

Global Blood Resources LLC

The Hemobag[®] – The most efficient and risk free way to salvage autologous whole blood in cardiac surgery

Global Blood Resources LLC WINS GOLD CONNECTICUT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD (CQIA) INNOVATION PRIZE

Somers, CT – 18 July, 2006 - Global Blood Resources LLC has been chosen by the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award (CQIA) examiners to receive a gold level CQIA Innovation Prize.

The CQIA award will be presented at the Annual Conference on Quality and Innovation on October 20, 2006 in Westbrook, CT. For 19 years the CQAI Partnership has recognized Connecticut organizations that excel in implementing quality improvements linked to innovation, performance excellence, and business success. This year the CQAI Partnership received 97 Innovation Prize applications.

Global Blood Resources won a gold award for the development of its innovative health care product, The Hemobag[®]. The Hemobag[®] is a new type of blood salvage device that enables recovery and enhancement of a patient's own blood during surgery and minimizes exposure to donated blood and its associated risks. "We are honored to receive the CQAI Innovation Prize," said Windsor resident Keith Samolyk, President and CEO of Global Blood Resources. "The award validates our commitment to improving the patient's surgical outcome by reducing the transfusion of blood bank products with their associated problems and exponential costs."

About Global Blood Resources

Global Blood Resources LLC (www.mybloodfirst.com) is a health care company founded by a perfusionist in response to ongoing concerns about the safety of the blood supply. The Hemobag[®] allows the salvage, concentration and re-infusion of the patient's own whole blood containing platelets, clotting factors, important plasma proteins, as well as red blood cells, thereby helping to stabilize heart surgery patients and prevent bleeding.

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About the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership

The Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership is an active partnership among the private sector, state and municipal governments, and the educational community, which annually sponsors a three-tiered awards program that recognizes organizations for their accomplishments. The three award levels – CQIA Innovation Prize, CT Breakthrough Quality Award, and CT Leadership Award – prepare organizations to achieve the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for Performance Excellence. Contact Sheila Carmine at (203)-322-9534 or www.ctqualityaward.org for more information.