

## **Banner Medical and Pioneer Surgical to Present at FDAnews Supplier Quality Management Congress, July 31-August 1**

Banner Medical executives Vince Adams, Vice-President of Sales, Marketing & Strategic Planning, and Bob Khin, Quality Assurance Director, along with Peter Johns, Supplier Quality Manager for Pioneer Surgical, will participate on a faculty panel at the upcoming Supplier Quality Management Congress sponsored by FDAnews, to be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland from July 31-August 2, 2012. The Banner Medical / Pioneer Surgical alliance has long been recognized in the industry as a successful strategic OEM / Supplier partnership formed to address the challenging supplier and raw material control issues which has been a focus of the FDA and of the Industry itself for the past decade. The partnership model, which the two companies have developed together, has produced positive results and yielded best practices that have been recognized by many and already adopted by some within the Medical Device industry.

This year's Supplier Management Congress marks the fourth annual event and is designed to bring together suppliers, producers, top regulators / policy makers, legal and advisory consultants to the industry, for the purpose of assuring the integrity of Device raw materials and supply chains. FDA representatives as well as a dozen other OEM and Supplier executives will participate as the faculty for this three-day event.

Attendees will include various manufacturers and suppliers to the industry, who will learn about risk management, recalls, liability issues and the new regulations recently instituted by FDA to better control the international drug and device supply chain to the medical markets.

Banner supplies medical and orthopedic device manufacturers with medical-grade materials to meet the highest quality standards. It operates two ISO 13485 and ISO 9001 certified, FDA CFR part 820 compliant facilities in Carol Stream, Illinois and Charlotte, North Carolina. The company provides its Guardia<sup>TM</sup> customer support solution program for supply chain management and medical materials stocking, plus its AssuraNce<sup>®</sup> protocol that assures all products made for the medical market are produced on equipment validated per the FDA requirements. Banner's EsseNtial Quality Systems<sup>TM</sup> is a patent-pending IT-based quality program that manages the company's materials selection and production processes to deliver medical-grade bar and plate stock.

Banner Medical is a strategic business unit of Banner Services Corporation, a provider of precision ground bar as well as centerless grinding, turning and straightening, among other machining services.

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