™ standard CC-104 for hand cleaners
- Produced in part with renewably sourced ingredients
- Choose from fragrance free, dye free or appealing fragrance formulations

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE DISPENSER SYSTEMS AND PACKAGING

The new, innovative touch-free and manual dispensers from GOJO use a process called Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) during the engineering and production planning phases which significantly reduces smog emissions, greenhouse gases and energy consumption.

The dispenser refill bottles are engineered with durable, lightweight and recyclable PET material that not only uses 30% less material than rigid HDPE bottles, but also provides crystal clarity offering quick, at-a-glance checking of refill status, saving staff time, yielding a savings of over 250 tons of plastic each year. Furthermore, the LTX™ system carries the GOJO Lifetime Performance Guarantee – a dependability promise that includes the batteries.

IMPLEMENT A SUSTAINABLE HAND HYGIENE PROGRAM

GOJO GREEN HYGIENE™ Solutions is a comprehensive sustainable hand hygiene program that can help you create a more sustainable building environment. It will help you reduce risks to health and well-being by providing gentle, effective, environmentally responsible products while promoting good hand hygiene as part of your green cleaning effort. GOJO GREEN HYGIENE Solutions, includes the following educational tools and components:

- **GOJO GREEN HYGIENE Solutions Video:** Learn how your actions can lead to greener buildings that help improve the health and well-being of occupants.
- **Green Certified Hand Hygiene Products:** A complete portfolio of green certified soaps and hand sanitizers

- **Promotional Tools:** Tools needed to promote healthy hand hygiene habits
- **Implementation Guide:** Step-by-step guide for a healthy indoor environment with this
- **GOJO GREEN HYGIENE Solutions FAQ:** Answers about GOJO GREEN HYGIENE Solutions and LEED-EBOM

Visit **www.gojocanada.ca/sustainability** to learn more and the GOJO 2012 Sustainability Report.

Did you know?

- GOJO products and program solutions are now available to **Medbuy and HealthPRO** members.
- There will be an **Electronic Compliance Monitoring Symposium** at the **IPAC 2014 Conference** in Halifax on 5/26.

* PURELL Advanced gel formulation. Based on the 2009 Health Canada GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Human-Use Antiseptic Drugs, EN-182959.

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