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## **HEALTHCARE VALUE NETWORK WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TUCSON MEDICAL CENTER AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE**

**Appleton, Wisconsin (May 6, 2014)** — The Healthcare Value Network (HVN) recently added two new members to its peer-to-peer learning community, Tucson Medical Center in southern Arizona and Southern Illinois Healthcare, headquartered in Carbondale, Illinois.

They join healthcare leaders from more than 50 other systems across North America who share a commitment to providing high-quality, cost-effective care through the application of lean concepts.

“We’re excited that Tucson Medical Center and Southern Illinois Healthcare have seized the opportunity to pursue industry change,” said Mike Stoecklein, director of the network. “By sharing best practices and learning from others, they can leverage innovative value-based processes on behalf of their patients.”

HVN members benefit from:

- Intensive site visits, known as gemba, at their colleagues’ facilities.
- Access to standard work templates, articles, webinars and videos, including exclusive member resources.
- The network’s proven assessment methodology to gauge progress on their lean journeys.
- Peer-to-peer discussions, relationships and learning opportunities through affinity groups on special topics and other methods.

“We are so happy to be part of this network and look forward to leveraging the broad base of experience and information that will be available,” said Cheryl Young, lean team leader at Tucson Medical Center. “We know this will be invaluable for our patients and our organization.”

Lori Rainwater, process innovation manager at Southern Illinois Healthcare, agreed. “Joining the network is an exciting and important next step for Southern Illinois Healthcare,” she said. “We look forward to learning from others and sharing what we learn in order to support and accelerate the transformation that is needed in healthcare.”

Established in 2009, the network was founded by the ThedaCare Center for Healthcare Value and the Lean Enterprise Institute. It is now an integral part of the Center and its healthcare mission.

### ***Tucson Medical Center***

*Tucson Medical Center’s mission is to deliver caring, personalized, quality healthcare to patients and their families in an environment that is supportive, education-focused and compassionate. TMC is licensed for 607*

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adult and pediatric beds. The hospital serves more than 30,000 inpatients and performs over 122,000 outpatient procedures yearly and has several emphasis areas, including maternal and child health, cardiac care, hospice care, neuroscience, orthopedics, diagnostic services and senior services. TMC also created the region's first emergency department dedicated specifically for kids. For more information, visit [tmcaz.com](http://tmcaz.com).

### **Southern Illinois Healthcare**

Southern Illinois Healthcare is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all of the people in the communities we serve. SIH is a not-for-profit integrated health system comprised of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Herrin Hospital, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital and the SIH Medical Group. SIH provides a comprehensive array of services in inpatient, outpatient, and emergency department settings to the citizens of southern Illinois. Key healthcare services include: inpatient, outpatient, emergency medical services, cardiac services, neuroscience, rehabilitation, diagnostic services, obstetrics (including a level 2.5 NICU), orthopedics, adult critical care, surgery, general medical services, wound care, sleep studies, cancer care, spiritual care, and additional specialty services offered throughout the system. SIH serves a 16-county rural area with a population over 340,000. For more information, visit: [sih.net](http://sih.net).

### **ThedaCare Center for Healthcare Value**

The ThedaCare Center for Healthcare Value is an education institute that believes we must have three essential elements for sustainable change in healthcare: Delivery of care designed around the patient; payment and incentives based upon value and outcomes; and transparency of performance (quality and cost) throughout the healthcare system. Founded in 2008 and headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, we are a small not for profit with a big mission to help change the healthcare industry. Learn more at: [createvalue.org](http://createvalue.org).