

# **Executive Gemba Walks**Hit the Ground *Running*

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## Hologic, Inc.

We are an innovative medical technology company primarily focused on improving women's health and well-being through early detection and treatment.

#### **BUSINESSES**

Our three divisions form the foundation of an organization focused on delivering breakthrough products.

1 Diagnostic Solutions

2 Breast & Skeletal Health Solutions

3 GYN Surgical Solutions

- San Diego Molecular Diagnostics
- The Science of Early Detection
- Leading Products: Cervical Cancer; STDs
- Enhanced Laboratory Automation



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# Agenda

Topic	Engagement
Lean Journey	Two steps forward and a few steps back!
	Keep moving forward
Back on Track	Launch of Executive Gemba Walks
	Boots on the Floor
My CI Program	Everyday Kaizen – Employee Engagement
	Implemented Ideas Program to empower employees to make daily change and receive recognition.
Success	Measured results
	Numbers tell the story
Lessons	What we learned and how we made change
	Reflection is the key to success
Next Steps	Strive for perfection
	Not possible but worth pursuing!





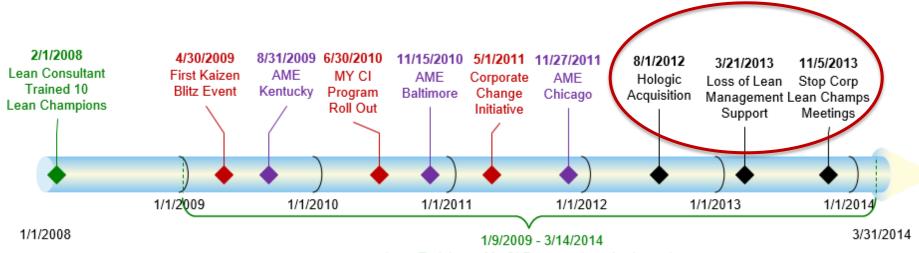
## **Get Engaged!**

At Hologic, the My CI Program, in conjunction with Gemba Walks, involve all levels of the organization and together create a Kaizen culture achieving cost savings, inventory reduction and improved service levels viable for business success.





# **Our Lean Journey**

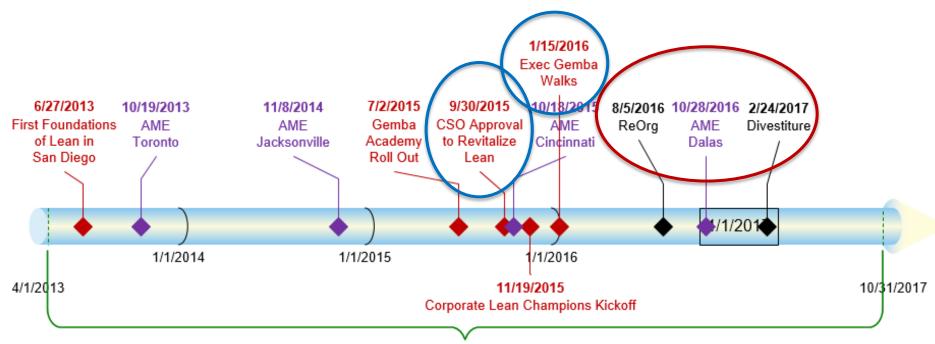


Lean Trainings: My CI Program; Introduction to Lean

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## **Our Lean Journey**



4/19/2013 - 10/10/2017

Lean Trainings: My CI Program; Foundations of Lean; Lean Boot Camps

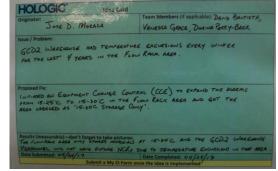
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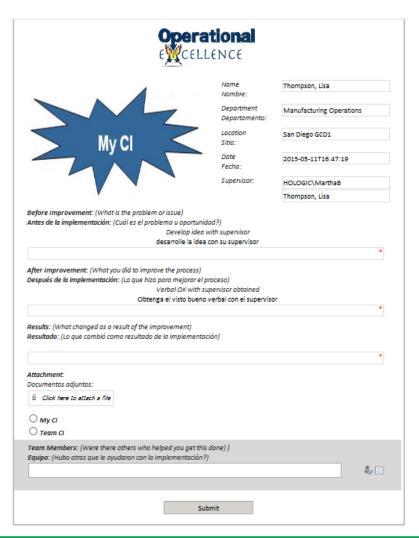
### MY CI PROGRAM

- Empowering employees to make daily change
- Implemented ideas program
  - "Complete" an idea--don't just "submit" one
  - Work individually or as a team (My and Team Cls)
  - No limits around size of improvement
- Recognize REGULARLY
- Require CIs as part of annual Goal Plan
- Publicize monthly My CI metrics
- Showcase impactful efforts (large and small) Simple Counts!

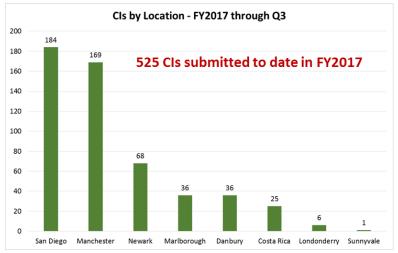




## **MY CI PROGRAM**



Requestor Contreras, Ana	Created 1/27/2015 11:09	My CI	Team	Location San Diego GCD1	Department Manufacturing	and with a schedule quantity of 6000 vials, 41 fill checks need to be performed. In	that was no longer needed in the bulk lab and placed the	more efficient since all work is now done next to the fill machine (2ft away). Everything is an arms length away and it saved the operators from		MyCI Form Status Approved
Shankie, William	1/16/2015 7:28	Team CI	Blevins, Jeff	Newark	Manufacturing (Array)	Brass particles on panels	All fitting were replaced with stainless steel fittings ionizers blow off guns added to critical areas	particles issues continuously	Robinson, Sean	Pending
Han, Sung	1/13/2015 6:38	My CI		San Diego GCD1	Manufacturing	After completing Prodesse Manufacturing, barcode label are needed to apply to the product container. Previously operators would submita print request from the Prodesseroom 1265 GCD1 to a Zebra printer located in the warehouse. In order to obtain the p	swas rarely being utilized, so a request was initiated to transfer it to Room 1260 which is the lab adjacent to the Prodesse room. In order to perform the transfer, I had to 1) submit a CCE for the	Zebra printer in room 1260 is utilized at least 3 times a week. 1to 3 hours of time has been saved each week and operators can concentrate on other processes.	DeGuzman, Rodel	Approved
Knipe, Jessica	1/7/2015 3:20	Team CI	Valiquette, Thomas	Newark	Manufacturing (Array)	time it takes to complete pull	shortened test, and improvement is currently implemented (see 12/18/2014	Time it takes to pull test YMIT BP peel panels has decreased by half. Wirebonders no longer have to rework panels. (see 12/18/2014 submission)	Ross, John	Approved
Taylor, James	12/16/2014 4:06	My CI		Manchester	Product Development	AC2 assay in G01, the operato must carry out dilutions of CT and GC. This involves following vague instructions that require	rPanther Assay have been calculated, colour-coded to gseparate out CT, GC and	This has improved the process for both AC2 and HPV Panther assays by streamlining the process as these new laminated sheets provide and easy to follow reference guide, instead of looking through multiple pages of a document.  The amount of paper entering	Cotter, Sean	Approved

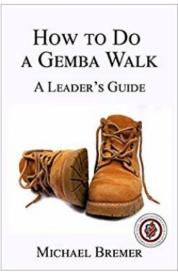




## **Getting Back on Track**

(What we did)

- One Lean seminar moved us forward (2015) (Gemba Walk seminar and tour in San Diego)
- Sr. VP said "Let's do it!"
- Lean Champion said "You're crazy!"
- I said "Yes I am! Let's go!"
- Included in FY2016 Operations performance goals





## Hit the Ground Running

(Implementation)

- Obtained permission to hold Sr. VP of Ops accountable
- Established 5 key measurements (S-Q-D-I-P)
- Identified first 4 Gemba Board locations
- Trained managers and operators
- Established phased approach for adding new boards
- Completed dry runs prior to first official walk



## Sustain – Gemba Action Tracker

		LEGEND	Green = Complete	Yellow = In Process	
No.	Department (Issue)	Action	Responsible	Due Date	Status
08-08	3-17 Gemba Walk (Route 1	L) - Provided by Greg K			
1	GCD2 Warehouse	On Monday, July 31, the system went down at approximately 4:30 PM and orders were missed.	Mark	08-09-17	Complete
	(System Issues)	The Help Desk was called with no response. The next day, Warehouse received an email asking for			
		screen shots. We are still not getting the help and support we require for issues such as this.			
		<b>Update 08-09-17:</b> Escalated issue to IS management and assistance has been received.			
2	GCD2 Warehouse	Tubes on back order, however, they were showing with 10 days on hand last week. Team	Camille	08-09-17	Complete
	(301154LPT tubes)	recommended root cause evaluation by Planning regarding why there is a mismatch in quantity.			
		<b>Update from Camille 08-08-17:</b> Miscommunicationwe are not on back order. Kits are in			
		SDM/GCD-1 and needed to be transferred to GCD-2 in order to process the customer sales orders.			
		The transaction has been completed and there are sufficient kits in GCD to cover the demand.			
3	Reagent Packaging	The bottom cardboard trays that sit on top of the wooden pallets and used to hold kits are bigger	Sung	08-18-17	In Process
		than the pallet. Packaging tries to center the kits but it is causing issues where the stack of kits can			
		become unbalanced. Last week, a pallet of kits actually tipped over so this is a safety issue that can			
		also lead to damaged kits. Sung is looking into smaller cardboard trays that are the same size as			
		the wooden pallets. EH&S is assisting.			
4	Thermoformer	New Sojet printers are installed on both thermoformers and are working much better than the	Leslie	08-31-17	Complete
		previous printers. This has greatly reduced our printing issues and the need to rework kits due to			
		bad ink. The new wider plastic rolls are in stock and we have been using them for a week now.			
		These wider rolls have greatly reduced our off-clip issues. These two implemented improvements			
		show that the Gemba walks really do lead to positive change in our manufacturing areas! Leslie			
		will revise the QR for Ink Cartridge PN 504545 and issue SCO for the SOP 09-01-00-431.			
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## Our Findings

(What we learned)

People don't learn from experience. They learn from reflecting on their experience.

- Leadership Team amazed at what they didn't know
- Some Gemba Boards all "red" . . . that's good!
- Middle management sometimes missing altogether
- Needed more participation from Support functions
- "This is how we do business."
- Refresher on importance of Gemba Walks



## **Engagement & Gemba Walks**

Gemba Walks tie to our Gallup Survey results:



- Employees are sharing what they need
  - Q2: Exposed places where employees didn't have materials and equipment to do their job

Question	Current Mean	Last Mean	Difference
Q2: Materials and Equipment	3.72	3.87	-0.15

Q3: Not enough support to be able to do best every day

Question	Current Mean	Last Mean	Difference
Q3: Opportunity to do Best	3.82	3.90	-0.08

Q5: Someone cares about me

Question	Current Mean	Last Mean	Difference
Q5: Cares About Me	3.85	4.06	-0.21





# **Engagement Brainstorming**

Description					
Operations teams involved:					
<ul> <li>Warehouse</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Manufacturing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Manufacturing Eng</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Distribution</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Packaging</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Configuration Mgmt</li> </ul>	10		
<ul><li>Planning</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Consumables Eng</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Label Control</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Procurement</li> </ul>					
Total number of frustrations communicated by employees					
Percentage of total items addressed (112)					
Items remaining to be addressed (31)					
Do not proceed (5)					

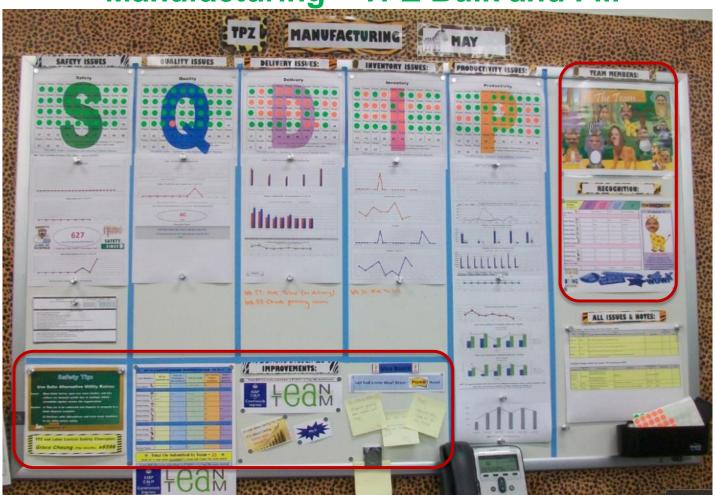


**Manufacturing – High-Speed Transport Filler** 





Manufacturing – TPZ Bulk and Fill





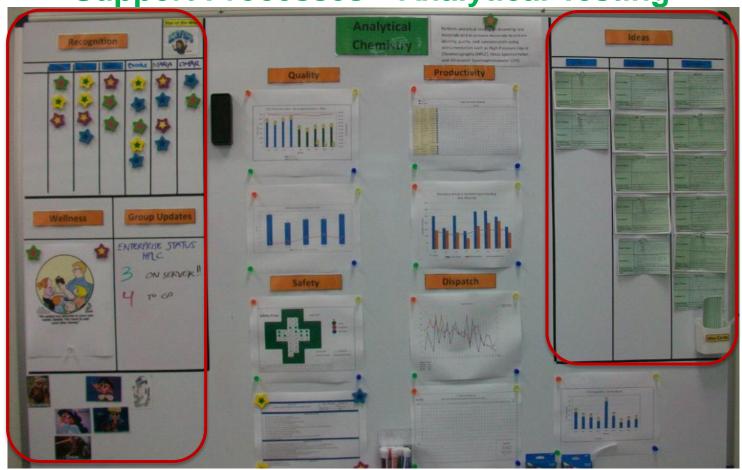
**Support Processes – Quality Microbiology** 







**Support Processes – Analytical Testing** 





### **SUCCESS**

#### "A desk is a dangerous place from which to watch the world." – John Le Carre

- Greater collaboration and problem solving across teams
- Greater Executive Management awareness and support
- New Walk routes that make more sense
- Increased employee engagement
- Accelerated Lean revitalization
- Increased participation in My CI Program



## **SUCCESS**

#### The numbers:

- VIP (Value Improvement Projects—Cost Savings)
  - 5% reduction in standard cost YOY from 2015
  - 2015 = \$21M in cost savings (goal was \$15.3M)
  - 2016 = \$12.1M in cost savings (goal was \$10M)
  - 2017 = \$>\$10M in cost savings (goal \$10M—on track) for \$12M)
- Service Level at 98%
- Inventory reduction from 2015 from \$132M to <\$80M

Driven by Kaizen Events and Value Stream Mapping



### **Lessons Learned**

(Incremental Change)

#### **Positive Lessons:**

- Increased management awareness of issues
- Incorporated more daily walks / huddles
- Ownership of Gemba Boards

#### **Needed Improvement:**

- Not a problem-solving event—focus on issue identification
- OLT took all actions early on—engagement struggled
- Practice coaching—ask "why" to get to root cause
- Key support stakeholders not included



## **Key Takeaways**

- Establish a culture of Kaizen daily change
- My CI Program--implemented ideas--not suggestion box
- Gemba Walks engage all levels of the organization
- Evaluate and make next level of change
- Never give up . . . Keep striving for perfection!



## Conclusion . . . Next Steps

- Monitor new routes and make adjustments
- Get other Executive Management on the floor
- Expand Gemba Walks to other parts of the business
- Learn from others (internal and external)
- Empower and engage the workforce
- Continue to strive for perfection



Go to the Gemba with the eyes of a child Go See - Ask Why - Respect People



#### Thank You!

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