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Hospitals will always have unused supplies. When products are not routinely used they can quickly turn into expired inventory on hospital shelves, costing the hospital millions annually and ultimately posing a threat to patient safety. If unused supplies are inevitable, what is the best way to identify them and take control of inventory decisions?

Having **visibility into expiration dates** is the first step in reducing the occurrence of products going unused. In most hospitals across the country, there is no visibility into expiration dates. By **leveraging technology to capture the UDI** from medical devices, hospitals can create lists of inventory that include valuable device information like expiration date. This allows supply chain professionals to easily identify what products are going to expire in 6-12 months.

Because the UDI allows us to create clean data and capture expiration, managing unused supplies becomes less of a challenge. As an example, if a hospital knows it has 20 boxes of staplers and only used 3 boxes last year, they can conclude it's a slow-move item with surplus stock that will likely not be used before it expires.

By using UDI to gain visibility of expiration dates, it empowers supply chain leaders to proactively reallocate or sell the excess supplies before they expire - ultimately helping hospitals recover dollars and reduce waste.

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Ashlea Souffrou is a 15-year veteran of the medical device industry with a passion and dedication to uncovering sustainable and cost-saving solutions within the healthcare domain. She is the founder and CEO of SxanPro, a technology company that digitizes inventory processes in hospital supply chain. In 2021, Ashlea was awarded a patent for her mobile application technology that extracts product data from a medical device by scanning the UDI (manufacturer) barcode. She is a Certified Materials & Resource Professional (CMRP) through the American Hospital Association (AHA) and actively partners with medical missions throughout the country by donating the SxanPro software and medical supplies. Ashlea resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan with her husband and three sons.

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