



# NEWSLETTER

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## New Call for Leading Practices

**Call for Leading Practices on Reduction of Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HAC)**  
 Support and guide supply chain professionals by [sharing your knowledge](#) and success in fighting hospital-acquired conditions!

Help improve patient safety by submitting a leading and proven supply chain practice, case study, or tool kit that describes direct or indirect reduction of HAC across any HAC category and has been developed from a [Cost, Quality, and Outcomes \(CQO\) perspective](#).

- Direct initiatives – specifically focused on a hospital-acquired condition.
- Indirect initiative – example: increasing hand hygiene compliance leading to a reduction in HACs.

**Submission deadline is April 30, 2015.**

[Click here](#) for guidelines on how to submit your ideas, what format to use, and more information.

**Patrick Stewart**  
**VP of Communications**

### Board Meeting/Seminar List 2015

DATE:	DAY	BOARD MEETING	SEMINAR	9TH ANNUAL JOHN BREDE GOLF OUTING
1/14/2015	Wed.	X - Conf Call	N/A	
2/11/2015	Wed.	X	X	
3/11/2015	Wed.	X	X	
4/8/2015	Wed.	X	X	
5/6/2015	Wed	X	N/A	
5/13/2015	Wed.	X	1/2 DAY	
6/10/2015	Wed.	X	X	
7/15/2015	Wed	X - Conf Call	N/A	
8/12/2015	Wed	X - Conf Call: re Golf program	N/A	
9/8/2015	Tues	X - Conf Call re: Golf program	N/A	
9/15/2015	Wed	N/A		Golf
10/7/2015	Wed	WITH ANNUAL	N/A	
10/14/2015	Wed	N/A	X	

11/11/2015	Wed	X	X
12/9/2015	Wed	X	X

Health Care Materials Management Society of NJ Annual Membership Meeting. Presented: **"Staying Ahead of the Game: Best Practices for Your Supply Chain"**. Held on December 10, 2014 - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. At the Holiday Inn Clark NJ. We wish to thank Cardinal Health for sponsoring this meeting. We asked our members to bring One Unwrapped Toy for Either a Boy or a Girl to This Meeting

This presentation explained how, with today's changing healthcare environment, your supply chain needs to be agile and adaptable to control costs. Understand new learning's from other industries in order to uncover hidden costs and run a better, quieter supply chain. Identify the appropriate metrics to measure the success of your supply chain. Reduce freight, labor, and supply costs while ensuring the availability of products needed. After this session, our members were able to:

- Identify ways to reduce clinical time spent on supply chain functions.
- Understand how to eliminate cycle counting routines.
- Learn best practices for managing commodity and clinical preference items.
- Comprehend how sources of variation can impact your supply chain.
- Define key ways to reduce costs in your supply chain.
- How to track the right metrics for success.

About the Speaker: Steve Thompson is Vice President, Supply Chain Innovation for Cardinal Health. As a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt, he works with healthcare providers, medical product and device manufacturers to improve efficiencies and lower costs.

Since joining Cardinal Health in 2006, Steve has developed customized supply chain solutions for Medical Distribution, Presource Products and Services, and the Pharmaceutical Technologies manufacturing business. As a result, hospitals have more precise visibility over the use of products and devices and are able to connect purchasing to utilization and reduce time spent by clinicians managing and tracking supplies.

Steve builds on more than two decades of supply chain management experience in the automotive sector. He began his career at General Motors (GM) of Canada Ltd and Delphi Automotive Systems, assigned to one of GM's first Lean Enterprises facilities. Steve later worked in supply chain management and manufacturing with Lear Corporation. Steve is based in Dublin, Ohio and is a graduate of the University of Windsor (Canada).

Please note the turnout, the generosity of our members, and the proud Marines who attended the meeting to pick up the Toys-for Tots.





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