

## **Council Connections Announces Collaboration with Teleosis Institute**

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*Partnership supports greener healthcare. "Going Green" Conference to be held in San Diego, CA, April 15-17, 2009.*

Council Connections, a national group purchasing organization serving community health centers and other non-profits, is collaborating with the Teleosis Institute, which is devoted to health professionals in service of the global environment. Council Connections and Teleosis share common goals of promoting high quality, cost-effective, sustainable medical services benefiting underserved populations and the environment in which we live. This synergy of goals and missions evolved into a mutual sponsorship agreement which will enhance both organizations.

Teleosis is a program of Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices. Practice Greenhealth members include non-profit organizations, community health centers, hospitals, healthcare systems, businesses and other stake holders engaged in the greening of healthcare to improve the health of patients, staff and the environment.

"We are pleased to be a Platinum Sponsor of Teleosis, and to be working together towards greener healthcare. Our Annual Conference theme is "Going Green", where we will be showcasing partners such as Teleosis, and services that can assist our healthcare members and stakeholders to be more environmentally friendly", stated Council Connections CEO Stephen O'Kane.

Teleosis serves health care professionals through the following interlinked areas:

- Leadership in Green Health Care is an 8-week online course for health professionals to become leaders in the emerging field of sustainable medicine.
- The Green Pharmacy Program provides communities with safe disposal of unwanted medicines while educating the public about the effects of pharmaceuticals in our environment.
- Symbiosis Journal explores ecological principles of healing and medicine. Other educational materials include: environmental health brochures, green health care newsletter, lectures, and online resources.
- The Green Health Care Network, a grassroots network of visionary health care professionals who are leading the Green Health Care movement.

To learn more about the Teleosis Institute's services, please visit their booth at Council Connections FREE Annual Conference in San Diego, CA April 15 - 17, 2009. For more information please log onto [www.teleosis.org](http://www.teleosis.org) and [www.councilconnections.com](http://www.councilconnections.com).

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About Teleosis: Teleosis Institute is an organization dedicated to reducing healthcare's footprint while broadening its ecological vision. Teleosis believes in a health care system that conserves natural resources, promotes personal wellness, and begins with precaution. At the forefront of this sustainable medical system are health providers who take an active role in greening healthcare through example, education and advocacy. Teleosis is a program of Practice Greenhealth.

About Council Connections: Council Connections, a group purchasing organization (GPO) and Premier contracted affiliate, serves members nationwide including: community health centers/clinics, extended care

facilities and non-profit organizations. Our Mission is to enhance the financial strength of members by providing significant group discounts and cost savings on contracted products, equipment and services.

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