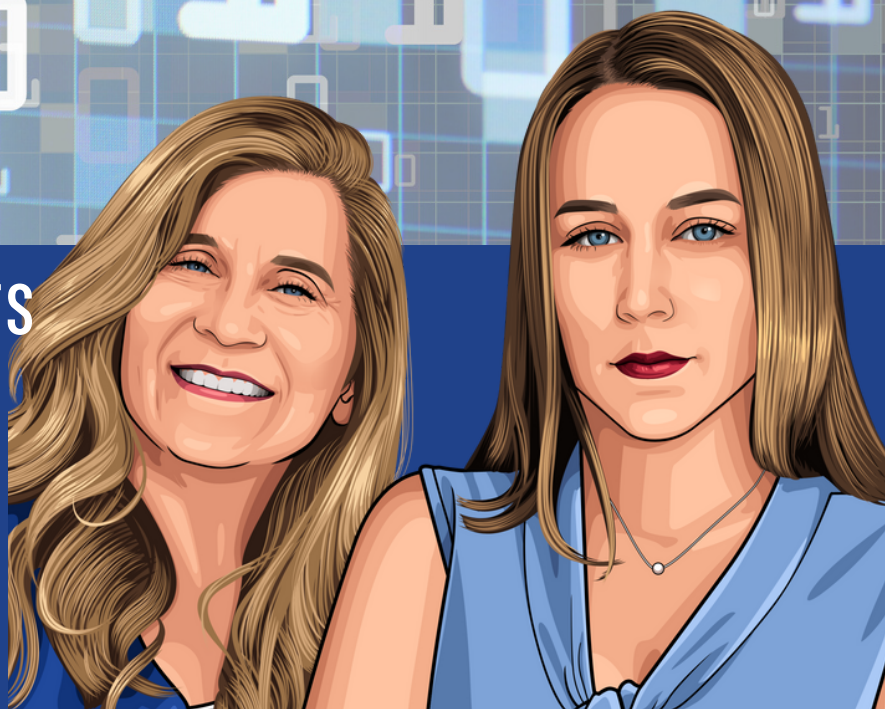


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Hey Super People Departments!

Let's talk about great power. You all have the unique ability to track the use of every surgical instrument in your hospital. Transitioning from manual to electronic tracking can be daunting. Before you jump in, prepare for the great responsibility. Make sure you and your team are on the same page prior to making big changes. Make a list of best practices. Find out the specific needs of your SPD. Develop an inner circle to make changes to count sheets and products. Keep your inner circle small and in good communication. You will help ensure that your team can work cohesively in the face of changing management or evolving catalog number formats for your favorite vendors.

Now you need a sidekick. Aside from the obvious traits that make an excellent sidekick like dependability or loyalty, your electronic surgical instrument tracking system is going to need a few extra abilities. Look for a system that maintains all product catalog information in one place. Your instruments will bounce around your hospital; your data should not. The ideal software will also allow you to maintain two names for one product, one for your team and one for the OR. This allows your hospital additional flexibility without compromising the cleanliness of your data. Again, the goal is to maintain products in one place, so being able to use multiple names per product is crucial. Find out how you would be able to clean your system's data from time to time. Even superheroes make mistakes! Sometimes superheroes make choices at one time that don't make sense till the end of time. Management turnover, any organizational restructuring, and errors can all result in the need to edit existing tracking data. The ability to clean up data can give you a reset button. Lastly, the perfect system will have built-in checks and balances during container assembly. Any red flags, warnings, or alerts will improve the accountability of your team and the integrity of your data in your data-to-day sterilization battles.

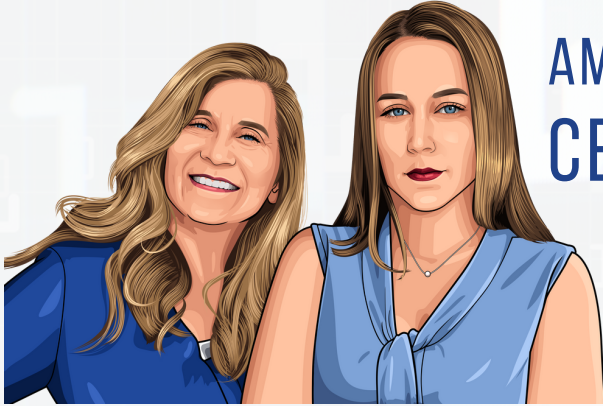
Knowing your powers and sidekick in toe, it's time to PPE suit up and prepare for the ultimate fight against Dirty Data.

Stay tuned for your next mission.

-Madi and Amy

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