



2007 Emerald Award Winner For Environmental Excellence

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Pollution Prevention/Hazardous Waste Reduction



The Community Health Services Division of Broward Health includes services in urgent care, prenatal, pediatric, HIV/AIDS care and research, disease state management, primary adult care, pharmacy, dental, home health, hospice, school and community health, Healthy Start programs, and care outreach for the homeless. They have served over 338,000 members of the community in 2007 in patient visits, medical encounters and hospice patient care days. The Practices Division, also involved in pollution prevention, consists of over 30 employed physicians serving our community.

Broward Health's environmental achievements include:

- Recycled, redistributed, sold or donated 13,207 pounds of surplus materials such as hardware, furniture, computers, and medical equipment in 2006.
- Shredded and recycled 62,000 pounds per year of confidential paper.
- Recycled 62,352 pounds per year of paper and cardboard.
- Reduced red bag waste by 19% in 2007
- Collected, crushed and recycled 1,700 pounds of mercury containing fluorescent light bulbs in 2007.
- Eliminated 3 photo-developing chemicals and replaced with digital x-rays.
- Earned H2E (Hospitals for a Healthy Environment) Partner Recognition for environmental purchasing practices.
- Eliminated mercury in patient thermometers, BP cuffs, and lab refrigerators.
- Utilized integrated pest management to reduce pesticide use.
- Eliminated gluteraldehyde use, replaced with less toxic Cidex OPA.
- Eliminated formalin specimen containers, replaced with less toxic methyl alcohol preservatives.



The Seventh Avenue Family Health Center is one of 21 Community Health Clinics that changed their practices to prevent pollution.



This computerized scanner reads digital x-rays. The switch to digital reduced photo-developing hazardous waste by 25%.



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