

LEAN

Increase Healthcare Efficiency and Organization with Ak-West Inc. and 5S Lean

sort • set in order • shine • standardize • sustain + safety



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A well-organized supply room is critical in medical, pharmacy or laboratory settings. Extra time spent by physicians, ancillary staff, and nursing staff searching for supplies can affect the timeliness and quality of care being given toyour patients.

By incorporating industry-leading products from Ak-West Inc. you can easily:

- Improve workflow and productivity
 - Reduce PAR levels
- Develop a cleaner, more efficient environment
 - Create extra workspace
 - Increase safety
 - Reduce wasted time and effort
 - Boost employee morale

• Ensure improvements remain intact

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5S Lean is a methodology to improve efficiencies and enhance operational performance.





Sort and group medical supplies and



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Developing an effective identification system, colour coding supplies by category or utilizing clear storage bins decreases time spent searching for items.

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There are a variety of Ak-West Inc. products available to assist with these steps.

Hanging and stacking bins are available in an assortment of colours and sizes. Clear bins provide visibility to your supplies to speed upretrieval of patient items.









An organized area is easy to keep clean and identify when items are out of place. Daily housekeeping should be conducted.



Best Practice Methods

Evaluate and improve organizational efficiencies. Standardize these methods throughout the medical and pharmacy facility.

Once an area is clean, keep it clean.

Employees should inspect for items that are out of place, expired or damaged during the daily cleaning routine.

Ak-West Inc. products, such as hanging and stacking bins used in a 2-bin Kanban system, shelf bins and high visibility stacking bins will protect product and initiate a FIFO retrieval of supplies.

Standardize by using a colour coding and labeling system throughout the facility and organize supply rooms in a like manner –this will help staff find patient supplies quickly and efficiently. Learn more about Ak-West Inc. healthcare product solutions: Visit www.ak-westinc.com



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sustain

Train-Reinforce-Measure

Continuous training and involvement will help to obtain commitment from staff members.

Sustaining your 5S model can be challenging.

Commitment from the entire organization is essential to the long-term success of your program. Designated time to maintain, committed staff and Ak-West Inc. products are vital to this step.



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A 5S area is a safe environment for employees and helps to create a positive image.



Before



After