The winner of the GS1 Healthcare Provider Implementation Best Case Study Award





401 Athens General Military Hospital / Hellenic Army

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401 Athens General Military Hospital





Our Hospital: Facts & Data

- Largest Military Hospital in Greece
- NATO Role 4 Hospital
- 540 beds, up to 1075
- 11 Operating Rooms
- Cardiac Catheterization & Vascular Embolism Laboratory
- Cardiac surgery dept.
- In **2018**:
- ~ 16.000 inpatients, 230.000 outpatients
- Nearly 6.000 surg. operations
- ~ 7.500.000 € annual spend on medical devices







Why use GS1 Standards ?



- In an extremely difficult economic environment, we needed to:
 - Improve hospital supply chain operations
 - ✓ Cut-down costs
 - Enhance patient safety

Greek Army's Medical Supplies Centre is using GS1 standards in warehouse operations since 2015 with very good results !







"How GS1 standards will improve hospital's operations ?"

Proof of Concept: A pilot

- What ? Expensive items stock management High–risk medical devices
- How ? Using **AIDC technologies** and **manufacturer's barcodes**
- Where ? **Operating Room**



A Great Challenge !



- Our nurses/staff knew nothing about barcodes
- Suppliers' limited knowledge of GS1 standards
- Barcode scanning not implemented in hospital's clinical software



• Resistance to change (?)



Initial Assessment - Issues



- Proprietary hospital-only item codes.
- No GTINs stored in the system
- Manual registering of items (Excel Item Catalogues)
- No LOT/BATCH or Serial tracking
- Limited stock visibility for OR items



Initial Assessment - Findings



Error-prone, time-consuming processes !

Valuable time lost

Inaccurate stock data

Traceability ???

Expired items - losses





Medical Devices used in the OR:

>90% barcoded

85% GS1 (**GS1-128, GS1 Datamatrix**) **5%** HIBCC

2% other

Application Identifiers: (01) GTIN (17) EXP (10) LOT (21) SERIAL



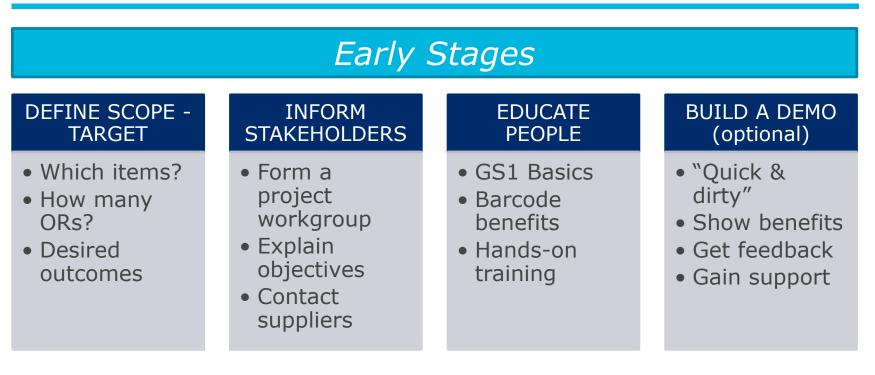


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Implementation Strategy







Implementation Strategy



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DECIDE & DESIGN CHANGES	APPLY CHANGES	EVALUATE RESULTS	FORM A CULTURE	NEXT STEPS	
SystemsProceduresKPIs	 Continuous monitoring Feedback Training Support 	 Measure KPIs Operational efficiency Patient safety 	 Everyday job Clear benefits User friendliness 	 More ORs Other Depts OR Safe Labeling System 	



Implementation



SELECTED ITEMS

Cost & Volume

- High cost medical devices
- High turnover items (e.g. surg. Sutures)
- Risk & patient safety
 - Implants
 - Intra-Ocular Lens

SELECTED BARCODES

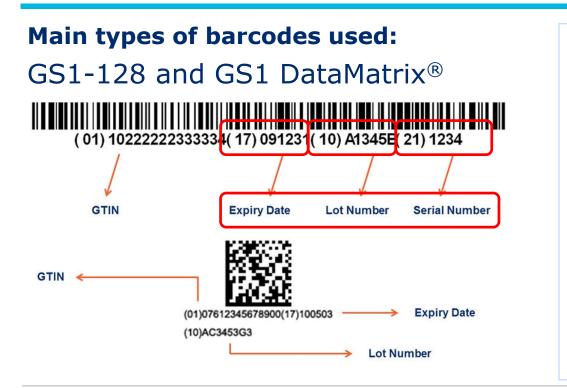
- GS1 barcodes:
 - EAN, GS1-128, DataMatrix

Scanning at the "Point Of Sale"



Implementation







capturing crucial item data:

- GTIN
- LOT/BATCH
- (SERIAL)
- EXP DATE





✓ 3 more ORs (General and neuro- surgery) ✓ Anesthesia & Recovery Dept.

And...

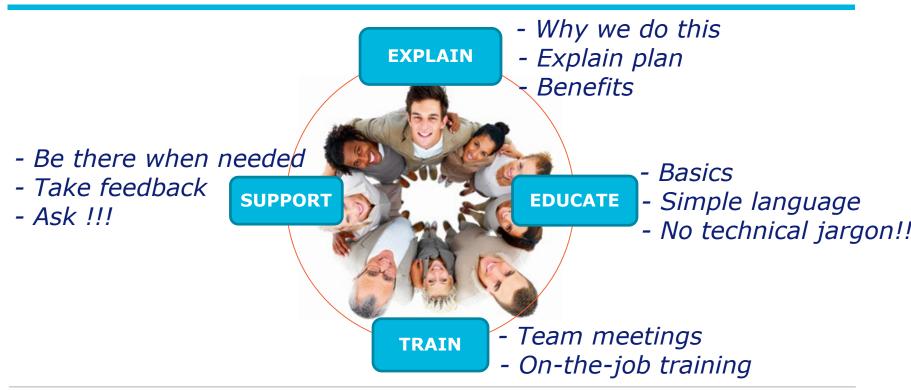
- Cardiac Catheterization Lab.
- ✓ Interventional Radiology Dept.





Personnel Engagement

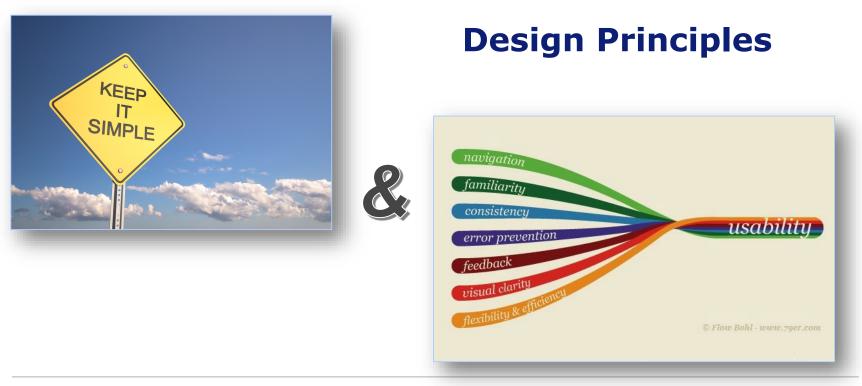






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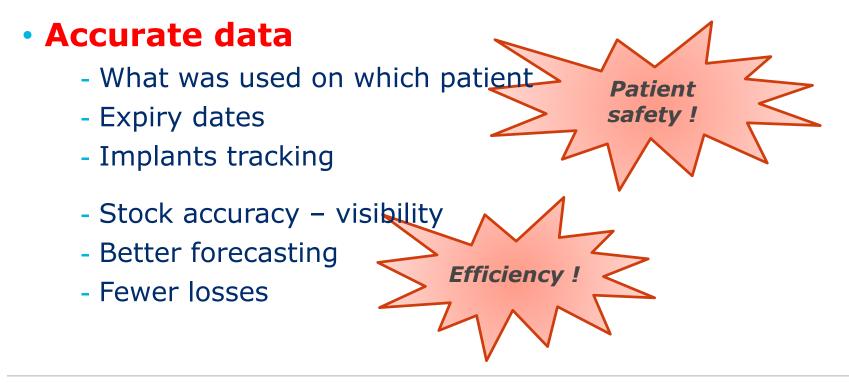






Outcomes - Benefits

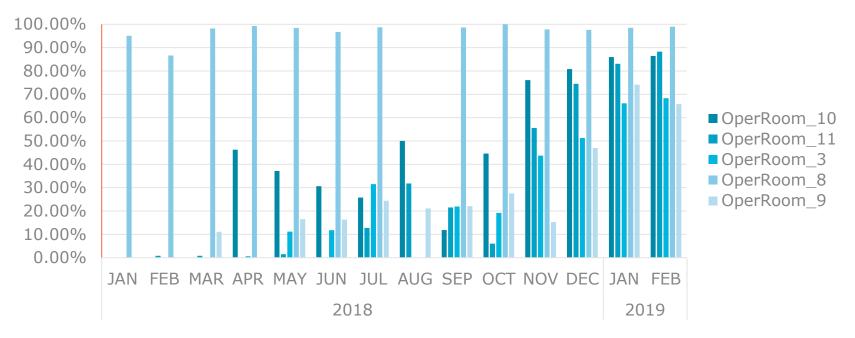








% Scan Rate per OR, 14 months period

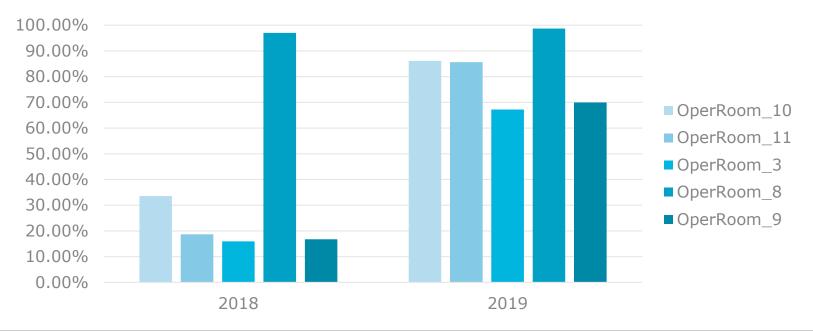




Outcomes – Benefits, OR



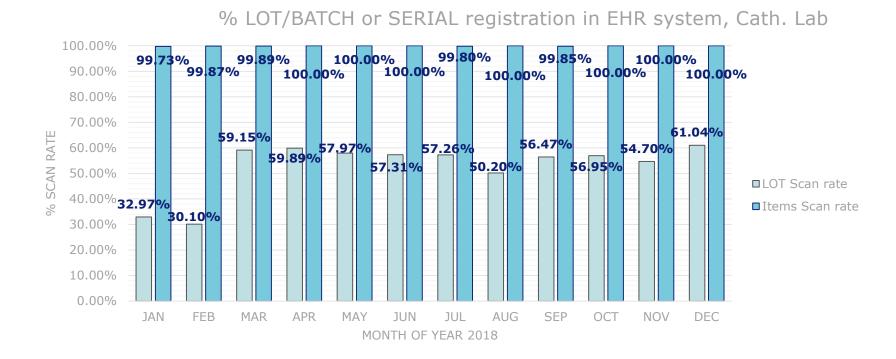
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Outcomes – Benefits, Cath. Lab

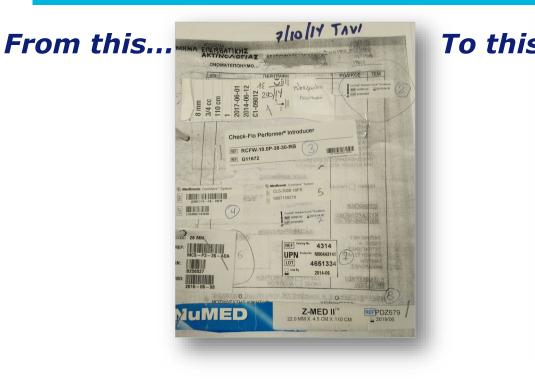






Outcomes - Benefits





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Outcomes - Benefits



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21.000 € in the OR and
more than 13.000 € in the Cath. Lab

Cost of items replaced by suppliers before reaching their expiration date (contract term)







Outcomes - Benefits



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Detailed cost per operation

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Double ABC analysis !



Outcomes - Benefits



Speed

Significant gains for our Nurses:

- Fast & correct registration of items in the OR \rightarrow
 - More time with the patient
 - Less paperwork
- Fast & correct stock counting \rightarrow
 - Less time spend in administrative tasks
- Significant time gains at the invoicing procedure !







Speed

>80% less time needed for stock counting

>85% less time needed for registering anesthesia sets
to patient records
(almost 19 hours/month !)

Procurements Officer:

"Is like having one more person in the office!"







- Safety
 For our patients
 - For our **nurses**



Cardiac Catheterization Lab Head Nurse:

"I feel safe knowing I have full control over my stock"







Change of Culture!





Outcomes - Benefits





Our Vascular Embolism Lab Team

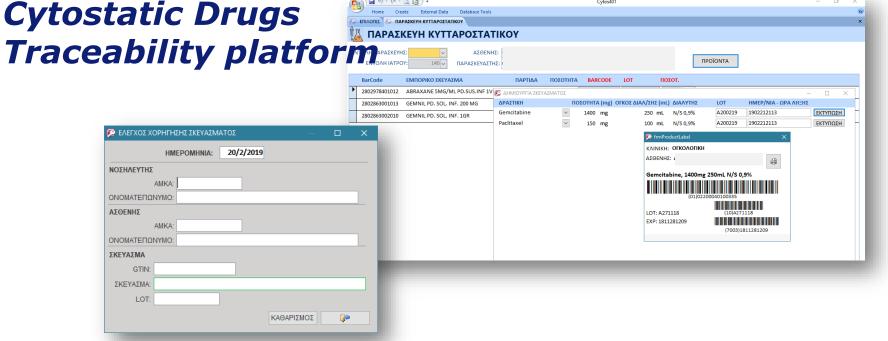
Happier people !

- Barcodes are great, but our **people are the key**
- GS1 standards made their life easier
- Happier staff means
 better care for our patients !









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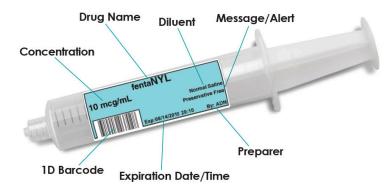
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Safety Labeling System for high-risk medication in the OR







One last word











Thank you !

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