
Press Release

SCMetrix™ Releases First Dashboards for Participating Hospitals

CHICAGO, February 17, 2009 – 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) announced today the release of the first SCMetrix™ dashboards for participating hospitals.

The SCMetrix™ online tool was developed by AHRMM and ASU in response to the healthcare industry's request for a benchmarking program that would allow hospitals to benchmark their supply chain performance against other like facilities (similar size, scope of service, procedure, geographic location, etc.) within and outside of their own system. With this initial release, participating hospitals are now able to fully realize the value of the tool and the data and begin to strengthen performance in targeted areas.

John Mateka, the executive director of supply chain operations from Greenville Health System, states, "I am excited to receive the initial release of the SCMetrix™ benchmark dashboards. Utilizing the online capabilities of the dashboard tool, I plan to compare data across our IDN campuses. I also plan on refining our departmental information for further comparisons in the future. This information is what the industry needed."

SCMetrix™ benchmarks are driving performance improvement, including best practice adoption and continuous improvement initiatives, such as Six Sigma and Lean projects.

"Intermountain Healthcare has struggled with the industry's insufficient and inconsistent benchmark data. After much research we identified the SCMetrix™ program as the most complete, transparent and useful benchmark solution in the industry. We have participated fully with the SCMetrix™ team and process. We are very happy with the support and early outcomes. While the full benefits are yet to come, we expect complete success. Intermountain Healthcare is confident that this work will help lead us to become 'best in class,' which will result in reducing the cost of healthcare and improving patient care in our system," according to Brent Johnson, vice president supply chain, chief purchasing officer, Intermountain Healthcare.

Dale Worthington, CMRP, director of materials management from Sparta Community Hospital, is looking forward to integrating SCMetrix™ with Six Sigma. "When I was trained in Six Sigma, one of the first things that my Ph.D. trainer said was, 'You don't know what you don't know.' This is the attitude that I take in my performance improvement, DPMO reduction activities. SCMetrix™ is offering to me the opportunity to see 'what I don't know' about supply chain performance improvement here at Sparta Community Hospital. My goals in using this product are, but not limited to, implementation of actionable and reliable performance indicators for organization-wide supply chain improvement, integration of SCMetrix™ reporting in Six Sigma and Lean projects, and increasing individual department awareness and buy-in to the need of continuous quality improvement as it pertains to their own piece of the supply chain."

Original plans called for subscription fees starting in 2009, but due to the downturn in the economy and its significant impact on hospitals, SCMetrix™ will continue to provide free quarterly subscriptions in 2009.



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About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) 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.

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