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Amerinet Announces Winners of 2008 Supplier and Choice Awards

St. Louis, Mo. (June 2, 2009)- Amerinet, a leading national group purchasing organization for the healthcare industry, announced the winners of its 2008 supplier and Amerinet Choice awards at its recent Member Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

Each year, Amerinet recognizes its suppliers for delivering quality products and services to healthcare providers across the nation.

“Amerinet maximizes our supplier partnerships, providing products and services that place a premium on contract utilization and compliance, growth in market share, market penetration and volume movement,” said Dale Wright, Amerinet’s senior vice president of contracting and president, Amerinet Choice. “Through the Amerinet supplier awards, we recognize our suppliers’ superior efforts in delivering high-performance supply chain and workforce solutions to our members.”

Amerinet’s 2008 Supplier Performance award winners are:

Covidien Surgical Devices – Manufacturer over \$25 Million in Amerinet Sales Volume

Covidien Surgical Devices is a leading manufacturer of medical devices and supplies, diagnostic imaging agents and pharmaceuticals.

Medtronic USA – Manufacturer under \$25 Million in Amerinet Sales Volume

Medtronic USA is the global leader in medical technology, developing and manufacturing products and therapies with emphasis on providing a complete continuum of care to diagnose, prevent and monitor chronic conditions.

AmerisourceBergen – Distributor over \$25 Million in Amerinet Sales Volume

AmerisourceBergen is one of the world’s largest pharmaceutical services companies serving the United States, Canada and selected global markets.

Henry Schein – Distributor under \$25 Million Amerinet Sales Volume

Henry Schein is the largest distributor of healthcare products and services to office-based practitioners in the combined North American and European markets, with a focus on physician and dental practices and laboratories.

Verizon Wireless – Service over \$25 Million in Amerinet Sales Volume

Verizon Wireless operates the nation’s most reliable and largest wireless voice and data network, serving more than 80 million customers.

UPS – Service Under \$25 Million in Amerinet Sales Volume

UPS is the world’s largest package delivery company and a global leader in supply chain and freight services.

Niche Supplier Award

The Niche Award winner was **TransMotion Medical**, an innovative medical products company focused on manufacturing and distributing specialty multipurpose treatment and transport chairs.

Amerinet Choice Award

Hospitals and alternate care sites nationwide utilize Amerinet Choice to realize direct and immediate savings on a variety of products. Manufactured by market-leading suppliers, these products meet or exceed FDA and industry standards and help members save an average of 20 percent across the portfolio and earn rebates.

The Amerinet Choice Award was presented to two supplier partners—**Baxter Healthcare Corp.** for pharmacy and **Sage Products** for manufacturer.

Baxter Healthcare Corp. manufactures and markets products that save and sustain lives around the world. Baxter assists healthcare professionals and their patients with the treatment of complex medical conditions.

An interventional patient hygiene company, **Sage Products** develops and provides medical devices to healthcare providers worldwide.

Amerinet also recognized members for contract utilization achievement through Amerinet Choice. Honorees included:

Top Ten Member for Contract Utilization

Big Sky Surgery Center	Missoula	AZ
Olympic Medical Center	Port Angeles	WA
Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital	Montevideo	MN
St. Alexius Medical Center	Bismark	ND
Shriners Hospital for Children - Northern Cal.	Sacramento	CA
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital	Salinas	CA
Virginia Mason Medical Center	Seattle	WA
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center	Bloomington	IL
Northbay Health Care	Fairfield	CA

Primary Children's Medical Center	Salt Lake City	UT
The Washington Hospital	Washington	PA

Million Dollar Club

Loma Linda University Medical Center	Loma Linda	CA
Utah Valley Regional Medical Center	Provo	UT
McKay-Dee Hospital Center	Ogden	UT
Virginia Mason Medical Center	Seattle	WA
Community Hospital	Munster	IN
OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center	Rockford	IL
Primary Children's Medical Center	Salt Lake City	UT
Yavapai Community Hospital	Prescott	AZ
Medical Center of LA New Orleans Charity	New Orleans	LA

Two Million Dollar Club

Flagstaff Medical Center	Flagstaff	AZ
LDS Hospital	Salt Lake City	UT

Three Million Dollar Club

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center	Peoria	IL
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Four Million Dollar Club

St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center	Syracuse	NY
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“We commend these top achievers and all the Amerinet suppliers who share our vision and commitment to provide unique and cost efficient, quality solutions,” said Randy Walter, Amerinet’s executive vice president of contracting, enterprise solutions, Inquisit and marketing.

About Amerinet

As a leading national group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with healthcare providers to reduce costs and improve quality. Through its Total Spend Management solutions and operational performance improvement programs, tools and services, Amerinet assists members in their efforts to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and create new revenue streams. Supported by a team of clinical, data and supply chain experts, Amerinet offers a comprehensive portfolio of product and service contracts to address members’ specific needs. Amerinet serves acute and alternate care site healthcare providers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.