



Chemical Footprint Project: Tracking Progress to Safer Chemicals

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Kaiser Permanente at-a-glance

One of the largest integrated healthcare systems
in the United States

\$53.1bn operating revenue
More than \$14bn in spend



9.5 million members



17,425 physicians
48,285 nurses
174,415 employees



38 hospitals
618 medical offices

Our mission

To provide **high-quality,**
affordable, health care services
and to **improve the health of our**
members and communities
we serve.



Contributors to chronic disease



Our focus



Case Studies

Collaborations

Greening Health Care

- Safer Chemicals
- Climate and Energy
- Sustainable Food
- Reduce, Re-use, Recycle
- Conserve Water

Organizational Guideline

Chemicals

To advance an economy where the production and use of chemicals are not harmful for humans as well as for our global environment and its non-human inhabitants, Kaiser Permanente adopts the following five guiding principles for chemicals:

1. Understand product chemistry
2. Assess and avoid hazards
3. Commit to continuous improvement
4. Support specified industry standards
5. Inform public policies

We want it all!



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Kaiser Permanente Pledges To Stop Buying Flame-Retardant Furniture

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More hospitals shunning furniture with flame retardants

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A few months ago, Kaiser Permanente said it would stop buying furniture with flame retardants because the chemicals are believed to be toxic. Now several other large hospital systems are following suit.

A group of hospital systems—Advocate Health Care, an 11-hospital based in Downers Grove, Ill.; Beaumont Health System, a three-hospital system based in Royal Oak, Mich.; New Jersey's 685-bed Hackensack University Medical

Value creation



Supplier
Relationship
Management

Supplier
Development

Product
Innovation

Environmentally Preferable
Product Selection

Supplier
Differentiation

Marketplace
Culture
Shift

Community
Benefit

Partnering with our suppliers to innovate environmentally preferable products has a direct impact on our ability to create value internally and externally

Opportunities are endless



Thank you



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