

## **Sligo facility recognized with premier prize for operational excellence and driving world-class results for its enteral nutrition feeding devices**

ABBOTT PARK, Illinois, December 20, 2017 – Abbott has been awarded the [Shingo Prize](#) for its nutrition manufacturing facility in [Sligo, Ireland](#). The Shingo Prize is based on a comprehensive assessment of an organization's culture and recognizes its pursuit of excellence. This international award for excellence is awarded by the Shingo Institute at the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University.

The Shingo Prize recognizes a manufacturing site's journey to continually improve through the use of tools and systems and is, by design, one of the most rigorous in the world. It aims to recognize plants that have a culture of excellence that has delivered sustainable results year after year.

The nutrition facility in Sligo joins two other Abbott manufacturing sites in earning the Shingo Prize, and is one of only eleven facilities worldwide to have received the prestigious award in the last few years. Abbott's vascular manufacturing site in Clonmel, Ireland received the Shingo Prize in 2014 and Abbott's diagnostics manufacturing site in Longford, Ireland received the Shingo Prize in 2016. These external awards recognise Abbott's commitment to delivering innovative, high-quality products that help people live better.

Abbott's Sligo facility, which manufactures nutrition feeding devices for people with special dietary needs due to injury or illnesses, was established in 1974 and is an international leader in creating enteral nutrition feeding devices and management of enteral feeding pumps. Enteral feeding (also known as tube feeding) is a means of providing nutrition to people who cannot obtain nutrition orally.

Over the years the site has transformed to a fully automated operation, which houses state-of-the-art automated manufacturing lines. In addition to the manufacturing facility, the site has developed into Abbott's Nutrition Devices Centre of Excellence, with responsibility for all aspects of international enteral pump management.

“Abbott is delighted to have received this prestigious award on behalf of all our employees and our customers. Through a relentless focus on world-class performance, our organization has been able to deliver outstanding and sustainable results for our customers and the patients we serve,” said Sean O' Hara, Sligo site director. “We are proud to be honored and recognized in such a way. This award is a true

testament to the great work our employees do to create products such as FreeGo<sup>®</sup> and Gravity<sup>®</sup> each and every day.&quot;

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