

GS1 Healthcare Award Winners

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GS1 Provider Implementation Best Case Study – 26-28 March 2019



The 401 Athens General Military Hospital in Greece received the GS1 Provider Best Case Study Award for the implementation of GS1 standards in the hospital, which started in the operating rooms (OR).

On behalf of the hospital Sotiris Tsiafos-Tsiaras received the award at the 35th global GS1 Healthcare Conference. When in the second half of 2017 he was transferred to the Military Hospital, Sotiris brought his experience of the GS1 system, since he had successfully implemented GS1 standards in the pharmaceutical logistics department of the military supply chain, with great results for efficiency and safety. Being a military pharmacist and a traceability expert, Sotiris was appointed OR Traceability Project Manager. Challenges were identified, he set up a (short) timeline, clear deliverables and managed to achieve great support from the hospital staff, which greatly facilitated the implementation. This engagement adds to the results in efficiency, cost savings and patient safety, and is the great driver behind the further roll-out of the GS1 system to other departments, like the Cath. lab and radiology. The jury values this case on several aspects, among which the clear qualitative and quantitative results, the generated clinical involvement and the opportunities for replication.

GS1 Provider Recognition award - 26-28 March 2019



Dr. Chikayuki Ochiai received the GS1 Provider Recognition Award for his extensive and well recognized effort to further the implementation of the GS1 standards in healthcare in Japan and beyond.

Dr. Ochiai, a neurosurgeon by profession is recognized a great influencer in Japan. As CEO of the NTT Medical Centre in Tokyo in 2012 he led the implementation of GS1 standards for the traceability of surgical instruments, sharing the results with other hospitals. His efforts are appreciated by the Japanese ministry of Health. As national lecturer Dr. Ochiai shares the challenges and benefits of the GS1 standards in healthcare with many CEOs of Japanese hospitals, challenging them to start on this journey for patient safety and efficiency of care. In 2018 Dr. Ochiai chaired the Japanese National UDI-Conference and chairs the Japanese Medical Traceability Promotion Council, set up after the UDI-Conference. He is a great ambassador for the work in healthcare of GS1 Japan and in past years has presented the results of his work at many conferences. The jury recognized Dr. Ochiai for his great achievements for patient safety and cost-efficiency in healthcare, as well as the effect of his work on education of healthcare providers in Japan, the region and beyond.