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Aethon's TUG Named One of Year's Best Robots

PITTSBURGH--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--[Aethon's](#) TUG robots, which can be found in nearly 200 hospitals across the country, have been selected as one of the Best Robots of 2010 by Singularity Hub, a leading authority in robotics.

Manufactured right here in the United States, the TUG robots use [state-of-the-art technology](#) to autonomously navigate hospital corridors delivering medication, equipment, supplies, meals, linens, lab specimens and more. Technologies utilized by TUGs include laser rangefinders, ultrasonic and infrared sensors, and three-dimensional maps. The robots can also be equipped with a [radio frequency identification \(RFID\)](#) tag antenna, bar scanners and biometrics to enhance its security and tracking capabilities.

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TUG robots have been shown to improve efficiency, reduce costs, enhance patient care and support environmental initiatives. Some of the hospitals where Aethon’s robots are installed include Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania, the University of Maryland Medical Center, El Camino Hospital in California, Central DuPage Hospital in Chicago, and the University of California San Francisco Medical Center.

Aethon is a leader in healthcare supply chain logistics, chain of command and workflow solutions that automate the movement of equipment and supplies throughout the hospital. At the core of Aethon’s solution is a proprietary autonomous mobile robot, known as the TUG, which can be used to deliver, track and retrieve medications, supplies, meals, equipment and more. TUGs improve asset utilization, ensure regulatory compliance, reduce costs, enhance clinical productivity, improve workflow and allow clinicians to focus on patient care. Hospitals using TUGs realize significant ROI while improving nurse and patient satisfaction. More information is available at www.aethon.com.

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