

## *Media Release*

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### **Ventana Honored in The Congressional Record for Leadership in Patient Safety**

TUCSON, Ariz. Ventana Medical Systems, Inc. ([Ventana](#)), a Member of the Roche Group, announced today that it was honored on the floor of the United States House of Representatives for leadership in cancer diagnostics that improves patient safety.

The presentation of a framed copy of *The Congressional Record* took place at 4:00 PM at the Ventana Oro Valley campus on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Accepting the award was Mara G. Aspinall, President, Ventana Medical Systems, Inc.

*The Congressional Record* entry, issued in honor of National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, stated: "...the leading global provider of such patient-focused, tissue-based cancer diagnosis is Ventana Medical Systems, Inc., headquartered in southern Arizona's eighth congressional district. Their mantra underscores the mission of every medical laboratory: deliver the right patient results in a timely manner."

The statement was made by **Representative Bruce Braley of Iowa** on behalf of U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords while she was away from Washington recovering from her injuries.



*Ventana team accepting the award.  
Pictured from left to right: Angie Cahill, Mark Kimble, Mike Sullivan, Ron Barber, Mike Rivers, Mara Aspinall, Pete Bantock, and Adrian Ralph*

Presenting the award to Ventana were Ron Barber, former District Director for Arizona Congressional District 8 and Mark Kimble, Communications Director for the district.



*Angie Cahill, Mike Rivers, and Pete Bantock demonstrate Digital Pathology Workflow to Mark Kimble*

"It was important to the congresswoman that companies, like Ventana, be recognized publicly for the good work you do," said Mr. Barber as he and Mr. Kimble presented the award.

In accepting the award, Ms. Aspinall remarked, "This award is a reflection of the important work done by our phenomenal team here at Ventana. Our instruments and reagents not only guarantee the speedy delivery of results but also minimize the risk of contamination by other patient samples. Patients can be assured that their results are, in fact, their results."

The award will be put on display in the lobby of Ventana headquarters in Oro Valley, AZ.

**About Ventana Medical Systems, Inc.**

Ventana Medical Systems, Inc. (“VMSI”) (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY), a member of the Roche Group, innovates and manufactures instruments and reagents that automate tissue processing and slide staining for cancer diagnostics. VENTANA solutions are used in clinical histology and drug development research laboratories worldwide. The company’s intuitive, integrated staining, workflow management platforms, and digital pathology solutions optimize laboratory efficiencies to reduce errors, support diagnosis and inform treatment decisions for anatomic pathology professionals. Together with Roche, VMSI is driving Personalized Healthcare through accelerated drug discovery and the development of “companion diagnostics” to identify the patients most likely to respond favorably to specific therapies. Visit [www.ventana.com](http://www.ventana.com) to learn more.

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