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Novation Recognizes 27 Suppliers For Excellence In Supporting Members Of VHA, UHC, Children's Hospital Association And Provista

IRVING, Texas, May 13, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Novation, the leading health care services company for more than 100,000 members and affiliates of VHA Inc., UHC, Children's Hospital Association and Provista LLC recognized 27 suppliers for excellence in 2014. The awards were announced yesterday at the fifth annual Supplier Summit meeting in Las Vegas, which brought together more than 1,500 healthcare suppliers representing over 460 companies.

"Novation's Supplier Summit is the preeminent industry event where suppliers gather to discuss and strategize on the issues and challenges facing the healthcare industry," said Pete Allen, Novation's group senior vice president, sourcing operations. "Health systems continue to face increased economic and clinical pressures, and we all have a responsibility to create and implement innovative solutions for the hospitals, academic medical centers and pediatric organizations we serve."

Education

The Supplier Summit featured educational tracks around cost-containment, data management, healthcare sustainability, emerging pharmacy trends, and private-label offerings.

For the first time, Supplier Summit added a legal track developed specifically for contracted suppliers in-house legal teams. This track was designed to educate attendees on the current and emerging trends facing hospital supply chains and how their involvement can work to streamline efficiencies and create best practices. Track sessions included corporate compliance, ethics, mergers and acquisitions, and product liability.

Awards

Novation recognized 27 different suppliers and individuals as they excelled at providing value and benefits to the members we serve in 2014.

Mark McKenna Supplier of the Year	AmerisourceBergen
Academic Participation Award	C.R. Baird Inc.
Non-Acute Partner of the Year	Insight Direct USA Inc.
Pediatric Supplier of the Year	Sandbox Medical, LLC
Advisory Services Partner of the Year	Medline Industries, Inc.
Diversity Supplier of the Year	Tronex International, Inc.
Diversity Advocate of the Year	Cardinal Health
Environmental Excellence Award	Hormel Foods Corporation

Innovative Technology Award	Acell, Inc.
Compliance & Integrity Award	PharMEDium Services LLC
Physician Preference Supplier of the Year	Medtronic USA, Inc.
Generic Pharmaceutical Supplier of the Year	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA
Brand Name Pharmaceutical Supplier of the Year	CSL Behring LLC
aptitude Market Movers	Medline Industries, Inc.
aptitude Advocate	DeRoyal Industries Inc.
aptitude Innovation Influencers	St. Jude Medical
Capital & Imaging Supplier of the Year	Steris Corporation
Acute Distributor of the Year	AmerisourceBergen
Specialty Distributor of the Year	Network Services Company
Support & Purchased Services Supplier of the Year	Quest Diagnostics Inc.
Food & Nutrition Supplier of the Year	Coca Cola Refreshments
Business & Technology Supplier of the Year	TRIOSE, Inc.
Supply Chain Industry Standards & Data Integrity Award	W. L. Gore & Associates Inc.
IMPACT Standardization Programs Supplier of the Year	US Foods, Inc.
Group Buy Supplier of the Year	Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc & Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics
NOVAPLUS Supplier of the Year	Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.
NOVAPLUS Pharmaceutical Supplier of the Year	Fresenius Kabi USA
Medical Supplier of the Year	Welch Allyn
Surgical Supplier of the Year	Applied Medical Distribution Corporation
National Account Manager of the Year	Nancy Hula- Mills, Cardinal Health

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