

## Event helps Respiratory Therapy work smarter



*"Increasing the flow within the department allows us to spend more time at the patient's bedside rather than looking for supplies."*

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**An improvement event at the main storage room of Regina General Hospital's Respiratory Services Department has reduced unnecessary stock by 17%; decreased the amount of walking required to get intubation supplies by 58% (from 114 ft. to 48 ft.); and reduced the time required to gather intubation supplies by 71% (from 1 min. 37 sec. to 28 sec.). Improvements were gained by grouping similar supplies together and by storing frequently used supplies near the storage room entrance and on moveable carts. Standards were developed to ensure the changes are sustained.**