

Sustainability for anaesthetists: from everyday practice to the big picture

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Anaesthetists have woken up to the fact that everyday choices about their anaesthetic technique can make a significant difference to the carbon footprint of their practice. But do anaesthetists see beyond the operating theatre and their individual life choices?

We work in a complex healthcare system. The time in the operating theatre is only a portion of the patient's surgical journey. As we push towards more efficient peri-operative care pathways, what other parts of the journey can we influence?

We face a Climate Emergency and the NHS Long Term Plan commits us to ambitious targets for carbon reduction in line with the Climate Change Act.

This webinar will move from low carbon anaesthetic techniques and carbon calculators through QI recipes and building networks to the impact of global supply chains and COP26 in Glasgow next year.

18:30	Welcome and introductions (Chair: Dr Lucy Williams, RCoA Council & Sustainability Lead)	
18:35-18:50	The College sustainability journey and carbon calculators	Dr Tom Pierce, Consultant Adult and Paediatric Cardiac Anaesthetist - RCoA inaugural Environmental Advisor
18:50-19:05	The influence of regional networks on changing practice	Dr Jhalini Jawaheer, Consultant Anaesthetist
19:05-19:20	Oceanic health, human healthcare and commercial shipping	Dr Richard Hixson, Consultant in Critical Care - Trust Clinical Lead for Sustainability and Trustee of the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
19:20-19:35	Resources developed as the first Fellow in Sustainable Anaesthesia	Dr Cathy Lawson, Advanced ICM Trainee in Northern School of Anaesthesia and ICM - immediate past Fellow in Environmentally Sustainable Anaesthesia
19:35-19:50	Exploration of the health impact of climate change and the opportunities and challenges of Covid recovery	Dr Frank Swinton, NHS Anaesthetic Consultant and Climate Change Lead for West Yorkshire and Harrogate Healthcare Partnership
19:50-20:00	Q&A Session	All panel
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