THE ASSORTMENT COUNCIL SECURES THAT MEDICAL PRODUCTS & INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE TO NURSES, PHYSICIANS & PHARMACISTS

WHAT WAS DONE?

The Hospital Pharmacy in Region Västra Götaland, Sweden, established an assortment council that assists buyers of medical products within the region. A defined assortment was created aiming to direct healthcare professionals to order procured, recommended and cost-efficient medicines, thus enabling structured availability monitoring.

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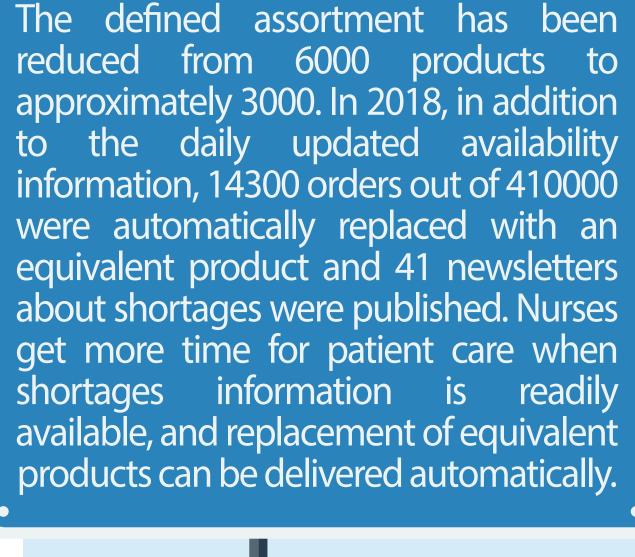


HOW WAS IT DONE?

A council of pharmacists was formed to administrate a DEFINED ASSORTMENT consisting of 95% of the most commonly used medical products. The availability is monitored daily and every disruption of supply is handled in a structured way. Alternative marketed or unlicensed medical products are identified and information about these are communicated through Region Västra Götaland's ordering system or by newsletters. The ASSORTMENT COUNCIL also collaborates with the region's MEDICAL SPECIALISTS and DRUG & THERAPEUTICS' COMMITTEE when searching alternatives. If an equivalent product is available, it will be delivered automatically without the need for placing a new order.

WHY WAS IT DONE?

Correct information is fundamental to achieving an effective and secure supply chain of medical products. ASSORTMENT COUNCIL'S mission is to secure that the correct product and product information is available as well as in case of shortages assist with alternative products and information. This reduces time spent on ordering, delivery time is shortened and finding information is more efficient.



WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

The ASSORTMENT COUNCIL







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WHAT NEXT?

The Distribution

By implementing this way of working in other hospital regions or on a national level, caregivers would be able to find quality assured information about shortages and alternatives in an efficient manner, consequently freeing up resources and enabling further focus on patient care.

