

Room service boot camp muscle charger...information systems to the rescue!

We would all agree that efficient management of information is vital. It generates successful outcomes for patient care and provides maximum patient safety. The most effective way to keep track of the overwhelming amount of available data is through the use of automation software specifically designed for food service departments in the healthcare industry. Dietary software management will provide complete integration of the patient record (Cardex) with the patient's diet order and menu selection. The use of automation software will reduce costs, eliminate many manual processes, and assure compliance with standards. Another primary benefit of automation software is that it will allow your staff to spend more time with patients.

You can now choose between a traditional Client/Server or a more modern hosted Internet service option. You will need to work with your IT department to determine which solution is best suited for your organization. Typically, the hosted solution is less costly and is funded from operational expenses vs. capital expenditures. Your IT team will coordinate hardware procurement, system installation, and ADT and Order Interface transactions.

Review the following list with your IT representative.

Client/server systems	Impact on cost +/-	Impact on staff +/-	Hosted internet systems (asp)	Impact on cost +/-	Impact on staff +/-
<input type="checkbox"/> Servers (Production & Test)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Workstations					
<input type="checkbox"/> Touch Screen Monitors (opt)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Laser Printers - Reports					
<input type="checkbox"/> Character Printer - Labels					
<input type="checkbox"/> Thermal Printers – Room Service Receipts					
<input type="checkbox"/> HL7 Interfaces (ADT, Order Entry)					

