

# Optimizing CSSD Operations with QR Code Tracking

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# Introduction





#### Education

- •Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (1989, Hua Chew College)
- •Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) (2021, Ramkhamhaeng University)

### **Work Experience**

- •Operating Room Nurse: 13 years (1989-2002)
- •Quality Control Nurse in Central Sterile Supply Department: 3 years (2002-2005)
- •Nurse Manager, CSSD Department: 19 years (2005-present)





# Introduction



# ONE OF THE BEST INTERNATIONAL

**HOSPITALS IN THAILAND** 

# WEJTHANI FACILITIES

- · 263 bed capacity
- 4 Buildings (main, Residence, King of Bones, V-Fertility)
- 12 story main building
- multilingual translators
- In-house serviced apartment
- · Restaurants
- Souvenir shops



- Over three hundred thousand patients per year
- International patients from over 150 different countries



- Over 900 full-time employees
- Multilingual interpreters
- Over 300 physicians and dentists
- Over 200 nurses



#### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AT VEJTHANI

O-arm + navigator, Neuromonitoring, Total and Partial Knee and Hip Arthroplasty Computer/ Robotic Assisted surgery in TKA/ Minimally Invasive Surgeries, Computer Assisted surgery in THA/ Minimally Invasive Surgeries, Revision surgeries ( King Of Bones ), Sub- specialties for Foot and Ankle , Hand surgery, Shoulder and Sport Injuries, Pediatric Orthopedics, & Rheumatology





# Introduction





#### The CSSD

- •585 instruments set in circulation
- 90-200,000 units processed yearly
- 11 staff







# The Importance of Revolutionizing CSSD























### Ensuring Patient Safety

CSSD departments are responsible for sterilizing and preparing medical equipment, directly impacting patient safety and infection control.

### Supporting Surgical Procedures

They provide sterile instruments and equipment necessary for various surgical procedures, ensuring smooth operations.

### Managing Inventory

CSSDs handle the inventory of medical equipment, ensuring availability and reducing waste.

### 4 Cost Efficiency

Efficient CSSD operations can significantly reduce healthcare costs by optimizing equipment utilization and minimizing waste.







CSSD system for instruments reprocessing

#### Department Send equipment to cssd

- -Cleans reusable instruments
- -Packs instruments in containers

#### Send equipment for cleaning

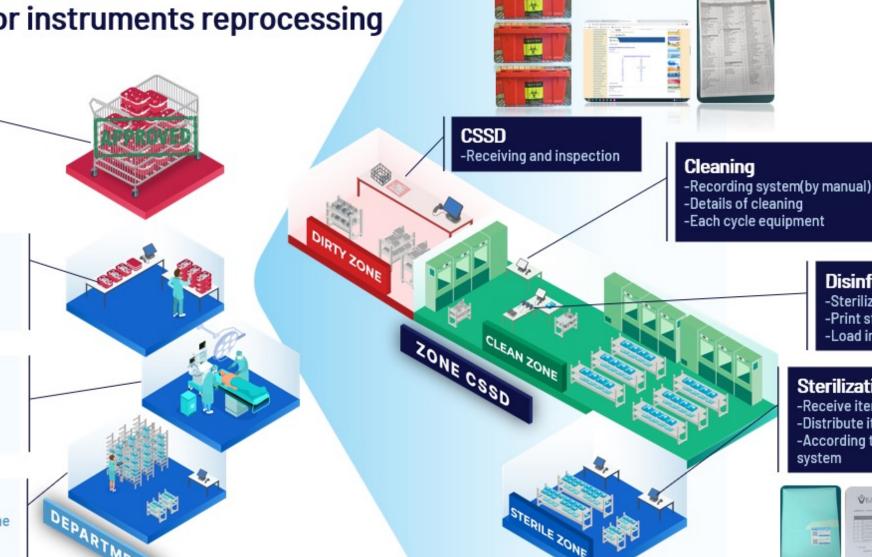
Record the cleaning request form and equipment requisition form

#### Withdraw equipment use

- -The department use equipment
- -According to the item list in stock
- -Data recording system

#### Receiving department

- -Inspect the items according to the list on the screen
- -Receive into stock





#### Disinfection

- -Sterilization record
- -Print stickers
- -Load into sterilizer

#### Sterilization

- -Receive items into the sterile room
- -Distribute items to the department
- -According to the requisition in the system





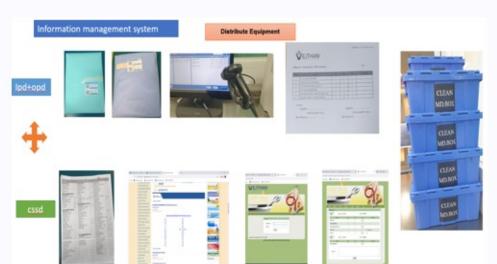






#### **CSSD System for Instruments Reprocessing**





#### **Challenges of Traditional Tracking Methods**

#### **Department**

Sends equipment to CSSD with cleaning request and equipment requisition forms. Uses equipment according to item list in stock. Records data in the system.

### **Receiving Department**

Inspects items according to the list on screen. Receives items into stock. Performs receiving and inspection tasks.

#### CSSD

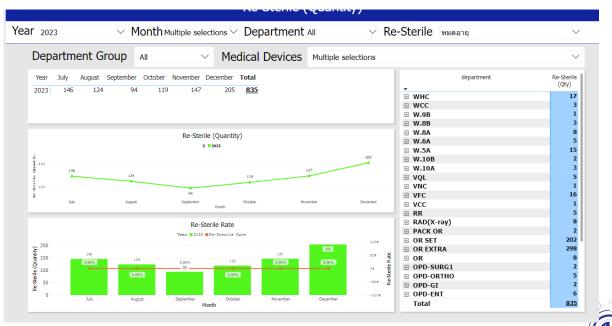
Records cleaning details manually for each equipment cycle. Performs cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization. Prints stickers and loads items into sterilizer. Distributes sterilized items to departments based on requisitions in the system.







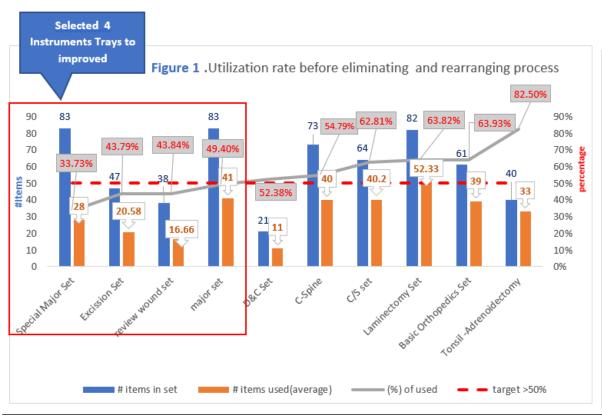
Re-Sterile rate has an increasing trend

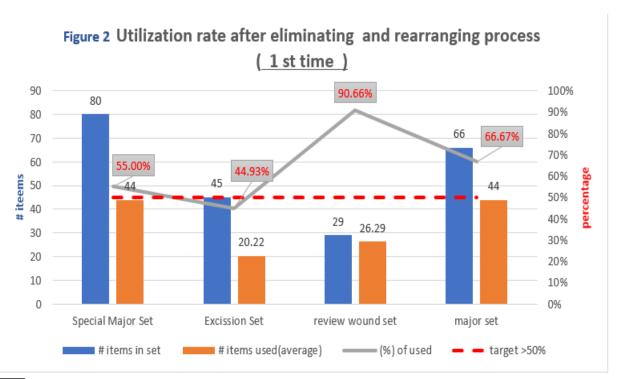






### Data Analytics and Reporting Before Implementation (2020-2022)





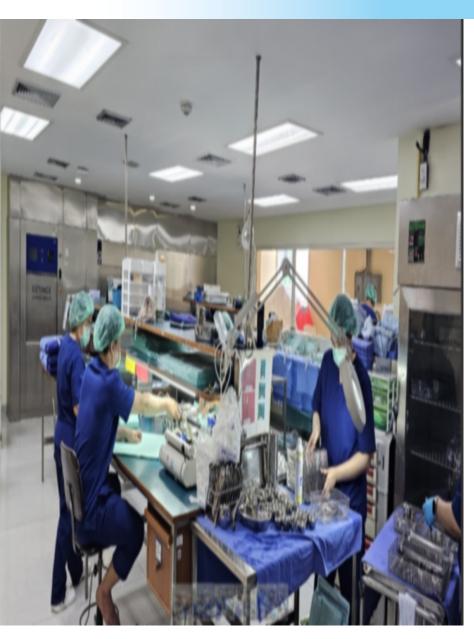
Utilization rate Actual number of items used x 100

Total number of items in set





# The Need for Enhanced Tracking



1 Complex Workflow

2 Patient Safety

Regulatory Compliance



# Optimizing CSSD Operations with **QR Code Tracking**



# Project Aim

This project aims to leverage the insights gained from QR code tracking to optimize equipment utilization, minimize waste generation, and promote a more sustainable and efficient CSSD operation.

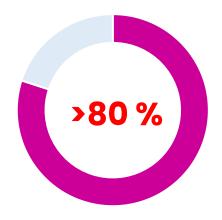












### **Workflow Optimization**

- -Productivity increased.
- -80% of staff members reported satisfaction with the new system

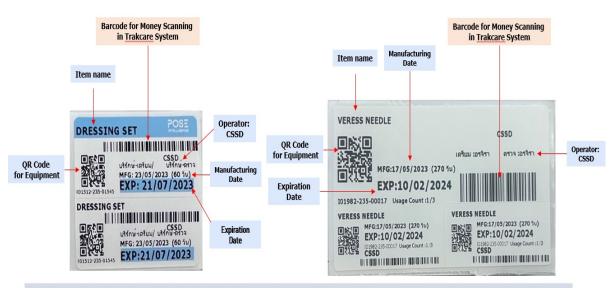




# Method design approach



# **QR Code Technology**



Equipment code information in the <u>TrakCare</u> system will be used to create barcodes. This allows finance staff to use stickers to scan into the <u>TrakCare</u> system to record equipment usage for each individual



#### What is a QR Code?

QR codes are 2D barcodes that store information. They can be quickly scanned using smartphones or dedicated devices.

#### Advantages

QR codes are durable, easy to generate, and can store more data

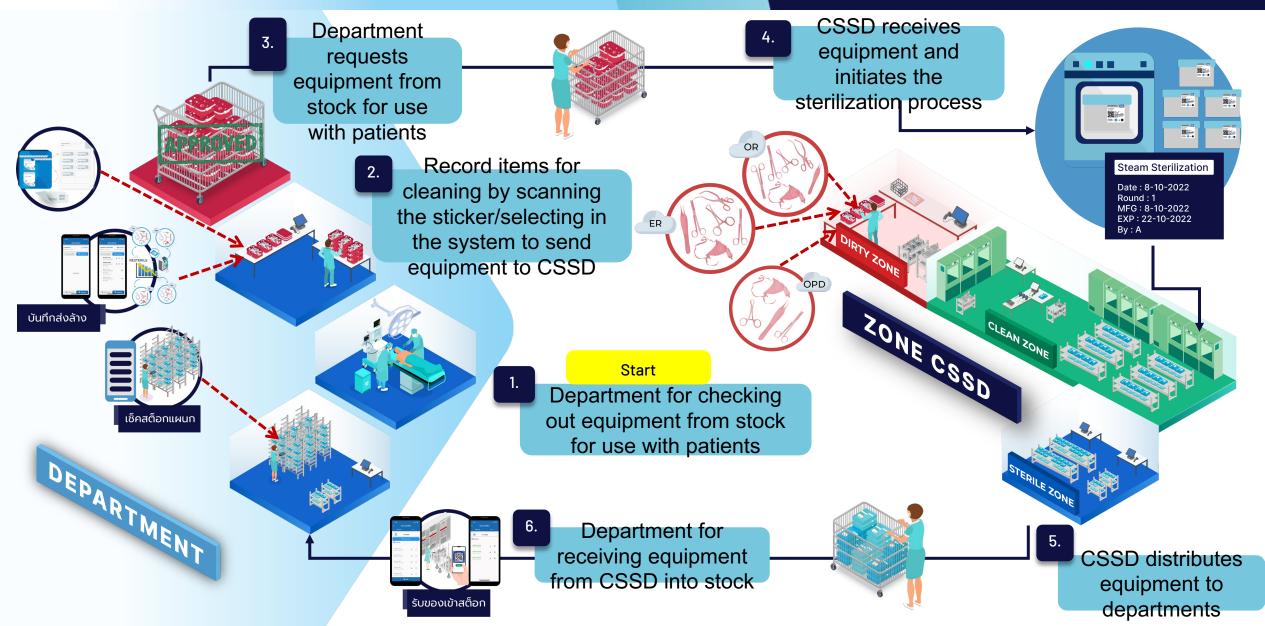
#### **Application in CSSD**

Each piece of equipment set is tagged with a unique QR code for tracking.



### Specialty System Design for Instruments Reprocessing with QR Code Tracking







# **Implementation Process**

1 Equipment Tagging

Apply unique QR codes to all equipment and surgical sets in the CSSD inventory.

Software Integration

Install and configure QR code scanning software integrated with the CSSD management system.

3 Staff Training

entry. Educate CSSD staff on the new system, including proper scanning techniques and data

4 Pilot Testing

Conduct a trial run to identify and address any issues before full implementation.

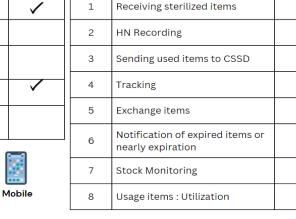


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No.	Software function	Computer	Handheld	Android				
1	Receiving used items			<b>/</b>				
2	Printing and labelling	/						
3	Scanning the Qr Code of items for sterilization	/						
4	Issuing of items to wards		/	<b>/</b>				
5	Recording disinfectant efficacy test							

Android

Handheld

Computer



No

Departments

**Software Function** 

Mobile

Application



### **Design of Equipment Tagging Methods**





Complete Audit Trail
Every interaction with

Every interaction with equipment is logged, creating a comprehensive history.

Infection Control
Trace potential contamination
sources by reviewing equipment
movement history.

Pecall Management
Quickly identify and locate all
affected items in case of a recall.

4 Regulatory Compliance
Generate detailed reports for inspections and audits with ease.





# Implementation Process



### TIMELINE - CSSD & DEPARTMENT SETTING

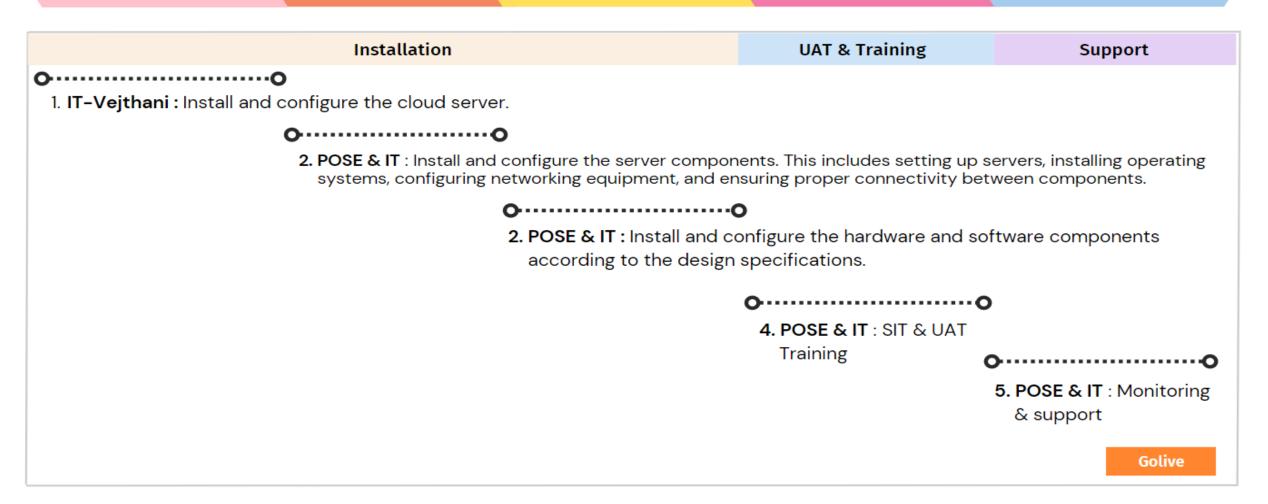
29 May - 2 June 23

6 - 9 June 23

12 - 16 June 23

19 - 30 June 23

**Go Live** 





# **CSSD Staff Training**





### Cssd Staff Training

Install and configure QR code scanning software integrated with the CSSD management system in 15-16 of June 2023

By vender

Target: 100% compliance (12)



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### **Check stock**

<mark>13-15 june 23</mark>

Apply unique QR codes to all equipment and surgical sets in the CSSD & Department inventory

Target: 100% compliance (38 End users)









# End users Training





### **UAT & Training**

The Training process has been complete in 21,23,26 of June 2023

There were a total of 5 training session

By IT ,CSSD & NSD.

Target: 100% compliance (38 End users)



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**GO-LIVE** 

4-JULY -2023







# Post-Go-Live





**Post-Go-Live** 

Monitoring& Feedback

#### **Problems**

1.Difficult to QR code scanning

- 2.OR equipment list cannot be linked to patient HN.
- 3.User did not scan for delivery"
- 4.User discard the sticker
- 5. The inventory in the
- system does not match the actual inventory.

#### Cause

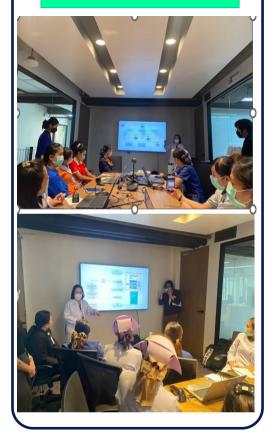
- 1.The QR code was created before golive
- 2. Users may not be fully aware of the importance of scanning and coding procedures
- 3.Inadequate training or unclear instructions

#### **Solution**

- I. Vendor &team clean old items in system and makes improvements.
- 2. RE-TRAIN 11-Aug-2023
- 3. Audits and Physical Counts

Target: 100% compliance (PN & WS that need to directly oversee the operating systemnd users)

### RE-TRAIN 11-Aug-2023



### RE-TRAIN 11-Aug-2023







# **Monitor Equipment Utilization**

#### Real-Time Data

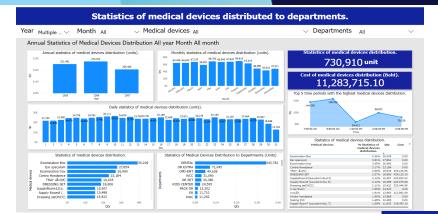
QR codes provide instant information on equipment usage patterns.

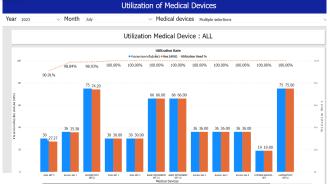
**Identify Surplus capacity** 

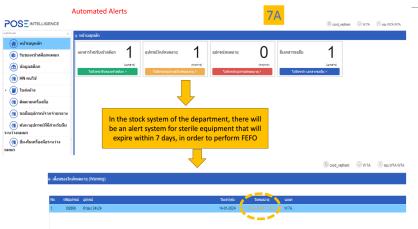
Pinpoint assets that are not being used to their full potential.

#### Redistribute Assets

Reallocate equipment for maximum efficiency based on usage data.









### Improving Efficiency and Visibility in Instrument Processing



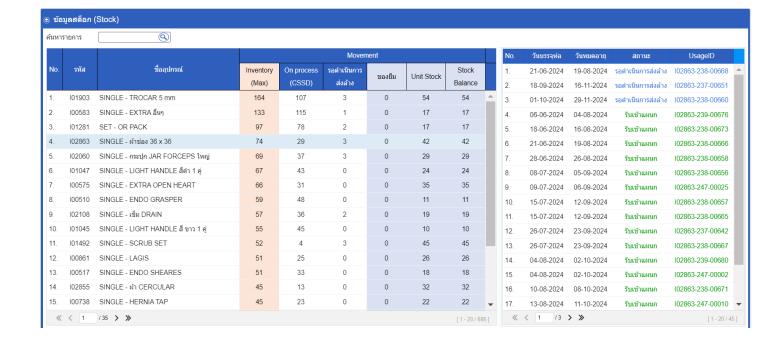
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#### **Instrument Tracking**

real-time monitoring
of its location and status
throughout the reprocessing cycle.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Improved Visibility
real-time view of instrument inventory
and processing progress.

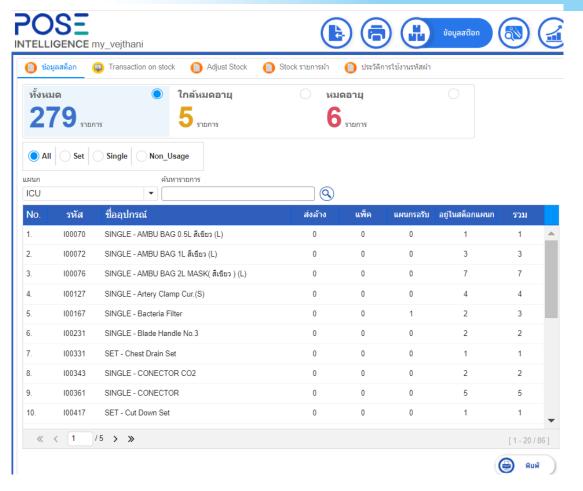


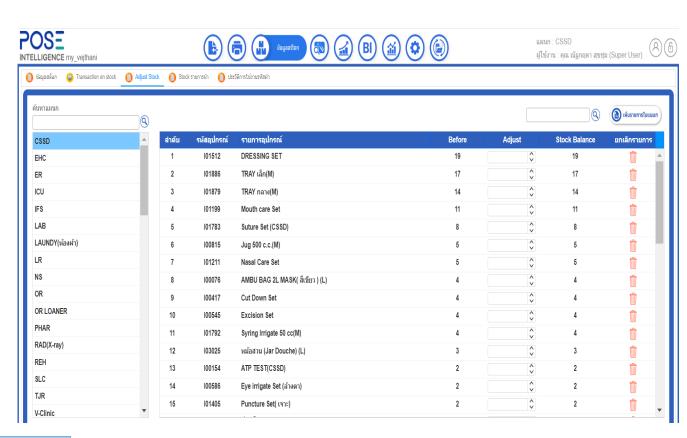




# withis Inventory Management: Stock Levels







### **Optimal Stock**

QR codes help maintain ideal inventory levels in the CSSD.

#### **Waste Reduction**

Precise tracking reduces excess stock and minimizes waste.

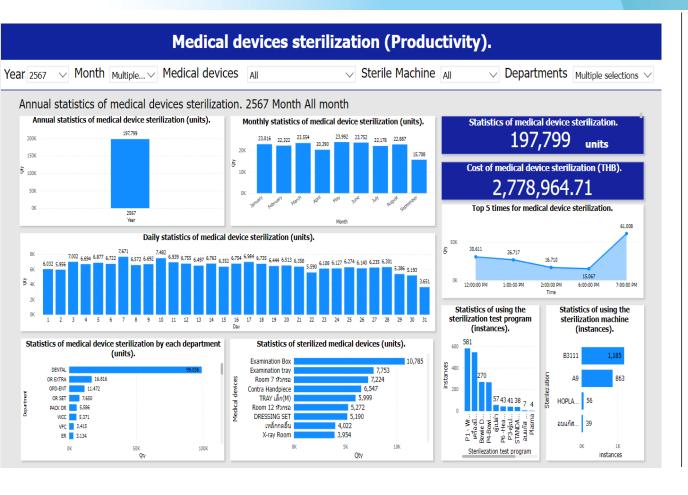
#### **Critical Supplies**

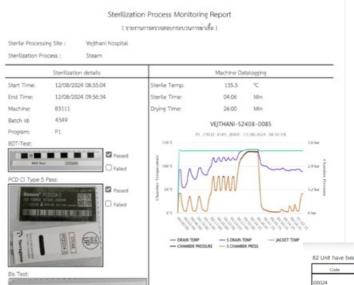
Ensure essential items are always available when needed



# Data Analytics and Reporting: Bl







### **Utilization Rates**

**Process Efficiency** 

**Critical Report** 

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100235	Blade Handle No.7	
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01512	DRESSING SET	<b>阿州田</b>
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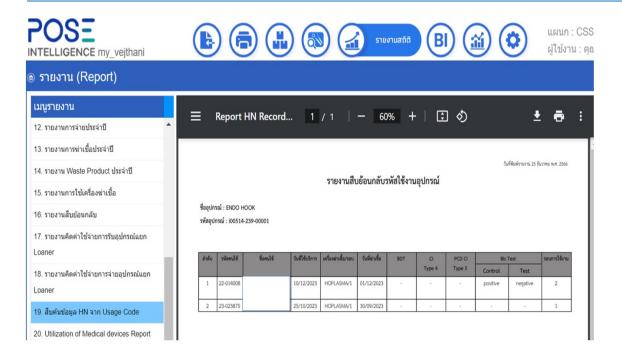


# Data Analytics and Reporting

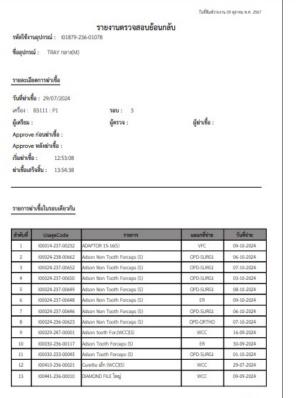


## **Critical Report:**

#### The traceability of medical equipment in the hospital



#### The recall process



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14	101512-237-03508	DRESSING SET	TJR	06-10-2024		
15	101512-237-03502	DRESSING SET	ER	05-10-2024		
16	101512-237-03501	DRESSING SET	W.78	02-10-2024		
17	101512-237-03472	DRESSING SET	W.78	29-09-2024		
18	101512-237-03464	DRESSING SET	W.88	08-10-2024		
19	101512-237-03432	DRESSING SET	W.7A	08-10-2024		
20	101512-236-03359	DRESSING SET	OPD-ORTHO	07-10-2024		
21	I01512-23A-00004	DRESSING SET	W.78	02-10-2024		
22	101512-236-03389	DRESSING SET	W.7B	07-10-2024		
23	101512-238-03592	DRESSING SET	OPD-SURG1	06-10-2024		
24	101512-238-03591	DRESSING SET	WHC	08-10-2024		
25	101512-238-03577	DRESSING SET	W.88	08-10-2024		
26	101512-238-03574	DRESSING SET	SLC	09-10-2024		
27	101512-237-03568	DRESSING SET	WHC	15-08-2024		
28	101512-237-03543	DRESSING SET	OPD-ORTHO	07-10-2024		
29	101512-237-03536	DRESSING SET	TJR	07-10-2024		
30	101512-237-03522	DRESSING SET	W.6A	08-10-2024		
31	101512-237-03516	DRESSING SET	W.6A	08-10-2024		
32	100462-237-02130	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	08-10-2024		
33	100462-237-02129	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	09-10-2024		
34	100462-237-02126	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	07-10-2024		
35	100462-237-02116	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	08-10-2024		
36	100462-237-02100	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	08-10-2024		
37	100462-237-02093	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	08-10-2024		
38	100462-237-02081	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	09-10-2024		
39	100462-236-02067	Dressing set(WCC)	WCC	08-10-2024		
40	106165-238-00001	Ear Loop uỗn	OPD-ENT	27-09-2024		
41	100486-236-00652	Ear suction พัวเข็นเล็ก	OPD-ENT	03-10-2024		
42	100486-236-00640	Ear suction พัวเข็นเล็ก	OPD-ENT	18-08-2024		
43	100660-232-00001	General Instrument Set	OR SET	08-10-2024		
44	100796-237-00367	Iris Scissors Str. (5)	OPD-SURG1	03-10-2024		

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### Results Streamlined



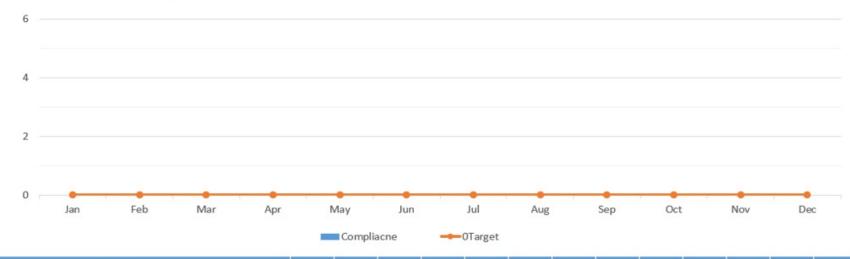
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#### **Turnaround Time for Sterilized Instruments**









KPI 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
The number of surgical postponements due to the insufficiency or untimeliness of sterile equipment target = 0	0	0	0	0	0	0							





### Results



Year	Prod	uctivity	Re-	sterile		
Teal	quantity	Cost (THB)	quantity	Cost (THB)	Utelization (%)	Re-sterile (%)
2022	257,858	5,280,899	2,572	52,808.99	99%	1%
2023 (Jan-June)	130,001	2,640,985	362	7,394.76	99.72%	0.28%
2023 (July-Dec)	124,921	1,978,419	835	13,255.41	99.33%	0.67%
2024 (Jan-Aug)	162,691	2,475,506	1,013	15,348.14	99.38%	0.62%

#### **Efficient Workflows**

- Productivity fluctuated but showed an overall increase from 2023 to 2024.
- In the first 8 months of 2024, production reached as high as 162,691 pieces
- Productivity increased from 99% in 2022 to 99.38% in 2024 (Jan-Aug).
- Re-sterile rate dropped from 1 % in 2022 to 0.62% in 2024, showing improved efficiency.

### **Cost Reduction Analysis**

- Cost per item decreased significantly from 20.48 THB in 2022 to 15.22 THB in 2024, a 25.68% reduction..
- Total cost reduction from 2022 to 2024 (projected): 2,842,853.85 THB
- Percentage decrease: 53.30%
- Efficient use rate remained consistently high, peaking at <u>99.72%</u> in early 2023.



# Conclusions



The implementation of QR code tracking in the CSSD department proved to be a successful strategy for optimizing operations

#### Improved Efficiency and Productivity

\_\_\_\_\_ Reduced Equipment Search Times

The QR code system enabled quick and easy identification of equipment locations, resulting in significant time savings for staff.

Streamlined Workflows

Automated tracking and data logging facilitated more efficient inventory management and task coordination among CSSD personnel.

Improved Productivity

With less time spent searching for equipment, staff were able to focus on their core responsibilities, leading to enhanced overall productivity.





