

# Clinical 5S For Healthcare



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Term	Definition
Sort <i>(Important to get this step right)</i>	Separate what is necessary from what is unnecessary. Eliminate unnecessary items for good.
Set in Order <i>(Create checklist and standardize the process)</i>	Place items a certain way, at a designated location, with clear visual indication in order to find necessary items effortlessly
Shine <i>(Manage items used frequently)</i>	Clean your workplace while conducting inspection.
Standardize <i>(Set up rules and standardize procedures)</i>	Continue practicing “Sort”, “Set in Order”, and “Shine” in a thorough manner and keep a clean environment. Establish Visual Management.
Sustain <i>(Develop a habit)</i>	Put it all into a daily routine in which rules are followed at all times.

- ▶ Direct Benefits of 5S:
  - Reducing human errors in the workplace
  - Preventing patient accidents
  - Eliminating the waste of searching
  - Better utilization of available work space
  - Increased satisfaction among patients and customers

Education and Training  
are Key to Success

Reduced Accidents and  
Waste Elimination

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## ▶ Principals of 5S

- Targets of 5S are goods, information, and people
- Full participation is required
- 5S builds the foundation for yielding various continuous improvement results
- Aim for vitalization of the organization

## ▶ Meaning of 5S in Hospitals

- 5S is established as a basic foundation to prevent medical malpractices from occurring
- Promotes operational efficiency

5S = Performing Work as it Should Be Performed

5S = Culture Where Rules are Always Followed