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**CooperSurgical Announces Winners of the 2009 SpotLight AwardsSM
Program Honoring Ob/Gyns for Their Contributions to Surgical
Education**

*Four Clinicians Have Received Recognition for Their Part in Developing Video
Documentation of Surgical Techniques for Physician Education*

TRUMBULL, CONN., December 2, 2009 -- CooperSurgical today announced the winners of the 2009 SpotLight Awards program which is designed to honor Ob/Gyns for advancing surgical education among their peers. The program provides an opportunity for surgeons to share their best practices while helping other clinicians perfect their techniques.

Participating surgeons submitted a video during which they used the Lone Star Retractor SystemTM, a CooperSurgical product, during the procedure. Four videos were selected by an independent judging panel to receive the awards this year.

Criteria used in the judging process were based on surgical technique and educational value. The winning physicians and the procedures they performed are as follows:

- Peter L. Rosenblatt, MD Management of Large Vesicovaginal Fistula with Prolapse
- Robert D. Moore, DO and
 John R. Miklos, MD Mini Arc® Sling Procedure
- Robert D. Moore, DO Anterior Apical Prolapse Repair
- R. Edward Varner Jr., MD Posterior Vaginal Vault Prolapse Repair

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Winners were presented with the SpotLight Award and received \$2,000 for their work.

Winning videos are posted on the CooperSurgical YouTube Channel and can also be accessed through the SpotLight Awards page at www.coopersurgical.com/spotlight.

“We were delighted with the response we received from the medical community for the inauguration of the SpotLight Awards program,” says Cheryl Bogardus, Vice-President of Marketing at CooperSurgical. “The strong participation we received demonstrates the passion and dedication of the physicians to improving health care for women. We look forward to even greater participation during the 2010 program as more surgeons see the value of the program. The more quality content we can provide on our YouTube Channel, the greater our service to the medical community.”

The purpose of hosting the SpotLight Awards program is to develop a readily accessible central video reference library of common gynecologic surgical procedures, performed using standards of good medical practice. Each call for entries focuses on a different set of medical procedures using CooperSurgical products.

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