

What does sustainability mean in healthcare?

Providing safe, high-quality healthcare while using resources responsibly, reducing unnecessary waste and environmental impact, and preparing our hospital for future environmental and climate-related challenges.

Sustainability never means reducing necessary patient care or compromising patient safety.

Why is this related to climate change?

Healthcare uses energy, water, medicines, supplies and equipment, and it produces waste. Climate change can also affect health and hospital services through extreme heat, severe weather, water or energy disruption, changing disease patterns, and pressure on healthcare facilities.

QUICK Q&A — BE READY IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU

When did the EBGH Sustainability Program start? It started in 2025 and continues to expand through staff education, monitoring and improvement initiatives.

Who leads sustainability at EBGH? The Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO), Dr. Aliaa Elsamni, coordinates the program with hospital leadership, departments and staff.

Who is responsible for sustainability? Every staff member. Sustainability is the responsibility of everyone.

What has EBGH already implemented? Examples include:

- Environmental Management System and sustainability program; ISO 14001:2015 certification.
- Staff sustainability education and inclusion in new-staff orientation.
- Sensor faucets in public toilets to reduce unnecessary water use.
- Sensor-controlled lighting in front of Pharmacy to reduce unnecessary energy use at night.
- Recycling bins for paper, plastic and cans.
- Waste segregation and waste-reduction initiatives.
- Sustainability awareness messages and staff communication.
- Sustainability considerations in procurement and supplier selection.
- Monitoring water, electricity, waste and other environmental resources.

What can I personally do? Use only what you need; avoid unnecessary waste; segregate waste correctly; save water and energy when safe; report leaks or unnecessary consumption; and never compromise patient safety.

What if I have an idea? Share it with your supervisor, department leadership or the Sustainability Team.

Where can I learn more? The sustainability lecture is available on the hospital intranet and through the Continuing Education program, together with the related quiz. <https://youtu.be/2L4oreAcN20?si=Z57F1-6QvnGFLNxV>

Easy answer to remember

If asked, "What does sustainability mean to you?" you can say: "Providing safe patient care while using our resources responsibly and reducing unnecessary waste. Everyone at EBGH has a role."

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