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The significance of green culture in sustaining green system in a green hospital

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Introduction

The hospital has achieved an incredible tract record of success in terms of green installations, green system and green outcomes. The journey of implementing green projects in a hospital is reviewed.

Objectives

The key success factors are indentified. The challenge of moving forward is explored.

Methodology

The first part of study is a review of hard aspects of the green hospital. This consists of projects to improve energy efficiency of facilities, practices to reduce, reuse and recycle. The second part is a review of soft aspects of the green hospital. This consists of assurance of environmental management system and educational programs.

Result

The hospital is confronted with unique challenges in the green journey. Top-down approach is instrumental in green achievements of the hospital. The hospital is already the front-runner in the healthcare sector, further improvement is a challenge. Also, due to the size of the hospital and large number of employees, there is challenge to cascade the green practices to the front line. There may be opportunity of focusing on the education of employee, patients and visitors. In the hospital, there is cleaner, more hygienic and better organized environment. There is less wastage, more energy efficiency, and more cost saving. The green ideas penetrate everyday life of how we dress, how we eat, how we stay and how we travel. Some of these green initiatives are not necessary very attractive in terms of pay-back duration. However, the future implication to cultivating green living among employees, the patients and the visitors cannot be ignored. The green culture is taking the green hospital to a new high in sustaining the green life of everybody in the hospital.