

## **SAVE YOUR MONEY SAVE YOUR TIME: THE STOCKROOM RENOVATION**

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**Background Information:** The Same Day Surgery area at the Cleveland Clinic's stockroom was arranged haphazardly creating issues with the inability to locate needed supplies and difficulty reviewing expirations for current stock. This resulted in patient safety issues as we found expired supplies being used for patients

**Objectives of Project:** The purpose of project was to improve productivity, increase patient safety and find area for cost repositioning.

**Process of Implementation:** The SDS 5S team noted an opportunity to update the layout of our stockroom to make it easier for staff to locate items, improve the ability to monitor PAR levels, and find ways for cost repositioning. The first Phase of the project entailed the removal of rolling shelving units that made it very difficult to access supply and monitor PAR levels. We were able to obtain recycled wall units to which allowed us to review current stock and organize the room to make it easier for staff to find supplies.

**Statement of Successful Practice:** With the renovation project we were able to put like items together to make it easier for the nursing staff to locate needed patient supplies, which ultimately affected productivity. Stock is now more accessible to review expiration dates and promote patient safety. The second phase of the project was to review the current PAR levels of our supplies and find areas for cost savings. We were able to remove several items that we longer use and decrease the PAR levels of other items. When we reviewed the cost savings of this project we determined that we will save our area approximately \$2,330 per month, resulting in a yearly savings of \$28,000 a year.

**Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing:** With these changes the nurses are able to spend more time with their patients and less time finding supplies. We also need to promote the highest level of patient safety and ensure we have a system in place that eliminates expired supplies. With the need to find areas for cost repositioning this gave our areas an opportunity to do our part towards cost savings.