

Intermountain Healthcare Announces 2016 Supplier Award Winners

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, September 21, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Intermountain Healthcare</u> announces their 2016 Supplier Award winners in four categories.

Collaboration MVP award — McKesson

Customer Service Excellence award — Baxter International Inc.

Cost, Quality, Outcomes award — Steris

Supply Chain Excellence award — St. Jude Medical

Each year Intermountain Healthcare's Supply Chain Organization (SC0), based in Salt Lake City, UT, has recognized outstanding suppliers. "We're pleased to recognize these suppliers that bring so much more than just lower costs to Intermountain. Our award criteria encompasses crucial areas including patient outcomes, effectively applied solutions, and of course our collaborative relationships. Giving deserved recognition to some of our top suppliers for their contributions to cost, quality, and outcomes is important to Intermountain." says Kreg Koford, Intermountain Healthcare's Category Management Director.

The award categories, and their winners, were chosen with input from many Intermountain clinical areas and the SCO leadership team. Each award had specific selection criteria and each winning supplier was selected based on current and historical performance and had a special reason for winning this year.

- The Collaboration MVP award focused on execution and outcomes that brought success. In addition, the criteria covered a supplier's ability to be proactive, responsive, and transparent while creating savings opportunities. McKesson proved the winner by fully engaging in a new agreement that brought value to Intermountain on many levels.
- The Customer Service Excellence award judged a supplier's ability to be professional, responsive, and compliant. The ability to drive automation to drive efficiencies also came into play. Baxter International won by assisting with a large-scale IV solution implementation where supplies were quaranteed and risk was reduced.
- The Cost, Quality, Outcomes award weighed patient outcomes and the ability to create shared value. Steris created an innovative approach by providing an OR liaison who is a trusted part of the clinical teams and provides education and identifies areas of need.
- The Supply Chain Excellence award evaluated suppliers who comply with Intermountain's high expectations and demonstrate a commitment to contracting, sourcing, and customer relationship outcomes. St. Jude Medical was named the winner by demonstrating a collaborative approach for the distribution of cardiac rhythm management implants.

Suppliers who demonstrate value to the organization, and most importantly, our patients, are critical to healthcare's long-term success. "The awards give us an opportunity to recognize some of our strategic suppliers that recognize collaborative relationships to drive value beyond cost. That value helps our patients and community live the healthiest lives possible," adds Koford.

Intermountain Healthcare is a Utah-based not-for-profit system of 22 hospitals, 185 clinics, a Medical Group with about 1,400 employed physicians and advanced practitioners, a health plans division called SelectHealth, and other medical services. Intermountain is widely recognized as a leader in transforming healthcare through high quality and sustainable costs. For more information about Intermountain, visit www.intermountainhealthcare.org.

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