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Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS) are excellent vehicles to move companies from a reactive maintenance environment to a proactive maintenance environment along with allowing companies to accurately track the cost of their maintenance and determine their manpower utilization. The means to successful implementation of your selected CMMS is a matter of being well informed, knowledgeable, and developing a well organized plan for the accurate execution of your facility's CMMS Implementation. This issue of Rx Today will point you in the necessary direction and guide you through the processes for achieving the desired results from your CMMS implementation.

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## Installation versus Implementation...What's the difference?

By Charles Bowers

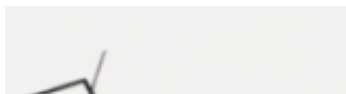
CMMS software developers will install their system and train your staff to operate it efficiently. They will also define what data is required to be entered into the various CMMS data fields; when they've completed their installation and training, the software is still void of data. In order to obtain effective maintenance management information from CMMS software, all of your facility's pertinent data must be accurately entered in formats understandable to both you and the software. Realization of these three attributes of the data to be entered constitutes implementation of the CMMS software.

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## **CMMS / EAM IMPLEMENTATION: Success or Failure**

By Mike Willard



Many companies have purchased a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) with the intent that the system will be the silver bullet that solves all the maintenance problems. There are literally hundreds of information management software bundles available today that can be classified as maintenance management suites. CMMS have become more sophisticated and much more capable over the last five years, yet many CMMS users feel that their systems have failed to deliver the desired results. Is this due to a preponderance of faulty software or some other, more fundamental flaw? Why aren't these companies realizing the maintenance management improvements that they anticipated? What is causing CMMS software to fail to deliver the goods and can anything be done to alleviate the problems that seem to plague so many facility maintenance departments? This paper tells two stories; one of an implementation that failed and one that was a success.

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