

# Composing the Rhythm of the OR

The rhythm of the OR depends on more than just the music playing in the room. It involves delicately composing each detail so every minute of surgery is as efficient as possible.

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## \$60-100

The cost of each **wasted minute** in most ORs in the United States<sup>1</sup>



## Adding a 1 hour case

in each OR every day can

increase profit up to

## \$500,000<sup>2</sup>

## Efficiency Is the Tune

Are You Playing the Right Notes?

**1** A dependable staff that can positively impact patient outcomes

**2** The latest equipment, technology, and supplies at the ready

**3** Consistent training of talent and maintaining surgeon satisfaction

A recent study from HFMA and the Health Care Advisory Board found the average OR runs at only

The right partner can help tune your OR suite to maximum efficiency.

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## 68%

capacity<sup>3</sup>

## Top Performers Should Have at Least:

- 95% first-case on-time start rate
- 75% OR utilization rate
- 24-hour case cancellation no greater than 2%<sup>4</sup>

Whether you start the time when the surgeon arrives or when the first incision is made, every tick of the clock is another opportunity to put on an excellent surgical performance.

In a recent study, at a major hospital, it was found that the surgery schedules were delayed

## 98% of the time.

- The 2% of on-time surgeries were merely due to the first surgeries of the day beginning on time with the average turnaround time being 45 minutes long<sup>1</sup>.

## Just How Valuable Is Efficiency in Your OR Suite?

Improvements targeting even **one** procedure **per day per operating room**

suite could translate to an additional

## \$4 million to \$7 million

in annual revenue for the average-sized organization.<sup>3</sup>

## Consider These Areas for OR Improvement:<sup>1</sup>


Maximizing revenue

Hospital staff satisfaction

Patient satisfaction

Minimizing surgery department costs

## A Crescendo of Positive Overall Outcomes

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The rhythm of the OR sounds like on-time and reliable clinicians, budget dollars saved on instruments and equipment, and an emphasis on clinical excellence that includes continually updating skills and certifications.

Strengthen the composition of your OR suite with a partner who can tune into efficiency, and share in the accountability for improving patient and hospital outcomes.

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