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## **Hospital Wins Award for Environmental Excellence**

Sunnyside Community Hospital received a Best Practice designation for Environmental Excellence from SterilMed Inc., a Minnesota-based healthcare cost containment company and leading reprocessor of single-use medical devices. Honoring the top facilities and systems throughout the country, Sunnyside was recognized as a top performer for significant achievements by maximizing device use reducing medical waste sent to landfills reducing their facility's environmental impact.

The hospital is one of more than 3,000 healthcare facilities in the U.S. that reprocess and recycle medical devices. Reprocessing diverts more than 5 million pounds of medical waste from landfills each year. The American Hospital Association and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have called for American hospitals to reduce medical waste with a hospital goal of 50 % reduction in medical waste volume by 2010. Current waste levels in U.S. Hospitals produce over 6,000 tons of waste each day.

“Sunnyside Community Hospital has shown a strong commitment to its reprocessing program and should be commended for their efforts in protecting the environment,” said Brian Sullivan, CEO and President of SterilMed. “We are pleased to recognize Sunnyside's commitment to both financial sustainability and medical waste reduction in your community.”

“Our commitment is to treat people like family when they come to our hospital and clinics,” said C.E.O. Jon Smiley. “We believe that includes working toward environmental excellence, that benefits every family in our community,” Smiley said. “We are very proud of this award, our Environmental Services Department, and our Surgery Department are very dedicated to doing all we can to keep our facility clean, our patients in an absolute sterile environment, and when we can do that and also support a cleaner environment through recycling, everyone wins,” Smiley said.

### **About SterilMed**

SterilMed® offers services designed to help healthcare providers lower their medical device and equipment costs by maximizing the life of “single-use” medical devices, surgical instruments, power tools, endoscopes and video equipment. This allows healthcare facilities to free up critical financial resources through better device and equipment utilization while maintaining the highest levels of patient safety. SterilMed offers a uniquely integrated approach to medical device reprocessing that ensures the most streamlined logistics and the most rigorous quality approach enabling hospitals and medical facilities to reduce device cost and to decrease medical waste. SterilMed has saved healthcare providers hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of tons of medical waste from landfills over the past few years. For more information, please visit [www.sterilmed.com](http://www.sterilmed.com).