



2004 Emerald Award Winner For Environmental Excellence

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Innovative Procedures/Process Improvement



Coral Springs Medical Center, a facility of the North Broward Hospital District, has aggressively instituted environmentally friendly policies that have drastically reduced hazardous waste and increased recycled materials.

The hospital's environmental achievements include:

- Created a "Wasted Dollars Team" to cut biohazardous and chemical waste by 10 percent.
- Won the H2E Partner for Change award.
- Eliminated completely the use of mercury in patient care, lab and pharmacy areas.
- Installed an alarm to monitor all trash for radioactive materials.
- Instituted processes to recycle cardboard, shredded paper, used oil, fluorescent bulbs, heavy metals, batteries and solvents.
- Recycled more than 15 percent of solid waste last year.
- Reduced photochemical waste by 40 percent by converting X-rays to digital photography.
- Used recycled paper, remanufactured printer cartridges and toilet paper made of recycled paper.
- Currently investigating the use of alternative Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved floor cleaners. (Now using EPA-approved wax and stripper floor cleaning products.)



The hospital utilizes a Stryker Neptune suction system in operating rooms and in labor and delivery. The system recovers all fluids, reducing biohazardous waste disposal costs and risk of splashes.



The Coral Springs Medical Center team accepts Emerald Award Trophy from Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs (far right) and Vice Mayor Ben Graber (far left).

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