SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

**PRACTICE GREENHEALTH: MAKING MEDICINE MERCURY-FREE AWARD**



Organization’s Logo

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact**: Name

Date Phone

<ORGANIZATION NAME> WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR ELIMINATING MERCURY IN ITS FACILITY

*Honored for commitment to becoming mercury-free.*

(CITY, STATE) – <Organization> has been recognized for its efforts to eliminate mercury from the products it uses by Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading health care community dedicated to transforming health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice.

<Organization> was presented with the 2016 “Making Medicine Mercury-Free” Award, which designates that proven policies have been put in place to rid the facility of one of the most hazardous chemicals—mercury—and to prevent it from re-entering the facility.

The Practice Greenhealth Making Medicine Mercury-Free award recognizes facilities that have virtually eliminated mercury from their facilities and have demonstrated a commitment to continue to be mercury-free. Award criteria include mercury-free management and purchasing policies, and staff education.

ADD DETAILS ABOUT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS LEADING TO THE AWARD

SAMPLE QUOTE FROM ORGANIZATION “Eliminating mercury in our daily work environment protects both our patients and staff,” said **<**Spokesperson for Organization Name**>**. “We look forward to working with Practice Greenhealth to build on this important work to integrate more sustainable practices into our day-to-day practices.”

The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards were presented May 19 in Dallas, Texas at the CleanMed Conference & Exhibition, THE premier national environmental conference for leaders in health care sustainability.

About <Organization>

**About Practice Greenhealth**

Practice Greenhealth is the nation’s leading health care community dedicated to transforming health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice.. For more information on Practice Greenhealth, visit [www.practicegreenhealth.org](http://www.practicegreenhealth.org/)**.**

###