The winner of the Provider Recognition Award is Kevin Capatch, Director of Supply Chain Technology and Process Engineering at Geisinger Health System, USA.

Kevin has been involved in GS1 Healthcare activities since 2010. He is a GS1 advocate, attending Global Conferences and has been a co-chair of GS1 US Healthcare work groups (GTIN/GDSN). Kevin also sits on GS1 US’ Community Advisory Board for Healthcare track development, recruiting speakers, traveling to venues to ensure its success. He has been key to the implementation of GS1 standards in his organization including GLN, GTIN and now GDSN. As a founding member of the US Healthcare Transformation Group he actively drives adoption of GS1 Standards and sharing best practices in the US including endorsing the GS1 Healthcare position paper. He is known for his passion about GS1 standards and the benefits in patient care and is a champion within his facility and amongst his healthcare colleagues to further promote adoption.
The winner of the Provider Implementation Case Study award is The Hong Kong Hospital Authority. Ms S. C. Chiang will receive the award on behalf of The Hong Kong Hospital Authority.

The case study details were comprehensive and well described, e.g. the GS1 elements (GTINs, GLNs, messages...); as were the implementation timelines, business benefits and achievements. They have adopted a full suite of GS1 Standards, built within an e-commerce framework; enabling sustainability, interoperability, advancement of innovation, adoption of automation, and most importantly the foundation for patient safety, and health system quality. Their adoption levels to date (across 41 hospitals) and roadmap plans are well on the path to critical mass adoption. This case study will be a role model for other countries to consider. But would require a high level of maturity with the use of GS1 standards and might therefore be out of the reach of many organisations.