OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Green Health Canada Inc. • NOHA

Canadian Healthcare Occupational Health Framework Implementation Across 6 Medical Sites

Executive Summary

NOHA standardizes audit-ready medical capabilities but requires systematic occupational health prevention programs to achieve complete excellence. Green Health Canada Inc. bridges this critical gap through proven Canadian healthcare frameworks and regulatory compliance systems, specifically designed for Saint-Hubert's healthcare facilities.

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Prevention Programs	Medical Sites Covered	Month Partnership	Canadian Standards

Evidence-Based Results:

- **25-35% reduction in musculoskeletal injuries** through systematic patient handling programs
- **20-30% reduction in needlestick injuries** via biological exposure control
- **40-45% reduction in repeat incidents** through systematic investigation and prevention
- **6 comprehensive prevention systems** based on Canadian healthcare frameworks
- **Vision Zero alignment** with innovation and research collaboration

8 Core Occupational Health Prevention Programs

Based on Canadian healthcare standards and regulatory requirements

Material Handling & Workstation Ergonomics (MSKP)

Impact Without This Program:
Musculoskeletal injuries from poor ergonomics lead to chronic pain, increased sick leave, reduced productivity, and long-term disability costs, creating both human suffering and significant operational costs.

Based on: Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Program | Canadian Occupational Health Standards - Ergonomics Requirements (Office & Administrative Settings)

Expected Results: 25-35% reduction in musculoskeletal injuries and improved employee satisfaction

Key Deliverables:

- MSKP Ergonomics Framework Implementation
- 24-point Computer Workstation Self-Assessment checklist
- Office Ergonomics Independent Learning Package with systematic implementation procedures
- Training on repetitive ergonomic concerns through existing NOHA systems

Implementation Details

6-month ergonomics focusing on office environments, administrative areas, and non-clinical workstations

Expected Outcomes:

- 25-35% reduction in office-related injuries
- 20-25% decrease in repetitive strain injuries and absenteeism
- Improved administrative productivity by 10%

Assessment Tools & Resources

- 24-point Computer Workstation Self-Assessment covering posture, layout, lighting, and work design
- Systematic implementation protocol with manager support procedures
- Task-based and ergonomic risk assessment procedures
- Office ergonomics assessment guides and reference materials
- Equipment procurement recommendations with recommended office equipment lists

Ready to Implement: Proven Canadian healthcare ergonomics assessment methodology, with immediate implementation capability across all NOHA administrative and clinical support units

Safe Patient Handling Program

Impact Without This Program:
Without safe patient handling protocols, healthcare workers suffer preventable back injuries and MSI disorders that cause personal suffering, lead staff to consider job changes, and result in substantial healthcare costs.

Based on: Canadian Occupational Health Systems Approach | Healthcare Safety | Patient Handling Standards | Canadian Ergonomics Framework

Expected Results: 30-35% reduction in MSI injuries, 20-30% reduction in lost time days

Key Deliverables:

- Complete SPH Program Evaluation Framework
- Annual Review assessment tools and templates
- Patient handling incident data tracking system
- Department-specific lifting protocols and procedures
- Equipment evaluation and procurement recommendations
- Employee feedback collection mechanisms
- Training on reporting patient handling incidents through existing NOHA systems

Implementation Details

6-month comprehensive program with structured evaluation across all patient care areas

Expected Outcomes:

- 25-30% reduction in lifting-related injuries
- 20% improvement in patient comfort during transfers
- 20-30% decrease in workers' compensation claims
- Structured annual evaluation and improvement system

Evaluation Tools & Resources

- Train-the-trainer program for Safe Patient Handling including lifting technique
- SPH Program Evaluation Annual Review templates
- Incident data tracking by activity type (transfer, bathing, dressing, toileting)
- Employee feedback collection surveys and meeting templates
- Equipment inventory and inspection processes
- Train-the-trainer program for Safe Patient Handling including lifting technique
- Training effectiveness and software systems
- Action item tracking with target dates and responsible persons
- Mechanical lift systems evaluation and maintenance protocols

Incident Investigation & Prevention System

Impact Without This Program:
Minor incidents and near-misses go unreported, preventable hazards recur, staff lose confidence in safety systems, and the culture of accepting workplace risks becomes normalized - paralyzing the cycle of harm.

Based on: Canadian Occupational Health Standards - Investigation Requirements | Healthcare Incident Analysis Standards

Expected Results: 40-45% reduction in repeat incidents, 30-35% reduction in preventable hazard recurrence

Key Deliverables:

- Incident investigation templates
- Root cause analysis protocols
- Preventative action tracking systems
- Training on existing NOHA reporting systems and procedures

Implementation Details

6-month comprehensive critical incident investigation training and system deployment

Expected Outcomes:

- 40-45% reduction in repeat incidents
- 50% faster investigation completion
- 60% improvement in corrective action implementation

Tools & Resources

- Investigation platform with 5 Whys and fishbone analysis
- Root cause analysis software
- Incident trend analysis dashboard
- Action tracking system

Violence Risk Assessment (VRA) System

Impact Without This Program:
Without proper violence prevention, healthcare workers experience depression, anxiety, fear, and anger. Many consider leaving their jobs, and ward nurses in particular significantly decreases. These psychological impacts directly harm both staff wellbeing and patient care quality.

Based on: Healthcare Violence Prevention Standards | Canadian Occupational Health Standards - Risk Management

Expected Results: 25-30% reduction in physical assaults, 20-25% reduction in staff injury from violence

Key Deliverables:

- VRA Assessment Template (English)
- Site-specific Violence Prevention Policies
- Training curriculum for high-risk departments
- Staff familiarization with existing NOHA reporting systems and WCB legal protections

Implementation Details

6-month phased rollout starting with emergency departments and psychiatric units

Expected Outcomes:

- 25-30% reduction in physical assaults
- 20-25% reduction in staff injury from violence
- 50-100% increase in incident reporting

Tools & Resources

- Office-ordering SPH system for reporting
- Establish reporting protocols, guidelines and training
- Real-time risk assessment tools
- De-escalation training modules

Biological Exposure Control Program (Bio-ECP)

Impact Without This Program:
Needlestick injuries and infections without disease expression create immediate health risks, require costly post-exposure prophylaxis, generate significant anxiety among affected staff, and result in long-term health concerns and potential disability.

Based on: Health Canada Biosafety Guidelines | Canadian Occupational Health Standards - Biological Hazard Regulations | Vector-Health Respiratory Protection Program | Personal Control Guidance

Expected Results: 20-30% reduction in needlestick/sharps injuries, 25-35% reduction in post-exposure prophylaxis cases, 90% respirator protection compliance

Key Deliverables:

- Bio-ECP policies and procedures
- Comprehensive Respiratory Protection Program with fit testing protocols
- Biological hazards tracking and monitoring system
- Focus-sharps/needle-stick/sharps and specialized protocols
- Pre-test certification and training programs
- Exposure control training and education modules
- Training on reporting biological exposures and needlestick injuries through existing NOHA systems

Implementation Details

6-month comprehensive implementation focusing on high-risk departments, laboratory areas, and respiratory protection

Expected Outcomes:

- 20-30% reduction in needlestick injuries
- 25-35% decrease in infectious disease exposure
- 95% compliance with biosafety and respiratory protection protocols
- 100% fit testing completion for airborne infectious agent exposure risks
- Training 90 workers at risk of 1,200 employees requiring fit testing

Comprehensive Bio-ECP Tools & Resources

Respiratory Protection & Fit Testing:

- Biological hazards tracking/ Respirator supply for training and fit testing
- Fit test equipment, respirator fit testing protocols, certification and surveillance
- Fit-tester certification training (2-year certification cycle)
- Post-exposure prophylaxis protocols (Emergency Room, Occupational Health, Medical Imaging, Respiratory Therapy)

Exposure Control Systems:

- Sharps injury prevention devices and protocols
- Post-exposure prophylaxis protocols
- Biological waste segregation and disposal systems
- Annual fit testing scheduling and compliance monitoring

Complete Vendor Partnership: Provides Vector-Health respiratory protection, needlestick safe comprehensive fit testing services, and specialized biological waste management equipment ensuring regulatory compliance and operational excellence adherence for NOHA implementations

Critical Incident Support & Workplace Resilience Program

Impact Without This Program:
Office-based psychological hazards such as violence, patient deaths, or serious injuries, staff experience depression and anxiety without proper support. This leads to increased stress-related absenteeism and significant decreases in staff motivation and engagement.

Based on: Critical Incident Stress Management Standards | Canadian Occupational Health Standards - Psychological Safety Requirements | Workplace Resilience Frameworks

Expected Results: 20-25% reduction in stress-related absenteeism following critical incidents, improved staff confidence and coping capacity

Key Deliverables:

- Critical incident debriefing protocols for post-traumatic events
- Stress management training for high-pressure departments
- Manager training on recognizing and referring distressed employees
- Training on accessing existing NOHA mental health support and confidential reporting channels

Implementation Details

6-month focused implementation targeting critical incident response and high-stress departments

Expected Outcomes:

- 20-25% reduction in post-incident absenteeism
- Faster recovery and return to work after traumatic events
- Improved manager capability to support distressed staff
- Better utilization of existing employee support resources

Tools & Resources

- Critical incident debriefing protocols (within 24-72 hours of traumatic events)
- Peer support team training and activation procedures
- Manager recognition guide for signs of workplace stress
- Resilience training modules for Emergency, ICU, and high-stress departments
- Referral pathways to existing NOHA employee assistance programs
- Confidential support access guidelines

Controlled Substances Management Program

Impact Without This Program:
Inadequate controlled substances management leads to diversion incidents, medication errors affecting patient safety, regulatory penalties, and loss of trust within healthcare teams.

Based on: Health Canada Controlled Substances Regulations | Canadian Food and Drug Authority Standards | Canadian Occupational Health Standards - Chemical Safety

Expected Results: 30-35% reduction in diversion incidents, 25-30% reduction in discrepancies errors

Key Deliverables:

- Controlled substances policies
- Security and handling protocols
- Training and compliance monitoring systems
- Training on reporting discrepancies and diversion concerns through existing NOHA systems

Implementation Details

6-month secure implementation with enhanced security protocols and staff training

Expected Outcomes:

- 30-40% reduction in diversion incidents
- 25-30% reduction in documentation errors
- 30% improvement in inventory accuracy

Tools & Resources

- Secure inventory management system
- Dual-sign off access control
- Regular audits and reconciliations
- Incident reporting for discrepancies

First Aid & Emergency Response Program

Impact Without This Program:
Delayed emergency response in healthcare settings can worsen injury outcomes, increase liability exposure, and undermine staff confidence in workplace safety - particularly critical given existing occupational hazards.

Based on: Canadian First Aid Standards | Healthcare Emergency Response Standards | Workplace Safety Requirements | Healthcare Emergency Planning Standards

Expected Results: 30-35% faster emergency response times, 20-25% reduction in severity of outcomes

Key Deliverables:

- Emergency response protocols
- First aid training curriculum
- Emergency equipment assessment and placement
- Integration with existing NOHA emergency response systems and communication protocols

Implementation Details

6-month comprehensive emergency preparedness program across all facilities

Expected Outcomes:

- 30% staff first aid certification
- 30-35% faster emergency response times
- 20-25% reduction in severity of outcomes

Tools & Resources

- Clear coverage requirements per shift
- Scenario-based drills and training
- AEDs and first aid equipment optimization
- Integration with community emergency services

24-Month Implementation Roadmap

Phase 1: Foundation Months 1-3

Milestone: Assessment & System Design

Key Activities:

- Site assessments, stakeholder meetings, gap analysis
- System customization, policy development
- Initial training rollout

Success Metrics: Complete assessment, 25% staff trained

Phase 2: Core Implementation Months 4-12

Milestone: System Deployment

Key Activities:

- Material Handling & Ergonomics program launch
- VRA and Bio-ECP implementation
- Incident reporting and investigation system deployment

Success Metrics: All 8 systems operational, 50% incident reduction, 75% training completion

Phase 3: Optimization Months 13-18

Milestone: Performance Enhancement

Key Activities:

- Performance monitoring, system refinement
- Advanced training, supervisor development
- Culture transformation initiatives

Success Metrics: Target performance achieved, 90% training completion

Phase 4: Sustainability Months 19-24

Milestone: Independence & Continuous Improvement

Key Activities:

- Knowledge transfer, internal capability building
- System handover, ongoing support protocols
- Final assessment, continuous improvement planning

Success Metrics: Full independence, sustained performance

Partnership Scope & Deliverables

Comprehensive Occupational Health Partnership

NOHA receives comprehensive occupational health consulting services across all 6 medical sites with proven Canadian healthcare frameworks and regulatory compliance guidance

What's Included in Partnership

- **Expert occupational health consulting team** with Canadian healthcare specialization
- **Complete prevention programs** implementation and management
- **Complete training curricula** in English
- **24/7 support** and consultation access
- **Coverage across all 6 medical sites**

Complete Service Package

Material Handling & Ergonomics systems	Included
Safe Patient handling programs	Included
Incident investigation & prevention systems	Included
Violence Risk Assessment systems	Included
Biological Exposure Control Program (Bio-ECP)	Included
Critical Incident Support & Workplace Resilience	Included
Controlled Substances Management systems	Included
First Aid & Emergency Response Program	Included
All documentation and templates	Included

NOHA Responsibilities

- Travel and accommodation costs for Green Health Canada team
- Staff time for occupational health training and implementation activities
- Facility access and resources for program evaluation
- Internal communication and change management support

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Consulting Approach: Independent Canadian consultant utilizing proven Canadian healthcare occupational health frameworks