

HOSPITALS OF THE CITY HALL OF SÃO PAULO HEALTH PUBLIC NETWORK END THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL MERCURY DEVICES

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The City Hall of São Paulo is the first in the country to eliminate the use of devices containing mercury in the public hospitals. From the inspected municipal institutions, 34 (thirty four) hospitals/emergency rooms and 85 (eighty five) primary health care centers were granted Honorable Mentions for their elimination of mercury devices.

As there is still no legislation in Brazil prohibiting the use of devices containing mercury, our work to raise awareness of the need to replace equipment with mercury free technologies free from this toxic agent has been quite intense.

Our activities at public health entities, by means of meetings, both directly with company representatives and city agencies, local visits, lectures on mercury in the hospital, preparing and disseminating instructions on the subject, together with the commitment of people from both hospitals and other hierarchical levels of the City Hall, have come to ban the use of equipment containing mercury, such as sphygmomanometers and clinical thermometers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, water bath and the environment, in all hospitals and emergency rooms in the city of São Paulo.

The first hospitals in the city to establish agreements with a term set to replace were Hospital da Vila Maria, Hospital Dr. Arthur Ribeiro Saboya, Hospital Benedito Montenegro, Pronto Socorro Augusto Gomes de Matos and Hospital Municipal Maternidade Escola de Vila Nova Cachoeirinha Dr. Mário de Moraes Altenfelder Silva. The representatives who signed agreements with a date to complete the replacement were the people responsible for making the change more quickly. The others pledged to make the changes where possible. The signed commitments, planned schedules, and the work with people ready and committed to the changes, together with our insistence and ongoing follow up are all essential to obtain results.

Besides hospitals, public health care facilities in São Paulo have been carrying out the replacements, and we have verified that in many of these facilities that equipment using mercury is no longer used. UBS–Unidade Básica de Saúde, PSF–Programa Saúde da Família and AMA-Atendimento Médico Ambulatorial work, on an integrated and articulated basis, in the context of this network, with the promotion, prevention and basic health care, in which several vaccination programs, medical service, scheduling and routing for special programs such as PSF, together with the teams who do home visits, in addition to consultations in various specialties and diagnostic and laboratory exams. The management of many AMA/UBS/PSF is being shared between the Municipal Health Secretariat and civil society organizations. The following organizations attended the meeting we promoted and inspected the entities together: SPDM–Associação Paulista para o Desenvolvimento da Medicina, Associação Congregação Hospital Santa Catarina, Casa de Saúde Santa Marcelina, Sociedade Beneficente Israelita Brasileira Hospital Albert

Einstein, Instituto Adventista de Ensino and CEJAM–Centro de Estudos e Pesquisas Dr. João Amorim.

Honorable Mentions were granted to 119 (one hundred nineteen) establishments inspected in São Paulo for removing equipment containing mercury. This shows not only awareness of the risk that this chemical represents, it also shows that banning the use of equipment containing such a toxic agent is possible, even as a public service, when there is the political willingness to doing so.

LIST OF MUNICIPAL ENTITIES THAT REPLACED MERCURY DEVICES:

A) MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS

1. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL VILA MARIA VEREADOR JOSÉ STOROPOLIS
2. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL DR. ARTHUR RIBEIRO SABOYA
3. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL DR. BENEDITO MONTENEGRO
4. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL AUGUSTO GOMES DE MATOS
5. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL MATERNIDADE ESCOLA DE VILA NOVA CACHOEIRINHA DR. MÁRIO DE MORAIS ALTENFELDER SILVA
6. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL DR. CAETANO VIRGÍLIO NETTO
7. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL DR. JOSÉ SYLVIO DE CAMARGO
8. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL DE PERUS
9. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL DR. CARMINO CARICCHIO
10. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL DR. LAURO RIBAS BRAGA
11. PRONTO SOCORRO 21 DE JUNHO
12. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL VILA MARIA BAIXA
13. PRONTO ATENDIMENTO JARDIM MACEDÔNIA
14. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL PROFESSOR JOÃO CATARIN MEZOMO
15. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL DR. JOSÉ SOARES HUNGRIA
16. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL DR. IGNÁCIO PROENÇA DE GOUVEIA
17. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL M'BOI MIRIM
18. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL E MATERNIDADE PROF. MÁRIO DEGNI
19. MUNICIPAL DR. ÁLVARO DINO DE ALMEIDA
20. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL TIDE SETÚBAL
21. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL PROF. DR. WALDOMIRO DE PAULA
22. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL JÚLIO TUPI
23. PRONTO ATENDIMENTO DR. ATUALPA GIRÃO RABELO
24. CAPS LARGO 13
25. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL INFANTIL MENINO JESUS
26. HOSPITAL DO SERVIDOR PÚBLICO MUNICIPAL
27. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL PROF. ALÍPIO CORREIA NETTO
28. PRONTO ATENDIMENTO DRA. GLÓRIA R. S. BONFIM
29. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL CIDADE TIRADENTES
30. HOSPITAL DR. ALEXANDRE ZAIO
31. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL D.na M^a ANTONIETA FERREIRA BARROS
32. PRONTO SOCORRO MUNICIPAL BALNEÁRIO SÃO JOSÉ
33. PRONTO ATENDIMENTO SÃO MATEUS II
34. HOSPITAL MUNICIPAL DR. FERNANDO MAURO PIRES ROCHA

B) UBS / AMA / PSF

- 1) UBS - Unidade Básica de Saúde Atualpa Girão Rabelo
- 2) AMA Ermelino Matarazzo
- 3) AMA Dona Maria Antonieta Ferreira de Barros
- 4) AMA Dr. Alexandre Zaio
- 5) AMA Santa Cruz
- 6) AMA HM Dr. Arthur Ribeiro Saboya
- 7) AMA Americanópolis
- 8) AMA Cupecê
- 9) AMA Elisa Maria
- 10) AMA Ladeira Rosa
- 11) AMA Água Rasa
- 12) AMA Águia de Haia
- 13) AMA Cangaíba
- 14) AMA Jardim Nordeste
- 15) AMA Três Marias Maurício Zamijovsky
- 16) UBS - Unidade Básica de Saúde Três Marias Maurício Zamijovsky
- 17) AMA Jardim Brasília
- 18) Unidade Básica de Saúde Jardim Brasília
- 19) AMA Jardim Itapema
- 20) Unidade Básica de Saúde Jardim Ipanema
- 21) Unidade Básica de Saúde Vila Renato
- 22) AMA A. E. Manoel da Nóbrega
- 23) AMA Vila Antonieta
- 24) AMA Parque Buturussú
- 25) UBS Parque Buturussú Prof. Dr. Humberto Ceruti
- 26) AMA Jardim da Conquista III
- 27) Unidade Básica de Saúde Jardim da Conquista III
- 28) AMA Parada XV de Novembro
- 29) AMA A. E. Sapopemba
- 30) AMA/Ambulatório de Especialidades Tito Lopes
- 31) AMA Waldomiro de Paula
- 32) AMA Elísio Teixeira Leite
- 33) AMA Jardim Ipanema
- 34) AMA Jardim Brasil
- 35) AMA Jardim Paulistano
- 36) AMA Hospital Municipal Dr. José Soares Hungria
- 37) AMA Vila Medeiros
- 38) AMA Triagem Tatuapé
- 39) AMA Jardim Grimaldi
- 40) AMA Pari
- 41) AMA Jardim Joamar
- 42) AMA Sítio Mandaqui
- 43) AMA Wamberto Dias da Costa
- 44) AMA Parque Dorotéia
- 5) AMA Pedreira

- 46) AMA Vila Império
- 47) CAPS II Adulto Cidade Ademar
- 48) UBS / PSF Vila Império II
- 49) UBS / PSF Apurá
- 50) UBS / PSF Jardim Niterói
- 51) UBS / PSF Jardim São Carlos
- 52) UBS / Jardim São Jorge
- 53) UBS / PSF Mar Paulista
- 54) UBS / PSF Vila Aparecida
- 55) AMA Paulo VI
- 56) AMA Parque Anhanguera
- 57) AMA A. E. Flávio Gianotti
- 58) UBS Vila Missionária
- 59) AMA Vila Missionária
- 60) UBS / PSF Vila Guacuri
- 61) UBS/PSF Cidade Júlia
- 62) / PSF Jardim Laranjeiras
- 63) UBS / PSF Mata Virgem
- 64) UBS / PSF Jardim Três Corações
- 65) AMA João Yunes Vila Joaniza
- 66) AMA Jardim Miriam
- 67) AE Dr. Milton Alfred
- 68) UBS / PSF Vila Arriete
- 69) AMA Jardim Pirajussara
- 70) AMA Vila Prel
- 71) AMA Hospitalar Campo Limpo
- 72) AMA Vila Sônia
- 73) UBS Profeta Jeremias
- 74) UBS Ferroviários
- 75) AMA/UBS Castro Alves
- 76) UBS Santa Luzia
- 77) AMA Jardim das Oliveiras
- 78) UBS Jardim Silva Telles
- 79) UBS NIR Jardim Campos
- 80) UBS Jardim Macedônia
- 81) UBS Jardim São Bento
- 82) UBS Luar Do Sertão
- 83) UBS Parque Fernanda
- 84) UBS Parque Engenho Ii
- 85) UBS Jardim Maracá