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U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Sergeant Wins Award

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Federal Laboratory Consortium this year presented the Regional Excellence in Technology Transfer Award to Army Staff Sergeant Eric Smeed, NCOIC, Physical Therapy Clinic, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR) for his work on “Special Medical Emergency Evacuation Device.”

The device is an advanced, critical care platform (stretcher) that facilitates comfortable, safe and simultaneous transport of victims and supporting medical equipment. It mounts anywhere on a standard NATO litter and with two pins and special brackets can hold portable medical equipment, including a ventilator, suction, monitor, infusion pump, power supply and steel and carbon-fiber oxygen cylinders. The platform speeds up patient transfer as the injured soldier moves from the battlefield to the battalion aid station and on to higher echelons of care. The new and improved critical care platform is utilized by the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps because it’s lighter, more adaptable and simply easy to use in emergency evacuation situations. They have been employed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan and are likely to find their uses in the world of civilian first responders.

One of the most coveted awards in the field of technology transfer, the FLC awards for Excellence in Technology Transfer recognize laboratory employees who have accomplished outstanding work in the process of transferring Federally-developed technology to the marketplace. The award was made on September 15 at the region’s annual meeting.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium is comprised of the technology transfer offices of all of the Federal laboratories throughout the country while its Mid-Atlantic Region focuses on the 70 Federal laboratories in DC, DE, MD, PA, VA and WV.