

## SUNNYBROOK NAMED GREENEST HOSPITAL IN CANADA FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Hospital recognized as One of Canada's Greenest Employers for 2010

Thanks to the hard work of its staff and a significant number of innovative green programs, Sunnybrook was recently announced as one of Canada's Greenest Employers for 2010. This is the second year that Sunnybrook has earned this title.

Now in its fourth year and formally known as Canada's Most Earth-Friendly Employers, the national competition is organized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

This special designation recognizes employers that are leaders in integrating environmental principles into their corporate culture and have developed environmentally friendly programs that are recognized not only within the facility but also throughout the community.



Sunnybrook was the only hospital selected. The Hospital was chosen based on its unique environmental initiatives such as the creation of a new role, Manager of Environmental Sustainability for the Hospital, and the Honeywell Energy and Facility Renewal program that will see Sunnybrook reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 9,000 metric tons - an amount equivalent to taking 1,400 cars off of the road.

Other greening initiatives that are currently underway at Sunnybrook include:

### The Harry Taylor Solar Energy Wall

In Fall 2009, Sunnybrook became the largest source of solar energy of any Canadian healthcare facility. In memory of Harry Taylor, Director of Facilities Services and an influential, well-respected leader, the energy wall converts daylight into electricity.



### Gas Scavenging in the Operating Rooms

Less than five percent of the delivered inhalation anesthetic used in OR is metabolized by the patient meaning that the remaining 95 percent is sent into the atmosphere. Using a special device, Sunnybrook has prevented the equivalent of 474 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> from entering the atmosphere, which is the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by 158 low-fuel consumption cars in one year.



### Composting & Biodegradable Food Containers

In January this year Sunnybrook launched a new composting and recycling program at its cafeterias. This program allows organic waste to be composted and helps simplify recycling of paper, plastic, metals, glass and other materials. The "Better Bins" in the cafeteria allow for the separation and disposal of organic materials, mixed recyclables, paper recyclables and waste.



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