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ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED BY PRACTICE GREENHEALTH

SPRINGFIELD, IL – St. John's Hospital was awarded the 2014 Greenhealth Partner for Change Award and Making Medicine Mercury Free Award by Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading health care community that empowers its members to increase their efficiencies and environmental stewardship while improving patient safety and care through tools, best practices and knowledge.

The Greenhealth Partner for Change Award is one of the organization's Environmental Excellence Awards given each year to honor outstanding environmental achievements in the health care sector.

This award recognizes health care facilities that continuously improve and expand upon their mercury elimination, waste reduction, recycling and source reduction programs. At a minimum, facilities applying for this award must be recycling 15 percent of their total waste, have reduced regulated medical waste, are well along the way to mercury elimination, and have developed other successful pollution prevention programs in many different areas.

The Making Medicine Mercury Free Award designates 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.

This 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.

“St. John's Hospital is honored to receive these two awards from Practice Greenhealth. We take pride in our sustainability efforts to favorably affect the hospital's impact on the environment,” said Charles L. Lucore, M.D., M.B.A., President and CEO of St. John's Hospital. “We are committed to improving the health of our patients, staff and community as a whole.”

The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards were presented June 5 in Cleveland, Ohio, at the CleanMed Conference & Exhibition, the premier national environmental conference for leaders in health care sustainability.

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ABOUT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois is a regional medical center offering a comprehensive array of health care services to Central and Southern Illinois. Founded in 1875, St. John's is the flagship hospital of Hospital Sisters Health System and is home to the Prairie Heart Institute, St. John's Children's Hospital, St. John's Women's Services, St. John's Neurosciences Institute, St. John's Cancer Institute, Center for Living, Orthopedic Services and AthletiCare. St. John's now has one of the most advanced Surgery Centers in the nation and a renovated patient tower to offer all private rooms. St. John's is designated as a Level I Trauma Center on a yearly rotating basis, has its own College of Nursing and is a teaching hospital for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. For more information about St. John's Hospital, visit www.st-johns.org

ABOUT HOSPITAL SISTERS HEALTH SYSTEM

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.