Healthcare Innovation Center



HIC Newsletter

April - June 2026







Inside this edition, we invite you to explore the latest moments, initiatives, and accomplishments that continue to define the Healthcare Innovation Center's impact. From collaborative projects and educational experiences to organizational updates and community engagement, each story reflects the purpose, creativity, and dedication behind our work.

This newsletter captures more than what happened during the quarter. It highlights the progress, partnerships, and people helping move healthcare innovation forward, one initiative at a time.

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MEET THE *team*

Behind every project, service, and initiative is a dedicated team committed to advancing HIC's mission. In this section, we recognize the people whose expertise, creativity, and collaboration make our work possible.

Through their contributions, our team continues to strengthen a culture of innovation, service, and excellence across the Healthcare Innovation Center and its initiatives.

ENTREPRENEURIAL WIZARD

"I lead initiatives that drive technological advancements and innovative solutions in healthcare. My work focuses on fostering entrepreneurship, coordinating interdisciplinary projects, and securing grants to develop and implement cutting-edge technologies that enhance patient care and medical research".

Lorna M. Báez



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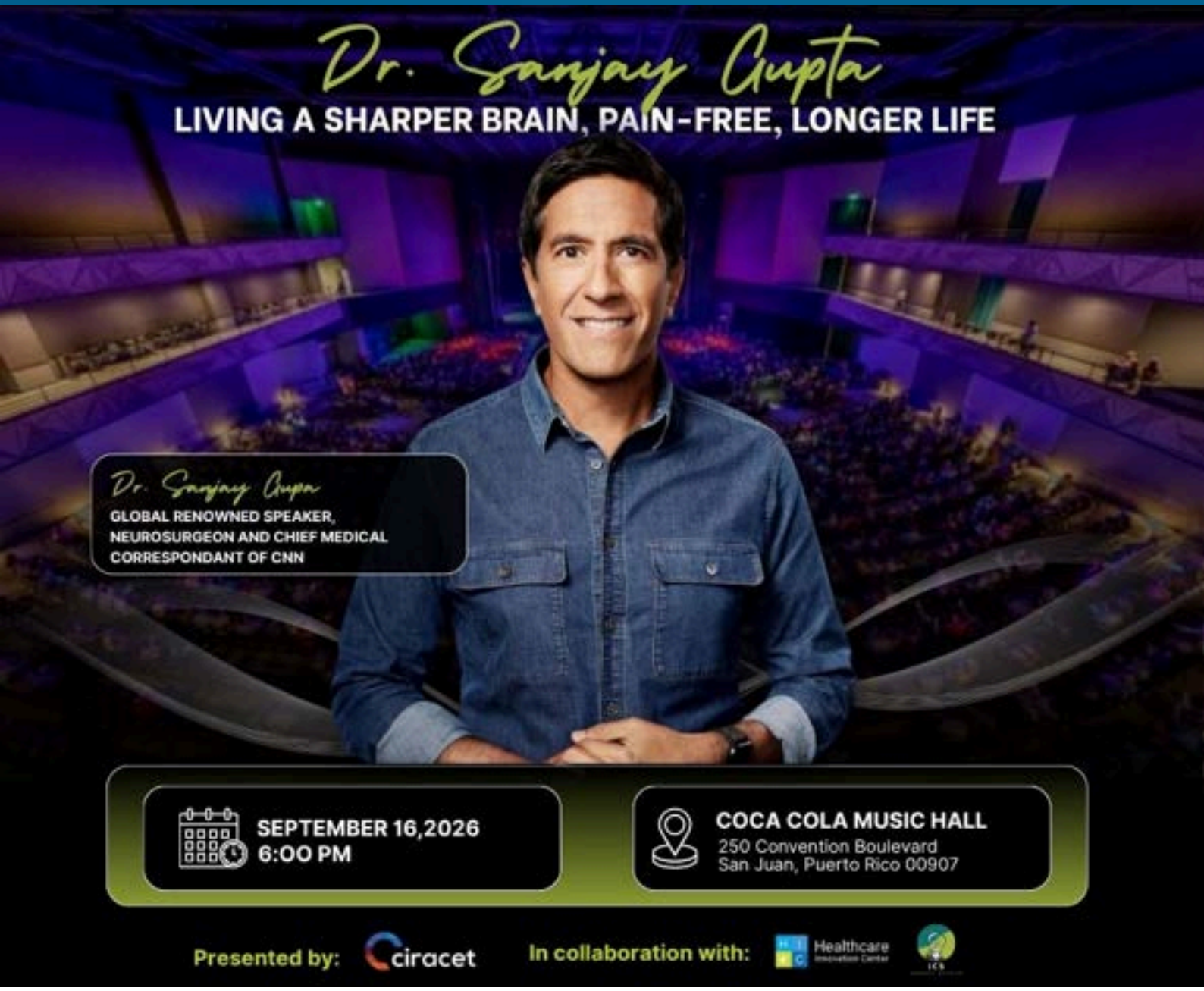
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CIRACET Brings Health and Neuroscience Dialogue to Puerto Rico with Dr. Sanjay Gupta

CIRACET announced a large-scale event in Puerto Rico featuring Dr. Sanjay Gupta, focused on neuroscience, healthcare innovation, longevity, and community wellbeing. The initiative highlights CIRACET's commitment to advancing education, collaboration, and meaningful conversations around the future of health.

Through this event, CIRACET seeks to bring together leaders, professionals, and the broader community to explore how science, innovation, and public engagement can contribute to healthier lives and stronger healthcare systems in Puerto Rico.

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CIRACET at Ponce Conecta 2026

CIRACET participated in Ponce Conecta 2026, a major workforce development event in southern Puerto Rico, through its Human Resources team, engaging with hundreds of professionals and job seekers and reinforcing its role as a leading employer in the healthcare and biomedical services sector. The event brought together 30+ employers and 450 registered participants, creating a space for networking, career pathways, and workforce growth in the region

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Highlights from the XXXVII CASS Annual Convention 2026

At the XXXVII CASS Annual Convention, held May 27-30 at El Conquistador Resort in Fajardo, CIRACET contributed through executive participation and education sessions, while connecting with healthcare leaders across the exhibit floor. CIRACET's President and CEO, Eng. Oscar Misla, participated in a CEO panel on building winning teams in healthcare, and Eng. Noris Torres (CIRACET's Vice-President and C4 Director) and René Rivera led a continuing education session focused on reducing hospital readmissions through coordinated care transitions.

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Cybersecurity and Emergency Preparedness: Highlights from the 2026 Summit

CIRACET participated in Puerto Rico's Cybersecurity and Emergency Management Summit 2026, a leading forum that convened industry, government, and technology stakeholders to advance cybersecurity strategy and emergency preparedness.

The summit emphasized best practices, emerging threats, and actionable frameworks for organizational resilience, reinforcing the importance of protecting sensitive systems and ensuring service continuity, especially in healthcare.

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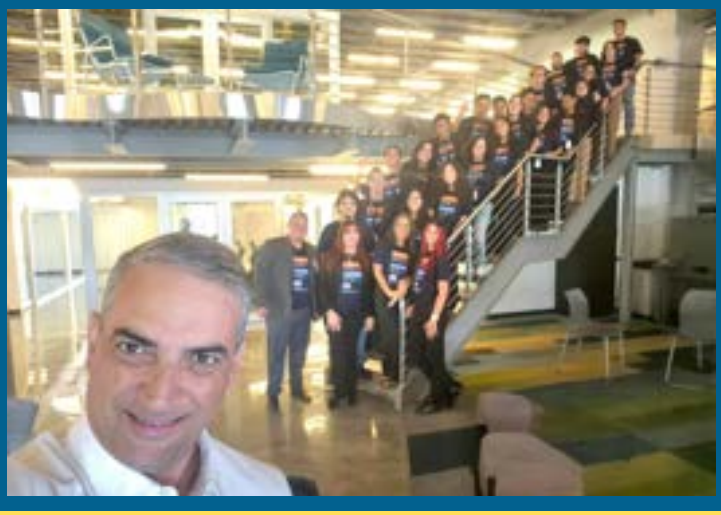


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Summer Internship Program



CIRACET SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2026 KICKS OFF



What interns can expect:

- **Team-based collaboration**
- **Project exposure**
- **Mentorship & guidance from professionals**
- **Learning experiences that support growth**

CIRACET has officially launched the Summer Internship Program 2026, welcoming a new cohort of interns for a summer focused on hands-on learning, collaboration, and professional development.

Throughout the internship, students will collaborate with teams across the CIRACET ecosystem, contribute to active initiatives, and learn through guided mentorship and structured experiences. The internship also supports professional growth through opportunities to build practical skills, expand networks, and gain insight into how multidisciplinary teams drive progress in healthcare.

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CIRACET at WHX Miami 2026: Innovation for Puerto Rico

CIRACET Corp. participated in World Health Expo Miami 2026, held June 17-19 at the Miami Beach Convention Center, the largest medical trade event in the U.S. and Latin America, gathering over 15,000 healthcare professionals worldwide. The team engaged with global leaders across nine healthcare sectors, including medical equipment, IT systems, diagnostics , and imaging, gathering insights to strengthen healthcare delivery across Puerto Rico.

CIRACET's participation reaffirms its role as a bridge between international innovation and the island's healthcare needs.

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2026 Health IT Congress: A Look Back at the Closing Sessions

Oscar Misla from CIRACET Corp. led an insightful session at this year's Health IT Congress titled *"Predictive Analytics and Personalized Medicine: Practical Applications*".

During his presentation, Eng. Misla shared how predictive analytics is helping drive more accurate clinical decision and increasingly personalized approaches to patient care, offering attendees practical, real-world insight into where data-driven healthcare is headed.

His session was part of a strong lineup during the congress's closing day, which also featured Mariana Díaz (CMS) presenting *"Advocacy Spotlight: Policy and Regulation for Smart Health Adoption"*, and Dr. Regino Colón (ASEM), Carlos Santiago (ASES), and Poincaré Díaz (PRITS), presenting *"Building a Smart Health Roadmap for Puerto Rico"*.

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The day closed with remarks from Dr. Fernando Villamil of Latin Doctors. Together, these sessions brought together leaders from across Puerto Rico's healthcare and technology sector to explore the future of smart health.

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Ponce Health Sciences University and AARP Puerto Rico Partner to Promote Healthy Aging



Ponce Health Sciences University and AARP Puerto Rico signed a collaboration agreement to support initiatives focused on healthy aging, brain health, and the wellbeing of older adults and caregivers in Puerto Rico.

Through this partnership, both organizations will work on educational programs, community outreach, and learning opportunities that address the needs of the island's aging population.

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PHSU Establishes Puerto Rico's First Rural Family Medicine Residency

Ponce Health Sciences University announced the accreditation of Puerto Rico's first Rural Family Medicine Residency Program, set to begin on July 1, 2026, with four residency positions for physicians interested in primary care in communities with limited access to healthcare services.

Based in Adjuntas, the program will also extend services to municipalities such as Lares, Utuado, Salinas, and Ponce, supporting the development of family physicians with a strong community-centered approach.

Equiply at MD Expo

Oscar Misla-Torres, President and CEO of Equiply Corp., participated as a speaker at **MD Expo**, held from April 7 to 9. During the event, he presented the session *"Turning Capital Planning into a System: Governance, Roadmaps, and Renewal Funding"*, focused on helping healthcare organizations move away from reactive equipment replacement and toward a more structured, strategic planning model.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SESSION HERE



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Triple-S Salud Reaccredited by URAC for a Fourth Consecutive Cycle

Congratulations to Triple-S Salud on being reaccredited by URAC for the fourth consecutive cycle. This important recognition reinforces Triple-S's commitment to service quality and the wellbeing of the people it serves, and confirms that its processes, operations, and services meet rigorous, patient-centered standards. This achievement also reflects the continued dedication and teamwork of its employees, providers, and partners in support of the mission to enable healthier lives.

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THE HIC *in action*

At the HIC, every initiative, event, and collaboration reflects our commitment to advancing healthcare innovation, education, and community impact. In this section, we highlight key moments from the past months, including programs, partnerships, workshops, and activities that brought together professionals, students, entrepreneurs, and organizations with a shared vision for transforming healthcare.

Through these efforts, HIC continues to serve as a space where ideas move forward, connections are built, and innovation becomes action.

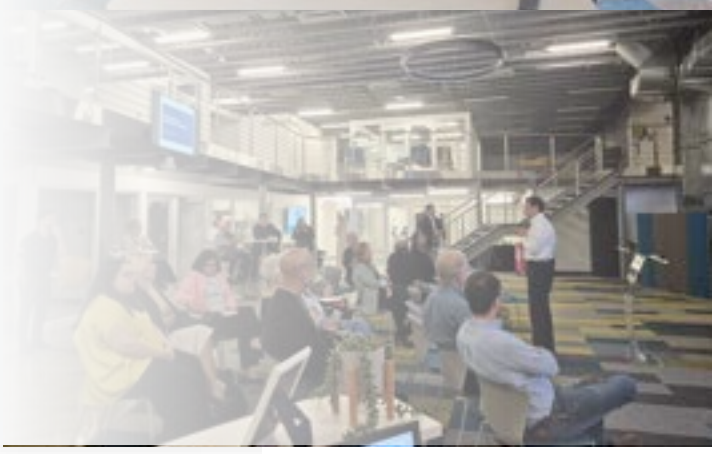
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From Loneliness to AI: Scientific Innovation Night Tackles Healthcare's Biggest Questions

The Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) hosted the 10th edition of Scientific Innovation Night on April 23, an evening that paired live music and a social atmosphere with meaningful presentations on three pressing issues in modern healthcare: social isolation as a clinical risk factor, the science of reducing hospital readmissions, and the role of AI in restoring the patient-physician relationship.





Dr. Jose E. Novoa

The Silent Epidemic: the Impact of Social Isolation and Loneliness on Patient Health.

Dr. José E. Novoa made the case that loneliness and social isolation are legitimate health determinants, citing research linking lack of social connections to mortality risk comparable to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. He highlighted sharp increases in cardiovascular risk, hospitalizations, stroke, and dementia tied to isolation, closing with a clear message: socializing is a health intervention, and the time to act is now.

Eng. Noris Torres

The Readmission Reset: Care that pays off

Eng. Noris Torres of Ciracet's Care Coordination Collaboration Center presented a pilot program targeting hospital readmissions through post-discharge outreach. Using the LACE Score to prioritize high-risk patients, the program coordinated follow-up care for nearly 900 patients, achieving a 20% reduction in readmissions and patient satisfaction scores between 95% and 99%.





Dr. Laureano A. Giráldez

AI Tools in Clinical Practice: Rediscovering the Patient Encounter

Dr. Laureano A. Giráldez explored how ambient AI is helping physicians reconnect with patients. Tracing the rise of EHR-driven burnout, he introduced ambient AI scribe technology, which listens to and documents clinical visits in real time as a way to restore eye contact, presence, and trust between doctor and patient.

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HIC Participates in the CIO & IT Leadership Conference 2026



Eng. Gladys González, from the HIC's Digital Solutions Division, participated in the CIO & IT Leadership Conference 2026, held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the Puerto Rico Convention Center.

Hosted by the Puerto Rico Information Technology Cluster (PRITC), the conference brought together CIOs, technology leaders, representatives from public and private sectors, and companies from local and international markets to discuss the strategic role of information technology in innovation, economic development, and digital transformation.

Gladys's participation in this event reflects the importance of staying connected with the trends, conversations, and collaborations shaping the future of technology and innovation in Puerto Rico. Through spaces like this, the Digital Solutions Division continues to strengthen its vision of developing digital solutions that respond to the evolving needs of the healthcare sector, industry, and the broader community.



HIC Represented at the MOIN Conference

Lorna M. Báez represented HIC at the MOIN Conference, the main educational event of the Puerto Rican Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Association. The event, held on Friday, May 1, brought together patients, families, caregivers, and healthcare stakeholders in a fully Spanish-language setting designed to support education, awareness, and access to information for the bleeding disorders community in Puerto Rico.

During the conference, Ms. Báez introduced Clinical Social Network (CSN), a solution developed at HIC, and shared its potential value as a tool for monitoring patients with hemophilia and other hereditary bleeding disorders. Her participation created an opportunity to present innovative approaches that may support patient follow-up, care coordination, and ongoing engagement with individuals and families affected by these conditions.

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EnterPRize 2026 Open Workshop Held at the HIC

May 1, 2026



The HIC served as the venue for **EnterPRize 2026,** an open workshop designed to support entrepreneurs and strengthen business development across the region.

The event featured Ana Izquierdo of Law LLC, who led the workshop *"Adaptar para Convencer: El Secreto de un Pitch Perfecto"*. Through this session, participants gained practical guidance on how to adapt their message, communicate their business ideas more effectively, and build stronger pitches.

The workshop provided an opportunity for entrepreneurs to learn more about Grupo Guayacán's programs and access hands-on support aligned with their business needs.



UPR Ponce Students Present Professional Practice Projects at the HIC

On Monday, May 11, the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) of CIRACET Corp. welcomed students from the Computerized Information Systems Department at the University of Puerto Rico in Ponce for the formal presentation of their professional practice projects.

The activity was led by Ramón F. Nieves Álvarez, Information Systems Manager at CIRACET, who introduced the purpose of the initiatives and highlighted the importance of developing technology solutions aligned with real organizational needs.

During the presentations, students demonstrated platforms focused on Nonconformities and Corrective Actions (CAPA), Risks and Opportunities, Cybersecurity Awareness, and IT Governance and Compliance. These projects incorporated key concepts such as programming, databases, user authentication, and reporting.

The event brought together members of the IT Department, management personnel, and invited collaborators, creating a space for learning, innovation, and collaboration between academia and the professional environment.

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Cámara de Comercio del Sur Brings Business Succession Strategies Event to the HIC



The HIC served as the venue for “Valorización y Estrategias de Sucesión para tu Negocio", an evening workshop organized by the Cámara de Comercio del Sur de Puerto Rico.

The event brought together owners and entrepreneurs from the southern Puerto Rico region to explore how to determine the real value of their businesses and design sound succession plans that ensure continuity and long-term growth.

The program featured two expert-led sessions. Eduardo Sanabria of Popular Risk led the discussion on *Business Succession Strategies* and Braulio Nieves of BNR Capital LLC and Freddy Castejón of Worcaps jointly led the *How Much is Your Business Worth?*

Together, the sessions provided attendees with a unique opportunity to make informed, vision-driven decisions; positioning their businesses firmly for the future while safeguarding what makes them valuable today.





Leones Contra el Cáncer Initiative Promotes Early Cancer Detection and Community Awareness

June 4, 2026

The HIC served as the venue for the press conference announcing *Leones Contra el Cáncer*, an educational initiative led by the Leones de Ponce of the Puerto Rico National Superior Basketball League in support of cancer awareness and early detection.

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Through this campaign, the basketball court becomes more than a sports venue. It becomes a platform to educate, inspire, and unite the community around a cause that touches many families across Puerto Rico. Developed in collaboration with the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and Alivia Health, the initiative benefits the American Cancer Society of Puerto Rico.

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INNOVATIVE CARE *solutions*

Innovative Care Solutions (ICS) is the innovation laboratory of the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC), designed to transform ideas into tangible healthcare solutions through collaboration, experimentation, and strategic development.

In this section, you'll find updates on the latest projects currently in progress at the HIC.

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Digital Solutions Team Works on CAMS Updates to Strengthen PM Management

CAMS
CIRACET ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Digital Solutions team is currently working on new updates for CAMS aimed at improving the identification and management of pending and failed Preventive Maintenance tasks.

These enhancements are designed to make it easier for users to track PM status, identify priority items, and follow up on maintenance activities that require attention. By improving visibility and organization within the system, the updates will support more efficient workflows, stronger traceability, and better decision-making for equipment maintenance management.

Through these ongoing improvements, CAMS continues to evolve as a tool that supports operational efficiency, compliance, and proactive equipment management.



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