



**Event:** Spectrum Health Benchmarking Event

**Speakers:** Kurt Knoth and Kevin Splaine

**Date:** January 25, 2013

**Location:** Spectrum Health Systems in Grand Rapids



The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) partnered with Spectrum Health Systems on January 25, 2013. Kurt Knoth, Vice President of Performance Improvement and Patient Affairs.

Based on the concepts of the Toyota Production System and what is commonly referred to as Lean Healthcare, participate in an "All Team Report Out," Gemba site review and Panel Discussion around the Value Stream Analysis and Rapid Improvement Event process at Spectrum Health.

Participants received a clear understanding of the fundamentals of Process Improvement in Healthcare and the methods to bring about systematic waste reduction.

Approximately 40 participants attended the event.

[See photos from the event on Facebook.](#)

The mission of the MLC is to offer a diverse network of knowledgeable lean professionals who come together to share innovative practices. The organization aims to create a lean culture in Michigan to ensure sustainable competitive advantage, which could translate into healthier businesses that offer more job opportunities leading to economic growth in the state.

The charter members of the MLC include: Amway, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, DTE Energy, Johnson & Johnson, The Lean Learning Center, Northwestern Michigan



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