Creating and Sustaining Recycling Programs at Hospitals

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“We at RGH recognize that sustaining a healthy environment is essential to maintaining both personal and public health.”
Principles of Successful Recycling

• Over thinking it pit fall
• Waiting for the right time
• New employee orientation
• Safety surveillance rounds
Orientation slide example
Costs and costs savings

• No additional labor cost to date
• Municipal verses RMW rates
• Partnering with your waste vendor
• Availability of data
• Costs of non compliance and fines
• Use actionable Data
• Benchmark
• Go after the “Low hanging fruit”
Benefits of Recycling

- Community recognition
- Attracting “green” consumers
• Incorrect containers in patient rooms and operating rooms

• Wrong size, wrong location in room

• Partner with your vendor
Summary

• Buy in starts from the top down

• Establish Goals

• Celebrate success
Next Steps?