

“Everything wherever you need it”

It took fewer than six months to install and train staff on the new solution, and the hospital is seeing big impact from a few key improvements: The average wait time for medication ordered from the pharmacy, which used to be 90 minutes, is now just under 30 minutes. Because the Omnicell solution tracks inventory and automatically reorders when needed, Great River can keep less medication on hand, so stockpiled medication doesn't expire.

“We've halved the amount of medication we keep in inventory, which cut costs by \$400,000,” Cooley says. “The solution from Microsoft and Omnicell automatically prepares the order and sends it directly to the wholesaler without manual intervention, preventing overstocks and outages.” Cooley expects a full ROI to take two years, and a \$300,000 annual savings in labor and inventory costs. The Internet of Great River's things is helping it to not only run its hospital, but to make it thrive.

Nurses waste less time waiting for medications and tracking down overdue orders. That means more time at the bedside, caring for patients, and teaching them how to manage their own care, which can lead to faster recovery and a lowered risk of readmission. It's tough to put a cost figure on that, but patients and hospital staff see a clear benefit from the new solution.

“Everybody has been satisfied,” Cooley says. “It improved our patient satisfaction; it improved our nursing, physician, and pharmacy satisfaction because the information flows everywhere. It's just so nice to have everything wherever you need it.”

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