

# GGHH Webinar Series Safer Pharma: How healthcare can reduce Pharmaceutical Pollution

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#### **Connection Between Health and Environment**

#### Environmental factors = $\frac{1}{4}$ of global burden of disease

~~World Health Organization, 2016







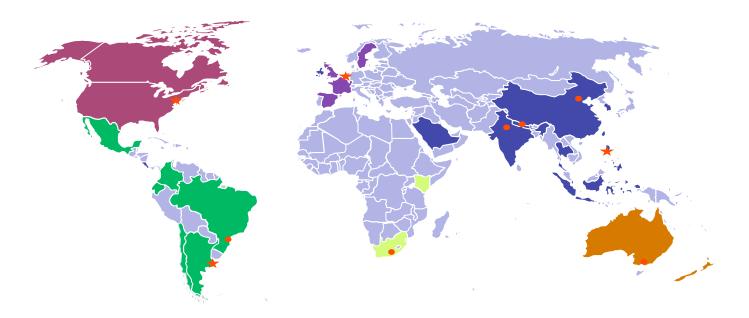
Preventing disease through healthy environments http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/publications/preventing-disease/en/



#### Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH)

#### A worldwide community...

- of hospitals, healthcare systems and organizations
- dedicated to reducing the ecological footprint of healthcare operations
- while promoting environmental and public health in their communities





#### Global Green and Healthy Hospitals | Agenda Goals



Leadership

Prioritize environmental health as a strategic imperative



Chemicals

Substitute harmful chemicals with safer alternatives



Waste

Reduce, treat and safely dispose of healthcare waste



**Energy** 

Implement energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy generation.



Water

Reduce hospital water
consumption and supply potable
water



Transportation

Improve transportation strategies for patients and staff



Food

Purchase and serve sustainably grown, healthy food



**Pharmaceuticals** 

Prescribe appropriately, safely manage and properly dispose of pharmaceuticals



**Buildings** 

Support green and healthy hospital design and construction



**Purchasing** 

Buy safer and more sustainable products and materials



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### Safer Pharma: How Healthcare Can Reduce Pharmaceutical Pollution

#### Goals:

- Raise awareness about pharmaceutical pollution and waste
- Educate health professionals about simple practices that can help reduce unnecessary pharmaceutical emissions in the environment with an emphasis on reducing unused and expired medicines
- Describe how healthcare professionals can educate patients about pharmaceutical pollution
- Discuss policy measures for reducing pharmaceuticals in the environment in the European Union and globally



# Safer Pharma: How Healthcare Can Reduce Pharmaceutical Pollution

Presenter: Tim aus der Beek

Tim aus der Beek: He studied hydrology in Freiburg (Germany) and Vancouver (Canada). Between 2005 and 2012 he was employed in Germany at the Center for Environmental Systems Research (CESR) in Kassel, and at Heidelberg University, where he received his PhD. Here, the main research interests focused on integrated water resources management and hydrological impact modeling.

Since 2012, Tim aus der Beek, Senior Researcher and Consultant at the German IWW Water Centre in Mülheim an der Ruhr. His current research projects deal with pharmaceuticals in the aquatic environment, organic micropollutants in Chinese and German surface waters, water resources management and water quality issues in general. He has acquired multiple research grants from various national and international organizations, such as EU-Horizon2020 and UNEP. Tim aus der Beek is also author of 25 water related publications.



## Safer Pharma: How Healthcare Can Reduce

Pharmaceutical Pollution

#### Presenter: Anja Leetz

Anja Leetz: Executive Director of Health Care Without Harm Europe. She worked for more than ten years with such environmental and health organisations as Friends of the Earth and the European Environmental Bureau in the United Kingdom and Belgium. Anja holds a teaching qualification, a BA in Photography and has recently obtained the qualification of Foundation Manager at the European Business School in Germany.





Presenter: Thomas Moller,
Environmental Coordinator at
Aarhus University Hospital
(Denmark). His area of work includes
waste, wastewater and circular
economy. He has been working for
some years with hospital wastewater
with focus on both treatment
technology and central (municipal)
versus local (hospital) treatment.



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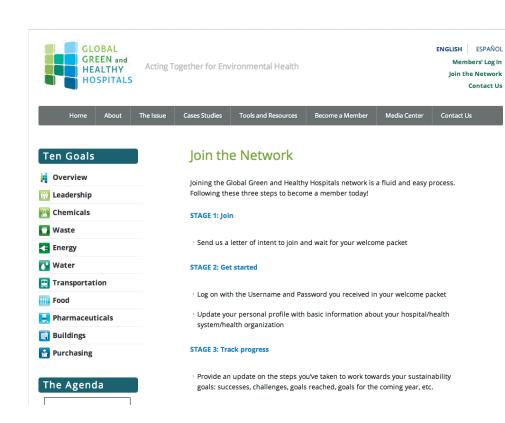
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