



# Northwest Supply Chain

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- GHX for the EDI-Data Management system is now live.
- Medbuy has set up a discussion board just for NSC members.
- Remember to make use of the handbook and templates that were sent out for you to utilize as you require.

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### Medbuy - GPO Conversion

- GPO Conversion Phase I for the pharmacy conversion has started June 1st with our first 24 conversions underway. MedBuy's Krista Logan is the pharmacy contact and is responsible for developing the pharmacy transition plan. Krista can be reached at (519) 652-1688 ext 135. The Medbuy Pharmacy Conversion Team will visit 5 of the Members sites, with the other sites meeting at the closest site, during the week of June 24th, to provide orientation and work through the final stages of the conversion.
- Conversions are continuing, and a schedule for contracts expiring is constantly being updated on the MedBuy website. Contact Nicole Landgraff, our Clinical Contract Specialist, at (807) 684-6969 should you have any questions specific to your schedule.
- The Medbuy site contains a section for Northwest Supply Chain that includes a discussion board so that questions and answers can be initiated, facilitate questionnaires, and broadcast messages that are visible to all members. There are be additional sections to post supplier letters and schedules; and a calendar to track conversion dates. Should you have any questions, MedBuy resources are available to show us how to use the site.



### GHX - Data Management Implementation

- The system has successfully gone live, in the first week using GHX we ordered 7,328 items for a value of \$426,144.
- GHX is providing electronic order delivery beyond what we had before with our previous provider. This system matches the order price with the GPO pricing to give immediate feedback to the buyers. In addition, we get consolidated reporting for Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win, Riverside Healthcare Facilities, Lake of the Woods District Hospital, Dryden Regional Health Centre, St. Joseph's Care Group and TBRHSC.
- The contract feed from both GPO's are setup and our contracts are now in the GHX system. Pricing and item/contract information is now readily available on the GHX website.
- Ormed will be providing their ECTS module for enhanced electronic transactions such as Advanced Ship Notice, Invoices, and Contract Updates.

## Medical Mart - Distribution Conversion

The implementation has been going well and we are continuing to onboard hospitals with this initiative. Almost all of the sites have returned their surveys and conversions continue by Vendor. Sites are encouraged to work on Phase 2 of the conversion which will include non-stock items (catalogue to catalogue). Remember to send out supplier letters to incumbent distributor to let them know in advance which products are moving!.

If products are not available through Medical Mart, please get them from Stevens (if available). Stevens have been awarded the secondary

### Recent activities:

- NSC will be preparing an annual report for the Ministry,
- Welch Allyn Pricing Agreement has been distributed.
- Insurance Consulting RFP; meetings completed, Phase I scheduled over the summer.
- Privacy Impact Assessment/Threat Risk Assessment, awarded.
- Legal Services tender, recommendation to Steering Comm.
- Pest Control, awarded.
- Diesel Generator Servicing, awarded.

### Tenders in Draft stages:

- Diagnostic Imaging Service Agreement
- Medical gas pipe maintenance

### Tenders being evaluated:

- Lab Service Agreement
- Biohazard Waste

### Other Contract Initiatives

- Continuing to look for Non-GPO Contracting Opportunities. If you have any ideas, please pass them on.
- Continue to Populate the manufacturer part number in the inventory item master files at each site for the GHX data management solution.

### Upcoming Conversions

- MM Hand and Antimicrobial soaps/ sanitizers
- OR Anesthesia Breathing Circuits
- MM Musculoskeletal Support
- OR Safety & Surgical Blades

### Ad Hoc Committees (Evaluation Stage)

- Respiratory
- MM Surgical and Procedure Trays
- MM Core Urology Products
- OR Burrs & Blades

### Surplus Equipment/Supplies Available

- Smith's Medical , warehouse sale, email circulated with spreadsheet of items available
- Sigmoidoscopy Equipment (Olympus) - TBRHSC - Endo Dept  
Purchased in approximately 2007 or 2008  
Includes 5 flexible scopes, cabinet, cart, Sony printer, and other related equipment.

### Future Opportunities

- Elevator Maintenance
- Green Energy Act, members conf call scheduled
- Automated Banking Machine - Medbuy
- BIO-RAD consumables

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