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Advanced Research Company Spins into Healthcare Technologies with the Helios Inventory Management Solution

Two years ago a large university teaching hospital in downtown Chicago was searching for a comprehensive, flexible, scalable and cost effective way to manage high dollar medical and surgical supplies. Dissatisfied with what was available from the traditional healthcare technology vendors, they approached the Michigan-based team Advanced Research Company (ARC).

ARC developed and implemented a combination of RFID cabinetry, scanning equipment and inventory management software applications. These were designed to manage the hospitals high-dollar inventory, from the receiving dock through the billing process. The systems work in conjunction with other hospital critical applications, including: PeopleSoft ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning), Surginet, tissue tracking and patient management systems. The end result was "Helios", a fully automated perpetual inventory solution for any critical clinical area in the hospital.

Currently nearly $10M in inventory is being managed at the hospital using Helios. The project is working so well that the hospital is now implementing Helios in other areas where high dollar supplies are present, such as: EP and Cath Labs, Interventional Radiology, and GI Labs. **The original project ROI is estimated at approximately 60 days**.

Bill Sharp, President of Advanced Research Company, explains idea behind ARC Healthcare Technologies, "Because of the overwhelming initial response to the Helios product, we have decided to spin off ARC Healthcare Technologies LLC, as a dedicated group to focus on the growing healthcare market."

About ARC Healthcare Technologies

ARC Healthcare Technologies is a healthcare specific provider, born out of Advanced Research Company. Advanced Research Company is located in Orion, MI, and was originally established in 1982. ARC specializes in assisting healthcare providers in improving profitability and reliability via business process improvement (BPI), and also through technology implementations such as RFID (Radio Frequency Identification).

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