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Centralization requires a team with the right combination of expertise and experience to advance the process with speed, accuracy, and efficiency. You could benefit from a group of professionals who understand your business, its functions, and the many challenges of centralizing operations. This helps ensure no stone is left unturned when it comes to reorganizing your business operations and provides representation across the enterprise to keep their respective departments fully informed of progress.

The first step is to identify the right personnel for your team. The best teams have representation from all departments and stakeholders involved in the process, including:

- Senior leadership
- Surgical Services operations
- Physicians
- Sterile Processing
- Facilities
- Emergency Planning
- Logistics
- Process Improvement
- Strategic Planning

This group is called your “centralization board”. Depending on your organization, you may also include outside partners, architects, consultants, OEMs and instrument providers, and implant vendors for the inventory they provide. This committee will be the backbone of achieving successful centralization, as the members will be responsible for your program's operations, logistics, and long-term success.

This team will also be responsible for a structured project plan. The project plan should be based on milestones aligned with each other and capture the details required to meet or exceed these well-defined steps. It should also prioritize driving communication. Because this project crosses many departments, it is mission-critical to provide periodic detailed communication to the larger organization. This helps ensure everyone understands the purpose and outcomes of centralization and how they fit into the overall process flow.

Overall, assembling a team that can take on the challenge of centralization is key to success. By having a dedicated team that understands the scope of work and is empowered to make decisions quickly, you can move towards a centralized system that can strengthen surgical services and provide long-term cost savings.

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Bryan Stuart, CCSVP, has over 30 years of experience in the medical field and 13 years of operational experience in an FDA regulated environment as a third party processor of surgical linens and instrumentation. From this, Bryan has developed keen insights into commercially managed reprocessing facilities. Bryan has also provided third party management of SPDs. He has extensive experience in hospital supply chain management and delivery of durable goods, custom procedure trays (CPT) and surgical supply single-pull products ranging from bulk, Just In Time (JIT), and off-site prepared Case Carts. For the last 8 years, Bryan has provided consulting services to hospitals to improve processes and instrument tray streamlining. His solutions are driven by hands-on set reviews and data driven solutions bringing the clinical and processing teams together for a mutually beneficial rationalization of instrument trays and process improvements.

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