Medical Errors – What is your risk?

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To address the over 98,000 U.S. deaths each year attributed to medical errors, PlanTech, Inc., a Farmington Hills based product and process performance improvement organization, is expanding into healthcare risk management. For over ten years, PlanTech has successfully assisted automotive OEMs, and their suppliers, ensuring risk is adequately addressed in product designs and production processes, by applying their unique methodologies in Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA). The result has been reductions in warranty and non-conformances in both design and manufacturing.

The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requires healthcare providers to complete, annually, at least one proactive risk assessment on a high risk process.

Jim Bongiorno, PlanTech founder and president says, “The FMEA, properly applied, will improve patient safety enabling healthcare to achieve compliance with JHACO requirements. The risk is one medical mistake each day of the year for each hospital patient. The risk to patient safety cannot be overstated. We excel in managing risk for our clients and our tools are an excellent fit for healthcare.”

In addition to the JCAHO requirements, Medicare is enforcing a no pay policy for Hospital Acquired Conditions (HAC). After October 1, 2008, Medicare will no longer reimburse hospitals for 10 conditions determined to be preventable.

PlanTech’s partner in the joint venture, Thomas Prose MD MPH MBA, President of General Medicine PC, a nationwide health care corporation, describes the goal of the joint venture; “We are declaring war on medical errors. By 2018 we will achieve health care safety equivalent to or better than airline safety. Deaths attributable to Medical Errors are the equivalent of an airline crash every day of the year and are the eighth leading cause of death and exceed the deaths attributable to motor vehicle accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS. The annual cost to society exceeds 30 billion in addition to over 15 billion in unnecessary health care costs. In this war, we do not have to fire a shot or drop a bomb. All we need to do is apply time tested and proven techniques to eliminate the economic and emotional price tag of preventable errors.”

About PlanTech, Inc.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, MI, PlanTech is in its third decade of product and process performance improvement. PlanTech Service and Product offerings are a result of customer demands and management foresight of upcoming market and industry demands. PlanTech specializes in Project Management, Quality Engineering, and Staffing.

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