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Sustainability
in the
Healthcare Industry

Sumner Hospital
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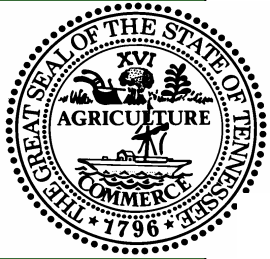
Sustainability 101

“Make less, buy less, use less, throw away less.”

Akiko Busch



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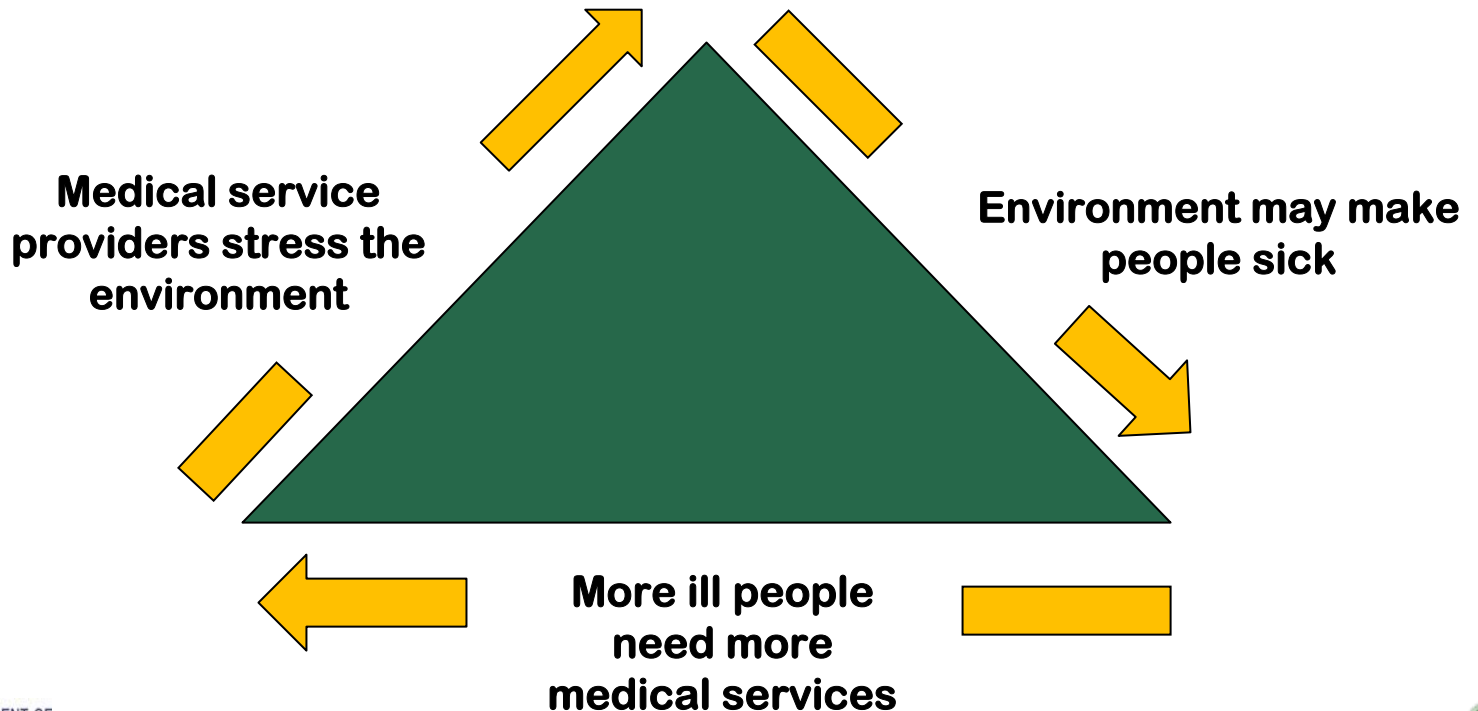


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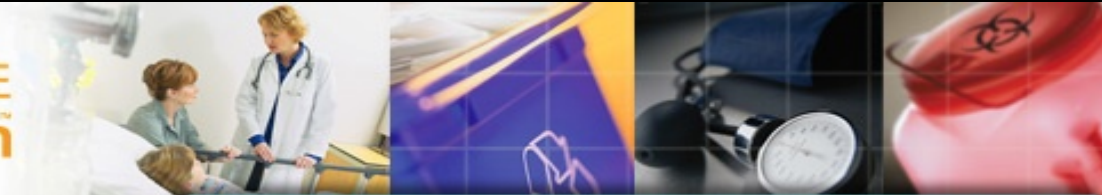
Cause and Effect



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Who we are

- Formerly known as Healthcare for a Healthy Environment – H2E
 - American Hospital Association
 - United States Environmental Protection Agency
 - Healthcare without Harm
 - American Nurses Association

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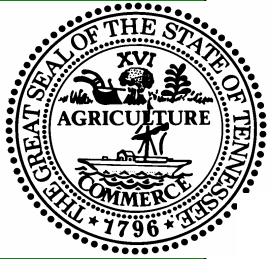


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Practice Greenhealth's Vision

- A healthy healthcare system
- Recognize the link between our health and the choices we make

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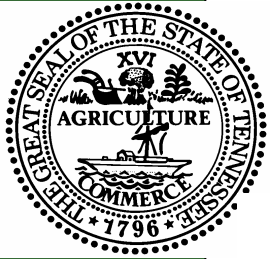


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Practice Greenhealth's Goals

- Virtual elimination of mercury
- Reduction of quantity & toxicity of healthcare waste
- Minimize use & exposure to hazardous chemicals
- Improvement of resource conservation
- Integrating sustainable design & environmentally sound operational practices

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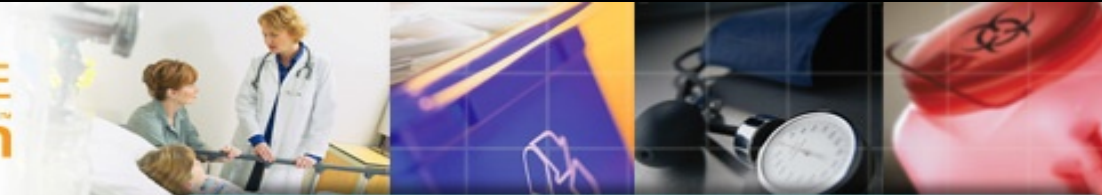
State Partnerships

- Assist hospitals obtain the information & technical resources necessary to implement new & improved environmental programs
- Identify barriers to implementing programs
 - No need to reinvent the wheel
 - Opportunity for collaboration
 - Help in measuring progress

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So Why Bother

- Mercury
- Dioxins & PBTs
- Waste
- Compliance

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So Why Bother

“Increasingly, the world around us looks as if we hated it.”

Alan Watts

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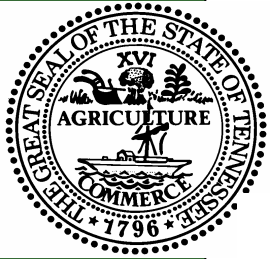


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5 phases of “going green”

- Desire
- Pride
- Satisfaction
- Depression
- Collaboration

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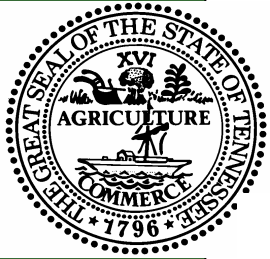


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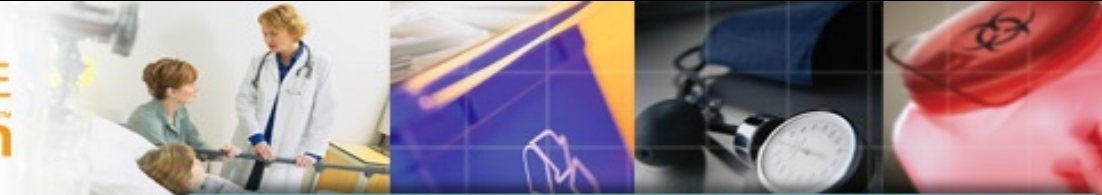
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**“Today’s mighty oak is just yesterday’s
nut that held its ground.”**

Anonymous