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To enhance the ordering and quantity stock of laboratory containers in ward

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Introduction

Numbers of laboratory containers for various laboratory tests are available for clinical needs. Different laboratory tests required unique laboratory containers. Nurses usually familiar with certain commonly prescribed laboratory tests with specific laboratory containers. The stock and ordering of laboratory container seem to be trivial, ad-hoc ordering of laboratory container impede smooth clinical operation and unnecessary delay of investigation work. Thus, laboratory container checklist is prepared as a quick reference for ordering and optimal stock keeping purpose.

Objectives

- (1) To prepare an updated laboratory test list with common laboratory tests identified.
- (2) To identify specified laboratory containers for the common laboratory tests
- (3) To standardized the optimal stock quantity for individual laboratory containers.
- (4) To prepare a quick reference list of laboratory containers with photo and stock quantity specified.

Methodology

1. To collect the most updated laboratory test list.
2. To sort out the most common laboratory tests employed in clinical areas.
3. To identify the unique laboratory containers for each individual laboratory test.
4. To take photo and set the optimal stock quantity for the quick reference list of laboratory containers
5. To conduct briefing sessions to nurses and supporting staffs on the stock and ordering of laboratory containers.
6. To collect feedback from nurses and clerical staffs by questionnaire.

Result

All nurses and supporting staffs (N= 35) proffered a positive feedback on the quick reference list with a high overall satisfactory rate (mean 80%). They remarked the

quick reference list as user friendly (mean 86%) with precise and clear layout (mean 80%); the photo of laboratory containers are helpful in identifying the laboratory tests with relevant specimen containers (mean 77%); the preset stock quantity of laboratory containers was precise (mean 79%) which fostered accurate ordering and optimal stock keeping (mean 85%)