



## Sustainable Procurement Policy

### 1. Purpose

Fortress Clinical Laboratory is committed to integrating sustainability into its procurement practices by considering environmental, social, and economic impacts when selecting suppliers, products, and services. This policy ensures that our procurement decisions support sustainable healthcare practices, reduce environmental impact, and promote ethical sourcing.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all purchasing activities within Fortress Clinical Laboratory, including laboratory equipment, medical supplies, consumables, services, and partnerships with suppliers and vendors.

### 3. Key Principles

#### 3.1 Environmental Responsibility

We commit to:

- Prioritizing **eco-friendly** medical and laboratory supplies, including recyclable, biodegradable, or energy-efficient products.
- Reducing hazardous waste by selecting **low-impact chemicals** and reagents.
- Encouraging suppliers to minimize packaging waste and adopt sustainable transportation methods.
- Reducing energy consumption by procuring energy-efficient equipment and promoting digital documentation to reduce paper waste.

#### 3.2 Ethical and Social Considerations

We strive to:

- Engage with suppliers that comply with **ethical labour practices**, fair wages, and safe working conditions.
- Avoid suppliers involved in **child labour, forced labour, or unethical sourcing**.
- Support **local suppliers** and businesses whenever feasible to enhance community economic sustainability.
- Ensure all suppliers comply with **health and safety regulations** to protect laboratory staff and the broader community.

#### 3.3 Economic Sustainability

We aim to:

- Consider the **total cost of ownership (TCO)**, including long-term environmental and social impacts, when selecting products and services.
- Work with **suppliers demonstrating long-term sustainability commitments**, including certifications such as ISO 14001 (Environmental Management), Fair Trade, FSC (sustainable paper products), and Green Seal.
- Ensure procurement decisions align with our **financial responsibility** while prioritising sustainable and ethical options.

### 4. Implementation & Compliance

- All procurement decisions will include a sustainability assessment, ensuring compliance with this policy.
- Fortress Clinical Laboratory will maintain a **preferred supplier list** of vendors demonstrating sustainability and ethical responsibility.
- Suppliers will be encouraged to provide **sustainability certifications** and documentation of responsible sourcing.
- Regular **audits and reviews** will be conducted to assess compliance with this policy and identify areas for improvement.





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### 5. Responsibility

- The **Procurement Team** ensures sustainability criteria are met in purchasing decisions.
- **Laboratory Management** will oversee compliance and provide guidance on sustainable procurement practices.
- **All Employees** involved in procurement must uphold this policy and promote responsible sourcing.

### 6. Review & Updates

This policy will be reviewed **annually** and updated to reflect best practices in sustainable procurement.

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