Cardinal Health Steps Up Efforts To Green More ORs

Cardinal Health today announced that it has joined the group of founding corporate sponsors supporting the Practice Greenhealth Greening the Operating Room (GOR) Initiative, which aims to reduce the environmental footprint of operating suites in hospitals across the country.

"With its GOR Initiative, Practice Greenhealth is bringing together the forward-thinking stakeholders in the health care supply chain to provide guidance that can help hospitals utilize operating room resources more effectively and reduce the volume of waste generated there," said Marc Mullen, senior vice president and general manager of Presource® at Cardinal Health.

Cardinal Health – through its partnership with SRI/Surgical Express, Inc. – already offers its Hybrid Preference Pack™, the first sustainable surgical kitting solution that combines reusable and disposable surgical items into a single kit. The company will also work to help reduce the amount of packaging used for and waste generated by surgical procedures through its Presource® Procedure Packs, which consolidate individual supplies into procedure-specific kits. The customized kits further help decrease waste by decreasing the number of unused items in a procedure.

"Our support for the Greening the OR initiative marks our dedication to helping customers achieve their sustainability goals," said Brodie Bauders, vice president of Channel Development at Cardinal Health. "It has been suggested that operating suites in hospitals can produce as much as 20 to 30 percent of a hospital's total waste, so we think initiatives like this are critical to helping hospitals reduce waste and increase efficiencies."

In addition to its founding partner role with Project Greenhealth, Cardinal Health is included in the Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index, one of the most highly recognized and long-standing global sustainability indices. It is also a past recipient of the Illinois Governor's Pollution Prevention Award for a division-wide packaging reduction effort that eliminated more than three million pounds of packaging over a five-year period.

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