

Sustainable implants? What you have to do (and what not)

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Healthcare systems are under increasing pressure to reduce their environmental footprint. Implants and instruments, as material- and energy-intensive products, represent a significant opportunity for sustainable innovation — but also a regulatory and ethical challenge.

This presentation provides a practical framework covering life-cycle thinking, eco-design integration, supply chain responsibility, and end-of-life considerations. Equally important, it highlights common pitfalls such as greenwashing, compromising performance or killing margin for environmental claims.