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Rubbermaid Healthcare Recognized by KLAS Research for Impact on Nursing Efficiency and Patient Safety

In KLAS's 2014 study entitled, "Medication Cabinets, Carts, & BCMA 2014," KLAS surveyed 177 nurses to find out how medication cabinets, medication carts, and barcode medication administration (BCMA) affect nursing efficiency and enhance patient safety. Nurses were also asked to rate various products based on their experiences with them. Among medication carts, Rubbermaid Healthcare (RHC) received the highest average percentage of users who reported RHC carts help nurse efficiency and patient safety, compared with five leading cart manufacturers also considered in the study, as depicted in Figure 1.[i]

For the past 18 years, the KLAS research firm has acted as a reliable source for healthcare providers to better understand vendor/product performance. Partnering with thousands of healthcare executives and clinicians, KLAS gathers data on software, services, medical equipment, and infrastructure systems to deliver timely reports, trends, and statistical overviews. KLAS's research is an accurate and impartial representation of vendor performance.

In this report, KLAS took a close look at individual nurse responses regarding each cart manufacturer. Of the total study sample, the highest average percentage of users reported Rubbermaid medication carts as significantly helping with both nurse efficiency and patient safety. The insights indicate that nurses using RHC carts were most likely to note significant gains in being able to efficiently and safely care for patients. Not only did nurses say RHC carts excel in maneuverability, but several also noted positive interactions with Rubbermaid's service team.[ii]

CART'S IMPACT ON EFFICIENCY AND PATIENT SAFETY

Figure 1

"Our solutions are driven by end-user insights and are designed with the nurse in mind. We manufacture durable, long-lasting products, which is exactly what you would expect from Rubbermaid," said a Rubbermaid Healthcare Senior Product Manager.

In 2004, RHC introduced an industry-leading mobile workstation to support eMAR (Electronic Medication Administration Records) in the healthcare environment. Years later, RHC continues to deliver new, innovative solutions that most efficiently and safely *increase the capacity to care*™.

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About Rubbermaid Healthcare

Rubbermaid Healthcare is the premier provider of medication carts, wall-mounted workstations, mobile computing solutions, and telemedicine carts for healthcare facilities striving to enhance patient care, safety, and staff productivity. Product development focuses on providing caregiver workflow advantages and improving the integration and acceptance of technology into the patient care process. Rubbermaid Healthcare, *www.rubbermaidhealthcare.com*, is part of Newell Rubbermaid's global portfolio of leading brands.

[i] KLAS Study: Medication Cabinets, Carts, & BCMA 2014, graph on page 3
[ii] KLAS Study: Medication Cabinets, Carts, & BCMA 2014, pages 16–17

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