
GS1 Healthcare Award Winners

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HPAC Provider Implementation Best Case Study Award – 30 October - 01 November 2018



Centro Medico Imbanaco de Cali from Colombia received the GS1 Healthcare Award for the Provider Implementation Best Case Study, handed by Miguel Lopera President of GS1 at the 34th Global GS1 Healthcare Conference in Bangkok.

Mr Juan Camilo Rincon, Supply chain manager at Centro Medico Imbanaco and Mr Andres Rodriguez Gómez, Chief Operating Officer received the award and presented the implementation of GS1 standards at their hospital. The implementation started several years ago, when the hospital learned about GS1 used in other sectors and decided the GS1 standards and barcodes could also be used to improve their hospital processes. One of the goals was to reduce the risk of human errors of manual identification of products and manual data entry in the electronic records. Another goal was to improve efficiency of administrative processes, including stock keeping and the billing process of delivered care. In a step-by-step approach the hospital expanded the implementation to also include patient identification and eventually moved to use the Datamatrix as identifier. A major relabelling process at the warehouse area is set up to ensure incoming products will have a GS1 Datamatrix before being used in the hospital. Centro Médico de Cali achieved results on all set goals and will continue to improve their processes using the GS1 standards.

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At the global GS1 Healthcare Conference in Bangkok Miguel Lopera President of GS1 awarded the Chinese General Hospital of People's Liberation Army (301 Hospital) with the GS1 Healthcare Award for the Provider Implementation Best Case Study.

General He Kunlun, Vice President and Mr Wang Jian, Director of the Office for Medical Matters from 301 Hospital were present to receive the award. 301 Hospital implemented GS1 standards internally in the processes of procurement, inventory management, administration, accounting management, track and trace, to manage logistics flows, data flow and bills flow. The project was developed by the hospital and a solution provider. The reduction of errors across the supply chain including a safe recall process is an important result. The hospital developed trainings for their staff and built a database of manufacturers and products to address the issue of how to scan the barcode and have the related information linked with GTINs. Being cardiologist, Mr He Kunlun understands the impact of the GS1 standards implementation in the clinical environment. Implementing also in the incident reporting system greatly simplified this process, increased the accuracy and received the recognition of Beijing FDA and China FDA. The implementation will extend to the system of MoH, FDA, Medical Insurance Bureau and all the stakeholders in the supply chain, to create a closed loop of business.



At the global GS1 Healthcare Conference in Bangkok Mr Jean-Michel Descoutures received from GS1 President Miguel Lopera the GS1 Healthcare Recognition Award.

As French hospital pharmacist Jean-Michel Descoutures is recognized a strong advocate for the implementation of GS1 standards in healthcare for pharmaceuticals and for medical devices, in the supply chain, for clinical use and with regulators. As a member of the International Hospital Federation IHF he is an important linking pin to the IHF and in conveying the GS1 message to the clinical communities. He was chief of the Pharmacy Department of Argenteuil hospital in France and since 2009 Jean-Michel is elected member of the French National Academy of Pharmacy. As he coordinates at Resah, one of the main hospital procurement hubs in France for over 70 hospitals, his understanding of GS1 standards in healthcare proves very useful as he is a great ambassador for the use of GS1 in healthcare in France and globally. For years Jean-Michel has been an elected and active member of the GS1 Healthcare Leadership Team. The jury decided to award Jean-Michel with the prestigious 'GS1 Healthcare Recognition Award' to appreciate the results of his work nationally and internationally.