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Short Version

Joseph E. Swartz is the Director of Business Transformation for Franciscan St. Francis Health of Indianapolis, IN. He has been leading continuous improvement efforts for 18 years, including seven years in healthcare, and has led more than 200 Lean and Six Sigma improvement projects. Joseph is the co-author of [Seeing David in the Stone](#) and was previously an instructor at the University of Wisconsin. Joseph earned an MS in Management from Purdue University as a Krannert Scholar for academic excellence. Joseph is co-author of the Shingo Award-winning book *Healthcare Kaizen*.

Long Version

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Joe studied Electrical Engineering at Cleveland State University as well as Management at Purdue University, where he graduated as a Krannert Scholar for academic excellence in their masters program.

Joe consulted from 1993 to 2005, working in automotive engineering (General Motors), semiconductor manufacturing (Endevco), industrial product manufacturing (Spraying Systems), pharmaceutical manufacturing (Baxter and Eli Lilly), and aerospace assembly (Allied Signal and Honeywell). At Honeywell, Joe was trained as a Six Sigma Black Belt..

He was an instructor for the University of Wisconsin's Executive Education School of Business in Madison, Wisconsin from 1996 to 2004.

He has published articles in *Circuits Assembly*, *6L*, and other journals.

Joe is a popular speaker at conferences. He keynoted at the 2004 Outlook on Quality Systems Conference Outlook on Quality Systems, and the 2011 Marcus Evans Medical Device Manufacturing Summit. He has also presented at the AME conference, the Healthcare Systems Process Improvement (SHS) conference, the Lean Six Sigma and Process Improvement in Healthcare (WCBF) Summit, the Lean Accounting Summit, NAHQ, and the TWI Summit.

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