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*Left to right: Cayla Nathaniel, Inventory Coordinator, Matt Palcich, Manager of Materials Management and Melanie Ehly, Central Supply Distribution Tech*

## Summit Pacific Wins Intalere Healthcare Achievement Award

*Recognized for outstanding operational improvements to ensure best-in-class healthcare delivery*

(ELMA, WA) – Summit Pacific has been recognized by Intalere, the healthcare industry leader in delivering optimal cost, quality and clinical outcomes, as an Intalere Healthcare Achievement Award winner in the category of Supply Chain Cost Efficiencies. Through this annual awards program, Intalere recognizes successful initiatives its members implement to enhance quality and operations, improve patient satisfaction and increase community awareness and education.

“In this era of disruptive change within the healthcare industry, it is more important than ever to not only recognize the successful initiatives that providers are implementing to enhance their services, patient outcomes and bottom line, but to also share these best practices with others in order that they too may be successful in their efforts as well,” said Julius Heil, Intalere president and CEO. “Our awards program does just that. And we feel strongly that in working together we can all make a powerful impact in this ever-changing industry.”

Summit Pacific Medical Center’s winning project, Supply Chain Transformation, involved a cross-functional team of supply chain staff and clinical experts to deliver high value, low cost supply chain improvements to clinical areas. “Small continuous changes throughout 2017 truly produced some outstanding long-term solutions,” noted Cayla Nathaniel, Inventory Coordinator at Summit Pacific. Through data analysis, real time dashboards and a system of monitoring and control, the team reduced supply levels while delivering a higher quality of service.

Some improvements included the repurposing of inventory rooms to clinical space adding an additional 3 exam rooms to SPMC departments, a net 30% reduction of inventory levels and a significant reduction in the amount of clinical staff time spent on materials management giving them more time with patients.

“We are honored to be recognized by Intalere for the on-going work we are doing to improve healthcare delivery within our organization,” said Josh Martin, CEO. “We are dedicated to making improvements that benefit our patients, employees and community, and appreciate the national recognition for these efforts.”

Two representatives from Summit Pacific will be presented with the award at a ceremony during Elevate 2018, which will be held May 20-23, in Orlando, Fla. The winning project will also be featured in a professional banner session and included in a best practices compendium.

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Summit Pacific Medical Center’s vision is “Through SummitCare, we will build the healthiest community in the Nation.” We passionately provide essential healthcare to all individuals of our community with an emphasis on quality, access and compassion. We are a Level IV Critical access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services. We also operate three rural healthcare clinics, an urgent care clinic and a virtual care clinic. To learn more about SPMC, visit [www.sp-mc.org](http://www.sp-mc.org).

Intalere’s mission focuses on improving the operational health of America’s healthcare providers by designing tailored, smart solutions that deliver optimal cost, quality and clinical outcomes. We strive to be the essential partner for operational excellence in healthcare through customized solutions that address customers’ individual needs. We assist our customers in managing their entire non-labor spend, providing innovative technologies, products and services, and leveraging the best practices of a provider-led model. As Intalere draws on the power of our owner Intermountain Healthcare’s nationally-recognized supply chain expertise and leadership in technology, process improvement, and evidence-based clinical and business best practices, we are uniquely positioned to be the innovation leader in the healthcare industry. Visit [www.intalere.com](http://www.intalere.com) to learn more.