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Summit Pacific Wins Intalere Healthcare Achievement Award

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

(ELMA, WA) – Summit Pacific Medical Center has been recognized by Intalere, formerly Amerinet, as an Intalere Healthcare Achievement Award winner in the category of Supply Chain/Data Management or Supply 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.

“The achievement awards truly illustrate the essence of the new Intalere brand,” said Brent Johnson, Intalere president and CEO. “Customized solutions, in supply chain and other areas, that showcase innovative products, services and technologies, and the best practices of progressive healthcare providers.”

SPMC’s winning project, “Reducing Supply and Service Cost through Collaboration and Management Involvement” stemmed from the realization that the facility needed to implement centralized purchasing, just in time inventory management, better group purchasing contract utilization and rural hospital networking. The work involved creating a Collaborative Purchasing Managers Committee, consisting of 13 rural healthcare facilities from throughout Washington State. The outcomes were beyond expectation and resulted in 49% savings on facility service contracts, 38% savings in lab reagent agreements and an ongoing savings of 10-15% on IT purchases. The first savings roadmap resulted in 52% annual savings opportunities for the group.

“We are honored to be recognized by Intalere for the work we have done to improve healthcare delivery at our facility,” said Carrie Wetzels, Purchasing Manager. “At Summit Pacific, we pride ourselves on looking at all aspects of our business, including our purchasing practices, to identify ways we can continue to improve operations. We are dedicated to remaining a sustainable source of healthcare for our community and appreciate the national recognition of our efforts.”

Two representatives from SPMC will be presented with the award at a ceremony, which will be held during the 2016 Intalere Member Conference, May 17-20, in Las Vegas, Nev. The winning project will also be featured in a professional banner session and included in a best practices compendium.

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About Summit Pacific Medical Center: Summit Pacific Medical Center is a Critical Access Hospital with a level IV Trauma Designation. We offer 24-hour emergency services including a full service laboratory and diagnostic imaging department. We also operate three rural healthcare clinics and an urgent care clinic that is open seven days a week. Our hospital is unique due to our size and accessibility. We pride ourselves on our low emergency department wait times and our ability to give patients access to a doctor quickly. Learn more at summitpacificmedicalcenter.org.

About Intalere: 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 to learn more.