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On the Right Track Implementation of an RTLS for management of Medical Technology

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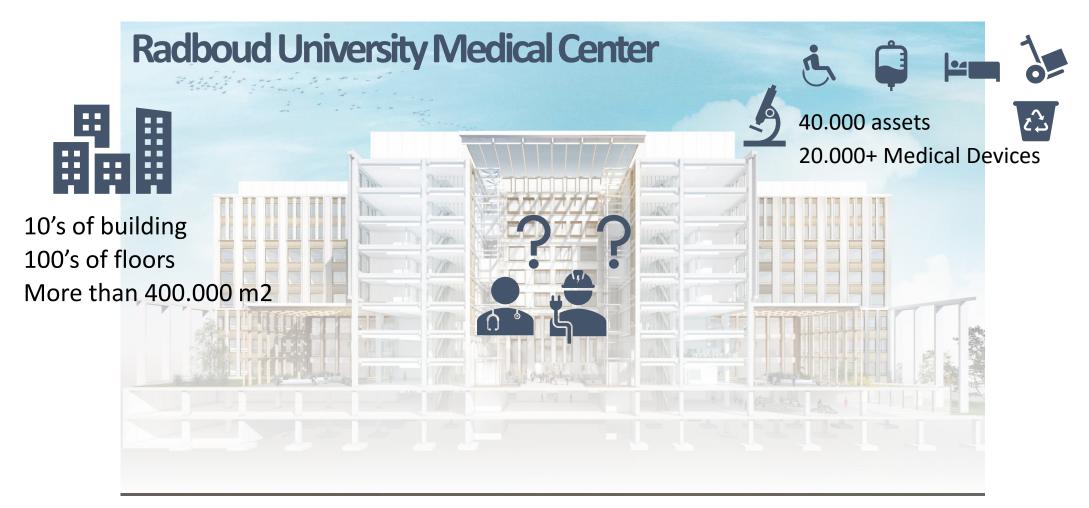
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Introduction









Problem description

Limited insight in location and movement of mobile objects

Time lost in searching and administration

Frustration

Inefficient use and management of Medical Technology

Roland Loeffen. On the right Track : onderzoek naar de inzet van Track en Trace technologie binnen het ziekenhuis(PDEng Qualified Medical Engineer, external assessor) (in Dutch)

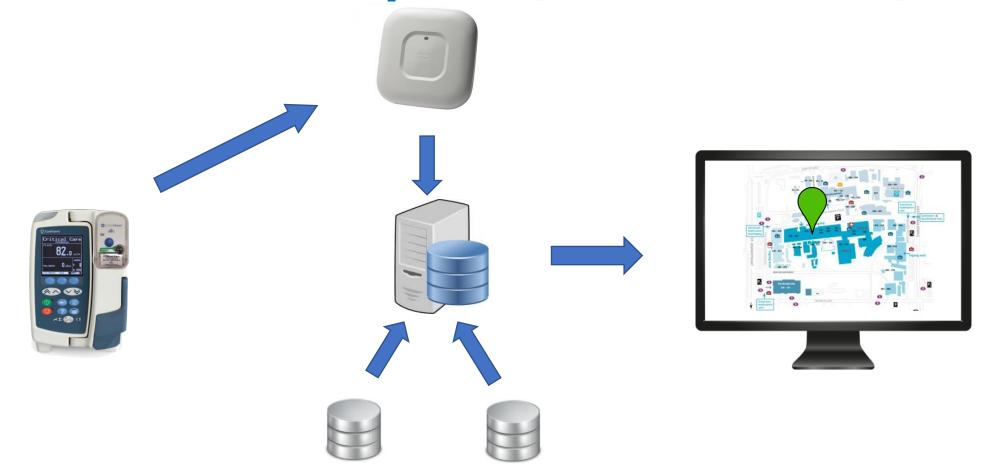






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Real Time Location System(Track and Trace)



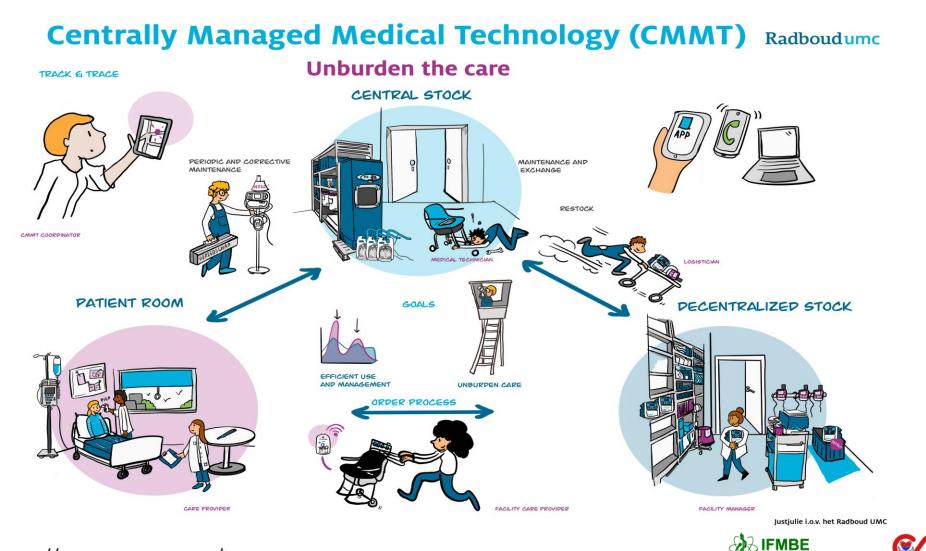
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Goal



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Methods

- RTLS platform(Philips PerformanceFlow)
- Visualisation, Notifications, Workflow support, Analytics,.....

Use of Existing WIFI network

- No infrastructural changes needed
- Campuswide coverage

Integration with asset management system for MT management

- Asset management data combined with location data
- Work order creation for workflow support
- Inventory Management of decentralized and central stock





Results

- Hospitalwide Functional RTLS platform
- Integration with Asset management system
- Important tool for Central Management of Medical Technology

Take home message:

- Track and Trace is a tool, not a goal
 - Combine Track en Trace with process/organisational change to reach goals
- Think big but start small
 - Hospital wide approach with future-proof system
 - Phased implementation on the basis of topical use cases





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