



# CleanMed 2001

An International Conference on Environmentally Preferable Medical Products

The Colonnade Hotel - Boston, Massachusetts  
4-5 May 2001

# Improving the Environment through Better Health Care-Related Product Choices

In October 2000, leaders in promoting a sustainable health care system met in San Francisco to develop consensus on an environmental agenda. The participants in Setting Healthcare's Environmental Agenda, recognizing that product choices affect human health and the environment, identified five areas in which purchasing choices make a difference:

- Mercury elimination
- Worker health and safety
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic use
- Green and healthy buildings
- Reprocessing of single-use medical devices

These five areas are the focus of CleanMed 2001, which has two broad goals. First, to accelerate the international development and use of cleaner, safer, and high quality medical products by bringing together buyers of healthcare products, vendors, and university researchers. Second, to create a forum in which these parties can discuss and evaluate the performance of alternative products and polymers.

Participants will learn about the changes health care organizations have made in purchasing practices, the barriers encountered and overcome, the products purchased, and how the products perform (from both users and vendors). Participants will also learn why some products are of concern to human and environmental health.

The expected participants in CleanMed 2001 are:

- Senior management in health care
- Purchasing executives and managers
- Materials directors
- Nursing and clinical leaders
- Occupational health leaders
- Environmental, health, and safety leaders
- Environmental services leaders
- Facility directors
- Infection control managers
- University researchers
- Product vendors

## Featured Speakers

**Keynote Speaker: Janine M. Benyus**, author of *Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature*

**Keith Callahan**, Senior Vice President, Purchasing, Catholic Healthcare West

**June Fisher**, MD, Director TDICT Project

**Tom Gruber**, Vice President, Materiel Management, Catholic Health East

**Joseph W. Hummel**, Senior Vice President for Contracts and Purchasing, Kaiser Permanente

**Bruno Klausbruckner**, Dept. Head, Environmental Affairs, Vienna Hospital Association

**Sharon O'Keefe**, Chief Operating Officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston

**Gina Pugliese**, RN, MS, Director of Premier Safety Institute, Premier

**Ted Schettler**, MD, MPH, Science Director, Science and Environmental Health Network

**Katherine Shea**, MD, MPH, Adjunct Professor, Duke Medical School

**John Strong**, President, Consorta, Inc.

**Peggy Styer**, Director, Supply Chain Management, Catholic Healthcare West

**Åke Wennmalm**, MD, PhD, Environmental Director, Stockholm County Council and Professor of Clinical Physiology

## Conference Partners

Partners promote the conference within their organizations, help set the conference agenda, and commit senior managers to participating in the conference.

**Healthcare-Related Organizations:** American Nurses Association • BayCare Health System • Brigham & Women's Hospital • Catholic Healthcare West • Catholic Health East • Catholic Health Initiatives • Consorta • Dana Farber Cancer Institute • Foundation for Healthy Communities • H+ The Hospitals of Switzerland • Health Care Without Harm • Kaiser Permanente • International Council of Nurses • International Society of Doctors for the Environment • Mass. Hospital Association • Mass. Nurses Association • Minn. Hospital and Healthcare Partnership • New England Medical Center • N.H. Hospital Association • Physicians for Social Responsibility • Premier Inc. • Universal Health Services

**University Departments and Research Centers:** Boston University School of Public Health, Dept. of Environmental Health • Harvard University School of Public Health, Dept. of Occupational Medicine • Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Dept. of Community and Preventive Medicine • University of Illinois School of Public Health, Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health • UMass Lowell, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, Sustainable Hospitals Project • University of Nebraska Medical Center, Green Health Center • University of Tennessee, Center for Clean Products and Clean Technologies • University of Wisconsin-Madison, Inst. for Environmental Studies

Nursing Continuing Education Contact Hours are provided by the American Nurses Association, which is accredited by the American Nursing Credentialing Center's Commission and Provider Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing #6178.

## Vendors

CleanMed will include vendors of environmentally preferable products.

## Friday – 4 May

7:30 - 9:00 **Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Exhibits**

9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome to CleanMed 2001**

9:15 - 10:30 **Plenary Panel:**  
Environmental Challenges & Visions of Sustainable Healthcare

10:30 - 11:00 **Break and Exhibits**

11:00 - 12:15 **Concurrent Workshops**

- Safer Needle Devices
- Mercury-Free Hospitals
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic and DEHP Use in Hospitals

12:15 - 1:15 **Lunch**

1:15 - 2:15 **Keynote Speaker:** Janine Benyus, Author,  
*Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature*

2:15 - 3:30 **Concurrent Workshops**

- Latex-Free Gloves
- Litigation and Labeling: Incentives for Environmentally Preferable Products?
- Reusable and Reprocessed Products: Reducing Material Flow

3:30 - 4:00 **Break and Exhibits**

4:00 - 5:30 **Workshop:** Implementing environmentally preferable purchasing practices in your organization

5:30 - 7:00 **Reception and Exhibits**

## Saturday – 5 May

8:00 - 9:15 **Continental Breakfast and Exhibits**

9:15 - 10:45 **Plenary Panel:** Environmental Initiatives in Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOS)

10:45 - 11:15 **Break and Exhibits**

11:15 - 12:30 **Concurrent Workshops**

- Reducing Waste through Purchasing: Case Studies from Across the U.S.
- Greener Cleaners: Disinfectants and General Cleaning Chemicals
- Building Green Hospitals

12:30 - 2:00 **Working Lunch**

2:00 - 3:45 **Plenary Panel:** Implementing Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

3:45 - 4:00 **Closing Remarks**

## Lodging and Reservation Information

### The Colonnade Hotel

CleanMed 2001 will take place at the Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, located in the heart of Back Bay, downtown Boston's premier shopping and sightseeing district. From Logan Airport, take either the subway (\$1) or a taxi (about \$30). By subway, take airport shuttle to the subway (the "T"). Board the Blue Line inbound to Government Center. Take escalator upstairs to the Green Line. Take the E train (Green Line) to the Prudential stop. At street level, you are in front of the Colonnade Hotel.

### Reservations

Conference attendees are responsible for arranging their own lodging. The Colonnade Hotel is offering a special rate of \$225 for a single or double room for CleanMed conference attendees. To guarantee this rate, you must make your reservations by April 6, 2001 and note that you are a CleanMed Conference attendee. Reservations can be made by calling (617) 424-7000 or (800) 962-3030. Web site: [www.colonnadehotel.com](http://www.colonnadehotel.com)

## For More Information

Visit [www.cleanmed.org](http://www.cleanmed.org) for more information. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from this site.

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