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How Smart PAR Levels Drive Operational Efficiency

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Walk into almost any hospital supply room, and you'll see one of two situations – too little of the supplies needed OR too much. Each of these scenarios carries real costs. Overstock ties up capital and space—and often leads to expired product. Understocking creates stockouts, sending nurses on supply hunts and pulling clinicians away from patient care.

Both scenarios are highly inefficient. And, with .60¢ of every hospital dollar going to labor costs, operational efficiency isn't just a nice-to-have. It's a survival strategy.

So, where do you start?

Start with your PAR levels. PAR—Periodic Automatic Replenishment—is your target "full" level after replenishment, not the minimum. But determining that number is anything but automatic. Too often it's based on rushed estimates or outdated assumptions—meaning the entire supply chain is running on guesswork.

Automated Kanban two-bin systems change that by capturing real usage data at every level. The result is demand-driven replenishment based on what's actually being used—not what someone guessed.

For supply techs, that means no more manual counts, no more second-guessing, and no more emergency procurement runs. For clinicians, it means supplies are there when needed. Especially in critical moments where a stockout is a real risk – not just an inconvenience.

The MHA identifies reducing administrative waste as one of the key levers for making healthcare more affordable. Properly calibrated PAR levels do exactly that — eliminating the inefficient labor hours spent compensating for a supply chain that isn't keeping up. In an environment where everybody is being forced to do more with less, right-sizing PAR levels isn't just smart. It's essential.

Have more questions? Contact Heather at: heather.antes@logiquip.net

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Heather Antes is a Supply Chain Optimization Lead at LogiQuip®, with over 20 years of experience in healthcare supply chain management, operations, and inventory optimization. A Michigan State University graduate with a B.S. in Microbiology, she brings a clinically informed, data-driven approach with a strong focus on practical solutions to every project.

Heather is known for her expertise in PAR optimization, formulary development, and leading complex system conversions across high-acuity settings. Fueled by a deep commitment to patient safety, she works to ensure clinicians always have the right products at the right time-strengthening supply reliability, reducing risk, and empowering more efficient, confident care.

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