

# WEST MIDLANDS MED TECH AWARD WINNERS REVEALED



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Three influential firms from the West Midlands have been honoured in the regional Health Business Awards, for their impressive impact on the UK's healthcare market.

Birmingham's Safe Patient Systems and Maverick TV scooped top awards for Growth and Partnership with the NHS at the event, hosted by industry support specialists, Medilink West Midlands, while Bromsgrove-based Kimal won the competitive Innovation category as well as being highly commended for its Partnership with academia. All three companies will now go forward to Medilink's national awards in the New Year.

Nearly 200 people in the health technology market attended the awards at the fifth annual MedTech Confer, one of the biggest industry events in the UK. Renowned broadcaster and presenter Vivienne Parry, who compared the event, congratulated the achievements of the region's businesses: "The shortlisted and award-winning companies in this list have made significant achievements in the face of the worst recession in living memory, set against scandals in the financial and political worlds. They steered a course through all that and their achievements are all the more impressive for it."

The winner of the Outstanding Growth award, Safe Patient Systems, was praised for its mobile telehealth solution, which allows healthcare professionals to remotely monitor patients' conditions and has enabled the company to nearly double its turnover and secure a large contract with NHS Bristol. Maverick TV won the award for Partnership with Academia or NHS for its collaborative work on bringing NHS Local to citizens and the NHS workforce. Kimal won for its innovative work within a Knowledge Transfer Partnership with Aston University, to make portable dialysis possible, improve patient choice and create better outcomes, ultimately supporting the Government's ambitious target of increasing in-home dialysis to 15% by 2015.

A special award for service to industry was also presented to Chris Ramsden for his very pivotal contribution to the establishment of the West Midlands medical technology cluster. Medilink WM's CEO Tony Davis commented: "Chris is an industrial engineer, ergonomist, biomedical engineer, and has more than 60 professional qualifications. But it is his grounding within industry and unique ability to forge paths for technical companies to get their products to market that qualified him for this special recognition."