

Environmental stewardship

We are accelerating our efforts and embracing our role in creating a better future for everyone. Our commitment to the care and improvement of human life requires that we consider the impact we have on the environment and its role in health and the enjoyment of everyday life.

Our environmental strategy enables HCA Healthcare to prepare and execute short- and long-term sustainability plans and develop a broad ESG narrative that considers our stakeholders, the environment and our future together.

The four key themes of our strategy are:

- Managing energy and water responsibly, reducing use of energy and water, decarbonizing energy and managing water quality
- Enhancing our climate resilience, ensuring HCA Healthcare operations and the communities we serve are more resilient to climate risks
- Sourcing and consuming efficiently, decreasing emissions from purchased goods, sourcing responsibly, reducing consumption and reusing where possible
- Greening our capital programs, reducing carbon emissions, waste and other environmental impacts from new construction, retrofits and expansions



Awards and recognition for environmental stewardship

HCA Healthcare has received 178 Practice Greenhealth awards since 2002.



16M+
pounds of cardboard,
paper, aluminum, wood
and rechargeable
batteries recycled



33.4M+
pounds of
construction
waste recycled



18.3M
gallons of
water saved



969,600+
pounds of devices
diverted from landfill
for reprocessing



46.2M
kWh of energy
reduction



10
LEED-certified
facilities

HCA Healthcare recognizes that by understanding GHG emissions, the Company can more effectively address climate change-related transition risks. In 2021, HCA Healthcare assessed its Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and water use for 2020, and is currently working on assessing Scope 3 GHG emissions.*

0.7M mt CO₂e

Scope 1 GHG emissions, 2020

1.3M mt CO₂e

location-based Scope 2 GHG emissions, 2020

Based on this assessment, HCA Healthcare is implementing a plan to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions over the next 3 to 5 years, and a strategy to improve environmental performance more broadly. The plan's goals include reducing unnecessary resource consumption, conserving energy, electrifying and investing in more energy-efficient equipment, optimizing equipment maintenance, investing in on-site solar and procuring renewable electricity. HCA Healthcare plans to share GHG emission reduction targets publicly in due course.

Our climate risk report, aligned with Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures guidance, is available [here](#).

Sponsorships and memberships

Practice Greenhealth: HCA Healthcare and its facilities are members of this organization that provides sustainable healthcare solutions. Members work to achieve virtual elimination of mercury in facilities, reduce the quantity and toxicity of healthcare waste, minimize the use of and exposure to hazardous chemicals, reduce healthcare's environmental footprint and integrate sustainable design and building techniques with environmentally sound operational practices.

Healthier Hospitals Initiative: HCA Healthcare is a founder of this free Practice Greenhealth initiative, now known as Healthier Hospitals. Its basic tenets are to improve environmental health and patient safety, reduce waste and the use of natural resources, and establish sustainability and safety protocols, all to achieve the goal of preventing environment-related illnesses, which saves billions of dollars in healthcare expenses.

Greening the Operating Room: HCA Healthcare is a founding sponsor of this initiative, which works to identify ways to reduce waste, energy usage, worker exposure to hazardous chemicals and costs. HCA Healthcare is the first system to recommend that all of its hospitals commit to Greening the OR.

Climate Corps fellow: Due to COVID-19, HCA Healthcare was unable to host a fellow onsite in 2021, but continued to engage with the Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corps program on the topic of food waste management.

**Scope 1 and location based Scope 2 GHG emissions were calculated in accordance with the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard. The Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions have undergone a review level assurance by a third party in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) AT C section 105, Concepts Common to All Attestation Engagements, and AT C section 210, Review Engagements. [EY Independent Accountants' Review Report](#)*