How Sustainable Hospitals Are Achieving Major Savings

Webinar

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Learning Objectives

• How hospitals can reap savings and reduce their carbon footprint through sustainability programs:
  – Reduce energy use
  – Waste management
  – Operating room supply efficiencies

• Findings of a recent Commonwealth Fund report from the Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI) and Health Care Without Harm through grants from The Commonwealth Fund and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:
  – Examines the sustainability changes undertaken by nine health systems and hospitals across the United.
  – Each hospital realized significant savings, even those that made initial investments to adopt the sustainability program.
  – Savings from such interventions could exceed $5.4 billion over five years and $15 billion over 10 years.
A high-performance health system will achieve the following:

- Better care for individuals, described by the six dimensions of health care performance listed in the Institute of Medicine’s 2001 report, “Crossing the Quality Chasm”: safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency, and equity.

- Better health for populations, through attacking “the upstream causes of so much of our ill health.”

- Affordable per-capita costs.
Figure 1: National Health Expenditures as a Share of GDP, 1980-2040

Source: CEA calculations.
U.S. Health Care System Waste Wedges

Source: Eliminating Waste in US Health Care; Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP; Andrew D. Hackbarth; JAMA. 2012;307(14):1513-1516.
Panelists

• Susan Kaplan, J.D., Research Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health

• Sister Susan Vickers, R.S.M., Vice President, Community Health, Dignity Health, a health care delivery system in California, Arizona, and Nevada

• J. Knox Singleton, CEO, Inova Health System in Northern Virginia