

The 3-Platform Approach

A Scalable Healthcare Supply Chain Methodology Proving the SCM, ERP and EHR Are Complementary Systems

A supply chain management (SCM) platform offers certain capabilities that enterprise resource planning (ERP) or electronic health record (EHR) systems are not designed to operate. By integrating the ERP and EHR with an SCM system, a hospital or IDN can reach the gateway to enterprise-wide supply visibility and control.



	Inventory Visibility	Expiry Date Tracking	Serial and Lot Number Tracking	Supply Utilization	Demand Planning
ERP	● Provide visibility into medical/surgical supply orders.	● No capabilities in this area.	● May have some serial and lot numbers for general medical/surgical products contained within the item master.	● No capabilities in this area.	● Limited statistical capabilities in supply order management.
EHR	● Capture utilization data of items that have been used.	● Prevent usage of expired or recalled products to ensure patient safety.	● Electronic medical record (EMR) can capture serial and lot but only at time of use.	● Provide accurate data on supplies and products used during patient procedures.	● No capabilities in this area.
SCM	● Provide visibility into all locations and product types including high-cost items outside of the item master for the perioperative space, cath and IR labs, and pharmacy.	● Track expiry dates of supply inventory in all areas from receipt through point of use.	● Monitor serial and lot numbers for products outside of the item master, including those items most important for tracking from receipt through point of use.	● Track product consumption at the point of use (POU) and link to the patient's EHR.	● Forecast your inventory accurately with real-time analytics to spend less time and money on having too much inventory in stock.

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