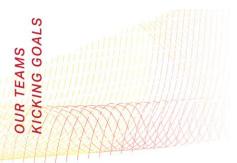
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Centralising a CSD

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In 2020 an idea was formed to centralise reprocessing for the Ramsay Sunshine Coast Hospitals.

This included Caboolture Private. Nambour Selangor Private and Noosa Private with SCUPH being the central reprocessing facility. A total 15 Theatres and a procedure room geographically spread 49 K's to the North and South and 39 K's to the West.

In amongst all the planning we had to convince everyone that the plan would work and it would be beneficial to them all.

Every facility had to do a full inventory check, all trays counted, single items checked and then we began to standardise what we could. The aim to be able to move RMD's between sites and increase RMD's on each site. Rationalisation of RMD's over 4 sites.

The Hub and Spoke model started operation in March 2022 as construction began at Nambour Selangor, within in 6 weeks all CSD's at the spoke sites were non-functional and SCUPH was responsible for all reprocessing and logistics.

Add to the mix all four sites were using a brand new tracking system, and 2 of the four sites had previously only used a manual system. On top of that we had not been able to enter all the trays into the system. So as we received them we were creating them on the tracking system

Spoke sites also had the nervousness the "What If scenarios" what if we drop it being the clear winner.

The spoke sites had to learn how to order equipment, and the first 3 months this was by sending a scan. What could possibly go wrong?

The Hub in a matter of 6 weeks more than doubled its output. Whilst dealing with creating inventory nervous customers and the Bruce Highway.

12 months and over 147,000 RMD trays and singles later, it is still a rollercoaster and one hell of an adventure.