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Pennsylvania Bio Names Finalists for 2013 Patient Impact Award

-Winner to be announced March 12 at PA Bio Annual Dinner-

WAYNE, PA-- Pennsylvania Bio, the statewide trade association representing Pennsylvania's life science industry, announced today the three finalists for its 2013 Patient Impact Award. This year's finalists are:

- Actuated Medical Inc.
- OraSure Technologies, Inc.
- University of Pennsylvania/Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

The winner of the Patient Impact Award will be announced at Pennsylvania Bio's Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration March 12 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania Bio's Patient Impact Award recognizes a medicine, therapy, device or organization that has made a significant contribution to the quality of health care or length of life of patients in 2013. Eligible organizations include medical device, diagnostic, pharmaceutical, biotechnology companies or academic institutions with significant operations in Pennsylvania.

"As an industry, we are constantly motivated by patients," said Christopher P. Molineaux, President & CEO of Pennsylvania Bio. "The Patient Impact Award recognizes a company or organization that has played a significant role in the lives of patients and any one of the finalists is a deserving winner."

Actuated Medical Inc./TubeClear®

Actuated Medical's TubeClear® is an innovative in-patient tube clearing system for feeding and decompression tubes that is designed, developed and manufactured in Pennsylvania. Their patented technology uses proprietary mechanical motion that clears clogs while the tube remains in-patient. TubeClear® helps clinicians rapidly clear feeding tubes without the expense and risk of tube replacement. Aside from saving a 500 bed hospital up to \$243K a year, it eliminates the discomfort of removing and replacing the patient's feeding tube. With recent FDA clearances, TubeClear® is poised to make a true difference to patient care.

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OraSure Technologies/OraQuick® In-Home HIV Test & OraQuick® HCV Rapid Antibody Test

OraQuick® is the first FDA-approved oral swab in-home test for HIV-1 and HIV-2. OraQuick® is an oral swab test that doesn't require blood and is based on the same HIV test that healthcare professionals have used since 2004. The OraQuick® In-Home HIV test provides a new option for HIV testing that enables consumers to test for HIV and receive their results in the privacy of their own home. Since its launch, over 300,000 OraQuick® test kits have been sold. The OraQuick® HCV Rapid Antibody test is the nation's first and only FDA-approved rapid Hepatitis C (HCV) test. The simple platform enables healthcare providers to deliver an accurate diagnosis in 20 minutes. Detection through rapid HCV testing will help patients who may be unaware they are infected with HCV.

University of Pennsylvania/Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Teams of scientists at the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) have brought renewed hope to leukemia patients as well as cancer patients everywhere with extraordinary results from their innovative cancer-killing treatment that uses modified versions of patients' own immune cell to attach to their tumors. The Penn/CHOP immune therapy partnership is led at Penn by Carl H. June, MD and by Stephan A. Grupp, MD, PhD. at CHOP. In December 2013, Dr. Grupp presented the outcomes and follow-up results of an immunotherapy clinical trial for pediatric and adult patients, showing 24 of 27 patients (89%) experienced complete responses within 28 days after treatment. The results have led to an exclusive global research and licensing agreement between the University of Pennsylvania and pharmaceutical company Novartis.

Pennsylvania Bio's Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration is the region's most anticipated and highly attended event for top life science professionals and business executives. For more information on the annual dinner and to purchase tickets, please visit the [Annual Dinner Website](#)

About Pennsylvania Bio

Pennsylvania Bio is the state-wide trade association for the life sciences in Pennsylvania and serves as a catalyst to ensure Pennsylvania is the global leader in the life-sciences by creating a cohesive community that unites our biotechnology, medical device, diagnostic, pharmaceutical, research, and financial strengths. More information is available at <http://www.pabio.org>.

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