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ASQ Healthcare Panel Addresses Caucus

At an ASQ forum on healthcare information technology on Capitol Hill in Washington September 15, Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) invited the involvement of ASQ in discussions about healthcare reform legislation. Congressman Tim Murphy (R-PA), who co-chairs the 21st Century Health Care Caucus along with Kennedy, told the ASQ panel, "I look to organizations like you to help us."

The 21st Century Health Care Caucus had invited ASQ to conduct the forum on health IT, which is a primary interest of the Caucus.

ASQ Seeks Input on New Social Responsibility Standard: *Draft of ISO 26000 Released*

ASQ is the U.S. secretariat of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) that is contributing to the development of an International Standard, ISO 26000: *Guidance on Social Responsibility*. The Draft International Standard (DIS) is now available on the ASQ Web site at [Standards Central](#). [Read the press release and offer your input.](#)

New Webinar Series Highlights Importance of Social Responsibility

ASQ is offering a four-part webinar series on the importance of social responsibility and how organizations can build business value by improving environmental and societal outcomes. For more information, [read the press release](#).

Lean and Six Sigma in Hospitals

This proactive story placement is featured in *Executive Healthcare* magazine. The article relates to the survey commissioned by ASQ on the use of Lean and Six Sigma in hospitals. The story features James Levett, chair of ASQ's Healthcare Division. [Read this story.](#)

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This global medal, to be awarded in May 2010, will recognize an individual for the outstanding demonstration of leadership as an individual, business leader, and cause advocate for social responsibility. Take this opportunity to nominate those who strive for societal change. Nomination deadline is October 1, 2009. [View the nomination form.](#)

Call for Social Responsibility Stories

We invite you to help us identify organizations that are paving the way using quality tools and successful social responsibility practices to achieve a sustainable future. These organizations will be featured in the second issue of *Pathways to Social Responsibility: Successful Practices for Sustaining the Future*. Share the impact being a socially responsible organization has had on your operations and your community by submitting a social responsibility profile by October 1. Submit to sro@asq.org or share your story at www.TheSRO.org.