Work Flow Control

Improving Healthcare Productivity, Satisfaction, and Outcomes

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What this talk is about

✓ Vastly improving healthcare efficiency

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How we do it ...

✓ Through work flow control systems

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Control

Work flow control systems

- ✓ Provide real-time, actionable information directly to each individual across an organization to help continuously coordinate and direct their activities
- ✓ Fundamentally different than traditional IT focused on data entry and retrieval for after-the-fact measurement and management reporting



What makes them successful ...

- ✓ Four necessary components → sufficient only when highly integrated
 - Real-time tracking
 - ② Simplified input and transparent communications
 - ③ Dynamic rescheduling and facility coordination
 - 4 Jeopardy alerting and individual prioritization



Necessary → sufficient components

- Track in real-time occurrence of all critical events and status of <u>all</u> critical resources including people, places, and equipment
- ② Super-simplify end-user input and widely distribute information that is transparent and immediately actionable
- Continuously modify master schedule to coordinate and optimize facility-wide productivity
- Automatically alert appropriate personnel when immediate action is required to prevent delays

Historical precedence

What started as significant competitive advantage, became necessity for survival



1960's - Continuous flow

manufacturing 1970's – General

manufacturing 1980's – Package

delivery



1990's -

Transportation

2000's - Financial/insurance

services

2010's -

Healthcare

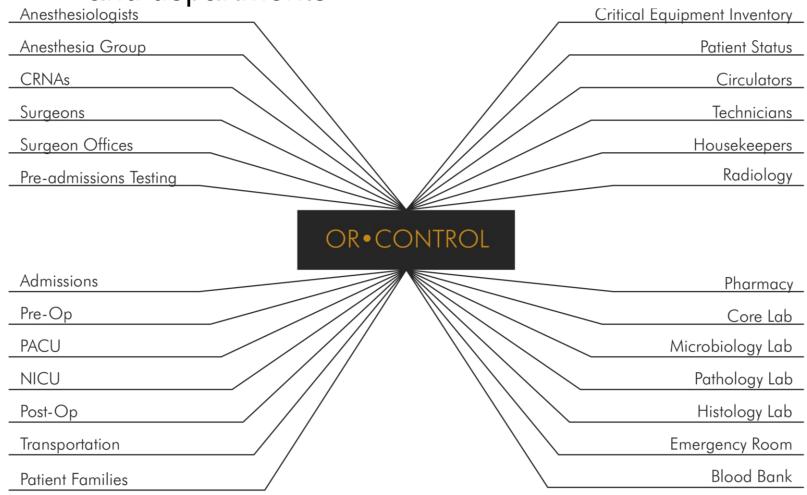


OR CONTROL system

- ✓ Uses real-time location system to automate tracking of critical events and activities
- Displays continuous, real-time status updates of procedures, patients, rooms, staff assignments, and critical equipment
- ✓ Automatically updates master schedules in realtime coordinating physicians and staff within and outside the facility
- Generates jeopardy alerts identifying the nonoccurrence of critical events required to maintain on-time starts and efficient throughput

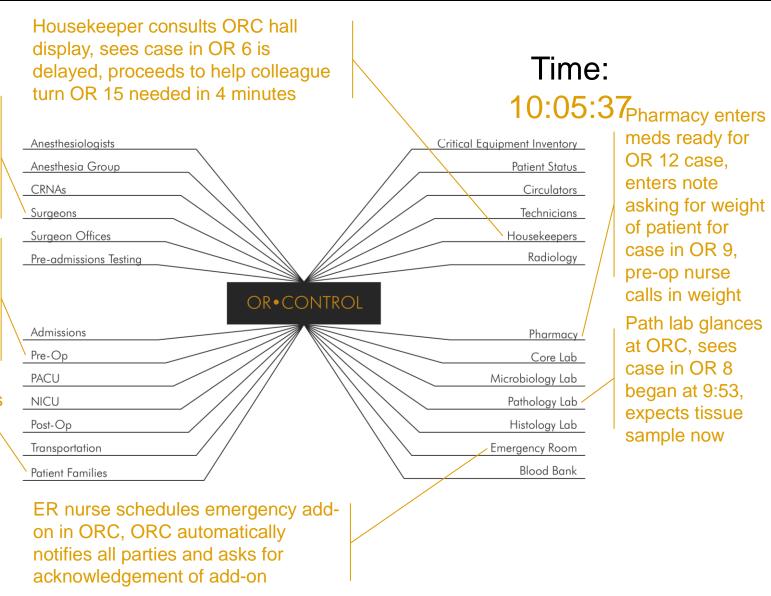
OR CONTROL SCOPE

Real-time coordination across all necessary groups and departments



OR CONTROL real-time coordination

Surgeon receives **ORC** text that patient has wheeled into OR 4, she immediately proceeds to scrub Pre-op nurse consults ORC. sees next patient is now registered, she immediately proceeds to get patient Family gets ORC page, their case is closing, they proceed to meet surgeon for consult



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COO/CNO justification

- ✓ OR CONTROL documented operational benefits
 - On-time first start of the day improved 28%
 - Patient wait times reduced 35%
 - ♦ To-follow turn times reduced 50%
 - Improved case throughput and reduction in overtime
 - Improved focus on patients even with 30% volume increase

CFO justification

- ✓ OR CONTROL hard dollar business case
 - Documented ROI of over 350% in first three months
 - Improved case throughput, \$5,500 margin/case
 - Identification/collection of uncaptured revenue
 - Capital expenditure delay on expansion of facilities

CIO justification

- ✓ OR CONTROL mitigating costs and risks
 - One-way interface with existing systems
 - Does not duplicate or alter existing clinical reporting
 - Requires minimal end-user training (similar to ATM)
 - Requires less than 80 total clinical staff hours to deploy
 - Requires less than 160 total IT staff hours to



Will healthcare transformation occur ...

- Overcoming inefficiency, improving quality
- ✓ Optimist / pessimist / possibilist
- ✓ It can be done (DCMC, MEDVAMC)
- ✓ Miniscule effort/resources needed compared to other healthcare initiatives