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Amerinet Examines Creating Culture of Quality and Patient Safety in New Executive Briefing

St. Louis, Mo. (May 27, 2010) - Amerinet Inc., a leading national healthcare group purchasing organization, announced the release of a new executive briefing, “Creating a Culture of Quality and Patient Safety,” which examines trends and best practices in the patient safety movement as discussed by a group of leading healthcare executives. A [free copy of the executive briefing](#) is available on the Amerinet website.

“Faced with a future of new regulations and healthcare reform, it is becoming even more apparent that for healthcare organizations to be truly successful in the future, increased productivity and revenues need to be matched by a measurable level of quality and patient safety,” said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO.

Accordingly, nearly 170 executives at Amerinet member facilities responded to a 30-question, online survey regarding patient safety and quality. Results from this survey were later discussed during Amerinet’s Executive Roundtable in February 2010.

Three common themes emerged from the survey results and roundtable discussion. In order to execute a culture of improvement and patient safety, healthcare executives and boards of directors need to ensure their organizations have:

- **Commitment** – Patient care and safety must always come first and include all individuals in the organization.
- **Transparency** – An organization’s employee safety and satisfaction, quality information and ethics policies all need to be transparent. Through this open sharing, accountability and trust increase.
- **Patient safety initiatives** – When an organization reengineers for safety (i.e. medication and lab barcoding), the organization becomes “hardwired” for successful outcomes.

The briefing offers information on specific initiatives and measures organizations have undertaken to address these themes and includes a synopsis of Fairfield Medical Center’s (FMC) journey to improve the culture of safety at their facilities. FMC was recently recognized with the Patient Safety Excellence Award by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

The briefing also features a discussion with Amerinet's Director of Quality and Patient Safety Holly Hampe, who offers insight into Amerinet's commitment to this critical area of focus for healthcare facilities through Amerinet Quality Solutions,SM an initiative utilizing on-site assessments, contract access, information and education, to help members achieve improvements in clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational quality and regulatory compliance.

For more information on Amerinet Quality Solutions, contact qualitysolutions@amerinet-gpo.com.

About Amerinet

As a leading national healthcare group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with acute and alternate care providers to reduce costs and improve quality through its performance solutions. Built on a foundation of data, savings and trust, and supported by a team of clinical and supply chain experts, Amerinet enriches healthcare delivery for its members and the communities they serve. To learn more about the Amerinet difference, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.