

ECRI Institute Hosts Free Onsite Seminar on Managing Healthcare Product Safety Alerts and Recalls

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ECRI Institute, (www.ecri.org), an independent nonprofit that researches the best approaches to improving patient care, is offering a free educational breakfast at its headquarters in Plymouth Meeting, PA (Philadelphia suburbs) on October 23, 2012, from 8:00 to 11:00 am EDT.

(Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20110112/DC29081LOGO>) The seminar, "Hazard and Recall Management: Best Practices," is designed for hospital-based biomedical and clinical engineers, materials managers, risk managers, patient safety officers, and other healthcare professionals responsible for responding to product recalls and hazard alerts. The program will provide insight into: -- Implementing a successful alerts management program -- Identifying and locating affected healthcare products -- Avoiding common missteps in the hazard and recall process -- Establishing executive-level buy-in to the alert process "Managing hundreds of device recalls can be a daunting task for hospitals," says James P. Keller, Jr., MS, vice president, health technology evaluation and safety, ECRI Institute. "Through this seminar, participants will learn about ways to efficiently manage this process so that critical information about potentially dangerous products does not fall through the cracks." Presenters will include: -- John Felicetti, Director, Safety and Security, Chester County Hospital -- James P. Keller, Jr. Vice President, Health Technology Evaluation and Safety, ECRI Institute -- Eric Sacks, Director, Healthcare Product Alerts, ECRI Institute -- Erica Vogel, Supervisor, Alerts Tracker Customer Support and Training, ECRI Institute Seminar participants will have the opportunity to tour ECRI Institute's medical device evaluation and testing laboratories, network with other healthcare providers, and learn about ECRI Institute's Alerts TrackerT, a patient safety tool for automating and enhancing the hazard and recall management process.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at ECRI Institute, 5200 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. The event is scheduled from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. There is no fee to attend the seminar; however, reservations must be made in advance at www.ecri.org/bestpractices.

ECRI Institute requests that only hospitals, health systems, and other healthcare provider organizations register for this event, as space is limited.

For more information on the "Hazard and Recall Management: Best Practices" seminar, visit www.ecri.org/bestpractices or contact ECRI Institute by telephone at (610) 825-6000, ext. 5891.

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dedicates itself to bringing the discipline of applied scientific research to healthcare to discover which medical procedures, devices, drugs, and processes are best to enable improved patient care. As pioneers in this science for nearly 45 years, ECRI Institute marries experience and independence with the objectivity of evidence-based research. Strict conflict-of-interest guidelines ensure objectivity. ECRI Institute is designated an Evidence-based Practice Center by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. ECRI Institute PSO is listed as a federally certified Patient Safety Organization by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Find ECRI Institute on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ECRIInstitute) and on Twitter (www.twitter.com/ECRI_Institute).

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