

Chicago Loop Oral Surgeon Officially Endorses Green Guide For Health Care

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Online PR News – 13-September-2011 –Chicago, IL – Dr. Steven A. Koos, D.D.S., M.D., an oral surgeon specializing in oral surgery and [jaw surgery in Chicago](#) and owner of ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio, is proud to announce his involvement with the Green Guide for Health Care (GGHC) as an Official Endorser of the GGHC. The Green Guide for Health Care is a comprehensive project from two organizations, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) and the Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems (CMPBS), aimed at advancing the creation of high performance healing environments utilizing sustainable design, construction and operating practices within the healthcare industry.



The Green Guide for Health Care was created in 2002 and serves as a set of quantifiable standards and metrics for healthcare facilities and companies to adopt in an effort to create and operate more sustainable and high performing healing environments. The Green Guide serves as an invaluable tool providing protocols for the healthcare sector to utilize in order to create more eco-friendly facilities.

Not only do greener building and operating practices benefit the environment as a whole, but it has been shown that they benefit patients being treated within the healthcare facilities. According to Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council, "Patients in green hospitals have greater emotional well-being, require less pain medication and other drugs, and have shorter hospital stays." In addition, studies have shown increases in the productivity, health and happiness of those who live and work in green or sustainable buildings.

"We have chosen to both endorse the guidelines set by the Green Guide for Health Care and fully implement them, and we are committed to serving as a model for other healthcare professionals to create sustainable healthcare private practices," explains Dr. Koos. "Our [Chicago oral surgery](#) facility was built according to LEED standards utilizing green building practices and sustainable materials and we are a registered GGHC healthcare project. We also have pledged to operate a mercury free practice and follow many other environmentally friendly operational practices. I believe this to be an obligation, rather than a choice when it comes to what is best for our patients, our staff and the environment."

Dr. Koos' oral surgery and jaw surgery practice in Chicago is a leader in eco-friendly dentistry®. In addition to endorsing the Green Guide for Health Care and LEED, the Chicago oral surgery practice has been designated as a GreenDoc™ Gold certified Charter Practice by the Eco-Dentistry Association, has received the "Partner for Change With Distinction" Award for Environmental Excellence during the annual international CleanMed conference, has committed to the Mercury-Free Health Care Campaign partnering with the World Health Organization, is an EPA Energy Star partner and is a member of the United States Green Building Council. Dr. Koos' practice, offering oral surgery, jaw surgery and [implant dentistry in Chicago](#), is the first fully green oral surgery facility in the country.

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Dr. Steven Koos and his Chicago oral surgery practice, ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio, are committed to practicing sustainable dental surgery. They have infused green building practices, green operational protocols, and corporate social responsibility policies within their Chicago Loop oral surgery office, and have received many accolades within the Green Health Care arena for their efforts. For more information about Dr. Koos' Chicago oral surgery practice, visit <http://orasurgery.com>.

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