



# UNLOCK HEALTHCARE SAVINGS FROM YOUR CLOSET

## THE COST OF HEALTHCARE'S INEFFICIENCIES



**\$750B** is wasted in healthcare annually — that includes inventory challenges and unnecessary motion in clinical settings. (IOM)



**91%** of US workers admitted in a recent NAPO study they would be more effective and efficient if workspaces were better organized. (NAPO Study)



**\$250** per SF is the national average in healthcare construction costs — how do you save storage space? (Construction Market Data)

### • SOLUTION •

## 5S APPROACH BASED IN LEAN METHODOLOGY

A3 Healthcare Solutions' Lean 5S programs led by certified master black belts are founded upon the Japanese Kanban system.

### • 5 WAYS TO SAVE •

Kanban \kahn-bahn\  
n: Japanese word that means "signal"

看 Kan: visual  
板 Ban: card or board

JAPANESE	AMERICAN TRANSLATION	DESCRIPTION
Seiri (say-ree)	<b>SORT</b>	Eliminate all unnecessary items.
Seiton (say-tohn)	<b>SET IN ORDER</b>	Arrange items to be found quickly by anyone.
Seiketsu (say-keht-sue)	<b>SHINE</b>	Clean and develop an ongoing cleaning plan.
Seiso (say-so)	<b>STANDARDIZE</b>	Use visual mgmt so all can recognize quickly.
Shitsuke (sheet-sue-kay)	<b>SUSTAIN</b>	Ensure area remains in control.



### • case study •

## UNLOCKING SAVINGS ACROSS HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

### CLINICAL SETTING:

Physician clinic and ambulatory surgery center  
(2 main ORs and 5 patient care rooms)



### CHALLENGES:

- Monthly cash flow struggles
- Unbalanced inventory
- Increased purchasing costs
- Wasted space
- Extra labor needed to manage
- Expired product
- Increased stock "outs"
- Decreased clinician satisfaction



### RESULTS:

**\$242,000** = Annual savings

**42% Improvement** = Inventory reduction and efficiency

**Better Productivity** = Increased patient throughput

**Happy Staff** = Standardized supply areas

