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### **Kathleen Hacku Completes Six Sigma Certification**

Sheffield Pharmaceuticals is proud to announce our newest graduate of Six Sigma practices. Kathleen Hacku, Quality Assurance Manager, graduated this month with Black Belt certification in Six Sigma; concentrating in extensive courses of data analysis and process improvement.

Six Sigma originated as a set of business practices designed to improve manufacturing process and eliminate defects and continues to focus efforts to achieve stable and predictable process results and reduce process variation. Six Sigma uses a set of quality management methods to improve the quality of process outputs by identifying and removing the causes of defects (errors), including statistical methods; and creates a special organization team infrastructure created with Black Belt, Green Belts etc. who are experts in these methods.

Six Sigma strategies closely align with Sheffield Pharmaceuticals "core values" of Customer Service, Quality, Teamwork, Innovation, Honesty and Integrity and Continuous Improvement. These methods provides the structure to **Define** an area for improvement; **Measure** key aspects of the process; **Analyze** the data; **Improve** or optimize the current process based on the data and **Control** the future process to reduce defects.

Kathleen began her career with Sheffield Pharmaceuticals in 1999 in the role of Quality Assurance Manager. She is a member of the leadership team involved in spearheading growth strategies, continuous improvement & process enhancement.