Effective purchasing is one of the keys to an organization's success. Unfortunately, purchasing—especially prosthetics purchasing—can generate reams of paperwork that can be extremely challenging for administrators to manage.

Organizations can avoid falling into these pitfalls and challenges by implementing the Advanced Prosthetics Acquisition Tool (APAT). Developed by Document Storage Systems (DSS), APAT is a VistA integrated software module that fully automates the purchasing workflow from start to finish for departments that procure prosthetics, orthotics and other sensory aides.

**The APAT Difference**

APAT helps facilities to manage their prosthetics procurement process with an easy-to-use module. APAT is an Electronic Document Management Software (EDMS) system to electronically store and manage all documentation throughout the prosthetics department. Among the many benefits of APAT:

**Electronic Processing and Management**

Users can create requests for quotes, generate purchase orders (simplified and detailed), and manage the entire bid process electronically with APAT.

As a result, purchase orders and bids can be easily retrieved by purchase order number patient or vendor. Bid and purchase order data can also be electronically passed on to a fax server program. CPRS consult information, as well as other notes and information, can be easily located and copied/pasted into bids and orders. Extensive paperwork associated with purchase orders and bids is greatly reduced and any type of paper that prosthetics works with (i.e. invoices, HISA, Clothing Allowance documents) can be scanned, imported and indexed into the system. Additionally, electronic images can also be imported and indexed to patients in the system for easy retrieval.

**Seamless Integration with VistA**

By truly integrating with VistA, all data required for the procurement process is easily at your fingertips within APAT.

**Experience the Benefits of APAT**

APAT includes:

- Integration with VistA to help minimize data entry needed
- Easily accessible CPRS Consult information that can be copied and pasted into bids and purchase orders
- Improved workflow through the ability to electronically create bids, purchase orders (simplified and detailed), and orthotics work orders
- Ability to scan and index invoices, Clothing Allowance, HISA or other electronic documents to reduce paper storage
- Ability to link electronic images for easy retrieval
- Prosthetics Inventory tracking
- Automated Revenue Cycle data export
Fast Data Entry, Instant Data Display
APAT’s Graphical User Interface (GUI) greatly streamlines the process of creating requests for quotes, purchase orders, and orthotics work orders through single-screen data entry. This provides users with the ability to automate and track bids and purchase orders.

Prosthetics Inventory
Graphical User Interface (GUI) of the Vista General Inventory Package (GIP) simplifies data entry and helps compliance. Required Prosthetics data fields added to allow necessary tracking mechanisms and reporting. Purchase Order data can be linked.

Automated Revenue Cycle Data
The current process to gather Prosthetics encounter data to be coded and billed for the revenue cycle is completely manual currently. APAT has a utility that can be run on demand or scheduled that will process Prosthetics encounters and export that to the Encoder Product Suite currently used by VA coders.

Improved Reporting
Easily access and look up bids or other order information. Standard reports help to manage costs and track productivity; ad hoc reports provide flexibility for management to handle varied requirements and to monitor productivity.

Flexible, Scalable and Customizable
APAT can be customized to match current and future business processes and data needs, as well as scaled to support growth in users and document storage.

Quality Security
Interface on a secure platform for scanning, indexing and management of all documentation associated with prosthetics procurement. APAT uses VistA access and verify codes, and adheres to all business rules. Permissions-based flexibility enables administrators to add or change users at any time, and also tracks activity by user and document alterations.

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