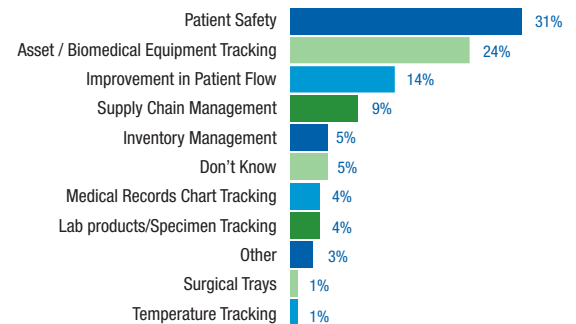


Summary

Several recent news articles have highlighted the use of RFID technology for uses ranging from tracking patients and equipment to monitoring compliance with medication regimens. Nearly one-third of respondents believe that widespread use of RFID applications will benefit healthcare organizations in the area of patient safety, which includes items such as positive patient identification. A similar percentage of respondents indicated that the ability to impact patient safety and/or reduce medical errors is the most critical influencer for the use of RFID applications in healthcare organizations. However, in terms of actual utilization, respondents were much more likely to report that RFID technology is used for non-patient items, such as asset/biomedical equipment tracking or inventory management.

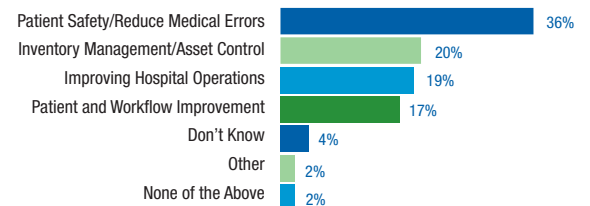
Area in Which Widespread Use of RFID Applications Would Benefit Healthcare Organizations the Most

Nearly one-third of respondents believe that widespread use of RFID applications will benefit healthcare organizations in the area of patient safety, which includes items such as positive patient identification. Another quarter of respondents believe that widespread use of RFID will be of value in the area of asset and equipment tracking.



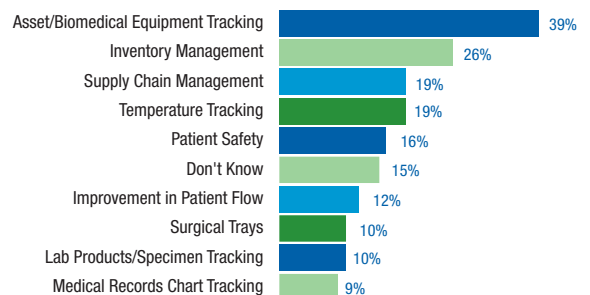
Most Critical Influencer for the Use of RFID Applications in Healthcare Organizations

More than one-third of respondents indicated that the ability to impact patient safety and/or reduce medical errors is the most critical influencer for the use of RFID applications in healthcare organizations. Another 20 percent noted that the most critical influencer would be inventory management/asset control.



Areas in Which RFID Being Used in Healthcare Organizations

Nearly 40 percent of respondents working for a healthcare organization reported that they use RFID in the area of asset/biomedical equipment tracking. Another quarter reported using RFID for inventory management.



Biggest Barrier to Implementing RFID Technology in Healthcare Organizations

The biggest barrier to implementing RFID technology in healthcare organizations is finding the budget for this technology. This was identified by nearly 40 percent of respondents. Another quarter of respondents noted that they need a better ROI analysis before they will make this type of investment.

