

Executive Award Nomination

As a member of the [REDACTED] business community, my choice for the [REDACTED] 2019 Innovator of the Year was an obvious one. For almost two decades, my friend and colleague [REDACTED] has been a passionate innovator in healthcare IT. His accomplishments in leadership are impressive and diverse - he's implemented more than 300 enterprise-wide initiatives that amassed almost \$90 million, managed and mentored large (135+ member) teams, and has patents pending for innovative devices that bridge the gap between the patient experience and technology use.

The vast diversity of his accomplishments belies a single, unified principle that is his mission: to push the envelope of what's technologically possible in order to improve the patient experience, reduce costs, and improve overall outcomes within the ever-changing healthcare environment.

As the Senior Director of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is shaking up the industry. He and his team are developing a host of technologies that are poised to be game-changers - not just in dentistry, but in medicine as a whole. Their groundbreaking AI product (set to launch in September of 2019) will identify up to 55 pathologies and offer care plans for its findings, ensuring a comprehensive approach to patient care.

[REDACTED]'s innovative leadership style is rooted in the Japanese concept of "going to the gemba" - getting out of the lab/conference room and into the arena where the real work happens, where patients receive care. That's why he spends roughly a third of his time observing the interactions between patients and providers in the field, where his most visionary ideas are sparked.

Because his team is constantly inspired by his leadership, enthusiasm, and creativity, and because of the expansive scope of his significant business accomplishments, it's my honor to nominate [REDACTED] as 2019's Innovator of the Year.