



# 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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### **General Manager's Message—Derek Gascoigne**

As we move into the Fall season, I reflect on the accomplishments over the summer months. While summer may be a time of leisure, the efforts by both the NSC team and member hospitals is not lost on the fact that Healthcare is a 12 month operation and collectively we need to remain focused on our mission, vision and values.

### **Medbuy - GPO—Medical/Surgical/Pharmacy Conversion**

- Contract conversions are progressing well, please refer to the spreadsheet for the work in progress on the Microsite. MedBuy's Krista Logan is the pharmacy contact and is responsible for developing the overall pharmacy transition plan. Krista can be reached at (519) 652-1688 ext 135.
- Medical/Surgical Conversions are continuing, and a schedule for contracts expiring is regularly being updated on the [MedBuy website](#). Contact Nicole Landgraff, our Clinical Contract Specialist, should you have any questions specific to your schedule.
- Presentations were conducted for the management groups at Geraldton District Hospital, Sioux Lookout Health Centre, Dryden Regional and TBRHSC OR group. Additionally, a webinar for Abbott products will be held in early December.



### **GHX - Data Management Implementation**

- The quarterly update from Ormed is available and includes support for electronic invoice (810) and contract update (832) transactions. Once the hospitals have applied the update, training will begin on using the 810 and 832 transactions.
- GHX is manually loading the Medical Mart catalog to help match items to capture price discrepancies when ordering items that are on contract.
- NSC is applying for funding to add modules from GHX to produce a virtual item master and enhanced reporting capabilities.

### **Collaboration with other Shared Service Organizations**

- NSC is teaming with Mohawk for an Ophthalmic Lens Initiative. We will be canvassing sites about volumes, types of consumables, custom packs, capital associated (sites to be included are LWDH, WMGH and TBRHSC)

## **Medical Mart - Distribution Conversion**

The implementation is proceeding well and we are continuing to onboard non inventory items from most hospitals for this initiative and conversions continue by Vendor.

NSC and Medical Mart are meeting to determine the next items to convert. Currently the recommendation is to convert non-stock (catalogue to catalogue) where able. A discussion has taken place with NSC, Medical Mart and the Vendors regarding price discrepancies with Covidien and Bard products. Solution pending.

A reminder about the additional rebate for e-commerce. A few members are still not currently paying Medical Mart invoices by electronic funds transfer but instead by cheque, if NSC can assist in setting this up please contact Emil Engler. In conclusion 3rd and 4th quarter results indicate we will surpass anticipated purchases for years 2-5 of the contract by a significant margin.

### **Upcoming Conversions**

- Pneumatic Compression C3884 (Arjo Huntleigh)
- Pouches and Rolls C5584 (Stevens)
- CO2 Absorbants C5743 (Trudell)
- Surgical Gloves (awaiting RFP Award)

### **Other Contract Initiatives**

Non-GPO Contracting Opportunities:

- Incontinence Products (off contract TENA to Medbuy Attends- DGH, and GDH possibly NDMH)
- Tyco Feeding Pumps – Offered to AGH, DGDH, GDH, NDMH, RHCF, RLMH, SJCG, the rest of the members have a contract with HPro out to 2017

Please continue to populate the manufacturer part number in the inventory item master files at each site for the GHX data management solution.

### **Completing the RFP Process**

- Advanced Wound Care
- Respiratory Products
- Safety And Conventional Needles And Syringes
- Thermometers
- Nursing Sundries - Personal Care Items, Examination Supplies  
Hot and cold Therapies)
- Nursing Sundries -(Blood Pressure Devices And Accessories)
- Nursing Sundries - (Speculums And Accessories, Scopes, etc)
- Towels And Wipes
- Blood Collection Needles And Accessories
- Exam Gloves

### **OR Initiatives**

- Safety And Surgical Blades
- Specific Urology

### **Future Opportunities**

- Endoscopy scopes leasing
- Abstracting software
- Medical Gas Pipeline Maintenance
- Capital Equipment - IV pumps
- Wireless Devices

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