
Press Release

SCMetrix™ and Amerinet Partner to Further Supply Chain Efforts

CHICAGO, July 8, 2008 – The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association and the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University (ASU) have created a strategic partnership between their benchmarking initiative, SCMetrix™, and Amerinet, a leading national group purchasing organization. The partnership will enable Amerinet to expand its operational performance improvement solutions.

SCMetrix™ is an online tool that helps hospitals benchmark their supply chain performance against other health care facilities of similar size, scope of service, patient acuity and geographic location.

“The benchmarking methodology and capabilities of SCMetrix™ will allow Amerinet member hospitals to more accurately gauge the effectiveness of their supply chain,” said Todd C. Ebert, president and CEO of Amerinet. “The rigor ASU applies to data submission will ensure peer benchmarking integrity. SCMetrix™ will complement the supply chain programs and services already offered by Amerinet.”

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In this partnership, Amerinet will serve as a group administrator, helping its member hospitals report data to SCMetrix™ for inclusion in aggregate benchmarks. Participating hospitals are offered a “no charge subscription” through 2008. The Web-based tool also does not require the user to install hardware or additional software.

“Our partnership with Amerinet will enable us to further refine and strengthen the SCMetrix™ benchmarks by increasing facility participation,” said Vicki Smith-Daniels, W.P. Carey School of Business professor and project leader.

“We support SCMetrix™’s vision of moving the healthcare industry beyond results-oriented financial metric benchmarking to a more comprehensive performance measurement and industry standard that recognizes the importance of measuring value drivers and implementation of best practices in supply chain operations,” said Mary Beth Lang, Amerinet’s senior vice president of business intelligence and spend analytics. “We look forward to helping Amerinet member hospitals improve their supply chain through the use of SCMetrix™.”

AHRMM and ASU encourage other groups and hospital systems interested in partnering with SCMetrix™ to contact Vicki Smith Daniels at vicki.smith-daniels@asu.edu.

About W. P. Carey School of Business at ASU

W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University is one of the largest business schools in the United States, with more than 190 faculty members, 1,400 graduate students and 2,700 upper-division undergraduate students. The school is internationally recognized for its leadership in supply chain management and services marketing and is highly regarded for its faculty’s research productivity. The school’s 10 research centers serve as a link between business communities and the areas of marketing, entrepreneurship, information technology and supply chain management. For more information please visit wpcarey.asu.edu and <http://knowledge.wpcarey.asu.edu/>. To learn about SCMetrix™, visit www.SCMetrix.org.

About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management is the leading national association for executives in healthcare resource and materials management. A personal membership group of the American Hospital Association, AHRMM serves more than 3,900 active members. Founded in 1962, AHRMM advances and supports the healthcare supply chain profession by providing leadership, education, resources and networking. For more information, visit www.ahrmm.org.