Stryker Receives Top Supplier Awards From Novation

Stryker's Sustainability Solutions division announced today it has received two prestigious awards from the group purchasing organization Novation for supplier excellence. Novation named Stryker's reprocessing division Purchased Services Supplier of the Year and presented it with top honors in the category of Environmental Excellence. Stryker provided single-use medical device reprocessing and remanufacturing services to over 680 members served by Novation in 2012, helping them realize a total of $75 million in supply cost savings and divert over 2.3 million pounds of medical waste from landfills.

"At Novation, we partner with suppliers that embrace our purchasing philosophy of ensuring patient safety, environmental responsibility and cost-effectiveness to deliver total value to the members we serve," said David Gillan, Vice President of Sourcing Operations, Custom Contracting for Novation. "Our annual Supplier Summit allows us the opportunity to give special recognition to suppliers that offer the most value in these areas. Stryker's reprocessing programs deliver significant, measurable results to hospital members, helping us create a more sustainable model for healthcare delivery."

The members served by Novation (including members of VHA Inc., UHC, Children's Hospital Association and Provista) purchase a wide variety of reprocessed single-use medical devices from Stryker, including compression sleeves, EP catheters and laparoscopic devices. Reprocessing programs allow hospitals to reallocate their scarce resources to enhancing patient care through investments such as hiring more nurses or the purchase of much needed equipment.

"Our business is to enable hospitals and surgery centers to use their resources in a smarter way through next generation sustainable device solutions," said Kevin Liszewski, Vice President of Marketing and Corporate Accounts for Stryker Sustainability Solutions. "As Novation's nationally awarded full-service supplier for reprocessing services, we share and contribute to the financial and environmental goals of over 680 Novation-served alliance members every day. It's an honor to be recognized for the value we deliver through our strong partnership."

Novation is not alone in realizing the impact reprocessing can have on developing a more sustainable future for healthcare. Today, reprocessing programs are in use at the majority of U.S. News & World Report "Honor Roll" hospitals.

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