

Calling all SPD Departments: Might your magic number be 27?

Healthcare Purchasing News consistently and exclusively has recognized and honored central service/sterile processing and distribution departments for 26 consecutive years. Your department could be the 27th winner, but you won't know unless you nominate your team for HPN's 2019 CS/SPD Department of the Year award!

Entries will be evaluated on elements disclosed in writing or provided in the following 5 areas:

Customer service - How the department has handled supply processing and distribution for internal customers, including the operating room and nursing floors.

Productivity - How the department has increased output, improved service levels, and enhanced quality, cost savings, and patient benefits. Has use of technology helped contribute to productivity improvements?

Teamwork - How well department staff members work together; how they work to make the department greater than the sum of its parts.

Education and training - How well the department prepares staff members to do a safe, cost-effective, efficient job; how well it prepares members for career advancement.

Strategic outlook - Does the department have a strategic plan? What does it entail? What are its elements of innovation, creativity, and originality?

There are no limits on the length of your entry, but please provide quantitative support for any claims made.

A judging panel of respected SPD professionals from across the country, as well as selected SPD experts on our editorial advisory board and our *HPN* editorial staff and will evaluate each nomination.

For the nomination, highlight specific, measurable achievements and goals over the past year. Also include your name, telephone number, number of full-time equivalents, scope of responsibilities, and number of beds at the facility.

- Nomination must be original and exclusive to *HPN* and not have been submitted - either original or edited - to any other publication or online media outlet currently or within the previous year.
- GPO, distributor, manufacturer, software company and consultant support is commendable, but we're looking for internally driven details as well.

- All nominated organization must be willing to share information regarding surgical volumes, annual performance and production details including number of instruments processed.

Document your accomplishments and submit to editor@hpnonline.com.

Submission deadline is Monday, March 11, 2019.

The winning team will be featured as the cover story in *Healthcare Purchasing News* May 2019. There will also be an announcement and additional distribution at the 2019 IAHCMM conference in Anaheim, CA.

Read about last year's winner -

Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL, here: <https://www.hpnonline.com/advocate-christ-dream-team-pursues-spd-quality-march-zero-defects/>

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