

**CASE STUDY:**  
**STERILE PROCESSING**  
**OPERATIONAL**  
**IMPROVEMENTS**

*A Hospital in the Midwest*

# Case Study: Sterile Processing Operational Improvements

## Key Opportunities:

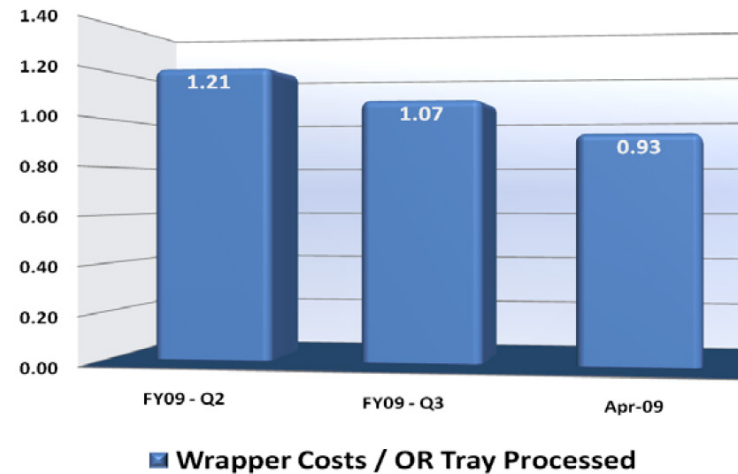
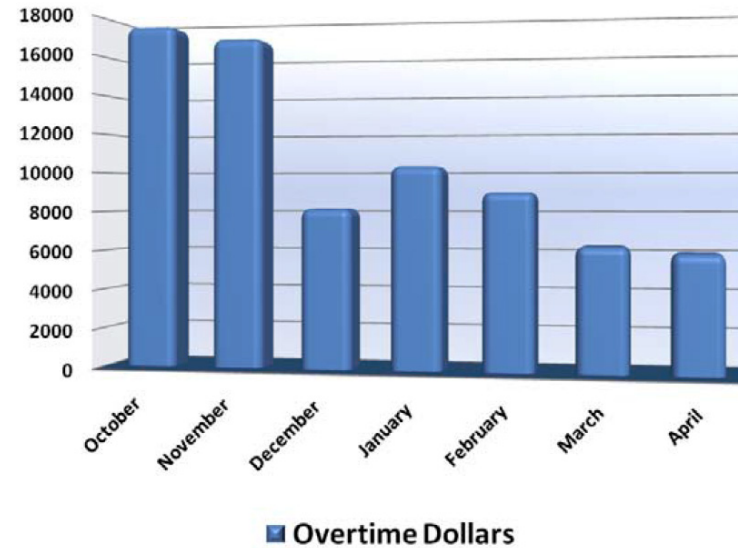
- + Inconsistent departmental policies and procedures with AAMI
- + No formalized orientation, competency, and education plans for SPD technicians
- + OR staff is not consistent with starting decontamination at point of use

## Soyring Solutions:

- + Improve the knowledge of and implementation of AAMI standards for Sterile Processing
- + Inventory supply reduction resulted in \$739,000 in savings
- + Implement specific recommendations for instrument management and flow
- + Establish financial goals to lower overtime hours, reduce supply expense, and maintain/improve productivity standards

## Project Results:

- + Developed competency checklists and establishment of certification readiness program
- + The inventory of supplies resulted in documentation of a \$739,000 supply reduction
- + Productivity has been maintained at or below the benchmark of 0.20 productive hours/item processed, while overtime hours have decreased



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