

Presbyterian Healthcare Services exists to improve the health of the patients, members and communities we serve. We are a locally owned and operated not-for-profit healthcare system known nationally for our extensive experience in integrating healthcare financing and delivery.

We've grown from a small tuberculosis sanatorium founded in 1908, to a system of nine hospitals, a multi-specialty medical group with more than 900 providers and a statewide health plan. We serve one in three New Mexicans with healthcare or coverage.

In 2020, an employee-led Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) was established to ensure a safe and environmentally responsible workplace while advancing healthcare without harm to its community. The ESC seeks to achieve carbon neutrality through the implementation of sustainable business practices within purchasing, operations, waste management, community health investments and facilities design.

The ESC conducted a pilot in 2021 to target waste reduction, energy conservation, and environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP). Projects included converting to reusable gowns, oxygen saturation probes, and coreless tissue paper; implementing a medical instrument recycling program; completing a custom procedure pack and preference card review for surgeons; and conducting an energy audit. The ESC launched 'Green Rounds', an evidence-based curriculum covering the health effects of climate change and how to take action for a more sustainable future.

As a participant of the National Academy of Medicine's Climate Collaborative, we are committing to achieve carbon neutrality by decreasing our emissions in the following ways:

Electrification of facility fleet, EV infrastructure development and reducing anesthetic gas utilization

Adopt clean and leaner energy sources including LED conversion, solar installations, network lighting controls, and other energy efficient technologies

Integrate an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing program to procure goods and services that meet environmentally sustainable standards

Develop and implement a waste management program to reduce, recycle, reuse, or compost our non-hazardous waste

Incorporate LEED design elements and strive for LEED certification or better for new building or renovations to current facilities

Implement a water monitoring system to improve our water conservation efforts

Further educate and empower healthcare workers to take part in climate action through the creation of various learning activities

Establish Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reporting

Begin utilization of a "Green Revolving Fund" to support our decarbonizing and resiliency efforts