Guidant Corporation:
IE Contributing to its Success

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Presentation
The presentation will provide an overview of Guidant Corporation’s business and also the role of Industrial Engineers at the company. The business overview encompasses Guidant’s geographical presence, its products and their applications and a financial overview of success as an organization. Industrial Engineers have made tremendous contributions by reducing manufacturing lead-time and synchronizing manufacturing areas. The breadth of IE work includes implementing visual systems such as drum-buffer-rope and Kanban, cellular manufacturing and plant layouts as well as systems to synchronize suppliers to Guidant manufacturing’s component needs.

Bibliography
Prateek Verma (Prat) is currently a Senior Industrial Engineer at Guidant Corporation where he is part of an internal consulting team focussed on lead-time reduction in the Supply Chain for cardiac pacemakers and defibrillators. Prior to Guidant, he was an Industrial Engineer at Hutchinson Technology Inc. - a high-tech precision manufacturer of suspension assemblies for computer hard drives. Prat earned an MS in Industrial Engineering from North Dakota State University in 1994 and has BS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Roorkee in India. He is the President of the Twin Cities senior chapter of IIE and has been a chapter officer since 1996.

Refreshments will be served during presentation