

## **Environmental Sustainability Event Policy**

### **Choosing Wisely Canada's National Meeting at the Globe and Mail Centre | May 11 & 12**

We believe less is more. That's why Choosing Wisely Canada is committed to environmentally sustainable practices at the 2023 National Meeting.

Choosing Wisely Canada's 2023 National Meeting will include a focus on the role of low-value care in contributing to waste, harm, and the climate crisis. In our effort to raise awareness among clinicians, patients, researchers, and system leaders about this issue in health care, we are also conscious of working with vendors at the event to limit waste and harm to the environment.

Here's how we're engaging in sustainable practices at the 2023 National Meeting:

- The Globe and Mail Centre is a LEED-certified building. This global standard recognizes buildings that have low carbon emissions, conserve resources, and reduce operating costs by prioritizing sustainable practices.
- Beverage and food services at the two-day event will use glassware as opposed to plastic. Catering services will use rental platters, plates, cutlery and be responsible for proper waste disposal.
- The event will prioritize the use of reusable and recyclable materials in all aspects of the event, including signage and promotional materials. Limited printed event materials will be available and exhibiting organizations will be encouraged to share resources virtually where possible. Single-use plastic will be avoided for name badges or other event materials.
- Transportation to the Globe and Mail Centre is accessible by public transit via TTC (504 streetcar).
- Live stream options via Zoom will be available for keynote and some large topic sessions to allow attendees to join virtually.
- Our National Meetings rotate from city-to-city each year, with the majority of attendees coming from the surrounding area, thereby reducing the amount of travel

Taking conscientious steps to reduce our environmental impact is good for the planet – and our attendees. If you have any questions, feedback, or concerns, regarding the 2023 National Meeting please feel free to reach out to us at [events@choosingwiselycanada.org](mailto:events@choosingwiselycanada.org).