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# **IMPROVING OPERATING ROOM TURNAROUND TIMES**

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# Understanding Room Turnaround

*A well-run surgical department is a highly-choreographed dance routine that requires staff, patients and assets to move together in a tightly coordinated manner*

*ORs account for 30% to 50% of a hospital's expenses and 60% to 70% of its revenues<sup>1</sup>.*

# Definition: Room Turnaround Time (TAT)

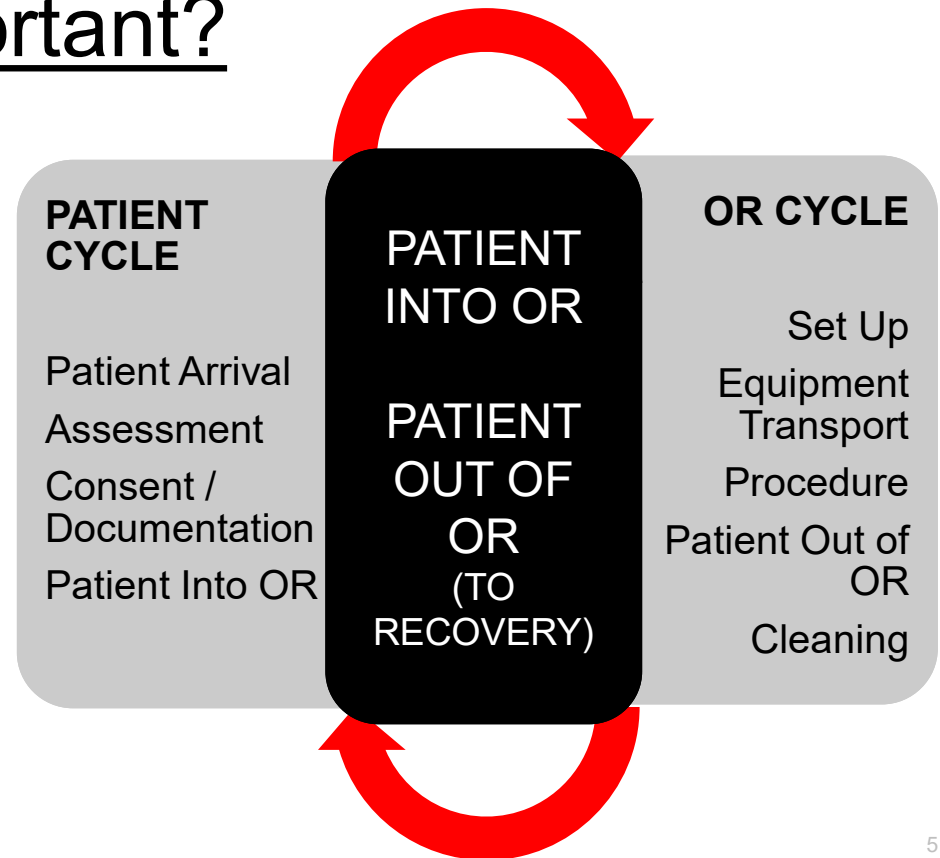
**Patient out of room to next patient into room (POPI)**

- **Critical** operational statistic
- Must balance **efficiency** and **patient safety**
- Improving facilitates optimizing clinician *and* ancillary staff resources, suite utilization & **impacts the bottom line.**



# Why is Turnaround Important?

- Industry benchmark reflecting **operational efficiency**
- Goals based on specialty mix, but **average is 25 min** for top quartile
- TAT <25 min reduces costs & increases capacity for additional cases (**revenue**)



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# Room Turnover Challenges at White Memorial



## **PATIENTS**

- ✓ Forgotten or Lost
- ✓ Stalled procedure start times due to unknown location
- ✓ Extended Pre-op wait times



## **STAFF**

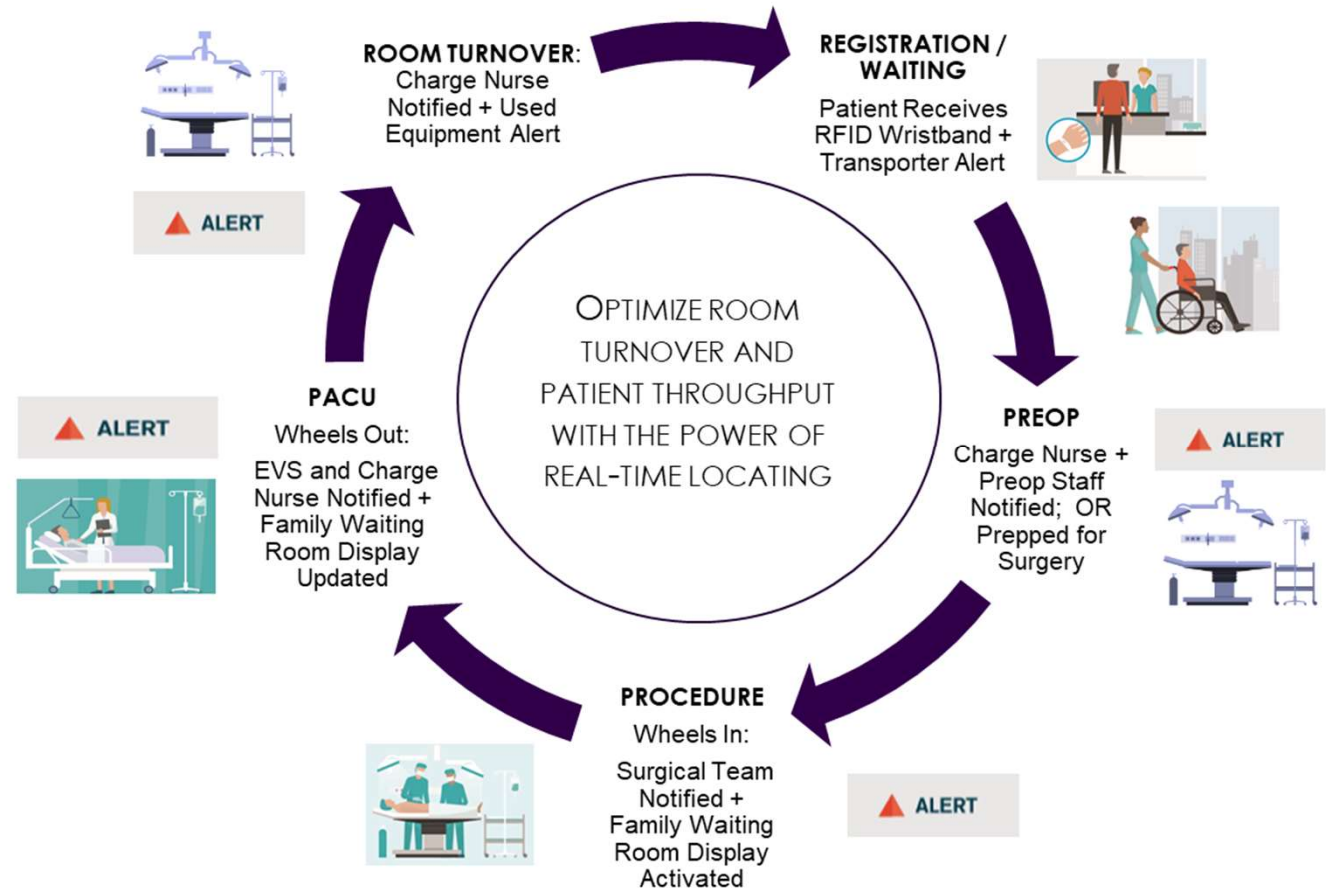
- ✓ Inconsistent Communication
- ✓ Lean Resources
- ✓ Unpredictability of shift end



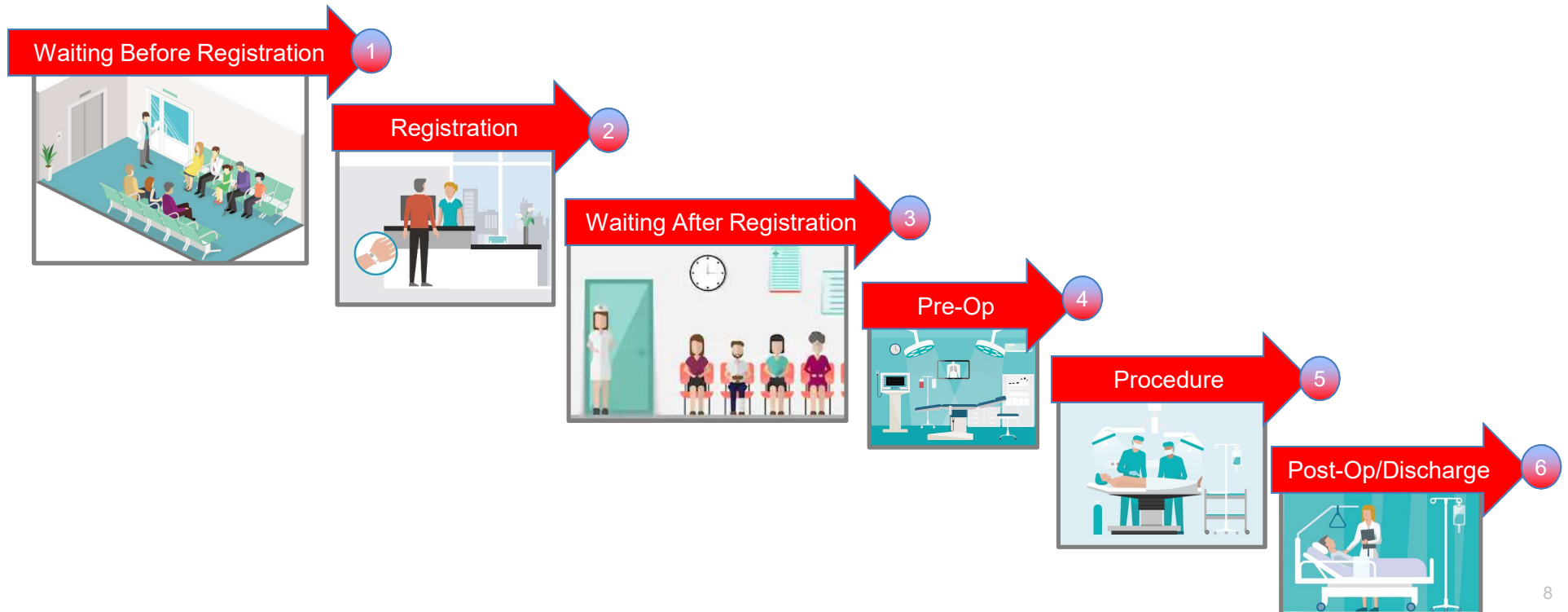
## **OPERATIONAL**

- ✓ Limited OR rooms:6
- ✓ Need to reduce expenses & grow revenues
- ✓ Management lacks accurate data

# The Workflow Using RFID



# OR Workflow at White Memorial





## OR Patient Flow Overview

WAITING BEFORE REGISTRATION 1	REGISTRATION 2	WAITING AFTER REGISTRATION 2	PRE-OP/SDS 7	PROCEDURE 3	POST-PROCEDURE/RECOVERY 12
<div> <div></div> <div>wait time 62 MIN</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>wait time 14 MIN</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>wait time 14 MIN</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>wait time 72 MIN</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>wait time 59 MIN</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>wait time 22 MIN</div> </div>
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# Obstacles and Delay Factors

- **Underutilized:** Procedure rooms underutilized by 40%
  - Creates significant financial strain (average OR time is \$42/min<sup>2</sup>)
- **Need to grow:**
  - # of surgeries performed in the US grew by 17% in the last two decades
- **Inefficient use** of staffing hours

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## DELAY FACTORS

Environment



Documentation



Materials



Communication



Manpower



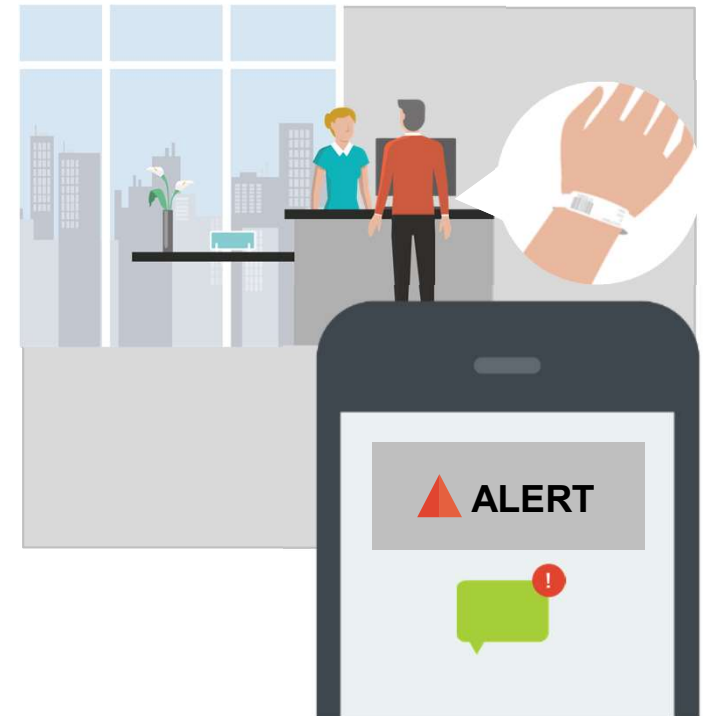
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# Benefits of RFID Technology in the OR

- **Track patients** from Registration → Discharge
- **Precisely** identify patients & wait times
- **Tracking screens** for indication of patient status & reduction of phone calls
- **Enable Charge Nurses** to use live feed to make the best decision
- Generate **customized reports**



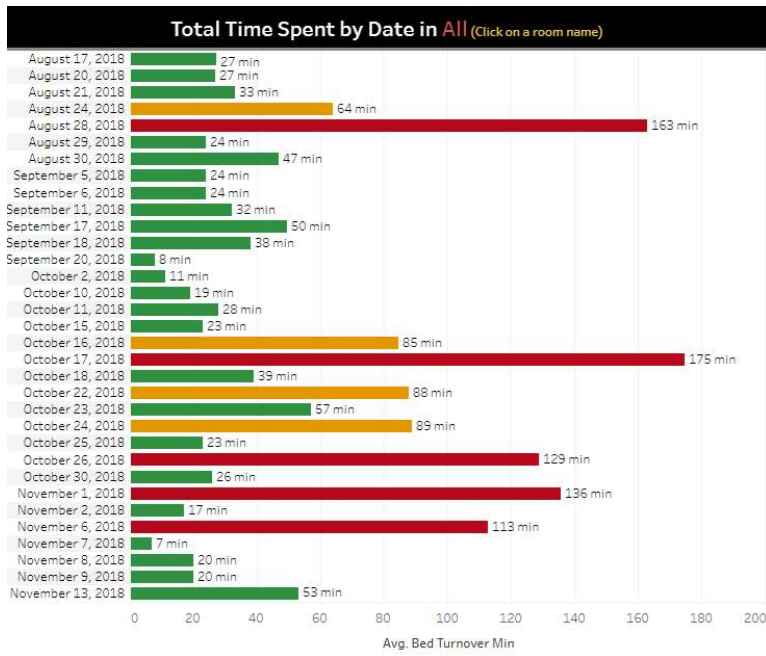
# How It Works at Adventist WMMC:

- RFID Patient Tracking & Staff Locating
- Clinical & Ancillary Mobile Communication
- Software tracks and timestamps accurately at each preset location



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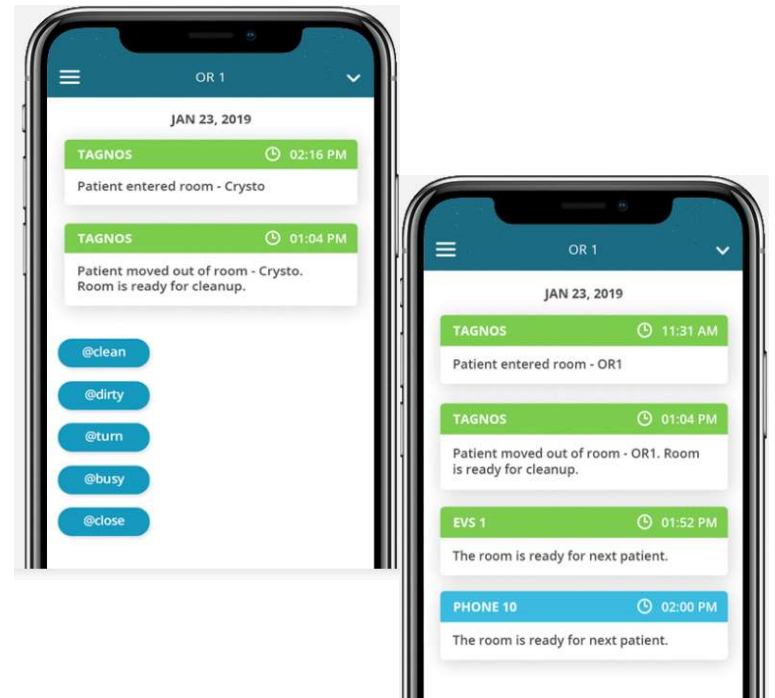
# Actionable Data using RFID



- Validation of manual EMR entries
- Chronology of times & phases
- Concurrent view of patient queue
- Continuous communication
- Reports: TAT, response times in TA, trends by job title, day of week, shift, and person
- Improved decision-making to reduce delays

# Fueling Mobile Communication

- **Instantaneous feed** from TAGNOS
- Key Users: Charge & Staff RN, Anesthesia Tech, Housekeeping staff (EVS)
- **Alerts to phone** as patient enters / exits room
- **Communication is automatic**, not requiring phone call or text



# Significant Results

- Overall TAT for OR **decreased** from 28.0 to 25.3 (9.7%)
- Improvements in housekeeping staff response time into room: **decreased** <104 seconds, 61% in room at Patient Out
- Anesthesia Tech response time **increased** from 60% to 80%
- Added Turnaround Technician with TAGNOS phone to facilitate setup and additional support during turnaround

## **ASSUMING TURNAROUND TIME REDUCED BY 3 MINUTES**

5 room turnarounds/day x 3 minute reduction x 6 operating rooms = 90 minutes/day

22 working days/month x 12 months x or 264 days

Using \$41 per minute means (90 x 264 x 41) =

**\$974,160 estimated annual savings** from use of TAGNOS to improve room turnaround



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## Future of RFID at WMMC

- **Add** additional **departmental usage** (BioMed, Anesthesia)
- **Leverage AI/Machine Learning** for Case Length Predictions & equipment readiness
- **Measure** patient & staff **response times** before and during turnaround
- **Reduce** overall **length of stay** to create capacity in Preop, OR, and PACU.
- **Create** effortless, live **communication** between Preop and OR Registered Nurses

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# Final Thoughts

- Provides **Holistic View** of Patient, Staff & Equipment Movements to Develop Steps Towards **Sustained Improvements** & Ultimately the Improvement of **Patient Satisfaction**
- RFID in the OR setting allows management & care delivery teams to focus on **driving change** and **improving outcomes** to maintain compliance

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