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## **HEALTHTRUST PURCHASING GROUP IS AWARDED THE CLINICAL BEST PRACTICES AWARD BY THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSORS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – NOVEMBER 1, 2009 – The Association of Medical Device Reprocessors (AMDR) announced this week it has awarded HealthTrust Purchasing Group, LP (HealthTrust) with the annual Clinical Best Practices Award for utilization of regulated reprocessing as a Best Practice and for ongoing efforts to support the financial and environmental sustainability of its group purchasing organization membership.

HealthTrust has promoted the practice of reprocessing with members to reduce regulated medical waste and manage variable costs. During 2008, HealthTrust diverted over one million pounds of regulated waste from landfills and incinerators and saved over \$33 million dollars in device acquisition costs by reprocessing single use devices through vendors Ascent Healthcare Solutions and SterilMed Inc.

“HealthTrust is a great example of an organization that supports its members as they develop strong environmental sustainability practices, while providing the necessary tools to sustain financial bottom lines through regulated reprocessing. We are impressed with these efforts, the support of members in this practice, and are very proud to recognize HealthTrust as our 2009 GPO Clinical Best Practices Award recipient,” commented Dan Vukelich, President of AMDR.

HealthTrust’s Director of Clinical Education and Sustainability, J. Michael Jones, FACHE, stated, “Reprocessing has contributed significantly to our members’ ability to control their variable device costs while lessening their environmental footprint without compromising quality or changing clinical practice patterns. Reprocessing provides benefits that deserve best practice designation within the industry. HealthTrust is proud to be recognized by AMDR for promoting these principles.”

### **About The Association of Medical Device Reprocessors**

The Association of Medical Device Reprocessors (AMDR) represents the legal, legislative, regulatory and trade interests of the FDA-regulated third party reprocessing industry. Currently, AMDR members provide over 95 percent of outsourced reprocessing services in the U.S., partnering with over 3,700 hospitals and providers to cut waste and control costs. Last year, AMDR members saved US hospitals over \$150 million dollars in device costs, and alleviated over 13 tons of medical waste from U.S. landfills and incinerators. For more information:

<http://www.amdr.org>

### **About HealthTrust Purchasing Group**

HealthTrust Purchasing Group, headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn., is a group purchasing organization that supports nearly 1,400 not-for-profit and for-profit acute care facilities, as well as ambulatory surgery centers, physician practices, and alternate care sites. With an annual purchasing volume by its members of more than \$15 billion, HealthTrust is committed to obtaining the best price for clinically-recommended products, ensuring their timely delivery and continuously evaluating and improving its services to the patients, physicians and clinicians it serves. HealthTrust is located at 155 Franklin Road, Suite 400, Brentwood, TN 37027. The Web site is

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