UCSF Health is not only ranked among the top ten hospitals in the nation, but is also a leader in healthcare sustainability. During fiscal year 2015-16 (FY16), UCSF Health received multiple awards and accolades for its innovative efforts to reduce waste, increase energy efficiency, and promote sustainable food. This Executive Summary lists UCSF Health’s greatest sustainability accomplishments over FY16. For those interested in more details, please see the full online Annual Report.

**LEADERSHIP**

UCSF received the Practice Greenhealth (PGH) **Top 25 Environmental Excellence Award** for the second year in a row, honoring our demonstrated performance in sustainability leadership, energy savings, water conservation, waste reduction, employee engagement, and green chemicals. Also awarded two PGH **Circles of Excellence** for Climate and Green Building and a PGH **Greening the OR Recognition Award**. Recognized for the second time by Becker’s Hospital Review as one of the **50 Greenest Hospitals in America**. Won honorable mention from the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) for our work on reducing the use of meat and poultry raised with non-therapeutic antibiotics.
CLIMATE CHANGE

In FY16, the UCSF Health reduced its single occupancy vehicle (SOV) rate to 30%. Ten “Scoot” electric scootercharging stations were installed at Millberry Union and Rutter Center Parking Garages. An agreement with Volta was signed to provide eight additional EV charging stations in FY17.

WATER

UCSF Health has exceeded the 2020 policy goal of reducing water use by 20% six years early, yet continues to promote using water wisely. In addition, 11 unused sterilizers were removed from the operating rooms (ORs), which can run two to nine gallons per minute 24/7 even when not in use.

ZERO WASTE

When UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital moved to its new facility at Mission Bay, the hospital donated 63,000 pounds of medical equipment, furniture, and supplies to Harare Children’s Hospital in Zimbabwe. UCSF Health continues to reprocess single use devices in the OR, Cath lab, and patient care units, diverting 62,000 pounds of waste and generating $1.167M in savings. Initiated a blue-wrap recycling program at the Mission Bay ORs.

PROCUREMENT

Due to aggressive negotiations, all copy paper is now 100% PCW paper and cost less than 30% PCW. Adopted DocuSign, an electronic signature, eliminating paper signature printing and storage costs.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD

Received an honorable mention from CHESC for our work on reducing the use of meat and poultry products raised with non-therapeutic antibiotics. UCSF Health achieved 25% of total spend on sustainable food—exceeding UCSF’s goal of reaching 20% sustainable food by 2020 five years early.

TOXICS REDUCTION

Due to negative health and environmental impacts, UCSF Health eliminated Triclosan, a common antibacterial compound, from hand soaps.

CULTURE SHIFT

Hosted a Greening of Healthcare Workshop, where over a hundred environmental health specialists, nurses, medical students, and sustainability practitioners gathered to explore the link between sustainability and healthcare. At the 6th Annual Sustainability Awards, Chancellor Hawgood presented awards to neurosurgery resident Corinna Zygourakis, MD and Sarah Berger, RN for reducing OR and ICU waste, respectively. Three LivingGreen Clinic/Unit certifications were awarded to medical center departments.

GREEN BUILDING

UCSF Health focused on renovations of existing buildings to improve energy efficiency and water conservation. Two renovation projects at the Ambulatory Care Center were awarded LEED-CI Silver Renovation (5th floor Heart and Vascular Clinic and 4th floor Hematology Clinic).