

Efficiency

Without efficiency traveling on a train or plane would be a time-wasting catastrophe. As a little child, waiting in the doctor's office for over two hours for a five-minute checkup was also a catastrophe. Efficiency is needed everywhere and pertains to most activities in manufacturing, machinery, information flow, and health.

What makes efficiency so important? Money, time, and good results are the factors. Millions of dollars are sacrificed daily because of inefficient operations. High or low blood pressure can make the heart function inefficiently; same with sugar in the body; same with inaccurate communications in the workplace.

Efficiency is dependent on two practices: (1) system design, and (2) system observation. Was the system (machine, vehicle, information flow, position or activity) designed to generate results with the minimal expenses and quality? Through good observations of the system pursued, using proper evaluation techniques, determine if the system achieves its precluded goals of operation.

Maintaining efficiency serves to increase production and performance, the operation of systems becomes more valuable, and all this brings peace of mind.

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