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PVC RECYCLING FOR HOSPITALS

Setting Up Your Program

To successfully start PVC recycling, there are some key people in your hospital to engage. Fortunately a range of tools and resources have already been developed to help you and your hospital with planning, training and implementation, and evaluation of success.

1 PROGRAM SUPPORT → **2 PROGRAM START & PLANNING** → **3 TRAINING & IMPLEMENTATION** → **4 EVALUATION**

1. Program Support

Recycling success at your hospital will depend on the support of key colleagues. Below is a table that outlines important people to engage early on when starting PVC recycling, as well as the tools and resources available for communicating with them. For some hospitals this takes a few weeks, for others it might be up to six months.

STAFF ROLE	PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES	SUPPORT TOOLS AND RESOURCES
Clinical Champions	Liaise with clinical leadership to enthuse, investigate, plan and implement recycling.	**VIDEO** PVC Recycling In Hospitals: An Australian and New Zealand Innovation
Sustainability/ Waste and Recycling Officer	Champion and facilitate program activities, evaluation and reporting to management. Note this role may be filled by another staff member if there is no sustainability officer.	
Procurement	Can assist in ensuring enough PVC is purchased to warrant recycling and arrange payments for recycling instead of landfill fees.	
Environmental/ House Services	Lead the environmental services team to set up and run collection bins and systems to move PVC from the clinical areas to the loading dock. Also to check on contamination levels to ensure material is recycled and not sent to landfill.	
Senior Management	Acts as a sponsor of the PVC Recycling in Hospitals program and can overcome administrative hurdles e.g. waste management contracts or procurement changes.	

2. Program Start and Planning

It is a good idea to start with one or a small number of clinical areas to pilot PVC recycling in your hospital, and to grow from there. Having colleagues engaged from the beginning will help in planning where to recycle and how. A series of resources are available to guide you through these implementation steps:

VIDEO
Setting Up Your Program

SUCCESS STORY
Western Health, Victoria – Australia

SUCCESS STORY
Dunedin Hospital, Dunedin – New Zealand

PVC RECYCLING GUIDE
Maximise value and avoid contamination

PVC RECYCLING GUIDE
Bin Implementation

3. Training and Implementation

A short training session creates new and good habits for recycling

VIDEO
Tips and Tricks for Recycling Success

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4. Evaluation

Evaluation is important, especially at the beginning, to fix issues and ensure clean, quality collections and satisfaction of staff. Then, to build PVC into existing reviews in your hospital. Your collector and the reprocessor can also give you feedback on contamination and quantities. Some states such as Victoria's Department of Health now integrate PVC recycling as part of their regular reports on sustainability performance of hospitals.

DATE	AREA	# BINS	WEIGHT OR % FULL	CONTAMINATION (Y/N AND TYPE)	RUNNING TOTAL

Evaluating the Pilot program

The PVC Recovery in Hospitals pilot initiative commenced in _____ in _____.
INSERT CLINICAL AREA/S INSERT DATE

Since then staff in this/these pilot area/s have embraced the idea and have worked diligently to make PVC recycling a success. However this period has also revealed some teething problems.

To help us improve the PVC Recovery program in your area, and help us roll out the program to other clinical areas in the hospital, we would appreciate your feedback. Please complete the following questionnaire and return this form to _____ no later than _____.
INSERT CONTACT INSERT DATE

Thank you for your efforts in making _____ a more sustainable health service!
INSERT NAME OF HOSPITAL

1. WHAT IS WORKING WELL?	
2. WHAT IS NOT WORKING WELL? DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS?	
3. SHOULD THE RECYCLING PROGRAMME BE MADE PERMANENT IN YOUR AREA?	
4. SHOULD THE RECYCLING PROGRAMME BE ROLLED OUT TO OTHER AREAS? WHICH ONES?	
5. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?	

PVC Recycling In Hospitals: PVC Collection

Start Date:_____ 6-month date: _____ Total Amount of PVC collected: _____
Waste Management Savings*: _____

DATE	AREA	# BINS	WEIGHT OR % FULL	CONTAMINATION (Y/N AND TYPE)	RUNNING TOTAL

Assign the responsibility of keeping track of how much PVC is collected with one person. They should also look out for contamination or other products that aren't PVC recyclable.

You can calculate waste management savings on the PVC Recycling In Hospitals website:
www.recyclinginhospitals.com.au or **www.recyclinginhospitals.co.nz**