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# National Innovation Award Recognition

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Recently at the 2015 Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) meeting, The University of Tennessee Medical Center received the “Most Innovative Use Case” award from the Intelligent Health Association as the best example of innovative use of technology in a healthcare facility.

The award was a result of a partnership between UT Medical Center and DeRoyal Industries, an international medical equipment manufacturer and distributor. For the past year, UT Medical Center used Continuum®OR, a DeRoyal system, to track supplies via wireless technology instead of manual entry. Radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags were utilized to locate and track the movement of items in and out of orthopaedic operating rooms at the medical center.

“As a result of this type of innovative automation, UT Medical Center has seen advancements relative to patient safety, automated inventory, and surgical supply availability,” said Becky Ashin, vice president of the Advanced Orthopaedic Center at UT Medical Center. “We are honored to be recognized as a leader in innovation.”

According to Ashin, UT Medical Center placed first and was recognized among other national healthcare leaders including The University of Pittsburg Medical Center, The University of Chicago Medicine, and The Ochsner Health System.

