



Medical Innovation Center Fellows Receive Two Accolades

In April 2009, the Medical Innovation Center Fellows participated in the Entrepreneur Boot Camp sponsored by Ann Arbor Spark. They presented a “business case” for a product they have developed under the company name of Tangent Medical. Given their performance at the event, they were selected as one of the five teams to present at the final celebration of The Best of Bootcamp on May 7, 2009.

Additionally, they were awarded Ann Arbor Spark’s **\$5,000 Business Accelerator Award**:

“We selected the Tangent team for the \$5,000 Business Accelerator Award because of their performance at Boot Camp.

First, they were a great TEAM; their Drill Instructor (David Olson) and I saw a dedicated and talented team who while inexperienced learned quickly.

Second, they understood the customer, their problem/pain and created a solution rather than inventing technology and looking for a problem to solve.

Third, we believed that a limited Business Accelerator engagement could make a big impact on the commercialization of their innovation.

You and your team are to be congratulated on selecting great individuals and fostering the team attitude and product innovation process that lead to this innovation.”

Chuck Salley, Entrepreneur Boot Camp Team Leader

Shortly after this award, the Fellows were selected by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone P.L.C for the firm’s **Venture and Technology Startup Initiative**. This initiative provides low cost legal resources to a select number of promising start-up venture teams. With the help of Jeffrey Labine the Fellows are forming their company and embarking on the commercialization process.