

Carestream Health Awarded Prestigious Shingo Prize for Manufacturing Excellence



Carestream Health was awarded The Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence, a prestigious honor bestowed upon only a select few leading manufacturing organizations each year.

Dubbed “The Nobel Prize of manufacturing” by *Business Week*, The Shingo Prize is recognized as the highest honor in North America for the application of “lean manufacturing” processes to achieve operational excellence.

Lean manufacturing practices are used to optimize customer value by delivering goods and services with higher quality and fewer defects, with fewer resources and within shorter timelines than traditional systems of mass production.

Carestream Health’s Guadalajara, Mexico and Colorado manufacturing facilities were awarded two out of the top three Shingo Prize honors for 2008. The company’s Guadalajara plant received first honors as recipient of the Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence, while the Colorado facility took third honors as recipient of the Shingo Bronze Medallion. Both facilities will be recognized in an awards ceremony at the 20th Annual Shingo Prize Conference in Dallas.

“The 2008 Recipients have proven themselves as leaders in lean manufacturing and all their supporting business processes,” said Bob Miller, Shingo Prize Executive Director.

“Lean manufacturing methodology is all about working smart and doing more with less,” said Ralph Olney, General Manager of Global Manufacturing, Carestream Health. “The skilled employees working at our Guadalajara and Colorado manufacturing facilities take these mantras to heart. We are honored to have their fine work recognized by such a prestigious, cross-industry signpost for operational excellence.”

Carestream Health’s Guadalajara and Colorado Converting facilities produce finished packages of Medical Imaging Films for sale globally.