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### **New Amerinet Quality and Patient Safety Toolkits Provide Comprehensive Resource for Members**

**St. Louis (March 18, 2010)** – As part of the Amerinet Quality Solutions program, Amerinet Inc., a leading national healthcare group purchasing organization, today announced the addition of resource toolkits featuring best practice tools and information to assist members in lowering costs while enhancing quality and patient safety. The initial toolkits focus on OSHA regulations for physician offices and clinics, and one of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Never Events/Hospital Acquired Conditions, pressure ulcers.

“Based on need and input from our members, the toolkits are being developed to provide the most comprehensive, easily accessible resource, with components that can be downloaded and customized, to help healthcare facilities make significant improvements in quality and patient safety,” said Holly Hampe, Amerinet’s director of quality and patient safety.

The OSHA Training Toolkit for Physician and Dental Offices is designed to give practices background information, training scenarios and sample questions on annual requirements. Sections include:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazard Communication
- Work Practice and Engineering Controls: Exits and Electrical
- Exposure Control: Including ionizing radiation safety for offices with x-ray equipment
- Workplace Violence
- Fire and Electrical Safety
- Respiratory Protection
- Hearing Protection/Noise

Through partnerships with market leading suppliers, Amerinet has established the Pressure Ulcer Toolkit to help members minimize pressure ulcer incidence in patients throughout various healthcare settings. Among the objectives of the toolkit is to apply preventive techniques and best practices regarding pressure ulcers, helping members ease the change of application in the real world clinical setting.

“The Amerinet Pressure Ulcer Toolkit is an outstanding program which uses the best tools available to guide quality and patient safety personnel in optimizing both quality and fiscal outcomes. This resource is unique in that it brings together the highest standard of practice in a comprehensive package and can

really make a difference to the facilities who take advantage of it,” said Myra Varnado, manager, hyperbarics and wound ostomy clinical services at LSU Health System.

Components of the Pressure Ulcer Toolkit include:

- An overview of pressure ulcers
- Prevalence Studies
- Supplies/Equipment
- Policies and Procedures/logistical application within daily bedside practice
- Documentation Forms
- Educational Opportunities
- Wound Management Team
- Quality/Performance Improvement Tools and Methods

Additional toolkits are scheduled to be released throughout 2010, including Emergency Preparedness, Central Line Infections, Joint Commission Standards, National Top 10 DRGs, Urinary Tract Infections, Patient Falls, Surgical Site Infections and Deep Vein Thrombosis.

Amerinet is also developing informational and educational resources including web and podcasts based on the toolkit resources.

Amerinet Quality Solutions is designed to meet the unique and demanding needs of acute and alternate care site facilities. From the C-suite and facility administrators, to patient safety officers, risk managers, quality improvement staff and nursing administration professionals, Amerinet Quality Solutions can help you achieve improvements in clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational quality and regulatory compliance.

### **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](http://www.amerinet-gpo.com).