

# PE Realty: Healthcare industry needs to go green now

As the wave of building sustainable rises, so does the need for the largest energy consumers, hospitals, to start feeling the heat. The healthcare industry as a whole is the last sector to be jumping on the "green" bandwagon but the 1<sup>st</sup> who desperately should.

Paige E. Menner, Principal of PE Realty Advisors, LLC, a LEED consulting and real estate advisory firm, explains it this way, "A lot of what the LEED point system asks in the way of requirements, should absolutely be done right now in every hospital and healthcare facility. For example, IAQ(Indoor Air Quality), one of the LEED requirements, is testing the air quality inside the space that affects the health and wellbeing of patients and building occupants."

The Hospital for Special Surgery, the #1 Orthopedic hospital in the Nation, also agrees to the importance of building sustainable and hired Ms. Menner to work with their architects, Cannon Design, to attain LEED certification for the hospitals new, additional wing.

"I am very excited to see Hospital for Special Surgery attempting to make a difference in our hospitals and the way we build them. I hope their commitment inspires other hospitals and healthcare facilities to do the same. It is a very important step for our future in healthcare." Another company that has also made a sustainable commitment, is the NJ Dental Council. A National Dental management and marketing consulting firm, NJDC also hired PE

Realty Advisors, LLC to consult dentists nationwide on the importance of "greening" their facilities. "I am very proud to be working for NJ Dental Council. Their mission to educate their clients on what it means to go green, will demonstrate that not only can a dentist care about his patients, but he can take it one step further and protect his patients, staff and the environment." Ms. Menner exclaims, "I founded PE Realty Advisors, LLC to represent and consult the healthcare industry on sustainable practice. Not only to help them stream-line the process, reduce energy costs, get tax breaks, but also show them how they can contribute back to the world and be even more profitable in business by "doing the right thing". In this economy, action speaks louder than words."