

Darko Spoljaric is a nationally recognized expert and leader in the field of designing and installing high technology integrated digital operating rooms (ORs). Since being the lead designer of the first integrated Minimally Invasive Surgical (MIS) suites in 1993, Mr. Spoljaric has pursued a career in creating multi-function ORs with advanced technologies that enable surgical teams to work effectively in highly efficient and ergonomic environments. Over the last 16 years, he has developed technologies that are used worldwide by surgeons and nurses. His user-friendly and clinically relevant OR technologies have been revolutionary *firsts* in the industry. A prime example was his creation in 1999 of the Nurse's Assistant® touch screen OR control system, the first system of its kind to be used clinically, and the industry concept standard today.



As of 2007, Mr. Spoljaric was Vice President of ConMed Integrated Systems, a division of ConMed Linvatec. His technological and clinical contributions included high-definition (HD) endoscopic video, HD flat screen monitors, and integration control systems. Mr. Spoljaric actively continued to consult on designs of new MIS suites and other patient care projects throughout the U.S. and Canada, reviewing and auditing projects for clinical and patient ergonomics, efficiency, and technical relevance and expandability.

As a visionary strategist, Mr. Spoljaric has led two medical companies through explosive growth in the face of limited resources and tough competitive environments. By employing an entrepreneurial philosophy, he conceived, developed, and executed strategies and initiatives that drove revenue, growth, competitive market positioning, profitability, and shareholder value. Mr. Spoljaric has the natural ability to develop collaborative and coordinated actions among cross-functional teams. He brings together disparate areas of the business from sales to marketing and engineering to solve complex problems and achieve shared goals. He has excellent presentation skills, and is greatly experienced in addressing diverse audiences at large-scale meetings.

### Career Highlights

- 1993 Designed and installed the first integrated MIS suites with centralized nurse controls
- 1997 Designed and installed the first head-out adult and pediatric PACU system
- 1998 Designed and installed the first integrated boom products and nurse control station
- 1999 Designed and installed the first digital ORs incorporating digital imaging and touch screen control technology
- 2000 Launched the first integrated digital ORs using all flat screen monitors and a touch screen control system
- 2002 Launched the first total solution OR integration company – design, booms, lights, and integration systems
- 2004 Designed and installed the first permission-based integrated conferencing system with HIPAA compliance
- 2006 Achieved divisional ISO 13485:2003 Quality System certification by TÜV America
- 2007 Launched *spoljaric consulting* providing strategic and tactical consulting in medical integration technology
- 2010 Awarded an MBA, University of Washington Foster School of Business, North American Executive Program

### Quoted Articles & Speaking Forums

- “New Operating Rooms Built to Adapt to Change” – *OR Manager*, May 1999
- “AORN 2000: Perioperative Nurses Spy Futuristic Surgical Suites” – *Nurses.com*, April 2000
- “Planning for Upgradable ORs” – *OR Manager*, December 2001
- “OR Design: the Integrated OR” – *Managing Today's OR Suite* national conference presenter, October 2002
- “Technology and the Integrated OR” – *Managing Today's OR Suite* national conference presenter, October 2003
- “Suite Success: Integrated Operating Rooms up the Ante” – *Healthcare Purchasing News*, August 2005

### Affiliations & Professional Memberships

- American Heart Association Board – Portland & SW Washington
- Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)
- Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology (CIMIT)
- Oregon Entrepreneurs Network