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Sommario/riassunto	Continual pressures on healthcare budgets coupled with increasing demands and evidence of poor performance have led national and local healthcare organizations to look for methods to improve quality, safety and value in health service delivery. Increasingly this search for solutions has extended beyond the boundaries of healthcare practice to investigate successfully employed methods from other industries. Lean Systems Thinking and continuous improvement activities have come to the attention of healthcare administrators looking for ways to improve organizational performance. Originating in the