COVID-19 Learnings From NY

Acurity GPO leaders share lessons and best practices from their members on the frontlines of the New York COVID-19 crisis.

PPE CONSERVATION

Start extreme conservation of PPE NOW.

- Enforce current policies and procedures.
- Lock up all PPE.
- Cancel elective surgeries.
- Eliminate visitors.
- Stop all non-essential services.
- Start extending the life of single use PPE.

Non-acute care sites will have difficulty getting PPE.

Tracking quantity (QTY) on hand, burn rates and projected deliveries of supplies/ PPE will be essential.

Find additional sources of PPE.

- Donations
- Construction sites
- Sewing
- 3D printing
- Figure out how to reuse PPE
- Understand grey market implications and risks
- Rain ponchos and food service aprons

PATIENT CARE

You will need to increase ICU space.

Evaluate and reassign staff and nurses to patient care.

Develop plan for decanting patients.

IT & FINANCE

Continue with vigilance regarding Phishing and Malware.

- Cyber risks will likely increase in the market as health systems try to vet potential new suppliers / product sources.

Develop process with finance on levels of approval for quickly transacting on available products.

- Many options require wire of payment upfront.
- Level set expectations with senior leaders that misses will/can occur, and that potential dollars will be lost due to fraudulent supplier activity.

For additional tools & resources:

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