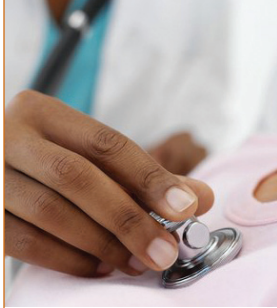


AMERINET QUALITY SOLUTIONS

Delivering Quality Patient Care



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The Challenges

Your goal is to deliver quality patient care. At Amerinet, we realize how important it is for you to deliver high quality care while effectively managing your total spend. For an organization to be successful, increased productivity and revenues need to be matched by a measurable level of quality and patient safety.

The Opportunity

Assisting an organization in the development of an infrastructure that fosters patient safety is a major focus for the Amerinet quality program. It is the goal of the quality program to partner with all areas of the organization – administration, medical staff, patient safety, quality, risk management and material management professionals – to establish the relationship between quality and cost efficiency. This paradigm shift will be transparent for your organization.

The Solutions

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 offers the necessary tools to help implement your quality and safety initiatives. Amerinet Quality Solutions is built upon the following nine pillars of quality.

Pillar Level	1	Patient Safety Infrastructure
	2	Clinical Challenges
	3	Clinical Repository/Benchmarking/Guidelines
	4	Regulatory Compliance
	5	Process Improvement Tools
	6	Safety/Environmental Issues
	7	Legislative Issues
	8	Key Industry Issues
	9	Education

To illustrate our mission to reduce healthcare costs and improve healthcare quality, Amerinet Quality Solutions is built to provide the following outcomes for members:

- ▶ To decrease length of stay for complex patients
- ▶ To reduce mortality rates
- ▶ To reduce readmission rates for chronically ill patients (i.e. congestive heart failure and diabetes)
- ▶ To achieve better compliance with regulatory standards
- ▶ To decrease employee sharp injuries

Specific objectives to support these outcomes include:

- ▶ Through partnerships with market leading suppliers, Amerinet delivers access and significant savings on products and services in all segments of the healthcare spectrum – for all your quality and patient safety needs.

Examples include:

- ▶ Sponge handling systems
- ▶ Wound care and pressure reduction products
- ▶ Bed check systems
- ▶ Infection control products
- ▶ Medication safety systems
- ▶ Patient lifts and restraints
- ▶ Ventilator assisted pneumonia preventive products

- ▶ Amerinet QualityScoreSM – an on-site quality assessment focused on:

- ▶ Document review
- ▶ Policy and procedure review
- ▶ Patient safety and quality assessment in clinical areas
- ▶ Environmental assessments throughout the facility
- ▶ Interactions with staff regarding patient safety and quality
- ▶ Assessment of product selection and outcomes achieved
- ▶ Closing conference with follow-up report regarding assessment
- ▶ Practices may be identified during the assessment to be included under the clinical repository pillar

- ▶ Amerinet QualityTouchSM – resources:
 - ▶ A user-friendly Web site providing information including a monthly newsletter and tools for members to utilize in order to meet performance goals
 - ▶ A practice repository with leading healthcare facilities’ practice protocols in order for the member to customize their own best practice
- ▶ Formation of regional cohorts with quality, patient safety, risk management, regulatory affairs and nursing executives to provide a forum for discussion of concerns or issues
- ▶ Providing current information and research regarding the clinical challenges facing the members
- ▶ Participating with organizations to conduct research regarding patient safety and quality

About Amerinet Inc.

As a leading group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with healthcare providers to reduce costs and improve quality. Supported by a team of clinical, data and supply chain experts, Amerinet serves acute and alternate care site healthcare providers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.

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The screenshot shows the 'MEMBER RESOURCES' page on the Amerinet QualityTouch website. It features a navigation menu with options like Home, Spend Management Tools, Contracting Tools, Alternate Care Sites, Education & Events, Quality Solutions, News, Reports, My Profile, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Quality Solutions' and includes an 'Overview' section for 'QualityTouch'. A welcome message states: 'Welcome to Amerinet's QualityTouch. Amerinet's online resource designed to meet the demanding and dynamic needs of Patient Safety Officers, Risk Managers, Quality Improvement staff and Nursing Administration professionals. The Web site is designed for ease of navigation and information available at a touch.' Below this, it lists 'The quality program is broken down into the following nine pillars of quality:'

- Pillar One: Patient Safety Infrastructure
- Pillar Two: Clinical Challenges
- Pillar Three: Clinical/Benchmarking Guidelines
- Pillar Four: Regulatory Compliance
- Pillar Five: Quality Improvement Tools
- Pillar Six: Safety (Disaster Preparedness)/Environmental Issues (Green Initiatives)
- Pillar Seven: Legislative Issues
- Pillar Eight: Key Industry Issues
- Pillar Nine: Education

At the bottom of the screenshot, a caption reads: 'Amerinet QualityTouchSM: One of the resources available through Amerinet Quality Solutions.'

Maximize Your Return on Investment



Amerinet Quality Solutions will provide members a total quality solution package. This package includes tools, programs, contract access information and education that will maximize your efforts to match cost reduction to quality improvement.

Call the Amerinet Quality Solutions team today at 877-711-5700 x8462 to find out how they can help you reduce costs and increase quality in your facility.