

BlueBin Inc. Launches BlueBin SCM Dashboard, an Analytics and Sourcing Platform for Hospital Supply Chain Management

Exact measurement of resources helps hospitals reduce costs and improve patient care.

Seattle, WA ([PRWEB](#)) August 04, 2014 -- [BlueBin Inc.](#), a lean supply chain solution provider, today announced the release of its Supply Chain Management (SCM) Dashboard, a stand-alone analytics and sourcing platform that will help hospitals of all sizes improve supply administration, drive greater operational efficiency, and reduce waste. By monitoring the use of supplies with BlueBin's SCM Dashboard, hospitals and integrated delivery networks (IDNs) can ensure that the correct inventory of supplies is available at all times, eliminating wasted supplies as overstocked items expire, and wasted clinical resources as nurses spend time looking for needed supplies. This improved efficiency allows BlueBin-enabled hospitals to focus on their primary goal: providing quality care to patients.

Hospital administrators are increasingly asked to do more with less. With supply management holding its position as the second-highest hospital operating expense following salaries, there are often significant opportunities for hospitals to save money and time through improved operational efficiency. BlueBin initially designed the analytics platform as an integral piece of its end-to-end BlueBin kanban solution, but quickly realized that the platform is extremely useful on its own. The data generated by the BlueBin SCM Dashboard allows hospital administrators to monitor and evaluate their supply chain, and make needed changes to achieve greater efficiency.

“If it can't be measured, it can't be improved,” said Charles Hodge, president and CEO of BlueBin Inc. “For hospitals, the supply chain has to be at maximum efficiency if administrators want to be sure they're not leaving money on the table. Physicians can go rogue with supply orders, or supplies can be over-ordered and expire, and this information is not being registered anywhere in many hospitals.”

The BlueBin SCM Dashboard is designed to address this problem by making any supply replenishment program more efficient and reliable, regardless of the delivery method (par carts, automation cabinets, kanban or others). Installing the SCM Dashboard is quick and easy: BlueBin remotely installs a software code into the existing supply chain system, gathers data and displays it in an easy-to-read dashboard. The solution requires no risky interfaces or excessive requirements for IT hardware, and overlays the pre-existing system, optimizing whatever operations are already in place.

“At Seattle Children's, the Dashboard helps us address two sides of supply chain management: purchasing and contracts management, and also to ensure we have the right supplies (in the right quantities) on hand for patient care,” said Greg Beach, CBET, senior director of supply chain at Seattle Children's Hospital, which has used BlueBin's end-to-end solution, including analytics, since 2009. “In a hospital setting, the need for different supplies can vary significantly. With the SCM Dashboard, we can quickly see what we need to order, what we are ordering too much of, and what's expiring soon. The Dashboard also gives us the information necessary to orchestrate staff workload as well as where supplies are placed throughout the hospital, which saves our clinicians valuable time and improves our delivery of supplies to patients.”

Revamping hospital supply chain management can be a daunting and expensive task for hospitals. However, when it comes to saving money on operations, analytics are a big piece of the puzzle. To this end, BlueBin's customers report that the cost of their SCM Dashboard pays for itself in a few months due to the vast reduction



in process waste it enables.

For more information about BlueBin's SCM Dashboard or BlueBin, Inc., please visit www.BlueBin.com.

About BlueBin

Founded in 2011, BlueBin Inc. specializes in lean supply chain solutions for health care organizations around the world. BlueBin utilizes proven lean manufacturing methods never before seen in health care to deliver innovative solutions that help customers dramatically cut costs, increase efficiency and improve patient care. BlueBin offers a wide range of custom solutions for organizations of all sizes. BlueBin is a privately-held company and is headquartered in Seattle. For more information, visit www.bluebin.com.

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