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- Effective inventory management of any kind involves getting the right inventory to the right place at the right time in the right quantity.
- Best practices enable the organization to identify critical inventory system components, optimize inventory data and address regulatory requirements.



 Inventory management also entails storage of the kits or items in the correct environment i.e. temperature, light etc. and establishing and maintaining safety data (in the event of accidents this information is already available).

 You also do not want to tie up capital by purchasing too much stock or encountering non usage to kits by the expiry date.



MTN 003 Clinic Inventory/kit lot log sheets

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Test	Number of Kits on Hand	Number of tests per kit	Exp Date	Lot Number	Monthly Expected usage	Date Ordered	Date recd
Pregnancy Test-Quidel Quickyue	8 boxes	25 each	27 Nov 10	705822	·		
Pregnancy test kit controls	2 bottles		31 Oct 2010	61321			
Urine Dipsticks- Siemens	11	100 each	May 2011	9L07DBE	50		
Urine Controls	2 boxes	1 bottles in each	30 Jun 2011	Control 1- UB1511061 Control 2- UB1511062	5.		
pH paper (3.6 to 6.1)	5 cassettes	100 strips	Jul 2012	30A284			
Osom BV Blue	2 kits	25	1020-09	B2106		15	04/05/2010
BV Blue Controls	2 boxes	25	2011-03	CK031			04/05/2010
Osom Rapid Trichomonas	26 kits	25	2011-08 2011-05	101176 (24) 101013 (2)		0 1 1s.	01/06/2010 17/06/2010
Rapid Trichomonas Controls	4 boxes	10	2011-07 2011-10	091606 (1) 101130 (3)	80		01/06/2010 17/06/2010

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- The first step for us in inventory management was to list all the inventory used for the study and the number of tests per kit.
- We then had to decide on the minimum levels per kit by factoring in the usage of the tests, procurement processing time as well as shipping of the kits to the lab.



 Note: The procurement process in some instances can be very long and shipping time from the US also can be long.

- The inventory is updated regularly and sent to NL once monthly.
- If critical stock usage is experienced and min. stock levels reached quicker than expected, this gets communicated immediately to NL, who communicate with the other sites to check for availability of the item quicker than supplier delivery time.



- It is extremely important that the administration of this inventory be assigned to one person who takes responsibility for checking the stock levels on a regular basis.
- It is also of utmost importance to communicate any issues experienced with the NL so that the site is not even in a predicament where participants can not be seen due to kit shortages.



- An added extremely important item is that you note the expiry date of the kits and compare this to your usage to ensure that all stock is used up prior to the expiry date.
- Also the rule "First in, first out" applies BUT always keep a track of your expiry date and ensure usage of your closer to expiry date items first.









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