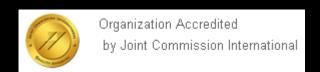


Drugs Traceability System at the Albert Einstein Hospital

Use of two-dimensional bar codes as a tool for drugs traceability in Albert Einstein Hospital to improve safety in the medication process

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Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein

- HIAE numbers (2007)
 - More then 6.000 active employees
 - Morumbi Unit
 - 530 beds (2010)
 - 143.960 patients-day
 - 101.061 ambulatory consults in the Urgent Care
 - 28 operation rooms (2 Surgery Centers)
 - 27.058 surgeries
 - 2.931 labours
 - The most important liver transplant center in Brazil (11,5% of the whole in Brazil). More then 1400 procedures since 2002.

Dados do IOM

- According to the IOM report (Institute of Medicine – EUA, 1999), 7000 Americans die annually due to medication errors.
- Annually, medication errors cost 3,5 billion dollars in the US, according to conservative estimation of the IOM (2006).
- The IOM recommends process automation as a way of preventing errors, or adverse events.

Safety and Quality (errors reduction and traceability)





Automated processes

(two-dimensional barcodes)



Costs reduction

Safety - Traceability

- According to the MMU.3.3 Standard from the Joint Commission International, traceability is extremely relevant, since it is necessary to retrieve recalled or discontinued medicines by the manufacturer or the local sanitary authority. Are considered elements of performance:
 - The institution capacity of retrieving and disposing this kind of medicines;
 - Inform physicians and staff who can order or administer these medicines;
 - Identify and inform physicians which patients received theses medicines.

Unsafe product identification Re-labeling

- Products re-labeling
 - Risk of identification errors
 - High expenditures with manual work







Unsafe product identification Re-labeling

How they are...



Repackaged oral solids



Relabeled vials





Relabeled ampoules

Two-dimensional bar codes

- Important application for process security.
 - Traceability requires bar codes with lot and expiration date.
 - Identification and partnership establishment with the manufacturer:
 - Hypofarma
 - Eurofarma
 - Isofarma
 - (Baxter)



GS1 DataMatrix

Two-dimensional bar codes

How they should be...





Software adjustments

- The desire of using the new standard determined the necessity of some software adjustments (December 2005):
 - ERP SAP R/3
 - Unit Dose Manager System

Hardware acquisition

 Bar code readers (USB or PS/2 – keyboard interface)





Hardware acquisition

- Mobility in the inventory management
 - Use of PDA (on-line via radio-frequency) and bar codes.





Safety and traceability in the process

- Merchandises receiving;
- Internal distribution;
- Dispensation to patients.





BCMA – Bar-code-assisted Medication Administration

- Process end (first test already run in the hospital)
 - Right patient
 - Right medicine
 - Right dose
 - Right time
 - (Right route)



Benefits

- Faster processes in the pharmacy (higher productivity)
- Errors reduction
 - Receiving
 - Stock movement
 - Better purchase management
 - Medication 5 rights
 - Right patient
 - Right medicine
 - Right dose
 - Right time
 - (Right rout)
- Traceability
- Simplifies and promotes major efficiency in retrieving expired medicines
- Man-power reduction

- Quality request:
 - ISO 9000;
 - ONA (National Organization of Accreditation);
 - Joint Commission

• MEDICATION ERROR



Benefits (Two-dimensional bar codes)

- Current data (2009):
 - 250K labeled items/month (315K at max);
 - 160K repackaged oral solids/month;
 - 115K no more labeled units/month
 reduction
 of 320 uninterrupted work hours/month (10
 sec/ampoule);
 - Cost reduction of ~R\$ 1.200,00/month with consumables (labels and printer ribbon)

Thank you!



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