

Sample inventory across multiple satellite sites:

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We are a research laboratory which has a main site where the majority of samples are stored within freezers, within various laboratories; in addition we have a small satellite laboratory in another part of the country, and wanted to be able to see from all sites where samples are within the storage systems. We regularly transport samples via carriers from the main site to the satellite site for processing and storage.

Pro-curo Enterprise was installed on multiple PC's with the database being held on a central PC/server on our main site, therefore users at the satellite site can view the same screens as users on the main site. In order to monitor when samples are being moved to the satellite site a new building location has been created, called IN TRANSIT, when the main site select sample/s that need to be moved to the satellite site they initially move them to the IN TRANSIT location. Once the batch is completed we print the list of samples off onto a report printer (laser/office printer) which then form the dispatch note which will travel with the samples. Upon receipt of the samples at the satellite site they scan the samples with the portable barcode terminal and then scan the bar-coded location label on a location within their own freezer system, this then moves the sample out of the IN TRANSIT location and into the storage system on the satellite site. This gives us full traceability of where the samples are and have been.

Samples in transit can easily be seen by both sites, when the samples arrive it is quick and easy to move them into their storage location with the barcode terminal which reduces any possible transcription errors. If you view the history records of a sample in the satellite location it would show you when the sample was introduced to the main sites storage system and by whom, when it was dispatched, when it was received at the satellite site and by whom. The ability to use the portable scanner for scanning samples in and moving them around was one of the main reasons for using Pro-curo, it gave us the flexibility to not have a computer right next to the storage locations as well as a quick and easy way to get the samples booked in without keeping them out of the freezer for any longer than possible.

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