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## **LEAN LEARNING CENTER SELECTED BY GUIDANT CORPORATION TO ASSIST WITH LEAN TRANSFORMATION**

**Novi, Mich., August 6, 2003** – The Lean Learning Center, a provider of lean curriculum, along with partner company Achievement Dynamics (ADI, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.), a nationally-recognized lean consulting firm, has been selected by Guidant Corporation to provide both educational services and on-site training and consulting for its Guidant Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM) manufacturing facilities in St. Paul, Minn., Clonmel, Ireland and Dorado, Puerto Rico.

Guidant CRM will send select personnel to the Lean Learning Center for instruction in the rules of lean, utilizing techniques such as discovery simulations, case studies, personal planning and journaling. In addition to the off-site education received at the Center, Achievement Dynamics will go on-site at the Guidant CRM manufacturing facilities to help the company develop and implement their lean production operating system including planning, in-plant training, specialist development and executive coaching for lean systems internalization.

“Guidant is committed to becoming the number one cardiac rhythm management company in the world,” said Randy Doyle, vice president, manufacturing, Guidant CRM.

“Understanding lean principles and implementing lean manufacturing on the plant floor will accelerate the rate at which we become number one.”

The Lean Learning Center was founded in early 2001 to address the gaps and barriers that are holding back companies from successful lean transformation. In combination with corporate partner Achievement Dynamics, a provider of management consulting, the companies provide a full complement of lean transformation services. Industries served include manufacturing, healthcare, public utilities, retail, aerospace, communications, technology, investment equity, service and more. To request a curriculum brochure or for more information, call 248-478-1480 or visit [www.leanlearningcenter.com](http://www.leanlearningcenter.com).

Guidant Corporation pioneers lifesaving technology, giving an opportunity for better life today to millions of cardiac and vascular patients worldwide. The company, driven by a strong entrepreneurial culture of 11,000 employees, develops, manufactures and markets a broad array of products and services that enable less invasive care for some of life's most threatening medical conditions. For more information visit [www.guidant.com](http://www.guidant.com).

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