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Pardee Hospital Receives Awards at CleanMed Ceremony

(Hendersonville, N.C.) On Wednesday, May 12, [Practice Greenhealth](#) awarded Pardee Hospital the Partner Recognition Award and Making Medicine Mercury-Free Award at the [CleanMed 2010](#) global conference for healthcare's environmental leaders.

The Partner Recognition Award is one of the organization's Environmental Excellence Awards given each year to honor outstanding environmental achievements in healthcare. The Making Medicine Mercury-Free Award is designated to organizations who displayed exceptional efforts to rid the healthcare sector of the harmful chemical mercury, commonly used in medical care.

"Pardee Hospital has been singled out for their efforts to protect health and preserve the environment," said Bob Jarboe, executive director of Practice Greenhealth. "Pardee's approach to healthcare demonstrates a keen understanding of the impact our activities have on the environment and a commitment to build on the achievements they have made so far."

Pardee Hospital is a charter member of Practice Greenhealth. Practice Greenhealth is a nonprofit organization founded on the principals of positive



environmental stewardship. The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards celebrate the achievements and commitment of healthcare's environmental champions. This year's awards were held in conjunction with CleanMed 2010, a global conference for environmental leaders in healthcare.

The Partner Recognition Award is for healthcare facilities that have begun to work on environmental improvements, achieved some progress, and have a less than ten percent recycling rate for the total waste stream. The Making Medicine Mercury-Free Award recognizes facilities that have virtually eliminated mercury from their facility and have demonstrated a commitment to continue to be mercury-free. Award criteria include mercury-free management and purchasing policies, and recycling programs.

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices. For more information about Practice Greenhealth visit www.practicegreenhealth.org or you can see PardeeGreen initiatives at www.pardeeblog.org.

[Pardee Hospital](#) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](#). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus,





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including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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