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**Abstract:** Hospitals, health and care, are systems foundational to our ability to thrive as individuals and communities. The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care (CCGHC) is leading hospitals across Canada to solutions for the most critical health challenge of all - Climate Change. This talk will focus on the evolution of very successful reporting and environmental benchmarking tool for hospitals – The Green Hospital Scorecard (GHS), which can be used to monitor progress and incite climate action through sustainability metrics which include energy, water, waste, leadership, pollution prevention, transportation, food, and climate change. The GHS is entering its seventh year of operation and has engaged over one third of hospitals in Canada about 100 facilities. For the 2018 data call a new Energy Behaviour metric was added to the scorecard bringing deliberate attention to this high potential but underutilized area for organization wide improvement. With data from two consecutive years, the CCGHC is ready to set the national Energy Behaviour baseline for the hospital sector. Quantitative and qualitative data from the GHS informing the Energy Behaviour baseline will be shared for the first time in this presentation. Early results demonstrate that those facilities paying attention to Energy Behaviour have better Energy Management scores, and score higher on the overall scorecard. Adding Energy Behaviour to the GHS has also exposed structural and cultural conditions in the systems and policies which impact circumstances, relationships, labour issues, resources, funding and priority setting. If not optimized these can prevent, discount and devalue the skills, tactics and proof necessary to scale up successful Energy Behaviour work. With these new insights the CCGHC and its partners are ready to intervene with training, assistance, and research to aid hospitals in overcoming barriers, allowing human centered energy management to coexist with traditional technical and process focused energy management.