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Going Green in Healthcare

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The purpose of healthcare is to improve and save lives, but the waste and by-products generated by healthcare activities can impact health and the environment. Increased attention and diligence to environmental stewardship through practices such as environmentally preferable purchasing can substantially decrease the burden associated with poor management of healthcare waste.

Many Canadian healthcare facilities are moving towards environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP). EPP is the act of purchasing products/services whose environmental impacts have been considered and found to be less damaging to the environment and human health. EPP can be the key to saving money and reducing waste while simultaneously meeting the needs of patients.

Hospitals and purchasing departments have a responsibility to carefully evaluate manufacturers and products they are considering. Inquiring from vendors about water usage, solid waste, and greenhouse gas emissions can shed light on a company's commitment to environmental stewardship. Practice Green Health has published a list of questions that healthcare facilities can use to guide their decision making process for vendors while considering the environment.[1] Questions are built around asking about reductions in toxicity and pollution, inclusion of post-consumer recycled material, recyclability of a products, bio-based content, and a variety of other questions.

Interested Canadian healthcare facilities can join the Canadian Coalition for Green Healthcare which provides members comprehensive resources to promote environmental stewardship in their facility.[2] 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. Aside from knowledge enrichment, membership[3] can provide networking opportunities where best practices and success stories can be shared.

Within our global society, we all share responsibility for environmental stewardship. "Going green" in the health care sector will significantly improve the lives and well-being of all Canadians, improve the health of our communities, and helps protect our environment for future generations.

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THAT'S a FACT!

GOJO launched PURELL® Green Certified Instant Hand Sanitizer in 2010 as the world's first green certified hand sanitizer.*

* First to meet an independent, 3rd party, type-1 eco-label environmental standard for hand antiseptics.

Product Feature

GREEN CERTIFIED HAND HYGIENE SOLUTIONS

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.

You too can play an active role in promoting sustainability by promoting good hand hygiene with your customers and offering Green Certified hand sanitizers and hand washing solutions that help support community and environmental wellness throughout your healthcare facility.

PURELL® ADVANCED GREEN CERTIFIED HAND SANITIZER FORMULATIONS

- EcoLogo Certified
- Made with 100% naturally renewable ethanol
- Gel and non-aerosol formulas are readily biodegradable[1]
- Fragrance free and dye free
- Sustainable packaging design

GOJO®/PROVON® GREEN CERTIFIED HANDWASH FORMULATIONS

- EcoLogo Certified
- Biodegradable formula proven effective, yet mild enough for frequent handwashing
- Fragrance free and dye free
- Produced in part with renewably sourced ingredients
- Sustainable packaging design

In 2010 GOJO set public goals for reducing operating impacts within our own work environments. These goals involve environmental programs designed to reduce waste, greenhouse gases, and water use in our production, manufacturing and office spaces.

See our entire scorecard and learn more about our environmental stewardship efforts in the new 2014 GOJO Sustainability Report.

	TOUCH FREE			MANUAL				BOTTLES			
	LTX™ 700 mL	LTX 1200 mL	TFX™ 1200 mL	ADX™ 700 mL	ADX 1200 mL	FMX™ 1250 mL	FMX 2000 mL	PUMP BOTTLE 220 mL	PUMP BOTTLE 236 mL	PUMP BOTTLE 354 mL	PUMP BOTTLE 535 mL
PURELL Advanced Foam Hand Rub Refill	1304-03-CAN00	1904-02-CAN0	–	8704-04-CAN00	8804-03-CANOO	–	–	–	–	–	5791-04-CAN00
PURELL Advanced Moisturizing Foam Hand Rub Refill	1313-03-CAN00	1913-02-CAN00	5395-02-CAN00	8709-04-CAN00	8809-03-CAN00	5195-03-CAN00	–	–	–	–	5795-04-CAN00
PURELL Advanced Hand Rub (Gel) Refill	1303-03-CAN00	1903-02-CAN00	5770-04-CAN00	8707-04-CAN00	8807-06-CAN00	–	–	–	9652-12-CAN00	3770-12-12-CAN00	–
PURELL Dispenser System	1320-04	1920-04	2720-12	8720-06	8820-06	5120-06-CAN00	–	–	–	–	–
GOJO Clear & Mild Foam Handwash Refill	1311-03	1911-02		8711-04	8811-03	–	–	–	–	–	–
PROVON and GOJO Green Certified Foam Hand Cleaners Refill	–	–	5382-02	–	–	5182-03	–	5715-06	–	–	–
PROVON Foam Handwash with Advanced Moisturizer Refill	–	–	5385-02	–	–	–	–	–		–	–
PROVON Foaming Handwash with Moisturizer Refill	–	–	–	–	–	5185-03	5285-02	–	–	–	5785-04
GOJO/PROVON Dispenser System	1384-04	1984-04	2745-12-CAN00	8784-06	8884-06	5160-06	5260-06	–	–	–	–

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Learn more

View the new GOJO 2015 Hand Hygiene Symposium on the AJIC website. "Better Ways to Measure Hand Hygiene Compliance and Successfully Engage your Staff: Lessons Learned from the Field. http://handhygiene.ajicjournal.org/

Download the NEW APIC Guide to Hand Hygiene Programs for Infection Prevention which provides an overview of hand hygiene programs and their key components. – www.apic.org/Professional-Practice/Implementation-guides

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