



# Improving Inventory Management and Patient Care at ASCs

The cost of supplies is one of the two largest expenses for ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs). In fact, supplies account for as much as 25% of net revenue for the average ASC. Just as important, inventory-related tasks account for 25% of clinical staff time.\*

As ASCs continue to receive less CMS reimbursement than hospital outpatient departments, they actually spend more on staffing, technology, equipment and cybersecurity. As a result, there is an urgent need for ASCs to perform as lean, efficient operations. Efficient inventory management is a critical factor. When supplies are overpurchased, lost or allowed to expire, the bottom line of the facility is negatively impacted.

## Overcoming ASC Inventory Challenges

In today's ever-changing healthcare environment, ASCs need to more effectively manage inventory so that they can decrease the time that staff spend on inventory issues and increase the time they spend on patient care. By transforming inventory management, ASCs can dramatically reduce purchasing spend, maximize on-hand inventory and practically eliminate the chance that expired products will reach patients.

- **Improve inventory visibility.** Lab supplies, consumables and medications are often misplaced, out of stock or expired because there is no effective system for monitoring inventory changes. Handheld and fixed RFID readers make on-the-spot reading of RFID tags easy so staff can search for specific items.
- **Ensure accurate inventory.** High usage levels and access by multiple users, who do not monitor stock quantities, lead to inaccurate inventories and unnecessary rush orders. Mobile computing technology and RFID devices empower staff to perform quick and accurate inventories.
- **Improve staff efficiency and patient care.** Staff time spent on inventory-related tasks is time they aren't spending on patient care. By upgrading the inventory management process, you can reduce the time your staff spends on administrative tasks such as searching for available supplies and monitoring inventory levels.
- **Reduce inventory costs.** More accurate inventories enable you to adjust restocks to optimize inventory turns, which can lower inventory levels and reduce annual supply costs.

The Zebra portfolio of inventory management solutions can help your valued staff locate the assets they need to get the job done—reducing costs, improving productivity and maximizing asset utilization.

\* <https://www.beckersasc.com/asc-turnarounds-ideas-to-improve-performance/improving-asc-inventory-management-3-initial-steps-to-take.html>



## Transforming Inventory Management

With growing challenges to provide quality care, control costs and improve efficiencies, ASCs face a pressing need for a better approach to inventory management. Zebra solutions let you manage your supplies so you can cut costs, improve productivity and boost revenue. Most importantly, you can free up your staff to focus your ASC more completely on patient care.



### Handheld Mobile Computers

Zebra's mobile computers empower ASC staff with real-time visibility to improve inventory utilization. Features:

- Battery lasts an entire shift (14 hours)
- Advanced medical grade plastics
- Safe to clean with more than 30 disinfectants
- Built in scanner with enhanced data capture of 1D/2D barcodes
- Extended security patch coverage with LifeGuard for Android



### Handheld Scanners

Zebra's portfolio of healthcare scanners can help your ASC streamline procedures throughout every hour of patient care. Features:

- Streamline procedures from admission to discharge and all points of care in between
- Instantly capture the most difficult-to-read barcodes with first-time, every-time predictability
- Improve operational efficiency throughout the facility



### Fixed and Handheld RFID Readers

ASCs can improve inventory accuracy with Zebra fixed and handheld RFID readers. Their reliable, long-range performance and item-level location enable more frequent and accurate inventory counts. Features:

#### Handheld RFID Reader:

- Flexible configurations
- RFID and 1D/2D barcode scanning
- Rugged, reliable and ergonomic

#### Fixed RFID Reader:

- Low profile, compact footprint
- Plenum rating enables discreet installation in ceiling locations
- Easy to deploy, simple to manage



### Mobile Printers

Zebra's user-friendly mobile printers help you print or replace damaged or unreadable barcodes and RFID labels wherever and whenever needed. Features:

- Rugged, reliable for maximum uptime
- Multiple barcode print media types and sizes
- Intuitive, easy to operate and manage
- Compact size and lightweight to carry

To learn more about inventory management solutions for ambulatory surgery centers, visit <https://valutrack.com/applications/inventory-management/>



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