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Kathleen Catalano is a consultant in the Healthcare Consulting Practice at Perot Systems. Ms. Catalano's responsibilities focus on the areas of patient safety, risk management, medical staff and Joint Commission and CMS preparedness where she enhances Perot Systems' client approaches to managing complex clinical content and regulations. Ms. Catalano authors and assists in the writing of articles and white papers that keep the market abreast of new regulations and changes in the requirements for Joint Commission. She also speaks on Joint Commission, Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals, Risk Management (Sentinel Events and FMEA), pay-for-performance, core measures, and the EMR/EHR.

Prior to Perot Systems, Ms. Catalano was the Director of Regulatory Compliance Services at PHNS Inc. In this position, Ms. Catalano developed and implemented the PHNS Regulatory Compliance, HIPAA, Quality Management, and Advisory Services Programs. Prior to accepting the position at PHNS, Ms. Catalano was Director of Administrative Projects at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, where she worked very closely with the medical staff to develop a new Constitution, Rules and Regulations, peer review process, and updated credentialing policies and procedures. Before arriving at Children's, Ms. Catalano was a senior consultant for The Greeley Company and traveled throughout the United States preparing various healthcare organizations for Joint Commission Accreditation, CMS Validation, and AAAHC Surveys. Ms. Catalano has also assisted many healthcare entities with issues such as sentinel events, root-cause analysis and plans of action, quality improvement, risk management, and medical staff issues.

Ms. Catalano is a HIMSS Fellow and also serves on the HIMSS National Patient Safety Quality Outcomes Steering Committee. She has served on the Task Force for Quality for the Federation of American Health Systems and was a member of the Joint Commission's Professional Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) for Hospitals. Ms. Catalano is also a frequent speaker at National conferences and has written numerous articles.

Ms. Catalano has a Juris Doctor degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in law from the Western State University College of Law, Fullerton, California, and a Science Degree and Nursing Degree from Riverside City College, Riverside, California.