

# Sustainable resins in medical devices



# Novo Nordisk at a glance

Novo Nordisk is a leading global healthcare company, founded in 1923 and headquartered in Denmark

We drive change to defeat diabetes and other serious chronic diseases

#### We work to:

- Pioneer scientific breakthroughs
- Expand access to our medicines
- Prevent and ultimately cure disease



# Zero impact is our ambition







# Our key environmental challenges



**Resources** 

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Waste

# To achieve zero impact, we embrace a circular mindset

Minimise consumption across our value chain

Eliminate waste and turn it into new resources

Design and produce our products so that they can be recycled





# Working across the value chain to achieve zero impact





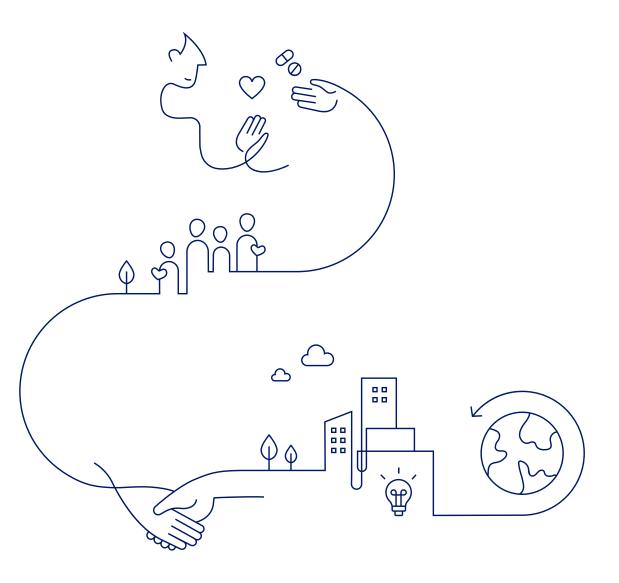
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#### **Reduce supplier footprint.**

To achieve zero impact we are requesting our suppliers to produce using sustainable energy. Current Tier 1 CO2 committed on 75,7 % and growing.

#### Ensure circular procurement.

Driving a change towards sustainable raw materials. Transition to sustainable resins is essential for achieving this target.





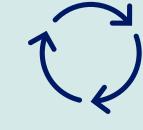
# To ensure truly circular solutions, we have set the bar high for sustainable plastic

There is no universal definition of 'sustainable plastic'. In Novo Nordisk, we define plastic as sustainable when it is



**Renewable** Produced from a regenerative resource

and/or



**Recycled** Produced from post industrial or post consumer waste

We have set further requirements for sustainable plastics:

- The carbon footprint should be lower or equal to fossil plastics
- The plastic must be recyclable to allow for end-of-life recycling
- We must be able to certify the plastic to ensure full transparency in the value chain
- If using biobased plastic, it must be based on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation feedstock. This means that we avoid increasing land use and crops/plants suitable for food and feed\*
- Mass-balance approach is acceptable until segregation is feasible on both sustainability and commercial.
- Very high level of purity is needed to make recycled resins suitable for medical devices.

\* 1<sup>st</sup> generation feedstock could be e.g. palm oil, corn, wheat and sugar cane



#### **Reduce operations to zero CO<sub>2</sub>**

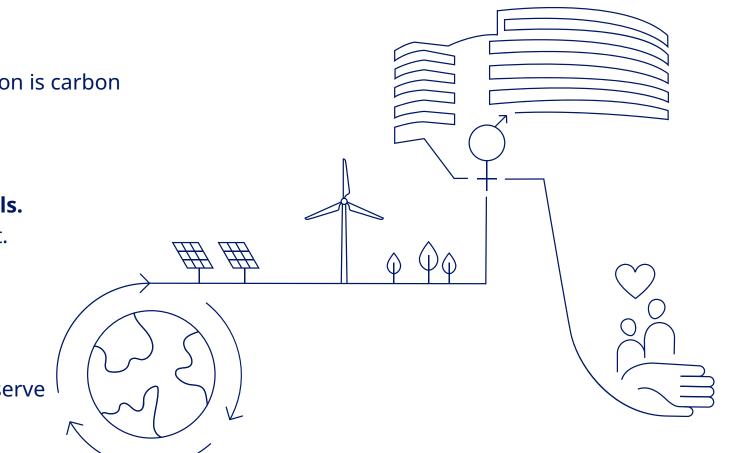
100 % of our all power consumption for production is carbon neutral.

#### Eliminate waste of energy, water and materials.

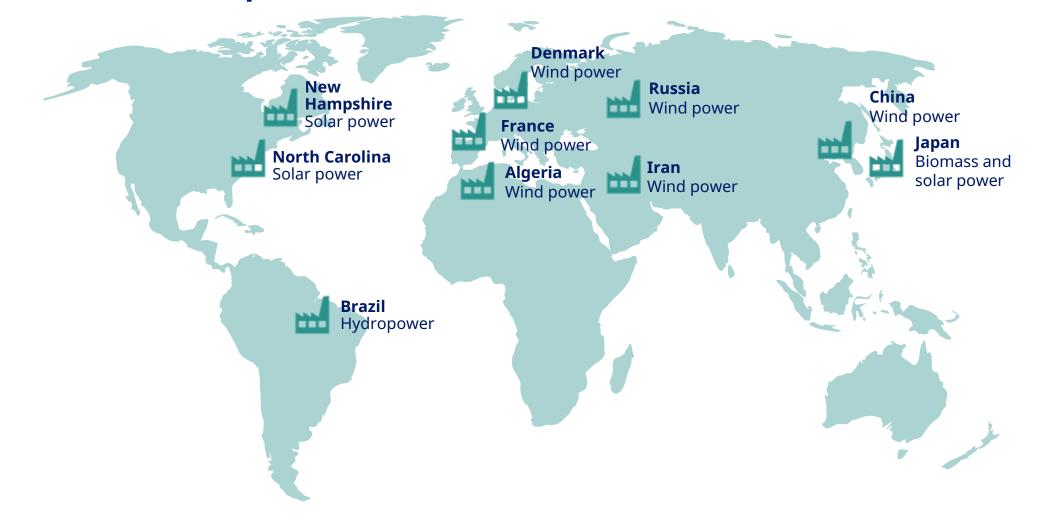
Zero CO<sub>2</sub> from our own operations and transport. Zero production waste to landfill.

#### Support affiliates going green.

Ongoing, mainly by individual initiatives to best serve the local situation and readiness.



# All Novo Nordisk production is sourcing renewable power worldwide





#### Design products for circularity.

How to make an easy to use tamper-evident device with hazardous materials designed for circularity?

#### Solve end-of-life product challenge.

Introducing industry take-back system. Handling of clinical waste for recycling is in some countries yet to be solved.





new products

## Design devices and packaging for circularity Circularity is achieved through four levers



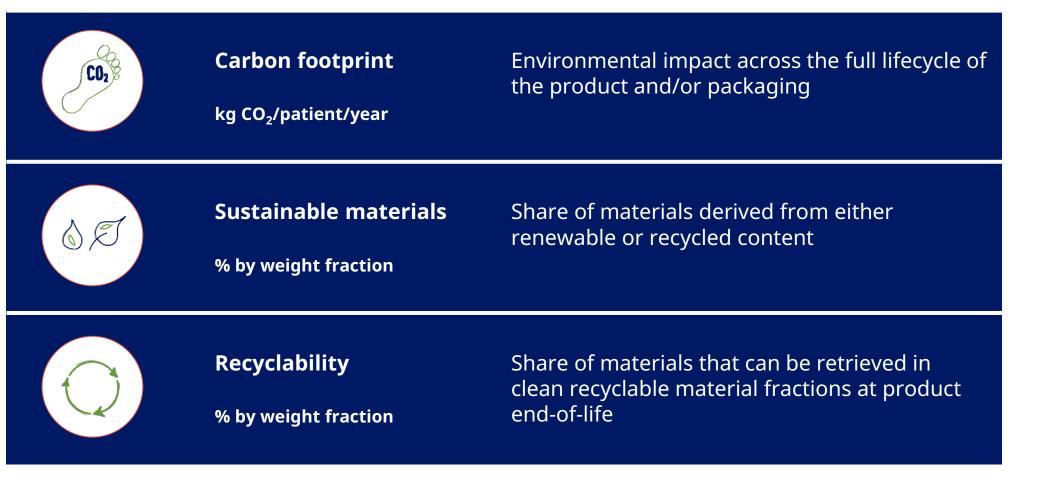
waste

the lowest impact during intended lifetime

Choose renewable, recycled and low impact materials



## Design devices and packaging for circularity Three circularity indicators defined



# DK Take-back pilot: returpen<sup>™</sup>

- Today the project is fully implement in Denmark.
- Pilot setups in ongoing several countries
- Other manufactures have started chipping in to the system.
- Recycle process plants are established within a distances short enough not to cause negative impact.
- Several resins users have shown interest in the recycle materials.

#### returpen

# Your insulin pen is too good to waste

#### Hand it in at a pharmacy

Your Novo Nordisk insulin pen is made of materials like high-quality glass and plastic. Hand in your used pens at a pharmacy. We'll make sure the materials are recycled, not wasted.









# We are recycling waste

In collaboration with Danish design firm Hay, we are turning used plastic into office chairs

Designer Pernille Bülow is recycling Novo Nordisk glass into lamps, vases, bowls and more

More to come...

+90% of the plastic from our pen production is now recycled "It has been absolutely fantastic to work with Novo Nordisk. I never imagined that such a small company like ours could work with such a large company. It may also be an inspiration to others"

> Pernille Bülow, Glass blower





# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- lowering demand for virgin resins.

#### Reduce

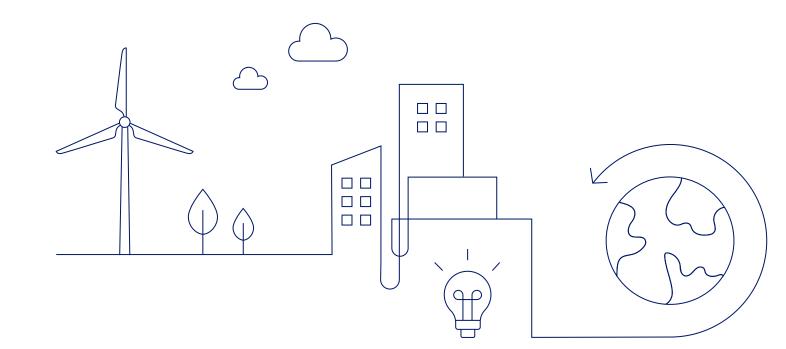
Future devices are designed for lower resin consumption

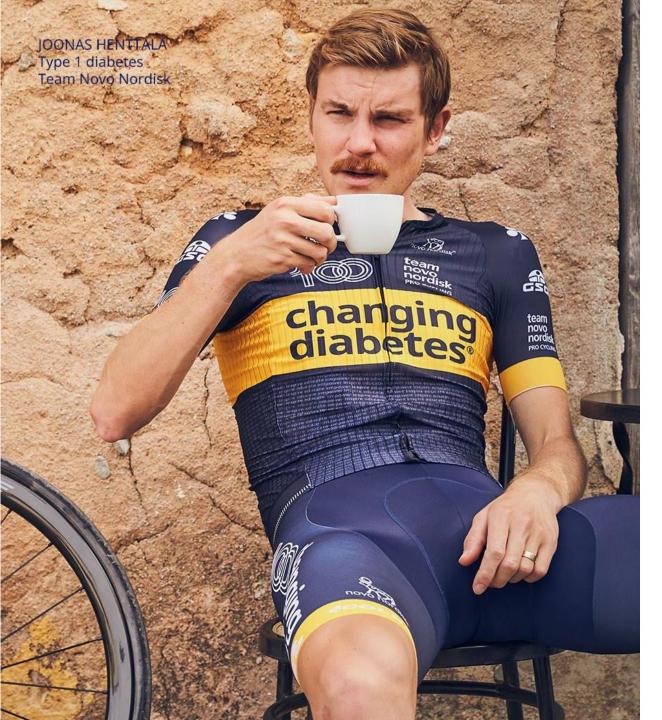
#### Reuse

Reusing resin scrap from production. To lower consumption in current devices.

### Recycle

By ReturPen System the devices can be collected and the resin can be recycled for new applications.





# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

## Reflect, Rethink, Relax.

Thank you.

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