

Health Systems Performance Management News

McKesson Expands Point-of-Use Integration to Specialty Departments

New solutions free clinicians from supply roles, better capture charges and maintain inventory

ATLANTA, Aug. 6, 2012 - McKesson today announced new solutions that help hospitals improve inventory control and drive greater efficiency in two of their most critical profit centers – cardiology and surgery departments. The only supply chain solutions to offer integration with cardiology and surgery solutions, McKesson Cardiology Inventory™ and the McKesson Surgical Manager™ Point-of-Use Integration Module streamline caregiver involvement with supply duties while improving management of high-cost supply items.

The new solutions help reduce workflow problems by automating charge and inventory processes and integrating clinical, supply chain and revenue cycle solutions. Helping customer improve efficiencies in care delivery is just one objective of McKesson's Better Health 2020™ initiative, which is focused on helping healthcare providers use information technology achieve better patient care, better business health and better connectivity.

The Washington Hospital in Washington, Pa., recognized immediate efficiencies by deploying the solution in the cardiac catheterization lab. "The McKesson system helps us to consolidate charting, billing, and supply replenishment with a single scan," said Marcia Deeb, CVIS coordinator, the Washington Hospital, "We're already looking at expanding to other areas within the hospital."

With McKesson Cardiology Inventory, clinicians simply scan bar-coded supply items for a given procedure and close the clinical case. The system automatically captures charges, charges the patient and decrements inventory, signaling reorders as needed. The surgery solution enables similar workflow efficiencies, and integrates McKesson Point-of-Use cabinets and/or open bins with McKesson Surgical Manager.

In addition to automatic charge capture, both solutions improve and enhance profitability through optimized inventory with fewer expired or overstocked items. By reducing caregiver involvement with clinical and inventory documentation, clinicians can focus on what they do best—care for patients.

Part of McKesson Point of Use Supply™, (formerly known as IntelliShelf™ Supply), the new solutions will be highlighted at the upcoming AHRMM conference, Aug. 5-8, in San Antonio, Texas. McKesson Point-of-Use Supply simplifies hospital supply chain management by automating critical supply functions at the point of use, including requisitioning, patient charging, inventory management and information capture. The integrated offering incorporates open bins, bar codes, mobile carts and cabinets including RFID options. For more information, visit www.mckesson.com/supplychain.

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