



Call for Abstracts

Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (MD H2E) is seeking presentations that highlight innovative and/or collaborative programs, especially those that include interdepartment and community benefits. Examples are listed below. For clarification on whether your proposed topic is appropriate, please send an email to plisko@son.umaryland.edu.

Selected abstracts will be presented **November 14, 2012 at the *Environmental Excellence in Health Care Conference*** at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore, Md.

MD H2E welcomes product and service providers to partner with hospitals for case study presentations.

Examples that fit this year's theme include, but are not limited to:

- Innovative sustainable procurement strategies, e.g., partnerships with group purchasing organizations, direct purchasing from farmer
- Marketing of sustainability programs, e.g., creating YouTube videos
- Developing a sustainable community benefit program, e.g., working with other organizations to decrease pesticide use
- Implementing a climate change action plan, e.g., addressing climate change, health, and health care
- Connecting sustainability and disaster preparedness
- Connecting sustainability and employee wellness
- Transitioning to greener cleaners, e.g., moving to peroxide based disinfectants
- Increasing access to healthy food, e.g., Electronic Benefit Transfer machines at farmers markets
- Sustainability master planning, e.g., creating house-wide strategy
- Developing an integrated waste management plan, e.g., waste prevention, reduction, reprocessing, recycling
- Collaborations in energy procurement and conservation, e.g., investing in solar panels/farms
- Creating awareness around ethics, stewardship, and sustainability
- Conducting clinical education and promoting advocacy
- Developing alternative transportation program, e.g., creating a bike friendly hospital
- Implementing Lean for health care, e.g., conducting a Lean and Green event
- Using research to improve building design that enhances occupant health
- Innovations in designing for health and safety
- Integrating research into the design and operation of health care facilities
- Use of Pre-/Post-Occupancy Evaluations

Guidelines

- Abstracts are limited to 250 words.
- Include the author(s) name(s), credentials, title, organization, work phone number, cell phone number, mailing address, and email address. **Presentation at the conference is limited to two authors only.** Both authors must provide the information listed above.

Deadline for submission

Monday, July 16, 2012. Early submission is encouraged.

Notification

First authors only will be notified by Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

First authors of accepted abstracts will be granted free registration for the full conference.

Submit abstract as an email attachment to:

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