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Summary

Round table discussion

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This nursing panel discussion addresses practical strategies for implementing sustainable green endoscopy practices, emphasizing team engagement, proper waste segregation, and collaboration with hospital administration.

KEY POINTS

- The speakers recommend identifying green champions within departments—those who naturally correct recycling mistakes—and starting with small, achievable steps rather than overwhelming staff with multiple changes at once
- Proper waste segregation requires knowledge of the hospital waste management plan; one speaker's hospital mandates annual training for all staff and initial training for new employees
- The speakers report that endoscopy departments rank third in carbon footprint after surgery and intensive care units, and that improper waste segregation significantly increases both costs and CO2 emissions
- Collaboration with infection prevention teams, quality teams, and hospital security departments can provide essential support and tools for implementing green practices
- The speakers describe practical barriers including limited space for multiple bins in procedure rooms, lack of recycling infrastructure, and instances where properly segregated waste is combined before disposal
- One speaker's hospital created an annual prize on environmental day (June 5th) for the best nursing unit to incentivize sustainability efforts

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