

Hospital Information System Coordination



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Message from the chairman

It is vividly evident that the world witnessed the worst public health and economic crisis due to COVID-19 pandemic. This inevitably mobilized the international community to act seriously and swiftly. However, the mortalities and morbidities induced by healthcare-acquired infections (HAI) are equally fatal, but the international community did not act similarly. Consequently, we are continuously and chronically suffering from HAI.

The current intervention for HAI is merely based on passively-set standards and enforcing these standards via regulatory agencies such as the centre for disease control and prevention (CDC), joint commission international (JCI), ministries of health, and other regulatory agencies. To efficiently address HAI, we inevitably need to mobilize the international community because HAI traverses a multitude of epistemological dimensions, requiring multidisciplinary tacit knowledge, and mandates active international collaboration. Besides, we believe that we can efficiently traverse deeply into the root-causes and solution landscapes by automating the entire healthcare environmental services and infection control within healthcare institutions using the latest advancements in computational epistemology, computational infection control models, computational epidemiological models, artificial intelligence, machine learning, distributed ledger technology, collective intelligence, cognitive technologies, internet of things, ubiquitous technologies, intelligent micro-measurement frameworks, artificial life, evidence-based program implementation, patient-centric care, strategy anchored execution, and symbiotic healthcare ecosystem services. Consequently, we developed these open standards that were tailored from diverse international standards to promote the automation of healthcare environmental services and infection control processes and best practices.

The Healthcare Environmental Services Operational Map (HESOM) and other standards were developed to efficiently leverage multidisciplinary experts and practitioners to contribute towards the eradication of HAI-induced mortalities and morbidities. Using ReXcels research and innovation environment, we cultivate collective intelligence by bringing together these multidisciplinary experts to iteratively develop these standards and adaptively support the innovation of computational technology that automates the execution and enforcement of these standards. As such, we cordially invite you to use these documents and participate actively in the further development of these standards to significantly reduce HAI-induced mortalities, morbidities, and their enormous negative economic externalities.

Hamid Adem

Interim Chairman, and Chief R&D Officer

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Purpose



1 Purpose

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish Hospital Information System Coordination process that would:

- Efficiently coordination all the hospital activities
- Remove any mis-coordination that can affect the overall performance of the process.
- Lead to quality of service and hence to patient satisfaction

This process is based on international well acclaimed standards like:

- *NHS- National Health Services Standard*
- *OSHA- Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard*
- *CDC- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standard*
- *Lean six sigma- Quality Standard*
- *JCI- Journal of Clinical Investigation standard*
- *JCAHO- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)*
- *EPA- US Environmental Protection Agency*
- *HCAHPS - Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems*
- *HIPA- Health Information Privacy Act standard.*

*P.S: This process is a derivation from **ESM (Environmental Service Map)**, which is a holistic and a comprehensive model for Environmental Services Management.*

Structure of the Document



2. STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT

The Hospital Information System Coordination process document comprises the following chapters:

Chapter–3: Scope: This chapter describes the scope of the document and the Hospital Information System Coordination process.

Chapter–4: General Assumptions: This chapter describes the underlined assumptions made for both the document and Hospital Information System Coordination process.

Chapter–5: Hospital Information System Coordination Framework: This chapter exhibits the interaction of Hospital Information System Coordination process with other related processes and also describes the high level process sequence for Hospital Information System Coordination based on EMS framework.

Chapter–6: Hospital Information System Coordination Process: In this chapter Hospital Information System Coordination process and sub processes (if any) will be depicted and specified using rigorous BPMN and process specification templates.

Chapter–7: References: This chapter serves as a prime reference to Hospital Information System Coordination process and presents the details supporting it in tabular formats. The chapter describes relevant Business Rules, Risks, Quality Attributes, Data Quality Dimensions, Operation Policies, KPIs, CTQs, Abstract Time-scales and SLAs terms specific to Hospital Information System Coordination process.

The Hospital Information System Coordination process is supposed to be a living document and consists of various variable values which would frequently evolve or change as Hospital Information System Coordination process matures or changes.

Scope



3 Scope

3. SCOPE

The scope of this process is applicable to environmental services department.

General Assumptions



4. GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

The following are the general assumptions made:

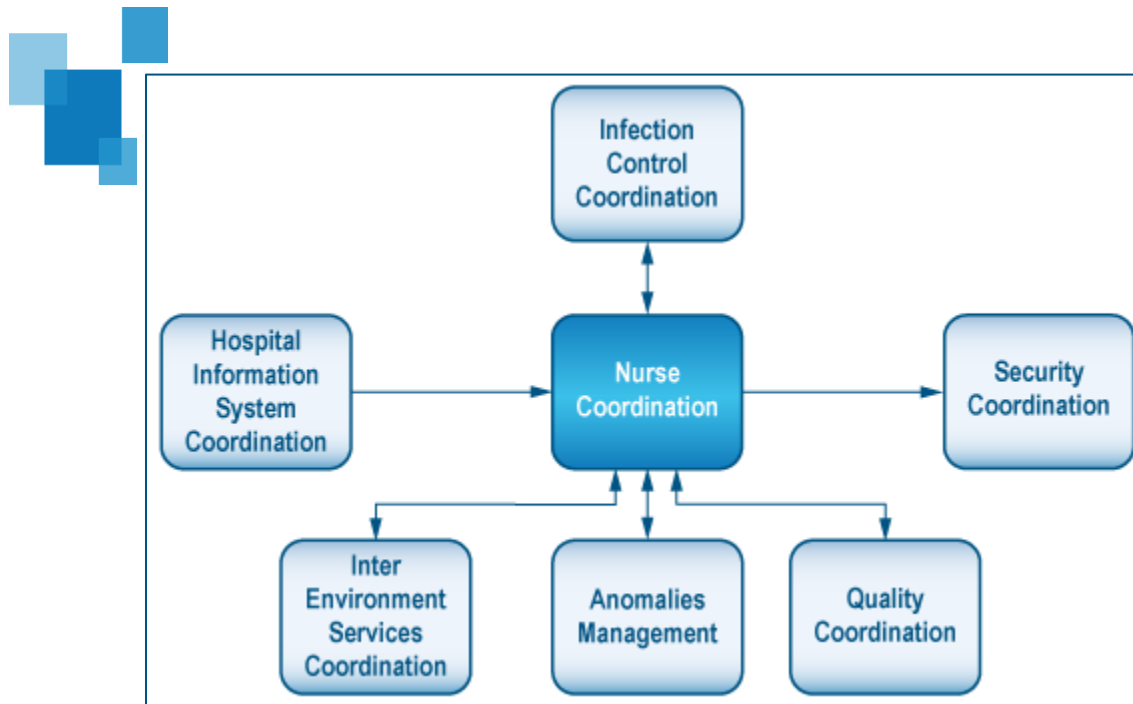
- Inputs to the process are accurate.
- This process is supported by automated tools that would enable detailed analysis and management capabilities for this process.
- The roles defined in this document can be attached to the existing position
- Any process or sub process related assumptions are explicitly identified in related Process Specification table in Chapter 6.

Hospital Information System Coordination Framework



5.1 Hospital Information System Coordination Interactions

The following depiction shows the points of interaction Hospital Information System Coordination process with other related EMS processes. The arrows moving into Hospital Information System Coordination process signify the inputs from the other process to Hospital Information System Coordination process, and the arrows moving out of the Hospital Information System Coordination process signify the outputs from Hospital Information System Coordination process to other related EMS processes. All these processes depicted below are defined in their own respective dedicated documents.



5.2 Hospital Information System Coordination Process Sequence

The Hospital Information System Coordination process comprises of following high level sequence of activities:

1. Management of coordination Constraints
2. Coordinate Hospital Management processes
3. Perform Coordination Activities

4. Optimization of Coordination
5. Integration with Other System
6. Coordination Messaging and Alerting
7. Monitor Coordination performance

Section 5.2.1 -5.2.7 describes the high level process sequence for Environmental services department Hospital Information System Coordination based on EMS framework. **Section 6.1** Process Model sheds more light on the flow of Hospital Information System Coordination process.

5.2.1 Management of coordination Constraints

This involves identification of various coordination constraints arising because of:

- **Staff Characteristics.** This comprises of:
 - Skills
 - Working hours
 - Communication ability
- **Hospital Characteristics.** This comprises of following:
 - The size
 - Environmental behaviour,
 - Working environment
 - Technology used
- **Hospital Inventory.** This comprises of:
 - Inventory Demand
 - Consumption rate
 - Budget.
- **Patient Characteristics.** This comprise of following:
 - The type of disease
 - Patient's immunity level
 - Financial limitation.

5.2.2 Coordinate Hospital Management processes

This comprise of coordinating following:

- **Core Processes**
 - Appointment & Queue Management

- Casualty & Emergency Management
- In-patient Management
- Out Patient Management
- Pharmacy Management
- Laboratory Information Management
- Radiology and Medicine
- Operation Theatres Management
- Nursing & Ward Management
- Blood Bank Management
- **Supportive Processes**
This comprises of management of following:
 - Ambulance Services Management
 - Stores and Inventory Management
 - Medical Insurance Management
 - Patient Referral System
 - Duty Roster Management
 - Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation
 - Dietary Management
 - House Keeping and Laundry Management
 - Bio-Medical Waste Management

5.2.3 Perform Coordination Activities

This involves following:

- **Organizing.** Creating a structure that allows care coordination to be carried out in a safe and timely way. This involves:
 - Prioritizing
 - Scheduling
 - Task Management
 - Projecting
 - Forecasting.
- **Assisting.** Providing or giving help to carry out one or more steps in care coordination. This involves:
 - Automated asking for assistance
 - Automated Offering assistance

- Responding for assistance requests
- **Checking.** Evaluating accuracy, timeliness and completion of steps required in the sequence to carry out care coordination processes. This involves:
 - Monitoring
 - Synchronizing
 - Follow up
- **Mobilizing.** Directly and indirectly getting others to take actions for which they are accountable and are required to carry out care coordination. This involves:
 - Prompting
 - Requesting consult
 - Alerting
- **Managing information.** Giving and receiving information needed to carry out care coordination. this comprise of following:
 - Documenting
 - Communicating

5.2.4 Optimization of Coordination

This comprise of following:

- **Waste Minimization.** This comprises of using quality lean six sigma process to remove any wastes that can occur in the coordination process.
- **Aligning goals.** Aligning goals so that each actor and activity has accountability and are free from conflicts.
- **Removal of interaction complexity.** This involves resolving conflicts arising from unexpected task interactions.
- **Ensuring Information sharing.** This ensures that a free information flow happens across all the activities so that the activities can operate in harmony with each other. This can be achieved via having frequent meetings.
- **Enabling Synchronization.** Some activities need to be synchronized with other activities so as to ensure that they do not impact the overall process goal.
- **Establish Behavior Harmony.** This activity ensures that all the actors/ agents involved in the coordination process trust each other, and see the entire process as one.
- **Use of Automation.** Using automated tools to facilitate coordination would ensure that the process remains accurate and free from error.
- **Ensure Mutual Exclusiveness.** This activity ensures that two coordinating activities do not share a resource at the same time. This ensure that the processes do not suffer from:

- **Deadlock.** Deadlock is a situation where by two activities are waiting for each other and neither can proceed.
- **Starvation.** Starvation occurs when a blocked activity is consistently not allowed to proceed

5.2.5 Integration with Other System

This involves integration with other systems (internal or external) so as to provide authentic, accuracy, reliable and free from error vital information. This comprises of following:

- **Internal.** For example
 - Supply chain management
 - Human Resource management
 - Finance management.
 - Knowledge Management systems.
- **External.** For example
 - Researcher networks,
 - Medical bodies (CDC, etc),
 - Health insurance companies.

5.2.6 Coordination Messaging and Alerting

This comprises of following:

- **Passive Alerts.** Are mainly used to remind clinicians of tasks which are fairly routine, discrete and things that are somewhat easy to remember. This comprises of:
 - Email
 - Fax
- **Active Alerts.** An alert is active and is fairly intrusive to the receiver. It often demands more immediate attention than a passive reminder
 - Sms
 - Phone Calls
 - Pager
 - Announcements

5.2.7 Monitor Coordination performance

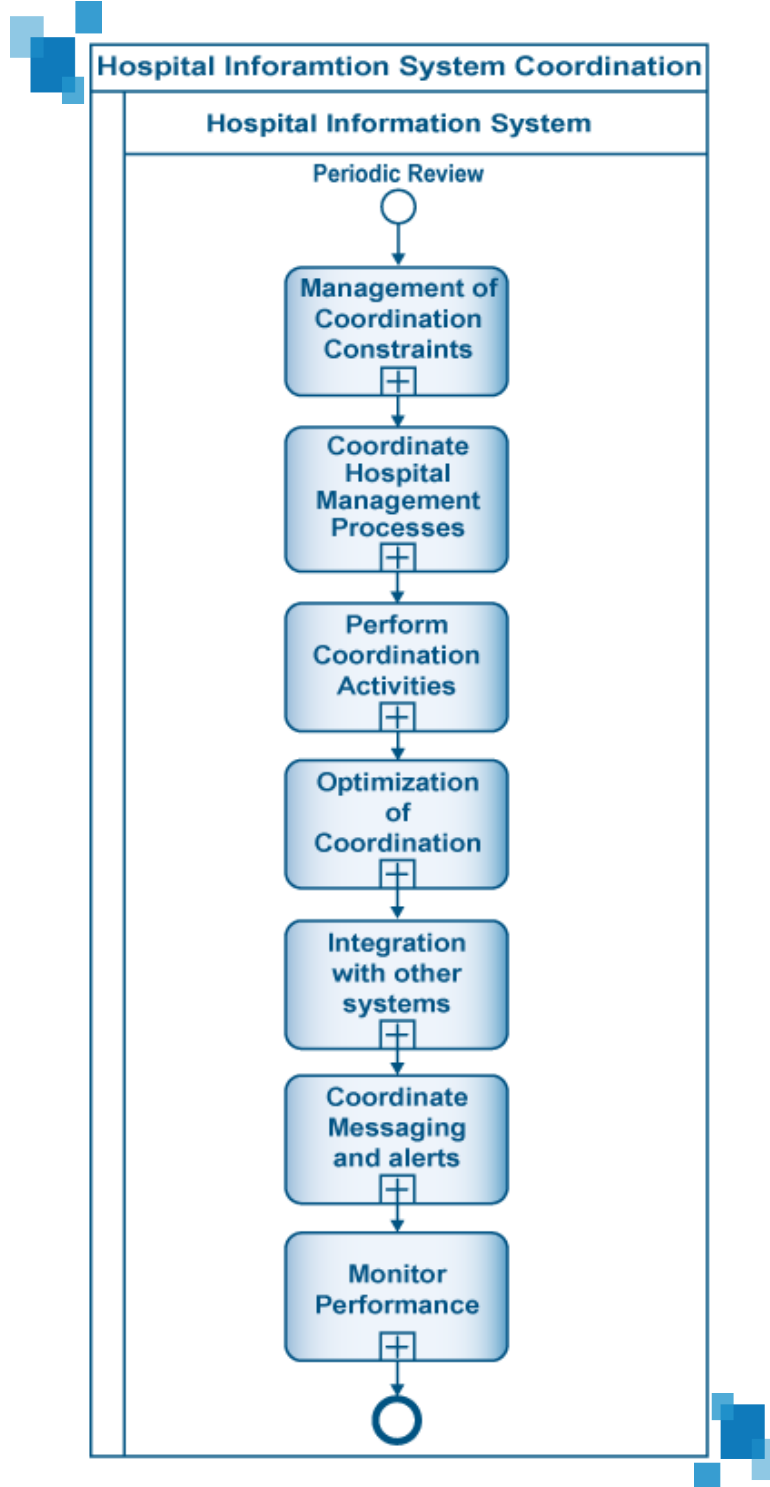
This process involves monitoring the performance of the entire process to identify:

- **Conflicts.** If any conflicts are identified, they are highlighted to senior management, who would draft resolution plan to optimize the Quality Coordination process
- **Improvisations.** If any improvisation needs are identified, they are highlighted to senior management, who would draft improvisation plan to optimize the Quality Coordination process
- **Anomalies.** The anomalies found in the process are escalated to the anomalies management process.

Hospital Information System Coordination Process



6.1 Process Model



6.2 Process Specification

| Specification | Description |
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| Summary/Purpose | The purpose of this process is to create Hospital Information System Coordination process for environmental services. |
| Scope | This is a Level 1 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma Standard, OSHA, NHS |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Coordination of Hospital information system activities across organization. |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-001, OP-002, OP-003, OP-004, OP-005, OP-006 (Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the process are accurate. Top level management commitment exists. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

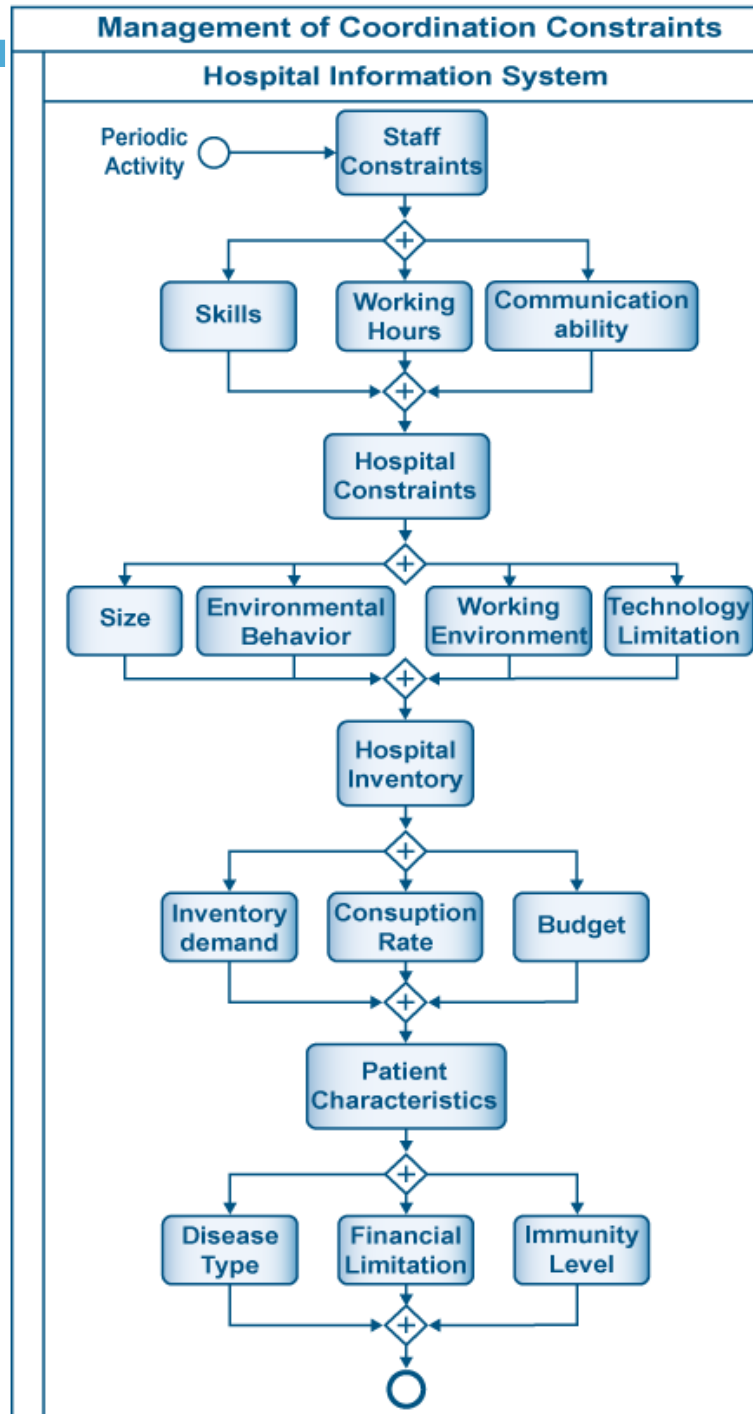
| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
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| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
| Type | Normal | | | | | | |
| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic Activities. | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p>Hospital Information System Coordination</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information System performs management of coordination constraints Hospital Information System coordinates hospital management processes. Hospital Information System performs coordination activities Hospital Information System optimizes coordination Hospital information system integrates with other systems Hospital Information System coordinates messaging and alerts Hospital Information System performs monitor performance End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Anomalies Management | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | Automated tools are provided to the process to ensure smooth and effective operations. | | | | | | |
| Post -conditions | Hospital Information System Coordination process is established. | | | | | | |
| Related Business Rules | BR-001, BR-002, BR-003, BR-004, BR-005, BR-006 (Ref 7.1) | | | | | | |

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| Related Risks | RR-001, RR-002,RR-003, RR-004, RR-005, RR-006(Ref. 7.2) |
| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Availability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, confidentiality, non repudiation, adaptability (Ref 7.3) |
| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, timeliness, understandability, concise representation (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | CAR, CA, CR, CPR, DR IPR, SR, CRR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | CARV, CAV, CRV, CPRV, DRV IPRV, SRV, CRRV, MOM, PWOM, CTQ, IOM, TOM, WRM, DRM (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.1 |
| Other References | Appendix A: Business Process Modeling Notation Reference Appendix B: Chain of Infection |

6.3 Roles and Responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Hospital Information System | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital Information System performs management of coordination constraints• Hospital Information System coordinates hospital management processes.• Hospital Information System performs coordination activities• Hospital Information System optimizes coordination• Hospital information system integrates with other systems• Hospital Information System coordinates messaging and alerts• Hospital Information System performs monitor performance |

6.4 Sub process – Management of Coordination Constraints



6.5 Sub Process – Management of Coordination Constraints Specification

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Summary/Purpose | To manage coordination constraints. |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma standard, NHS, OSHA |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Comprehensiveness |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-001 (Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the process are accurate. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

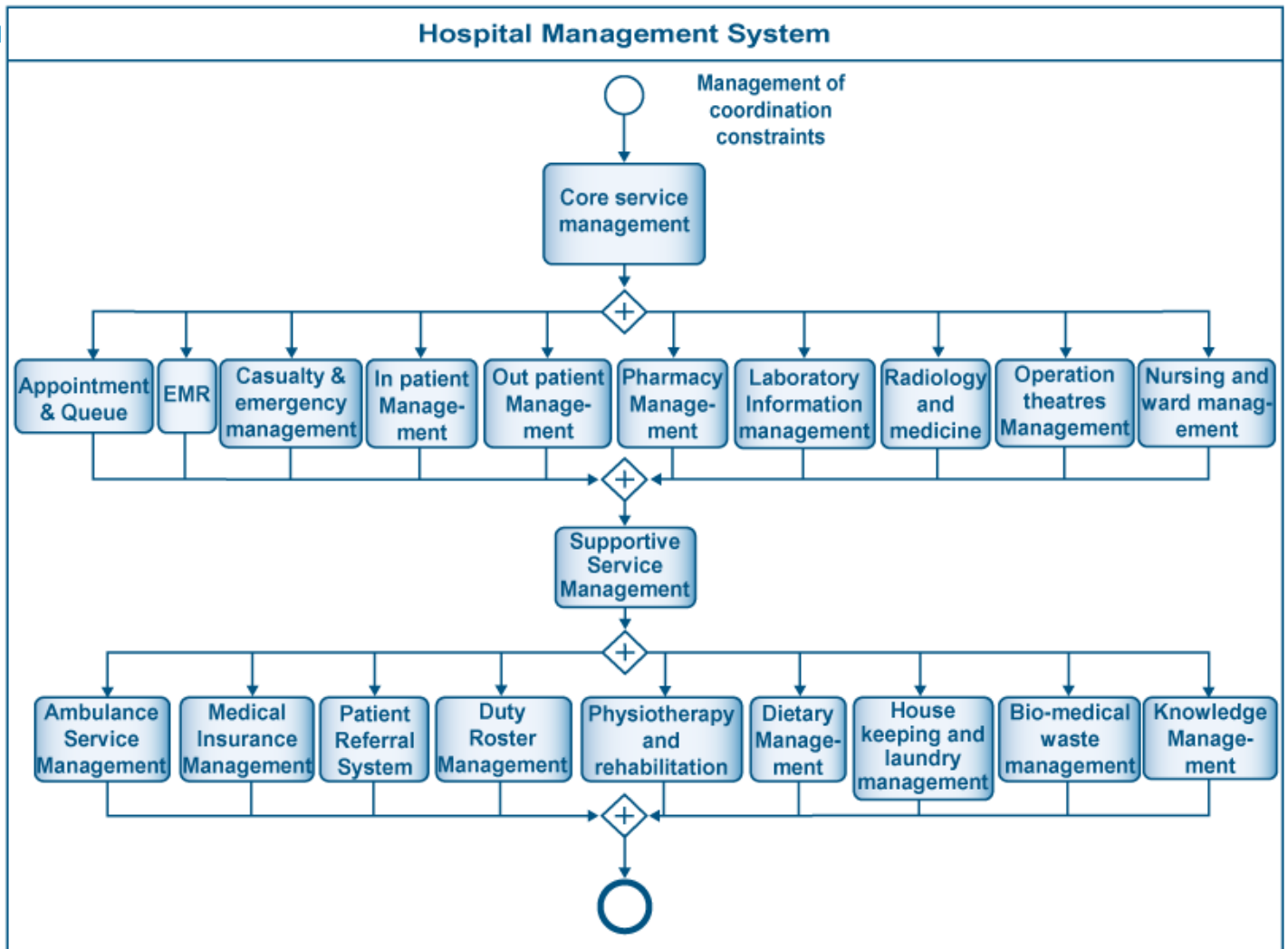
| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
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| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
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| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic Activity | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p><u>Management of coordination constraints.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information System identifies staff constraints (skills working hours, communication ability) Hospital Information System identifies hospital constraints (size environmental behavior, working environment, technology limitations). Hospital Information System identifies hospital inventory constraints inventory demand, consumption rate, budget) Hospital information system patient characteristics disease type, financial limitations immunity level) End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Coordinate hospital management processes | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | The senior management is very committed to ensure that this process is well governed. | | | | | | |
| Post -conditions | Hospital Information System Coordination constraints are formulated. | | | | | | |

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| Related Business Rules | BR-001 (Ref 7.1) |
| Related Risks | RR-001(Ref. 7.2) |
| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, Extensibility (Ref 7.3) |
| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, Value added, Believability (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | CAR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | CARV (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.4 |
| Other References | Appendix A: Business Process Modeling Notation Reference |

6.6 Sub Process – Management of Coordination Constraints Roles and Responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Hospital Information System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Information System identifies staff constraints (skills working hours, communication ability) • Hospital Information System identifies hospital constraints (size environmental behavior, working environment, technology limitations). • Hospital Information System identifies hospital inventory constraints inventory demand, consumption rate, budget) • Hospital information system patient characteristics disease type, financial limitations immunity level) |

6.7 Sub process – Coordinate Hospital management processes



6.8 Sub process – Coordinate Hospital management processes Specifications

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Summary/Purpose | To establish process for hospital process coordination |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS- National Health Services Standard • OSHA- Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard • CDC- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standard • Lean six sigma- Quality Standard • JCI- Journal of Clinical Investigation standard |
| Related ESM Practices | Enterprise Information system, Finance Management, HR Management, Standard Management, Risk Management. |
| Related Business Driver | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient hospital coordination |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-002 (Ref 7.5) |
| Assumptions | Senior Management support is available throughout this process. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |

| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital management. | | | | | | | |
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| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | | |
| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | | |
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| Std | 12 min | | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of coordination constraints | | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p>Hospital Service Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Management system performs core service coordination (appointment and queue, EMR, causality and emergency management, in patient management, out patient management, pharmacy management, laboratory information management, radiology and medicine, operation theatre management, nursing and ward management) Hospital management system performs supportive service coordination (ambulance service management, medical insurance management, patient referral system, duty roster management, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, dietary management, housekeeping and laundry management, bio-medical waste management, knowledge management) End. | | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Perform coordination activities | | | | | | | |

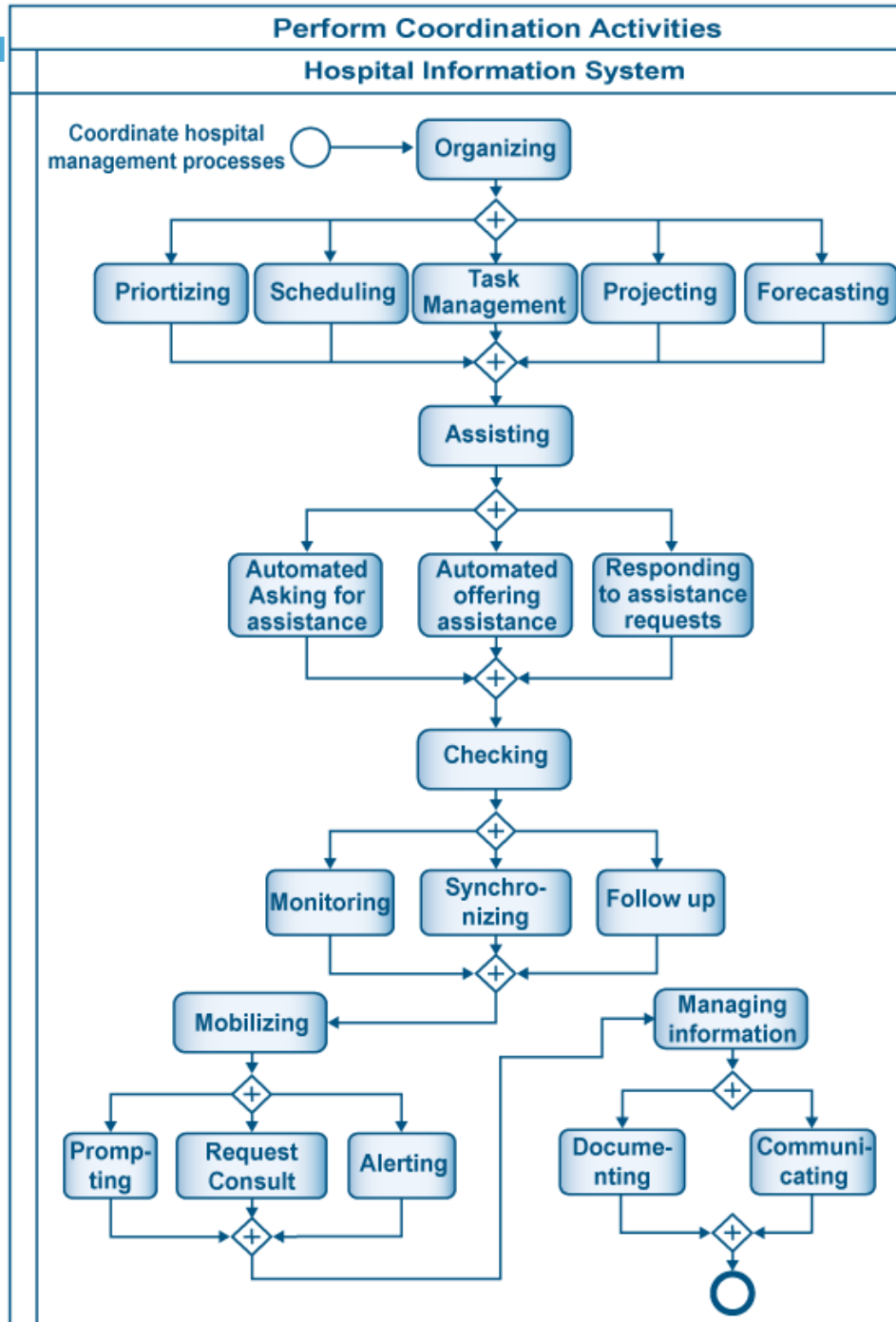
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| Preconditions | All the information stored in the system is accurate and free from error. |
| Post –conditions | Hospital processes are well coordinated. |
| Related Business Rules | BR-002 (Ref 7.1) |
| Related Risks | RR-002 (Ref 7.2) |
| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Confidentiality, Authenticity, Data Integrity, Availability, Non-repudiation, Accountability, Security Integration, Performance, Scalability, Extensibility, Adaptability, Testability, Auditability, Operability and Deployability (Ref 7.3) |
| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, Free-of-Error, Relevance, Completeness, Timeliness, Appropriate Amount, Understandability, Interpretability, Concise Representation (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | CA (Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | CAV (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital information system. |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |

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| Process Map | Section 5.1 |
| Process Model | Section 6.7 |
| Other References | Appendix A: Business Process Notation Reference |

6.9 Sub process – Coordinate Hospital management processes Roles and Responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Hospital information system. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Management system performs core service coordination (appointment and queue, EMR, causality and emergency management, in patient management, out patient management, pharmacy management, laboratory information management, radiology and medicine, operation theatre management, nursing and ward management) Hospital management system performs supportive service coordination (ambulance service management, medical insurance management, patient referral system, duty roster management, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, dietary management, housekeeping and laundry management, bio-medical waste management, knowledge management) |

6.10 Sub Process – Perform Coordination Activities



6.11 Sub Process – Perform Coordination Activities Specification

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Summary/Purpose | To identify Hospital Information System Coordination activities. |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma standard, NHS, OSHA |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Better understanding of the coordination activities. |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-003 (Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the process are accurate. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|------|--------|---------|--------|-----|--------|
| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
| Type | Normal | | | | | | |
| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate hospital management processes | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p><u>Perform Coordination activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information System performs organizing (Prioritizing, scheduling, task management, projecting, forecasting) Hospital information system performs assisting activity (automated assistance asking, respond to assistance request, automate offering assistance), Hospital information system performs checking activity (monitoring, synchronizing and follow up), Hospital information system performs Mobilizing (prompting, requesting consult, alerting), Hospital information system manages information (documenting and communicating) End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Optimization of Coordination | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | This process is supported by automated tools. | | | | | | |

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| Post -conditions | Hospital Information System Coordination activities are identified. |
| Related Business Rules | BR-003(Ref 7.1) |
| Related Risks | RR-002(Ref. 7.2) |
| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, Extensibility (Ref 7.3) |
| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, , Value added, Believability (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | CR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | CRV (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.10 |

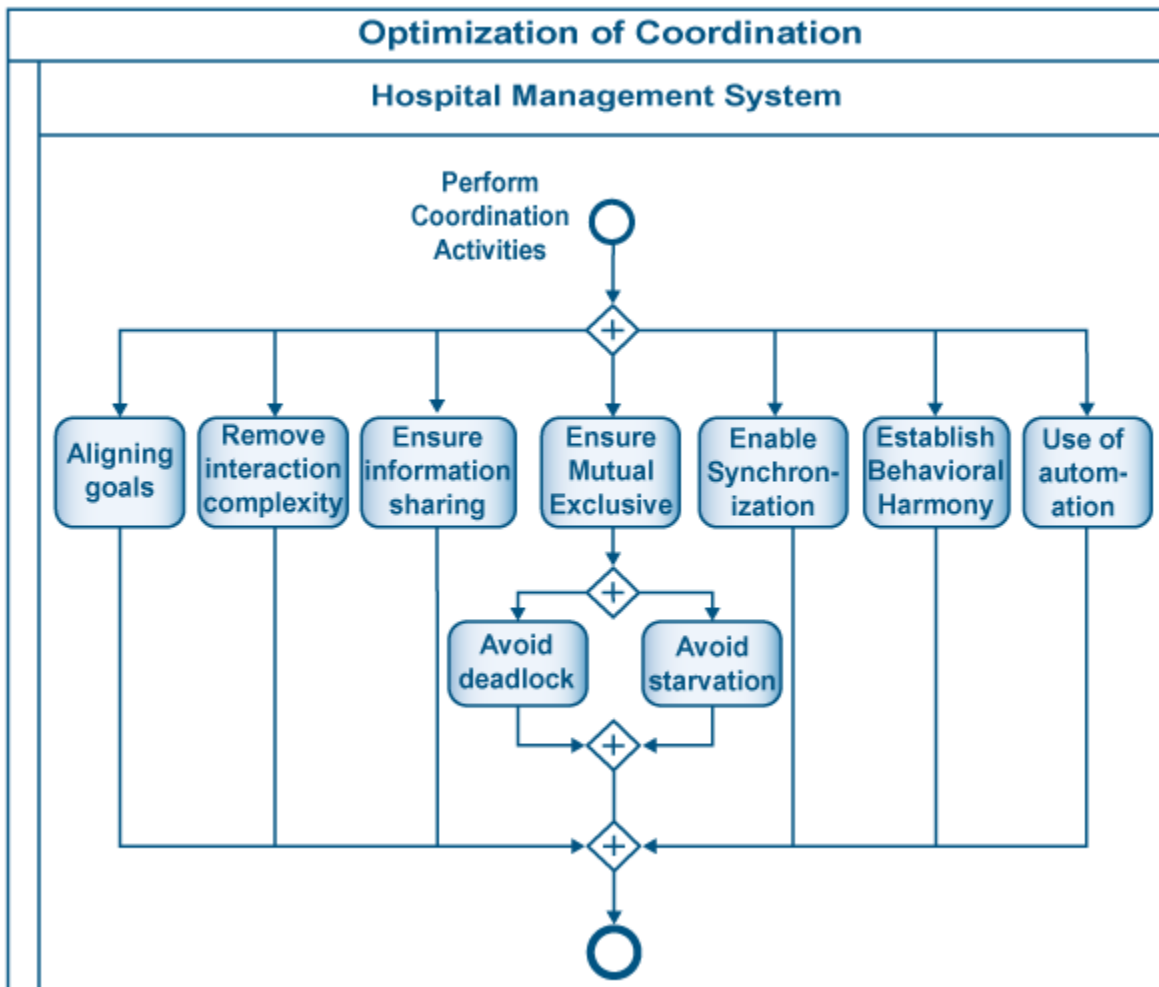
Other References

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6.12 Sub Process – Perform Coordination Activities Roles and Responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Hospital Information System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Information System performs organizing (Prioritizing, scheduling, task management, projecting, forecasting) • Hospital information system performs assisting activity (automated assistance asking, respond to assistance request, automate offering assistance), • Hospital information system performs checking activity (monitoring, synchronizing and follow up), • Hospital information system performs Mobilizing (prompting, requesting consult, alerting), • Hospital information system manages information (documenting and communicating) |

6.13 Sub Process – Optimization of Coordination



6.14 Sub Process – Optimize of Coordination Specification

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Summary/Purpose | To establish the process to optimize coordination |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma standard, NHS, OSHA |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Optimization of the coordination process. |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-003 (Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the process are accurate. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

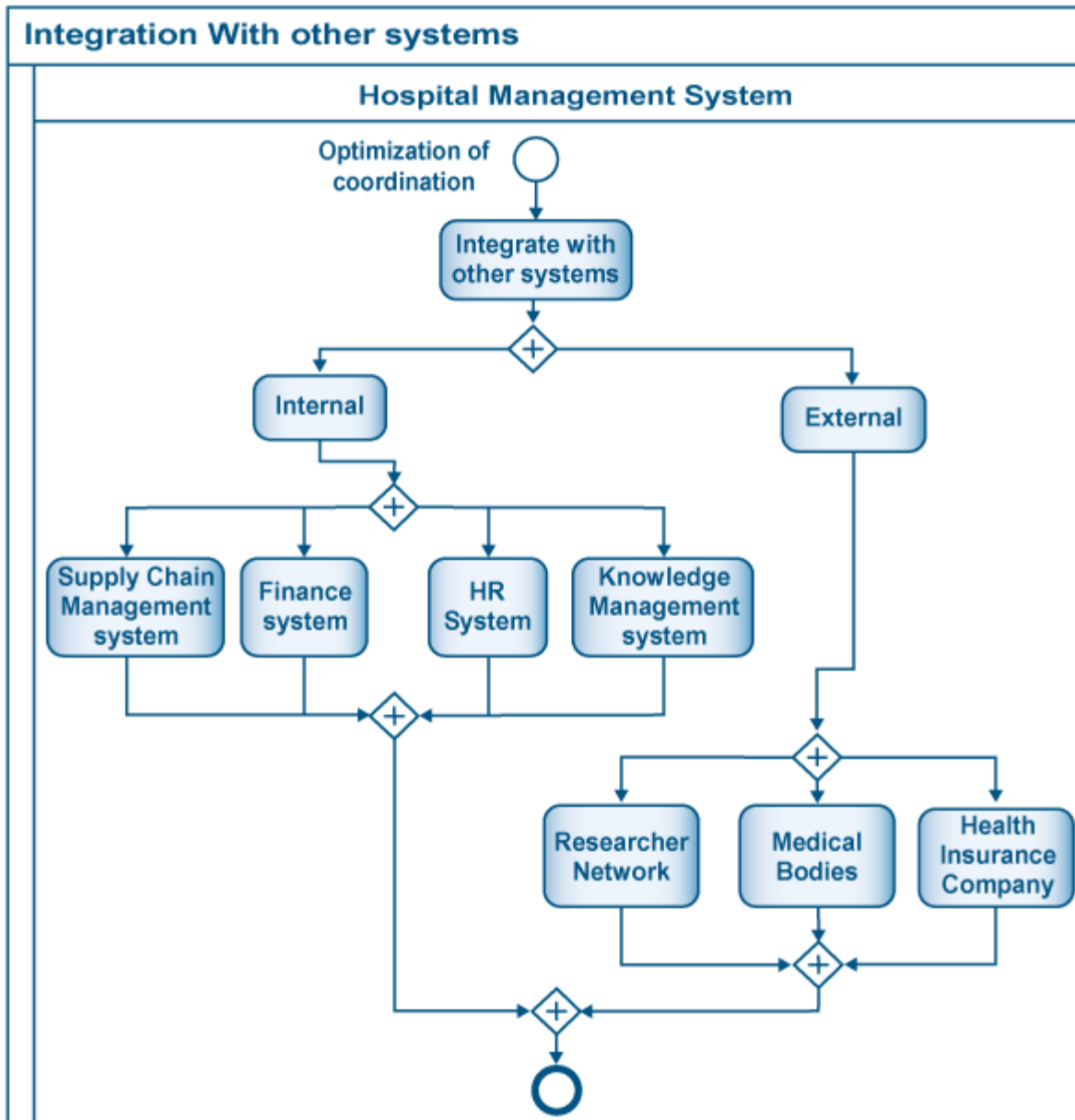
| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
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| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
| Type | Normal | | | | | | |
| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform coordination activities | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p><u>Optimization of coordination</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information aligns goals, removes interaction complexity, ensures information sharing, ensures mutual exclusiveness (avoid deadlock and starvation), enable synchronization, establish behavioral harmony, ensure use of automation. End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Integration with other systems | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | This process is supported by automated tools. | | | | | | |
| Post -conditions | Coordination process is optimized. | | | | | | |
| Related Business Rules | BR-003 (Ref 7.1) | | | | | | |
| Related Risks | RR-002(Ref. 7.2) | | | | | | |

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| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, Extensibility (Ref 7.3) |
| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, , Value added, Believability (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | CPR, DR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | CPRV, DRV(Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.13 |
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6.15 Sub Process – Optimize of Coordination Roles and responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Hospital Information System | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performs optimization |

6.16 Sub Process – Integrate with other systems



6.17 Sub Process – Integrate with other systems Specification

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Summary/Purpose | To establish the process of integration with other systems |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma standard, NHS, OSHA |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Total solution |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-004 (Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other systems provide capability for integration |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

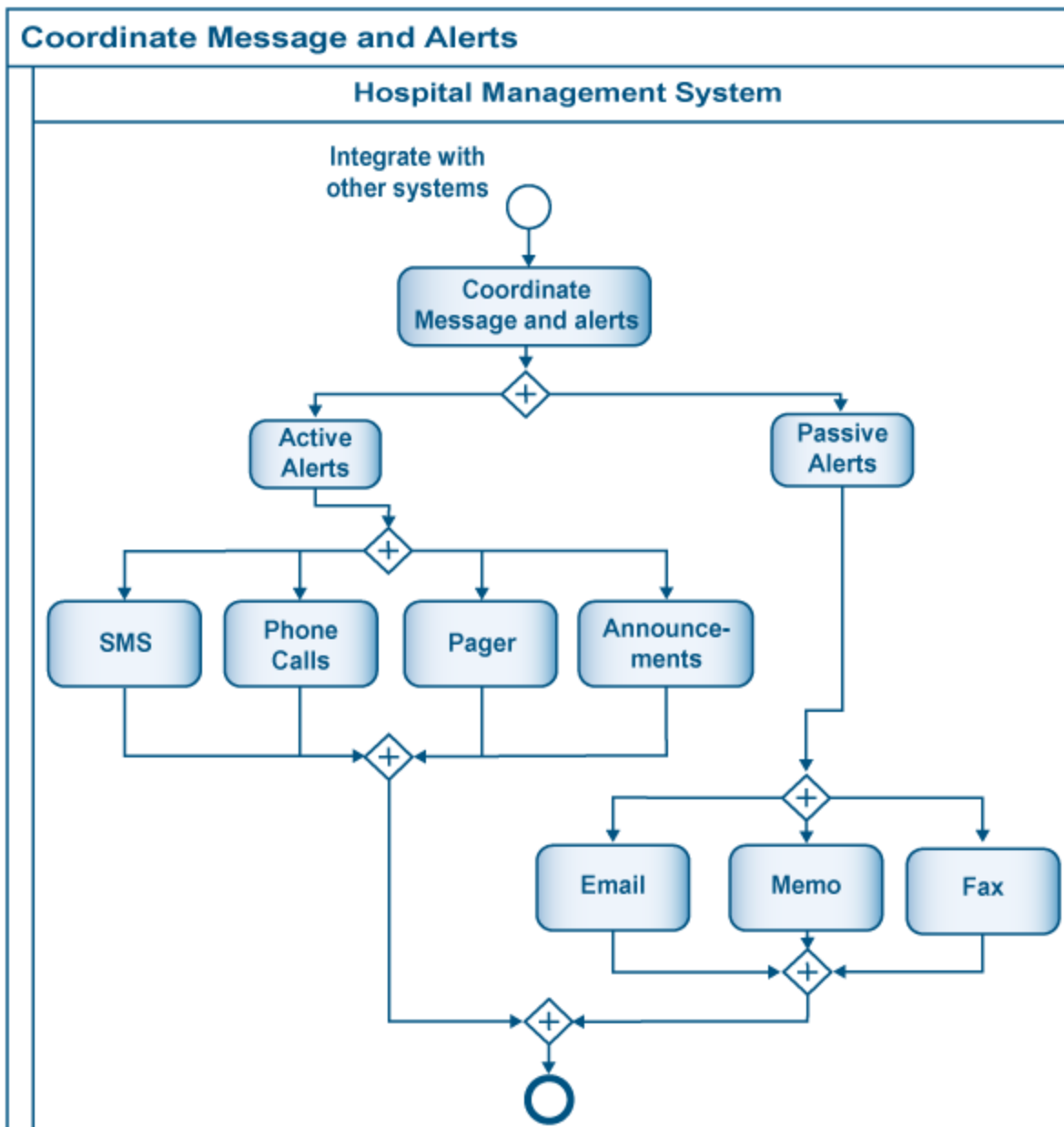
| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
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| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
| Type | Normal | | | | | | |
| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimization of coordination | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p><u>Integration with other systems</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information System integrates with other external systems (research network, medical bodies, health insurance company) and internal systems (supply chain management system, finance system, HR system, Knowledge management system) End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Coordinate messaging and alerts | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | This process is supported by automated tools. | | | | | | |
| Post -conditions | Integration with other external and internal systems happens. | | | | | | |
| Related Business Rules | BR-004 (Ref 7.1) | | | | | | |
| Related Risks | RR-004(Ref. 7.2) | | | | | | |

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| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, Extensibility (Ref 7.3) |
| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, , Value added, Believability (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | IPR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | IPRV (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.16 |
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6.18 Sub Process – Integrate with Other systems Roles and responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Hospital Information System | Hospital Information System integrates with other external systems (research network, medical bodies, health insurance company) and internal systems (supply chain management system, finance system, HR system, Knowledge management system) |

6.19 Sub Process – Coordinate message and alerts



6.20 Sub Process – Coordinate message and alerts Specification

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Summary/Purpose | To establish the process for coordinating message and alerts |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma standard, NHS, OSHA |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Efficient coordination. |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-005(Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the process are accurate. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

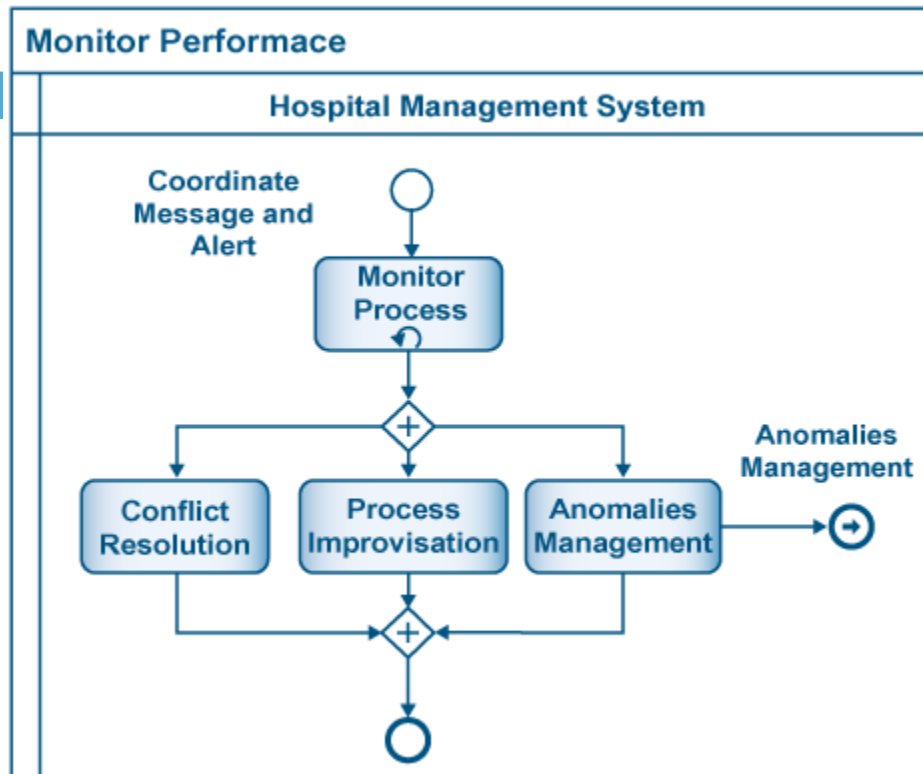
| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------|--------|---------|--------|-----|--------|
| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
| Type | Normal | | | | | | |
| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate with other systems | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p><u>Coordinate Message and alerts</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information System coordinate message and alerts performs active alerts (SMS, phone calls, pager, announcements) and passive alerts (email, Memo, fax) End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Monitor performance. | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | This process is supported by automated tools. | | | | | | |
| Post -conditions | Coordination messaging and alerting process is established. | | | | | | |
| Related Business Rules | BR-005 (Ref 7.1) | | | | | | |
| Related Risks | RR-005(Ref. 7.2) | | | | | | |
| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, Extensibility (Ref 7.3) | | | | | | |

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| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, , Value added, Believability (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | SR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | SRV (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.19 |
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6.21 Sub Process – Coordinate message and alerts Roles and responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Hospital Information System | Hospital Information System coordinate message and alerts performs active alerts (SMS, phone calls, pager, announcements) and passive alerts (email, Memo, fax) |

6.22 Sub Process – Monitor Performance



6.23 Sub Process – Monitor Performance Specification

| Specification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Summary/Purpose | To establish the process of monitoring the coordination performance. |
| Scope | This is a Level 2 Process Specification. |
| Primary Reference | Lean Six Sigma standard, NHS, OSHA |
| Related ESM Practices | Quality coordination, Infection control coordination, security coordination, hospital information system coordination, inter environment services coordination, Anomalies Management. |
| Related Business Driver | Process improvement. |
| Related Operational Policies | OP-006 (Ref. 7.5) |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the process are accurate. |
| Voice of Customer | Hygiene, High and Consistent Quality of standards, Free of Infections, Timely Services, High Coordinating, Remove Waste, Excellent Ergonomic, Safety, Appearance, Excellent Worker Attitude. (Ref 7.10) |
| Customer Satisfaction Measure | Customer satisfaction index |
| COI Correlation | None |
| Raw Materials | None |
| Equipment & Accessories | Automated System for Hospital Information System |

| MSD Management | Lifting/carrying, Disability, Force, Loaded motion, Physical ergonomics, Posture change, Excessive force, Scarceness, Noise, Concentration, Floor hazards, Clothing, Psychosocial factors. (Ref 7.12) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------|--------|---------|--------|-----|--------|
| EBC Procedures | None | | | | | | |
| Timing Dimensions | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Normal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>30 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Std</td> <td>12 min</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Type | Normal | Average | 30 min | Std | 12 min |
| Type | Normal | | | | | | |
| Average | 30 min | | | | | | |
| Std | 12 min | | | | | | |
| Trigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alerts and message | | | | | | |
| Basic Course of Event | <p>Monitoring performance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Information System monitors process continuously for conflict resolution, process improvisation, and anomalies management. End | | | | | | |
| Alternative Path | None | | | | | | |
| Exception Path | <p>System Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paper track until system is up and running Update the System and clear all logs. End. | | | | | | |
| Extension points | Anomalies Management | | | | | | |
| Preconditions | This process is supported by automated tools. | | | | | | |
| Post -conditions | Coordination process is monitored. | | | | | | |
| Related Business Rules | BR-006 (Ref 7.1) | | | | | | |
| Related Risks | RR-006(Ref. 7.2) | | | | | | |
| Related Quality Attributes | Reliability, Accountability, Performance, Auditability, Extensibility (Ref 7.3) | | | | | | |

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| Related Data Quality Dimensions | Accuracy, Reputation, Objectivity, free of error, Relevance, completeness, , Value added, Believability (Ref 7.4) |
| Related Primary SLA Terms | (Ref 7.9) |
| Related KPIs | CRR(Ref 7.6) |
| Related CTQs | CRRV (Ref 7.7) |
| Actors/Agents | Hospital Information System. |
| Delegation | <p><u>Delegation Rule -1: Agent Not Available</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation <p><u>Delegation Rule -2: Agent Overloaded</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegate the task to the agent with same Role 2. Update the task 3. Log the delegation |
| Escalation | <p><u>Rule 1: Performance, operational legal Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalate to environmental services department head. 2. Log Escalation |
| Process Map | 5.1 |
| Process Model | 6.22 |
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6.24 Sub Process – Monitor Performance Roles and responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
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| Hospital Information System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="431 541 1523 625">• Hospital Information System monitors process continuously for conflict resolution, process improvisation, and anomalies management. |

Reference



This chapter serves as a prime reference to Chapter 6 and presents the details supporting Chapter 6 in tabular formats. This chapter consists of various variable values which would frequently evolve or change as organization's Environmental Services' Hospital Information System Coordination process matures or changes.

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7.1 Business Rules

| BR ID | Description | Context | Rule | Source |
|--------|--|------------|------|--------|
| BR-001 | Hospital Information System should take into account all the possible Coordination constraints | Operations | TBD | NA |
| BR-002 | Hospital information system should inter coordinate all the hospital related processes. | Operations | TBD | NA |
| BR-003 | Automated tools should be used everywhere possible for optimizing the process. | Operations | TBD | NA |
| BR-004 | Hospital information system should be well integrated with other systems | Operations | TBD | NA |
| BR-005 | The alerts should be provided immediately to the intended personal. | Operations | TBD | NA |
| BR-006 | All coordination activities would be monitored for improvement | Operations | TBD | NA |

7.2 Risk

| Risk ID | Description | Source | Severity Level | Status | Resolution |
|---------|--|--------|----------------|--------|--|
| RR-001 | All coordination constraints are not taken into consideration. | NA | High | NA | The constraints should be well taken into consideration to ensure the comprehensiveness and total coordination. |
| RR-002 | All the processes are not well coordinated with each other. | NA | High | NA | the business processes should be re-engineered to make them easily coordinated with each other. |
| RR-003 | Lack of accuracy | NA | High | NA | Employ automated tools and techniques wherever possible. |
| RR-004 | Integration with other systems is not possible | NA | High | NA | The Hospital information system should be designed in a ways that it would be robust and well compatible with other systems. |
| RR-005 | Some personal won't have pagers with them always | NA | High | NA | Carrying of pagers should be made a operational rule. |
| RR-006 | Monitoring of the process is not adequate | NA | High | NA | A person should be appointed to facilitate this requirement. |

7.2 Quality Attribute

| QA ID | Description | Threshold |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| QA-001 | Interoperability | TBD |
| QA-002 | Reliability | TBD |
| QA-003 | Service Reliability | TBD |
| QA-004 | Availability | TBD |
| QA-005 | Usability | TBD |
| QA-006 | Normal Usability Operations | TBD |
| QA-007 | Confidentiality | TBD |
| QA-008 | Authenticity | TBD |
| QA-009 | Data Integrity | TBD |
| QA-010 | Availability | TBD |
| QA-011 | Non-repudiation | TBD |
| QA-012 | Accountability | TBD |
| QA-013 | Security Integration | TBD |
| QA-014 | Performance | TBD |
| QA-015 | Scalability | TBD |
| QA-016 | Extensibility | TBD |
| QA-017 | Adaptability | TBD |
| QA-018 | Testability | TBD |
| QA-019 | Auditability | TBD |

| | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----|
| QA-020 | Operability and Deployability | TBD |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----|

7.4 Data Quality Dimensions

| DQ ID | Description | Threshold |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|
| DQ-001 | Accuracy | TBD |
| DQ-002 | Believability | TBD |
| DQ-003 | Reputation | TBD |
| DQ-004 | Objectivity | TBD |
| DQ-005 | Free-of-Error | TBD |
| DQ-006 | Value Added | TBD |
| DQ-007 | Relevance | TBD |
| DQ-008 | Completeness | TBD |
| DQ-009 | Timeliness | TBD |
| DQ-010 | Appropriate Amount | TBD |
| DQ-011 | Understandability | TBD |
| DQ-012 | Interpretability | TBD |
| DQ-013 | Concise Representation | TBD |

7.5 Operation Policy

| Policy ID | Description | Context | Importance (1-5) |
|-----------|---|------------|------------------|
| OP-001 | All the technological coordination constraints would be taken into consideration for improving the hospital information system coordination process | Operations | TBD |
| OP-002 | All hospital related processes should be coordinate at a micro level | Operations | TBD |
| OP-003 | Coordination Optimization should be done via automated tools | Operations | TBD |
| OP-004 | If required specialized software should be utilized for enhancing total coordination with other systems. | Operations | TBD |
| OP-005 | SMS alerts would be provided to intended people for rapid communication | Operations | TBD |
| OP-006 | All coordination anomalies identified should be escalated to the anomalies management process. | Operations | TBD |

7.6 KPI

| Name | Acronym | Description | Context | Importance | Soft Threshold | Hard Threshold |
|--------------------------|---------|--|---------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Constraint accuracy rate | CAR | Percentage of identified constraint accuracy | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Coordination accuracy | CA | Increase or decrease in the | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |

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| | | coordination task accuracy | | | | |
| Coordination rate | CR | Number of coordinated activities | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Coordination performance rate | CPR | Performance change due to coordination | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Deadlock rate | DR | Number of deadlock encounter per process | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Integration problem rate | IPR | The number of problems encountered per system integration | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| SMS rate | SR | Number of coordination sms send per day | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Conflict resolution rate | CRR | Number of conflicts resolved per month | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |

7.7 CTQ

| Name | Acronym | Description | Context | Importance | Soft Threshold | Hard Threshold |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Constraint accuracy rate | CARV | Standard Deviation of CAR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |

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| Coordination accuracy | CAV | Standard Deviation of CA | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Coordination rate | CRV | Standard Deviation of CR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Coordination performance rate | CPRV | Standard Deviation of CPR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Deadlock rate | DRV | Standard Deviation of DR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Integration problem rate | IPRV | Standard Deviation of IPR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| SMS rate | SRV | Standard Deviation of SR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Conflict resolution rate | CRRV | Standard Deviation of CRR | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Motion Optimization Measure | MOM | Management of motion optimization measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Paper work Optimization Measure | PWOM | Management of Paper work Optimization Measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Correction reduction measure | CRM | Management of Correction reduction measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |

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|--|------------|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Materials Optimization Measure | IOM | Management of Materials Optimization Measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Transportation Optimization Measure | TOM | Management of Transportation Optimization Measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Waiting Reduction Measure | WRM | Management of Waiting reduction Measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Delays reduction measure | DRM | Management of delays reduction measure | NA | TBD | TBD | TBD |

7.8 Abstract Time – Scale

| Name | Acronym | Description | Quantification |
|------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |

7.9 SLA Terms

| SLA ID | Description | Context | KPI | CTQ |
|--------|-------------|---------|-----|-----|
| TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |

7.10 Voice of Customer

| VOC | Customer | Description | Perceived Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hygiene | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Housekeepers, Clerks, Visitors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker. | The environment should be attributing with great hygiene level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality healthcare services • Safe environment • Low infection rate • Low risk |
| High and Consistent Quality of standards | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Clerks, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | High and Consistent Quality of standards. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reputation of organization or hospital • Professionalism • Trust • Positive psychological bias |
| Free of Infections | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Clerks, Visitors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | Infections free and healthy environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe environment • Reputation of hospital or organization • Trust • Quick healing • Positive psychological bias • Low risk |

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| Timely Services | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Visitors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | The response time for any request should be very short. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalism • Trust • Positive psychological bias • Reputation of hospital or organization • Safe environment |
| High Coordinating | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Clerks, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | There should be high level of coordination between hospital employees and departments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalism • Trust • Low risk • Excellent Ergonomic |
| Remove Waste | Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Clerks, Visitors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | Wastes should be either removed or minimized. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe environment • Low infection rate • Low risk • Reputation of hospital or organization • Low cost • Timely response • High quality |
| Excellent Ergonomic | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Clerks, Visitors, Environmental Services | The hospital environment and policy should comply with physical, organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalism • Trust • Job accuracy • Excellent communication |

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| | Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | and cognitive ergonomics. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low risk • Reputation of hospital or organization |
| Safety | Doctors, Patients, Nurses, Housekeeping Supervisors, Clerks, Visitors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | Hospital environment should comply with occupational health and safety procedures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe environment • Professionalism • Low risk |
| Appearance | Housekeeping Supervisors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | The appearance of the workers, supervisors and manager should induce positive biases. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalism • Reputation of hospital or organization • Trust • Positive psychological bias |
| Excellent Worker Attitude | Housekeeping Supervisors, Environmental Services Management, Laundry worker, Transportation worker, Maintenance worker, Waste management worker, Housekeepers | The environment service employee should be free from negative attitudes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalism • Reputation of hospital or organization • Trust • Positive psychological bias • Minimum disputes • Less employee turn over |

7.11 Customer Context Matrix

| Name of Customer | Acronym | Context of Customer | Coordination Process Area |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--|
| Doctors | DOC | Direct | HIS Coordination |
| Patients | PAT | Direct | HIS Coordination |
| Nurses | NUR | Direct | HIS Coordination, Nurse Coordination |
| Housekeeping Supervisors | HKS | Direct | Quality Coordination, Nurse Coordination, infection control coordination |
| Clerks | CLR | Direct | HIS Coordination |
| Visitors | VIS | Indirect | HIS Coordination |
| Environmental Services Management | ESM | Direct | Nurse Coordination, infection control coordination |
| Other hospital workers | OHW | Indirect | Security coordination |
| Laundry worker | LDW | Direct | Nurse Coordination, HIS Coordination |
| Transportation worker | TRW | Direct | Quality Coordination, HIS Coordination |
| Maintenance worker | MAW | Direct | Quality Coordination, HIS Coordination |
| Waste management worker | WMW | Direct | Quality Coordination, HIS Coordination |

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| Infection control professional | ICP | Indirect | infection control coordination |
| Housekeepers | HK | Direct | HIS Coordination, Hospital Information System Coordination |

7.12 MSD Attributes

| MSD Attribute | Description |
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| Lifting/carrying | Large vertical movements, long carry distances. |
| Disability | Pose a risk to those with a health problem or a physical or learning disability. |
| Force | High initial forces to get the load moving. |
| Loaded motion | High forces to keep the load in motion. |
| Physical ergonomics | Constraints on body posture/positioning, confined spaces/narrow doorways. |
| Posture change | Strong force and awkward movement/posture. E.g. bent wrists. |
| Excessive force | Excessive force to grip raw materials, product or tools |
| Scarceness | Inadequate tools for repetitive use screwdrivers, pliers, hammers. |
| Noise | Noise which cause stress and muscle tension. |
| Concentration | Tasks require high levels of attention/concentration especially where the worker has little control over allocation of effort to the task. |
| Floor hazards | Remove slip and trip hazards through provision of appropriate floor surfaces and good keeping. |
| Clothing | Clothing/PPE may prevent sufficient movement for the task or reduce capability. E.g. to grip consider handling needs when selecting work wear/gloves. |

Psychosocial factors

Adverse psychosocial factors can increase the potential for manual handling injuries. A workers psychosocial response to work and the workplace conditions can affect their health in general and MSDs in particular. The factors include the content, design, organization and management of the work

Glossary / Acronyms



| Terminology | Description |
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| Abstract Time Scale | Time Scale that will be quantified both during operations and continuous process improvement. These time identifiers are correlated with the soft thresholds that are dynamically specified during life span of the process. |
| BPMN | Business Process Modelling Notation Business Process Modelling Notation is the practice of documenting an organisation's key business processes in a graphical format. |
| Business Rules | Business Rules are intended to assert business structure or to control or influence the behaviour of the Business. Business rules describe the operations, definitions and constraints that apply to an organization |
| CRR | Contract Review Rate |
| CRRV | Contract Review rate Variation. |
| CTQ | Critical to Quality Critical To Quality (CTQ) is continuous measuring and monitoring tool agreed between the internal processes to achieve greater customer satisfaction. |
| COI | Chain of infection |
| Data Quality Dimensions | The totality of features and characteristics of data that bears on their ability to satisfy a given purpose |
| EBC | Evidence Based Cleaning |
| ESM | Environmental services Map |
| KPI | Key Performance Indicator A metric that is used to help manage a process, IT service or activity. Many metrics may be measured, but only the most important of these are defined as KPIs and used to actively manage and report on the process, IT service or activity. KPIs should be selected to ensure that efficiency, effectiveness, and cost effectiveness are all managed. |
| MSD | Macro Skeleton Disorder |

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| OLA | Organization level Agreement An Agreement between an IT Service Provider and another part of the same Organization |
| Operational Policy | Rules defined to operate the process. |
| Quality Attributes | Quality attributes are non-functional requirements used to evaluate the performance of a process. |
| Risk | A possible event that could cause harm or loss, or affect the ability to achieve Objectives. A risk is measured by the probability of a threat, the vulnerability of the asset to that threat, and the impact it would have if it occurred. |
| SLA | Service Level Agreement An Agreement between an IT Service Provider and a Customer. The SLA describes the IT Service, documents Service Level Targets, and specifies the responsibilities of the IT Service Provider and the Customer |
| VOC | Voice of Customer |

Appendix A: Business Process Modeling Notation Reference



APPENDIX.
A







INTRODUCTION

Business Process Modelling (“BPM”) is the practice of documenting an organisation’s key business processes in a manner which:




- Is highly graphical
- Focuses on business terminology rather than technical
- Allows all business steps/tasks to be included, not just those which involve a computer system

Mentioned below are the various core concepts of BPMN with the relevant definition and graphic notation.







PROCESS START

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| All processes have to start somehow, general notation for a process models commence with the START event, is a circle. |  |
| One can use simply the <i>basic unmarked</i> start event as above, or one of the different types of start event, to provide more detail as described below. | |
| If a process starts when some sort of message arrives, mail, email, text. Following notation can be used | Message start  |
| If a process starts by virtue of the passage of time – e.g. 1st Jan review or 4 days after the purchase order is sent, following notation can be used | TIMER Start  |
| If the process starts when a rule/condition is met – e.g. when Incident Impact is more than 100,000. | RULE Start  |
| If a process starts when another process finishes. Following notation can be used | LINK Start  |
| If there is more than one ‘trigger’ for a process to start. Following notation can be used | MULTIPLE Start  |


TASK AND SUB PROCESS




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| Task | Task is a lowest level activity in a process map. A task is used when the work is not broken down to a finer level of detail |  |
| Sub Process | A Sub-process is a compound activity which can be broken down into finer details. |  |
| Loops | Loops task or sub process continues to iterate until the loop condition is true. |  |

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS



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| Following notation can be used to display the intermediate event, similar to start and end events. | | | | | | |
| | BASIC | MESSAGE | TIMER | RULE | LINK | MULTIPLE |
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PROCESS END


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| All processes have to end somehow, general notation for a process models end will be a circle with a solid line. |  |
| One can use simply use the <i>basic</i> end event as above, or you can use one of the different types of end event, to provide more detail, as described below: | |

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| If a process ends by something being sent via a message of some sort e.g., mail, email, document, following notation can be used. | MESSAGE End  |
| If the end of this process causes the start of another, following notation can be used. | LINK End  |
| If more than one consequence of the process ending, following notation can be used. | MULTIPLE End  |

SWIMLANES


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| Pool | A <i>Pool</i> represents a participant in a Process. It is also acts as a “swimlane” and a graphical container for partitioning a set of activities from other Pools |  |
| Lane | A <i>Lane</i> is a sub-partition within a Pool and will extend the entire length of the Pool, either vertically or horizontally. Lanes are used to organize and categorize activities. |  |

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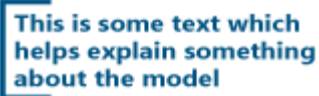


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| Sequence Flow | A <i>Sequence Flow</i> is represented by a solid line with a solid arrowhead (see the figure to the right) and is used to show the order (the sequence) that activities will be performed in a Process. |  |
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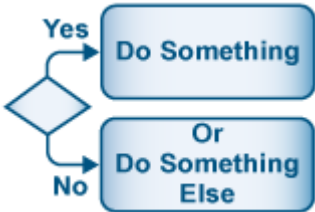
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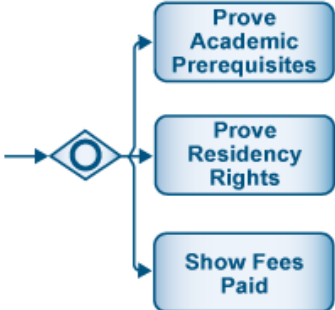

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| Message Flow | <p>A <i>Message Flow</i> is represented by a dashed line with an open arrowhead (see the figure to the right) and is used to show the flow of messages between two separate Process Participants. In BPMN, two separate Pools in the Diagram will represent the two Participants.</p> |  |
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ARTIFACTS

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| Annotation | <p>The ANNOTATION shape is used to add comments to a process model. It consists of text in a square left bracket</p> |  |
| Data Object | <p>A data object represents a piece of data which is required or produced by the process eg. Customer details, output.</p> |  |
| Group | <p>A grouping is purely for documentation or explanatory purposes. It has no impact on the model. It consists of a rectangle with dashed lines and rounded corners, usually enclosing other objects.</p> |  |

GATEWAYS

| | | |
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| Exclusive | <p>The values of the process are examined to determine which path to take</p> |  |
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| Inclusive | <p>Each branch will be evaluated and will not stop when one branch condition becomes true.</p> |  <p>The diagram shows an inclusive gateway (diamond with a circle) on the left. Three arrows branch out to the right, leading to three rounded rectangular task boxes: 'Prove Academic Prerequisites', 'Prove Residency Rights', and 'Show Fees Paid'.</p> |
| Parallel | <p>Provides a mechanism to synchronise parallel flow and to create parallel flow.</p> |  <p>The diagram shows a parallel gateway (diamond with a plus sign) on the left. Two arrows branch out to the right, leading to two rounded rectangular task boxes: 'Do Something' and 'And Also Do This'.</p> |

Appendix B: Chain of Infection

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10 Appendix B: Chain of Infection

In order to control or prevent infection it is essential to understand that transmission stages of a pathogen resulting in infection requires the six vital links (Refer to the table below).

Each link mentioned below must be present for infection or colonization to proceed, and breaking any of the links can prevent the infection.

The section below details out the six stages:

| Stage | Link | Description |
|-------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Infectious Agent | Any disease-causing microorganism (pathogen) |
| 2 | The Reservoir Host | The organism in which the infectious microbes reside |
| 3 | The Portal of Exit | Route of escape of the pathogen from the reservoir. |
| 4 | The Route of Transmission | Method by which the pathogen gets from the reservoir to the new host |
| 5 | The Portal of Entry | Route through which the pathogen enters its new host |
| 6 | The Susceptible Host | The organism that accepts the pathogen |

Link 1: Infectious Agent

The causative agent for infection is any microorganism capable of producing disease. Microorganisms responsible for infectious diseases include bacteria, viruses, rickettsiae, fungi, and protozoa. Sometimes, microorganisms are part of patient's own body flora and can cause infection in the immunocompromised host. These infections are called endogenous infections. Infections which are acquired from external sources are called exogenous infections.

Link 2: Reservoir Host

The second link in the chain of infection is the reservoir, i.e. the environment or object in or on which a microorganism can survive and, in some cases, multiply. Inanimate objects, human beings, and animals can all serve as reservoirs, providing the essential requirements for a microorganism to survive at specific stages in its life cycle.

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Infectious reservoirs abound in health care settings, and may include everything from patients, visitors, and staff members to furniture, medical equipment, medications, food, water, and blood.

Link 3: Portal of Exit

The portal of exit is the path by which an infectious agent leaves its reservoir. Usually, this portal is the site where the microorganism grows. Common portals of exit associated with human reservoirs include the respiratory, genitourinary, and gastrointestinal tracts, the skin and mucous membranes and the placenta (transmission from mother to fetus)

Link 4: Route of Transmission

The microorganism can be acquired by inhalation (through respiratory tract), ingestion (through gastrointestinal tract), inoculation (through accidental sharp injury or bites), contact (during sexual intercourse) and transplacental transmission (microbes may cross placenta from the mother to fetus). It is important to remember that some microorganisms use more than one transmission route to get from the reservoir to a new host.

Of the six links in the chain of infection, the mode of transmission is the easiest link to break and is key to control of cross-infection in hospitals.

Link 5: The Portal of Entry

The portal of entry is the path by which an infectious agent invades a susceptible host. Usually, this path is the same as the portal of exit. For example, the portal of entry for tuberculosis and diphtheria is through the respiratory tract, hepatitis B and Human Immunodeficiency Virus enter through the bloodstream or body fluids and Salmonella enters through the gastrointestinal tract. In addition, each invasive device, e.g. intravenous line, creates an additional portal of entry into a patient's body thus increasing the chance of developing an infection.

Link 6: The Susceptible host

The final link in the chain of infection is the susceptible host. The human body has many defense mechanisms for resisting the entry and multiplication of pathogens. When these mechanisms function normally, infection does not occur. However, in immunocompromised patients, where the body defenses are weakened, infectious agents are more likely to invade the body and cause an infectious disease. In addition, the very young and the very old are at higher risk for infection because in the very young the immune system does not fully develop until about age 6 months, while old age is associated with declining immune system function as well as with chronic diseases that weaken host defenses.