

Effective Documentation and Monitoring of Trial/Loan Medical Devices

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Background Current Practice

Loan Equipment: Equipment loan to hospital for use. Trial Equipment: Equipment brought in by vendor for Hospital to evaluate before purchase, planning for replacement, upgrade, etc.

CURRENT PRACTICE



Assistant Engineer (AE) commissions trial / loan medical device and sends it to User





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AE monitors end date of trial / loan



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AE returns medical device to vendor before or on end date of trial / loan



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AE sends commissioning document to Admin Assistant for filing



PROBLEMS









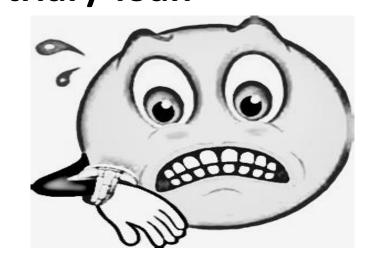


Admin Assistant scans commissioning

document, updates expiry date in

C16/05/34 Basheer 17-Nov-16 <u>Trial - Loan Docs\C16-05-34.pdf</u>

Untimely return of medical device at end of trial / loan



Pose safety risk in using expired trial / loan medical device



Commissioning document missing

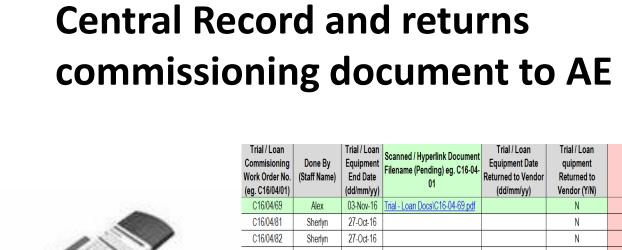


Methodology Improved Practice

Commissioning document sent to Admin Assistant after AE commissioned trial / loan medical device









AE monitors end date of trial / loan



AE returns medical device to vendor before or on end date of trial / loan







AE sends commissioning

document to Admin

Assistant for scanning

Results

	Before Implementation (6 months record)	After Implementation (2 months record)	Improvement
Number of delayed return of medical device at end of trial / loan	29	0	100%
Number of misplaced / missing commissioning document	1	0	100%

Conclusion Effective Documentation and Monitoring

Centralised documentation and monitoring of trial / loan medical device



Timely return of trial / loan medical device



Eliminate missing commissioning document



Reduced storage space for hardcopy document

