

Metro Provides Storage and Productivity Solutions for Bethesda Hospital

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When Metro Healthcare representative Phil Milstein called on the Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, he saw many opportunities to provide the facility with a wide breadth of Metro products. The hospital was in the process of completing extensive renovations and adding a new Central Sterile Supply area. In addition, the facility was also looking to expand the Operating Room's storage area.

Milstein viewed this as an ideal opportunity to promote the *entire Metro line*. He offered distinct products to provide specific solutions for the facility's special needs.

MetroMax Q™ addressed the requirement for a flexible shelving system that was easy to adjust. *Starsys™* appealed to the need for an adaptable system for specialty carts in the OR rooms. *Metro's high profile case carts* were also of great interest - in addition to the many features, its small footprint made it easy to store 60 carts. Other Metro products specified for the

facility's Central Sterile Supply Department included *productivity centers, sterile wrap racks, and Super Erecta® and MetroMax® shelving*. Metro's full line was the answer to equip the Central Sterile Supply Department with all the storage, handling and productivity equipment required in preparation for the multitude of cases performed daily in the hospital's Surgery Department.

MetroMax Q™ TopTrack™ was installed to address the need for a flexible storage system. "MetroMax Q Top-Track is an excellent product," says Nicki Osie, Director of Central Sterile Supply. "Employees really like working with it because of its flexibility and light weight. It is a great advantage to utilize shelves that are easily adjusted. This beneficial feature becomes particularly important as manufacturers frequently change product packaging.

One month a package may be 6" in height and then it may be revised to 10" the next month. Today it is a necessity to have the capability to change a shelf to a height that will maximize space."

The organizing system that Bethesda's Central Sterile Supply Department uses involves a series of numbers in an order book that coordinates to the location of the items on the shelf. "The MetroMax Q system allows us to easily add and delete items and inventory numbers from our books and not disrupt the organization of our shelves," explains Osie. "The ability to quickly move a shelf and modify the size of a space or add a shelf saves us considerable staff hours and money. We don't call the maintenance department to adjust a MetroMax Q shelf because it is so simple and quick, the staff has the capability to do it immediately. In addition, MetroMax Q's smooth polymer mats prevent tears in sterile packs which lead to contamination and ultimately cost us more time, money and extra work to re-sterilize supplies. We are very pleased with everything about this system."

Milstein also introduced Starsys™ specialty carts to the operating rooms. The double wide tall mobile Starsys carts are equipped with a combination of drawers and doors. The carts are used for specific surgery functions including: Ophthalmology and Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), applications. "The nurses really like working with the Starsys specialty carts," maintains Osie. "The adaptable Starsys system of shelves and drawers can be relocated easily and effortlessly to accommodate the various combination of supplies used in specific cases. This makes a significant impact on the way the nurses organize supplies because they are aware of the ability to modify a cart very easily. We find the polymer surface of the Starsys cart easy to clean and aesthetically pleasing. In addition, these carts blend in very nicely with the new rooms."



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