



Sound Physicians CEO and President, Robert Bessler, M.D., Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Pacific Northwest Award Finalist

Tacoma, WA – May 9, 2011 – [Sound Physicians](#), today announced that its CEO and President, Robert Bessler, M.D, is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Pacific Northwest Award finalist.

According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Bessler was selected as a finalist from nearly 90 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 10, 2011 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers.

“It’s an honor to receive this award and the recognition for Sound Physicians,” said Robert Bessler, MD, who founded Sound Physicians in 2001. “This award acknowledges the dedication and contributions of our entire team of physicians, nurses and support colleagues and their entrepreneurial spirit as they work to innovate and drive performance in the inpatient setting.

Sound Physicians is a leading provider of hospitalist services with more than 45 acute care partners and more than 30 skilled nursing and long-term acute care partners. Sound Physicians’ performance management focus is based on a partnership with healthcare providers to measurably improve patient outcomes and strengthen the performance of the hospitals it serves. Sound Physicians accomplishes this through implementation of key clinical processes combined with a proprietary technology workflow solution as well as outstanding physician training and leadership.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year overall National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 12, 2011. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies, which will be held November 9–13, 2011.

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About Sound Physicians

Sound Physicians is a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and efficiency of inpatient health care delivery. By investing deeply in outstanding physicians, implementing clinical process excellence and developing proprietary workflow and informatics technology, Sound Physicians is defining hospital medicine. Sound Physicians seamlessly partners with healthcare providers to measurably enhance patient outcomes and strengthen hospital performance. To learn more visit: www.soundphysicians.com.

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