



# Announcement

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## **Gartner Announces Winners of the 2014 Supply Chainnovators and Healthcare Supply Chainnovators Awards**

*Winners Announced at Gartner Supply Chain Executive Summit in Phoenix, Arizona*

PHOENIX, AZ., May 22, 2014 — Gartner, Inc. has announced the winners of the 2014 Supply Chainnovator and Healthcare Supply Chainnovator Awards. The four winners across three categories are as follows:

### **Supply Chainnovator:**

SanDisk – Overhauling Buyer Planner Roles for Major Operational Impact

CooperVision – Building Flexibility and Responsiveness into the Supply Chain Organization

### **Healthcare Supply Chainnovator:**

*Healthcare Manufacturer:* Cook Medical – Building collaborative relationships with a dedicated Supply Chain Improvement Team (SCIT)

*Healthcare Provider:* Mercy ROi – Pioneering Spinal Implant Distribution

Through the Supply Chainnovator awards program, Gartner recognizes supply chain innovation and impact delivered by supply chain organizations. These innovations must meet the threshold of impactful, sustainable, unconventional, collaborative and measurable, and participants must be willing to share with the broader supply chain community lessons learned and how results were achieved. The goal is to recognize innovative approaches to supply chain excellence that result in a step change in business performance. The winners were selected by a panel of judges that consisted of Gartner analysts.

“The 2014 winners all shared the common bond of taking risks and breaking new ground in supply chain performance to benefit customers and broad sets of stakeholders,” said Dana Stiffler, research vice-president at Gartner.

The identification of a Gartner award winner or finalist is not an endorsement by Gartner of any vendor, product or service.

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The Gartner Supply Chain Executive Conference is the world's most important gathering of supply chain leaders. The event features analysts specializing in all supply chain disciplines and offers an unrivaled resource for chief supply chain officers and their supply chain leadership teams when it comes to advice and expertise, and a platform for the informed and provocative debate that is essential to raising the bar on supply chain performance. For more information on both conference locations, visit [gartner.com/events/supplychain](http://gartner.com/events/supplychain).

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