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Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center Recognized for it's Leadership on Environmental Sustainability

In recognition for its achievement and innovation in health care sustainability, the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, MI, received the Greenhealth Emerald Award from Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in healthcare.

Practice Greenhealth is the leading membership and networking organization for sustainable healthcare, delivering environmental solutions to more than 1,100 U.S. hospitals and health systems. Learn more at practicegreenhealth.org.

Greenhealth Emerald Award recognizes healthcare facilities which are setting the standard in eliminating mercury, reducing and recycling waste, sustainable sourcing, and other areas. Winning hospitals have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability and shown leadership in the local community and in the healthcare sector.

"As more and more hospitals embed sustainability into their operations, the bar for environmental excellence increases every year," said Gary Cohen, president of Practice Greenhealth. "Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center demonstrates the kind of leadership, innovation, and performance that can drive the entire health sector toward more environmentally responsible practices."

The Greenhealth Emerald Award is one of Practice Greenhealth's Environmental Excellence Awards given to honor healthcare's achievements in sustainability. The awards were formally presented at the Environmental Excellence Awards Gala, May 9, 2019, in Nashville, during CleanMed, the premier national conference for leaders in health care sustainability.



The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 36,700 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.saginaw.va.gov.

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