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SHARP Intelligent Surgical Instrument Management (iSIM) project- GoldFinger



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Overview of iSIM project





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Integration of Bigbox within surgical instruments flow in SingHealth





Challenges faced:

- Manpower performing repetitive and low value adding tasks.
- Staff are vulnerable to strain injuries as they pick and pack instruments throughout their entire shift.



Project scope- Goldfinger

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1. Covers the basic surgical sets – about 50% of the total instrument volume





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- 2. Robotic solution (Bigbox) will be able to:
 - a) Inspect and perform defect checks on the instruments for cleanliness, rust and dirt, non-aligned jaws and shaft, stiffness, functionality and completeness of parts
 - b) Flag for replacement if there are faulty or missing instruments
 - c) Envelope wrap selected instruments (e.g. forceps, handle bard parker, spear redivac, etc.) before placing into instrument tray
 - d) Line instrument tray with non-linting absorbent tray liner
 - e) Organise the instruments in a way that allows steam penetration
 - f) Include chemical integrator on the instrument tray





Expected outcomes- Goldfinger

1. Potential productivity savings

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Type of Activity	Current State	How solution can achieve productivity savings	Estimated total time saved (minutes)
Assembly and inspection of instruments	 Staff manually assembles and inspects instrument sets (15 min/set) 	 Robotic arm to do quality control and assemble instruments into sets or as individual units 	1. 15mins per set
Wrapping of Sets and Pouches into linen/paper sets or instrument containers	 Staff folds and place into container (35sec/set) Staff places lid on the outer container to seal the container system (10sec/set) 	 Robot to fold instrument list and place it into the container. Robotic arm will then place lid on top of container. 	 35 sec per set 10 sec per set



Expected outcomes- Goldfinger

- 2. Reduced risk of injury at work
 - a) Staff are vulnerable to repetitive strain injury movements as they pick and pack the instruments through their entire shift.





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Current capabilities- Goldfinger



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Al-Based Inspection





Tips not meeting (Clip towel jones)







Tips not meeting (Forceps)







Tips not meeting (Forceps)









Misalignment









Metal tip missing















Marking missing









Crack defect















Good sample – successful cut

Defective sample – unsuccessful cut



Machine Build-Up Progress





Wet Bay Loading







Wet Bay Picking







Processing Table (Non-Ring)







Dry Bay Placing





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