

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Walk in Your Shoes

Who works in the department?



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Director of Supply Chain & Plant



Mike Larson

Materials Clerk

Q: What department does your department collaborate with the most?

A: Hospital & emergency department nursing

Q: What is something interesting about your department that you'd like others to be aware of?

A: In May, we will be undergoing a complete remodel of our shelving and bin system. The remodel will allow us to add additional high usage items into the inventory, as well restructure the layout to increase efficiencies for the department and you our customers.

Q: What are five things your department is responsible for?

A :

1. Maintain proper inventory controls in med/surg and ED patient areas.
2. Identify and communicate product changes with impacted departments.
3. Maintain proper inventory levels for items stored in the supply room.
4. Shipping & Receiving
5. Facility wide supply delivery

Q: What is the biggest challenge your department faces?

A: Backorders. Trying to find alternative suppliers or products.

Q: What would members of your team say is the most rewarding part of the job?

A: Ensuring the proper products are available when needed. This could be the result of proper inventory levels, successful item substitutions, or backorder resolutions.

Q: What is your department's favorite thing about RLMC?

A: Over the past couple of years, we have experienced a lot of change. A major positive change that was highlighted, is our affiliation with Sanford. This arrangement has brought a significant number of efficiencies to MM and saves our department time and energy performing our daily tasks.

