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### Asset Tracking Technology for Hospitals

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Asset tracking, a new and evolving technology, gives hospitals the ability to detect, identify, and locate assets (e.g. infusion pumps, wheelchairs) at any time, as well as record the physical locations of those assets over time. ECRI recently published an overview of asset tracking for hospitals that choose to start the selection process for this technology now.

ECRI's evaluation critically examines the performance of four suppliers' systems products: the Agility Healthcare Solutions ECRI's guidance article found that while implementing an asset tracking system now would bring immediate benefits for some healthcare facilities, others are better off waiting for the marketplace to develop further. A comprehensive follow-up article published in ECRI's Health Devices journal expands on product specifications and purchasing options. Hospitals can benefit from lessons learned through ECRI's testing of the process of installing an asset tracking system, included in an analysis in the same journal issue.

ECRI's evaluation critically examines the performance for four suppliers systems products the Agility Healthcare Solutions performance of four suppliers' systems products: the Agility Healthcare Solutions AgileTrac, the Ekahau RTLS (Real-Time Location System), the Radianse Find Assets, and the Versus Technology Versus Information System (VIS). The products are rated for two basic locating applications: finding equipment for IPM (inspection and preventive maintenance) and recalls, and finding it for clinical use.

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