

Traceability of Surgical Instruments in Japan

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Reusable medical devices are cleaned, disinfected, and sterilized to make them reusable in the Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD).

Storage



Surgery



Collection Recording





Sterilization



Inspection & Assembling



Cleaning



Cleaning Preparation

Cleaning

RMD: reusable medical device



Retention of blood, tissue and other biological debris





Remove contaminants as much as possible

- For worker safety
- To facilitate the achievement of Sterility Assurance Level
- To maintain the quality of RMD

Inspection and Assembling

Inspection



Assembling



Sterilization

High temperature



Low temperature



Storage and Supply







What is required of CSSD

- Sterility assured RMD
- Stable supply
- Efficient operation



Standards for cleaning and sterilization

Cleaning

Amount of residual protein

Less than 200µg/RMD



Sterilization

Sterility Assurance Level (SAL)

Less than 10^{-6}



Quality Management

Factors that can cause harm to RMD

Cleaning

- High-pressure water flow
- Hot water
- Ultrasonic wave
- Detergent

Sterilization

- High temperature
- High pressure
- Vacuum
- Sterilant (e.g., H₂O₂)

etc.

Process management

- Conduct a visual inspection of the RMD
- Complete the record book and sign it
- Maintain operation record sheets
- Monitor, record, and store various indicators



Management by documents



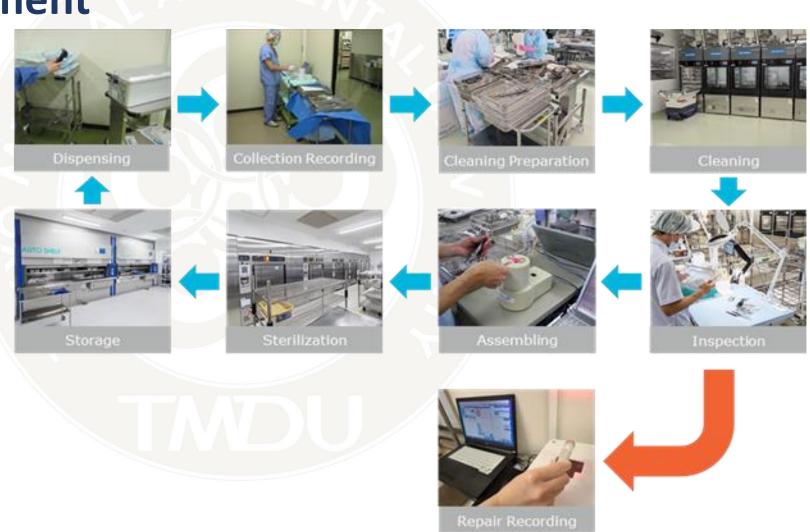
- Heavy staff workload
- Information management limitations



Process management

- When?
- Who?
- Where?

- What?
- How?



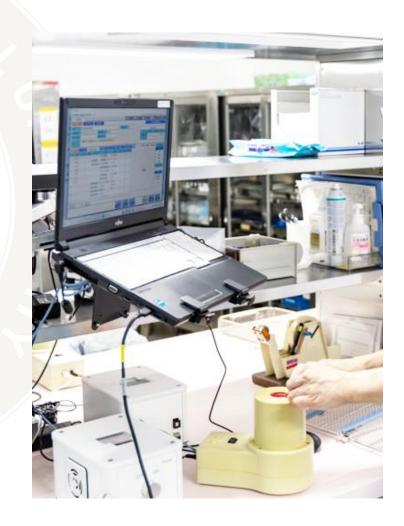
CSSD is like a manufacturing plant.

Quality management is important!

- Recording the data
- Reviewing the histories



Traceability system



Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Act

To ensure the efficacy and safety of pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

PMD Act was revised in December 2019.

Summary of Amendments

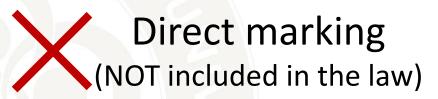
Improve the system from development to post-marketing to provide pharmaceuticals and medical devices more safely, quickly, and efficiently.

Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Act

Mandating GS1 barcode marking

On the packaging







Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Act

Direct marking (NOT included in the law)

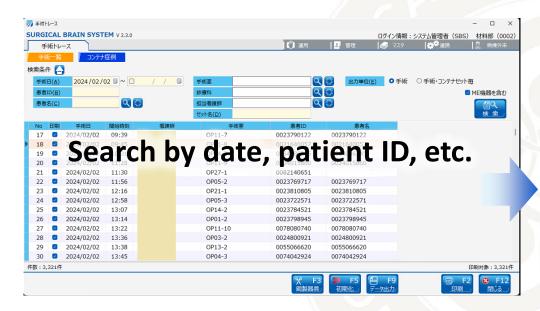


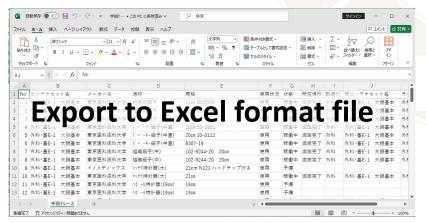
Obtaining a GS1 Company Prefix



Direct marking
With
GS1 DataMatrix Barcode

Trace information (use history for the patient)



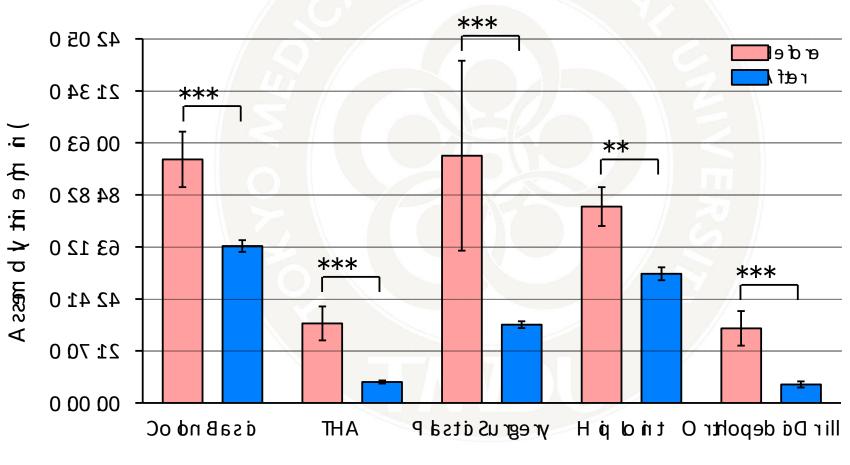


List of surgical instruments used



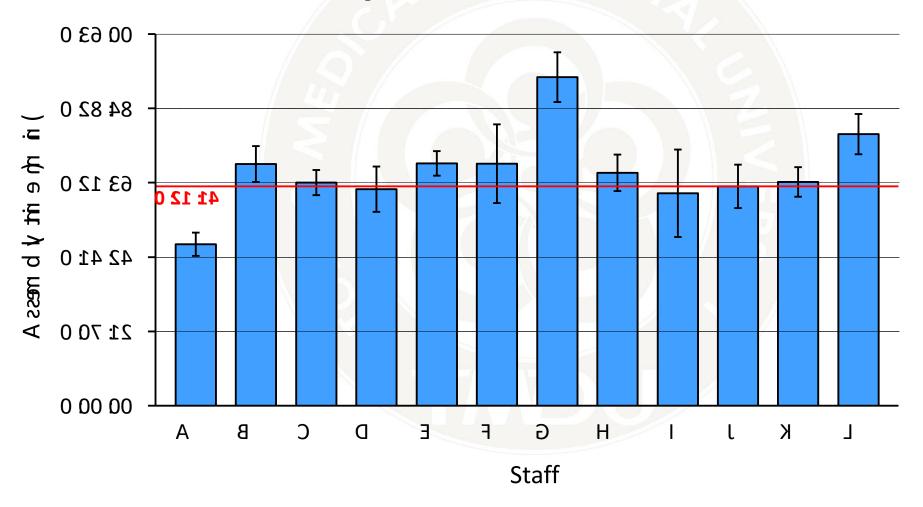


Standardization of operations

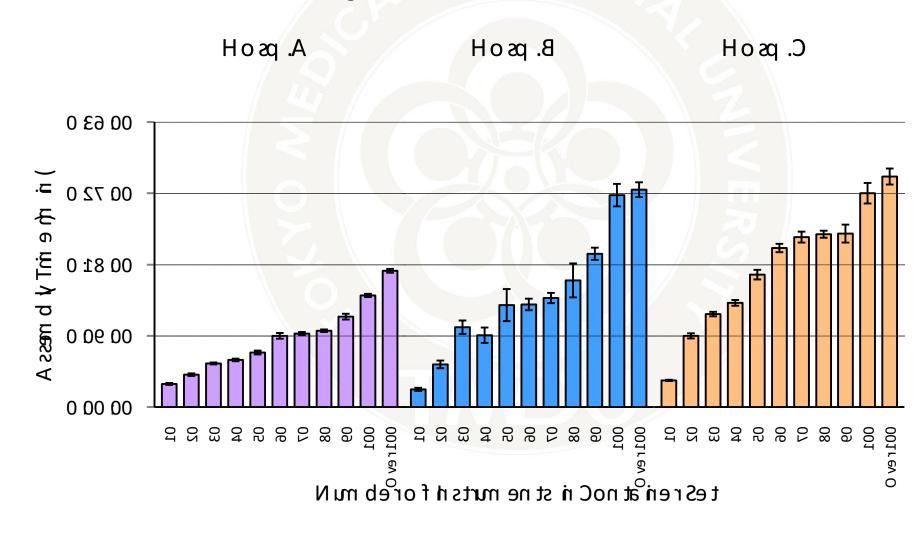


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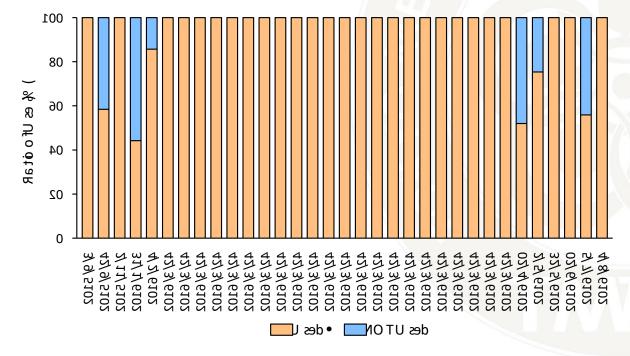


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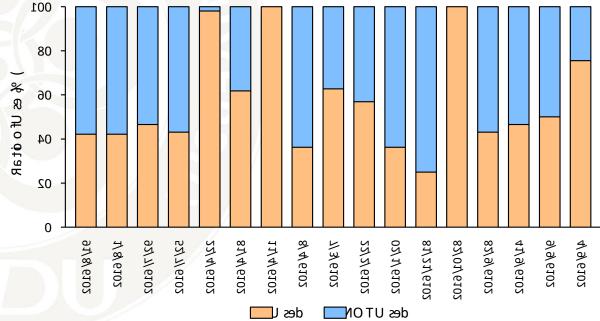


Optimization of operations

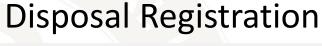
A. Considered appropriate (93.1%)



B. Considered inappropriate (56.8%)



Optimization of operations (maintenance of RMD)





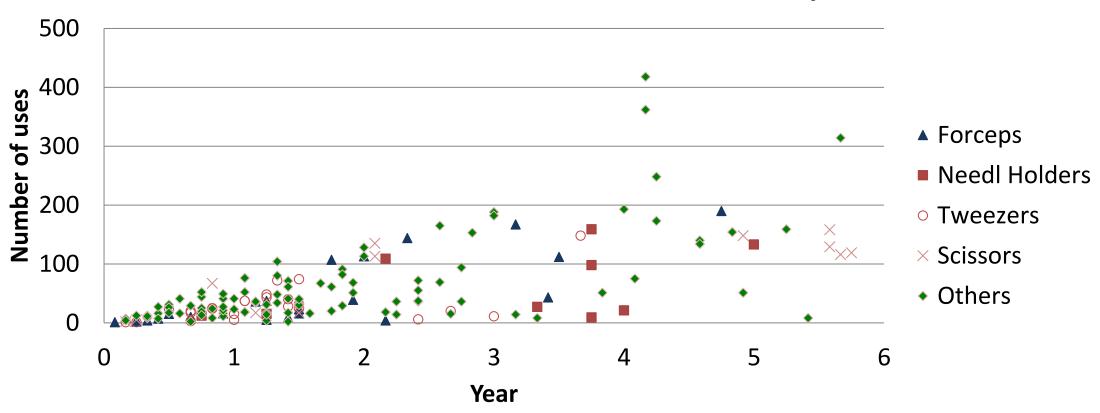




Serial	Product Name	Model No.	Date of disposal	Set Name	Date of purchase	Number of uses	Number of sterilization	Duration Of uses
15010002	Sheath 24Fr Olympus	'A22040A	2017/12/14		2015/1/1	163	188	3 years
15010003	Reflux Sheath 26Fr Rotating Olympus	'A22026A	2017/12/14		2015/1/1	161	182	3 years
17030001	Cutting tube 15mm	'26713550	2017/12/12	Morcellator 15mm	2017/3/15	21	25	9 months

Optimization of operations (maintenance of RMD)



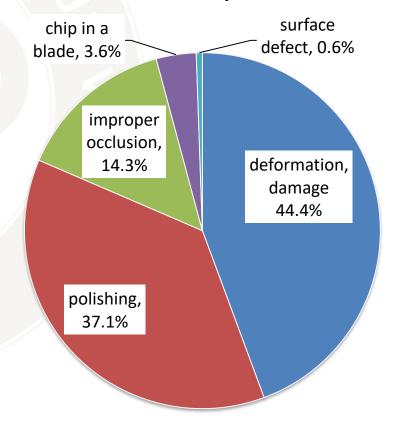


Optimization of operations (maintenance of RMD)

How many RMDs were repaired in a year?

Repaired	Number of items
Total	749
• Scissors	251
• Forceps	98
 Needle Holders 	36
• Tweezers	68
 Cameras, Endoscopes 	29
 Punches, Chisels, Hammers 	127
• Other	140

What kind of problems?



Workload Reduction

Before

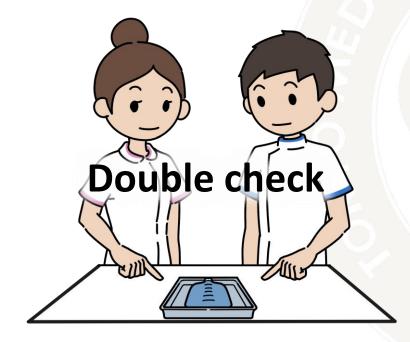


After



Workload Reduction

Before



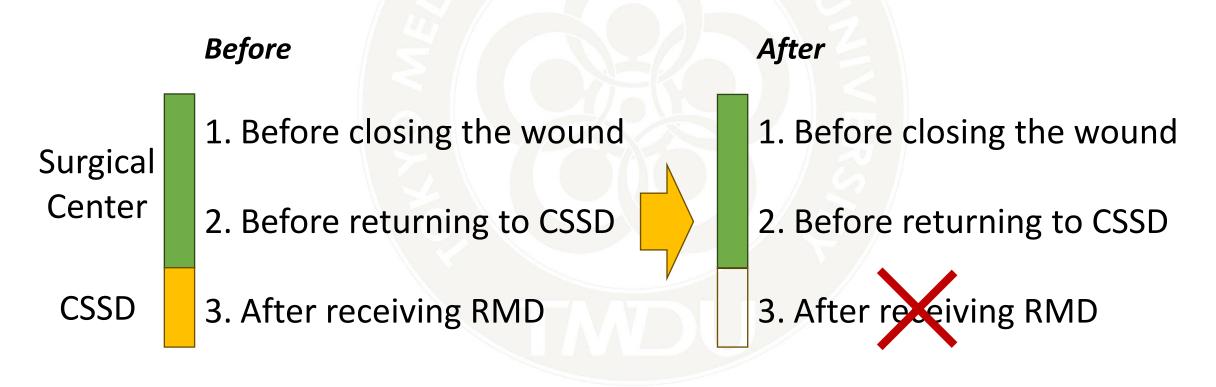
Need 2 staffs

After



Workload Reduction

When to check on the return of surgical instruments



Workload Reduction

Where is the surgical instruments?

I need a Trauma set as soon as possible!
Where can I find it?
Could you get it ready as soon as you can?



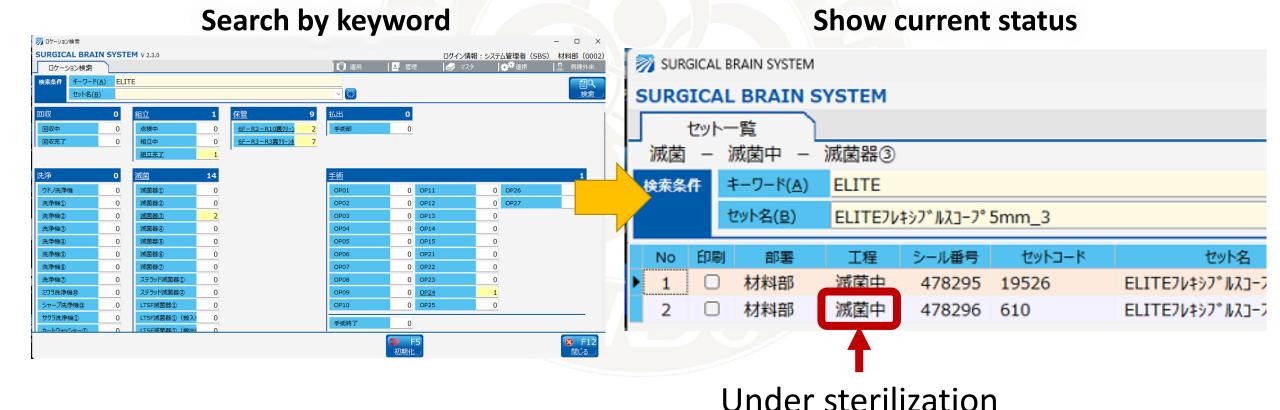
I'm not sure.
I'll find it right away!





Reduce staff workload

Where is the surgical instruments?



Effects of Visualization

- Checking through the system (double-checking function)
- Centralization of data (information sharing between surgical center and CSSD)
- Reduction and standardization of skill gaps among staff



Reduction of human error and inadvertent errors

Effects of Visualization

- Data on the activities of individual workers can be presented in meetings with hospital personnel and contractors.
- The visibility into previously invisible work has led to the resolution of operational issues.



Raise awareness of sterilization supply workers

Effects of Visualization

Management data can be utilized to understand the usage conditions accurately.



- Visualize the CSSD to other departments in the hospital
- Eliminate waste and optimize surgical instrument operation
- Cost optimization

Conclusion

- 1. Proper management of medical devices is crucial for ensuring their safe use.
- Using GS1 DataMatrix directly marked on surgical instruments enables individual management.
- 3. Individual management of surgical instruments contributes to patient safety and hospital management.
- 4. The implementation of the system is expected to reduce the staff workload.
- 5. Source marking facilitates a comprehensive understanding of medical devices throughout their life cycle, thereby enabling the delivery of safer, more reliable medical care.
- 6. Information is not confined to a single hospital or company. Data linkage will facilitate the provision of advanced, high-quality medical care.

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