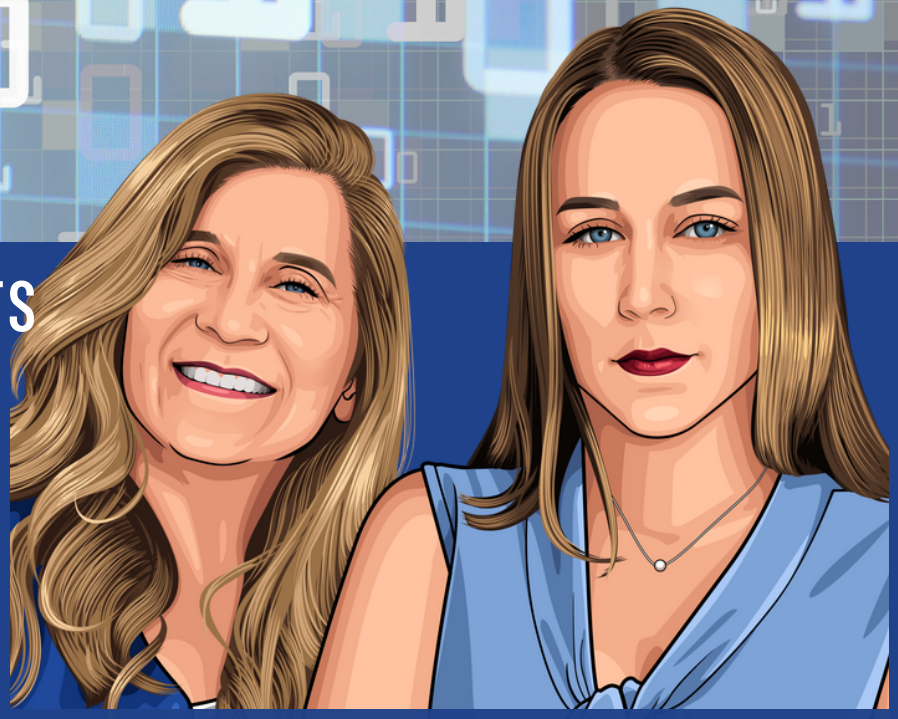


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Hey Super People Departments!

As you enjoy the benefits of your new sidekick (electronic instrument tracking software) in the battle against Dirty Data, you will probably notice some of your own strengths and weaknesses. Specific products can be your strength. Generic products can be your weakness.

When adding products to an electronic tracking system, we all have the responsibility to disclose as much information as possible. Products added without suppliers or catalog numbers and only with descriptions are generic. Specific products have suppliers and catalog numbers as well as descriptions. Generic products are potential weaknesses for a couple reasons. First, they prevent utilization of OneSource, which means the loss of critical IFUs regarding the storage, handling, and preparation of sterilized materials. Second, you lose the quality of photos attached to products. Without a supplier or catalog number, you cannot locate photos of your instruments in any vendor database. Third, generic products are a common source of duplicates. If a product's description is the only means of identification, a simple typo or variance in spelling can create duplicates. Does your catalog have a generic #5 KNIFE HANDLE? What about a second generic #5 KNIFE-HANDLE? By adding only a hyphen (or leaving out only a hyphen), your catalog can quickly become overwhelmed by duplicate generic products without ever misspelling a word. Keep your superpower in good health by eliminating as many generic products as possible from your hospital's electronic tracking system.

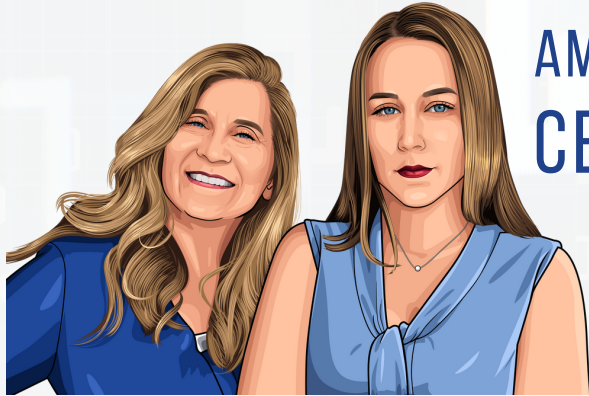
As a hero in your SPD, it is crucial to develop a system to convert your generic products to specific products when you can. Check your count sheets! If you have products without suppliers or catalog numbers, remove them and replace them with specific products; If you come across a physical instrument with a supplier and catalog number that your tracking system recognizes as generic, recommission the instrument to the correct product. Our endgame is providing the best possible data. The best products will have accurate images, clear IFUs, suppliers, and clean catalog numbers. The best heroes have peace of mind that their hospital is not liable or taking unnecessary risks with incomplete product data.

We'll be back with more ways to take down Dirty Data. Stay clean!

-Madi and Amy

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