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An emergency room physician at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, recently [won](#) the health system's inaugural Innovator of the Year award for advancing a handheld ultrasound technology.

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Dr. John Wipfler received the honor for helping develop a software platform for Exo (pronounced echo), a medtech company backed by [OSF Ventures](#), the health system's venture capital arm.

"I think in the next five to 10 years, you will see every physician out there have a small portable ultrasound in their pocket," Dr. Wipfler said in a May 1 news release. "They'll have a stethoscope too probably, but they're going to have this piece of equipment called bedside ultrasound or actually just an ultrasound probe that hooks up to their phone. It's going to be saving lives ... making a big difference."

Dr. Wipfler helped the company design the software platform so it will work with *any* ultrasound equipment. It also allows images to be sent to a patient's electronic health record for use by *anyone* providing care.