UBM Canon, the Global MedTech Authority, and the Medical Design Excellence Awards Honored Dr. Thomas Fogarty with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award

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UBM Canon's Medical Design Excellence Awards (MDEA), the industry's premier awards ceremony for medical device design and innovation, honored Dr. Thomas Fogarty with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award for his vast accomplishments in the medical device industry. Dean Kamen, an inventor, an entrepreneur, and advocate for science and technology, presented Dr. Fogarty with the award last month in Philadelphia, PA.

(Photo: http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20120615/LA25132) (Logo: http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20101214/LA16070LOGO) "The 2012 Medical Design Excellence Awards ceremony was a momentous event," stated Heather Thompson, Editor in Chief, Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry. "Having two medical pioneers on hand with us was both an honor and a privilege. I thank both of them for joining us in celebrating the medical device industry's immense accomplishments." Dr. Fogarty's has founded or co-founded more than 33 medical companies and holds 150 patents on surgical instruments, among them is the Fogarty balloon embolectomy catheter which revolutionized vascular surgery. Dean Kamen, a man worthy of the Lifetime Achievement Award himself, has more than 440 U.S. and foreign patents and invented the first wearable infusion pump and the first wearable insulin pump for diabetes.

"In my early days, Dr. Fogarty was kind of the poster child for an innovator in technology and now that I have gotten to know him over the years, he deserves that reputation," stated Mr. Kamen on the MD&M show floor before the MDEA ceremony on May 23, 2012. "I'm particularly excited to help recognize him for his enormous contributions." While presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award, Mr. Kamen continued to show his appreciation of Dr. Fogarty, "Dr. Fogarty, I'm not sure who gets the bigger honor; you for getting the award or me for getting to give it to you." Dr. Fogarty humbly accepted the award and took time to thank the patients. In front of a full capacity audience of medical device professionals he stated, "Probably the real hero of innovation of the medical device industry and drug industry are our patients. Those are the ones willing to take a risk and allow us to evaluate new technology and new drugs in themselves." Before the MDEA ceremony began, Dr. Fogarty and Mr. Kamen participated in a Q&A panel led by Maria Fontanazza, Managing Editor of Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry. The two innovators answered questions regarding the ingredients for successful innovation, the FDA commissioner's role, and the current state of innovation in the United States in front of a live audience.

To view the full list of 2012 winners, please click here.

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