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About ECRI Institute

ECRI Institute, a not for profit organisation, dedicates itself to bringing the discipline of applied scientific research in healthcare to uncover the best approaches to improving patient care. As pioneers in this science for nearly 40 years, ECRI Institute marries experience and independence with the objectivity of evidence-based research.

More than 5,000 healthcare organisations worldwide rely on ECRI Institute's expertise in patient safety improvement, risk and quality management, healthcare processes, devices, procedures, and drug technology.

ECRI Institute is one of only a handful of organizations designated as both a Collaborating Center of the World Health Organization and in the United States as an Evidence-based Practice Center by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. For more information, visit www.ecri.org.uk

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of ECRI Institute

URAVEL THE COMPLEXITIES OF HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

HEALTH DEVICES MEMBERSHIP

The cost and complexity of healthcare technology continues to expand. The management of a hospital's medical technology decisions has become ever more challenging and medical product inventories have grown ever larger.

The Health Devices System membership programme gives you independent technology management reports, personal advisory services, also device alerts for hazard and recall management. Using the system's informational products and services, you'll get direct, personal communication with ECRI Institute's experts, as well as answers to your healthcare technology management questions.

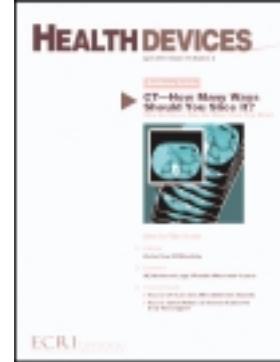
OUR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMME CONTAINS:-

1. Health Devices Journal

Medical Device Guidance and Evaluations, available on-line, or in print form

ECRI Institute evaluates and ranks medical equipment in the Health Devices Journal, allowing you to assess the quality, value and performance of each device, making purchasing decisions easier.

The Journal is a wealth of information, featuring guidance articles, executive summaries, hazard reports, evaluations and specialist information from our team of experts. In short, the guidance offered in Health Devices helps you manage and select healthcare technologies more effectively, saving you time and money.



2. Health Devices Alerts Database

Medical device alerts, hazards and recalls from sources around the world with over 500,000 entries. Abstracts and action items are listed in critical, high and normal priorities. It is keyword searchable by device type, company name, cause, or ECRI Institute's UMDNS nomenclature.

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3. Further Health Devices Resources

Financial tools including - Comparative Life-Cycle Cost Analysis Calculator - Cost and Purchase decision calculator Point Paid off Calculator - Utilisation Calculator.

Health Technology Slides shows – Over 40 PowerPoint presentations (some with audio narration) are included as part of the service.

UPGRADE TO THE HEALTH DEVICES GOLD PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING UNIQUE AND ACCREDITED SERVICES:

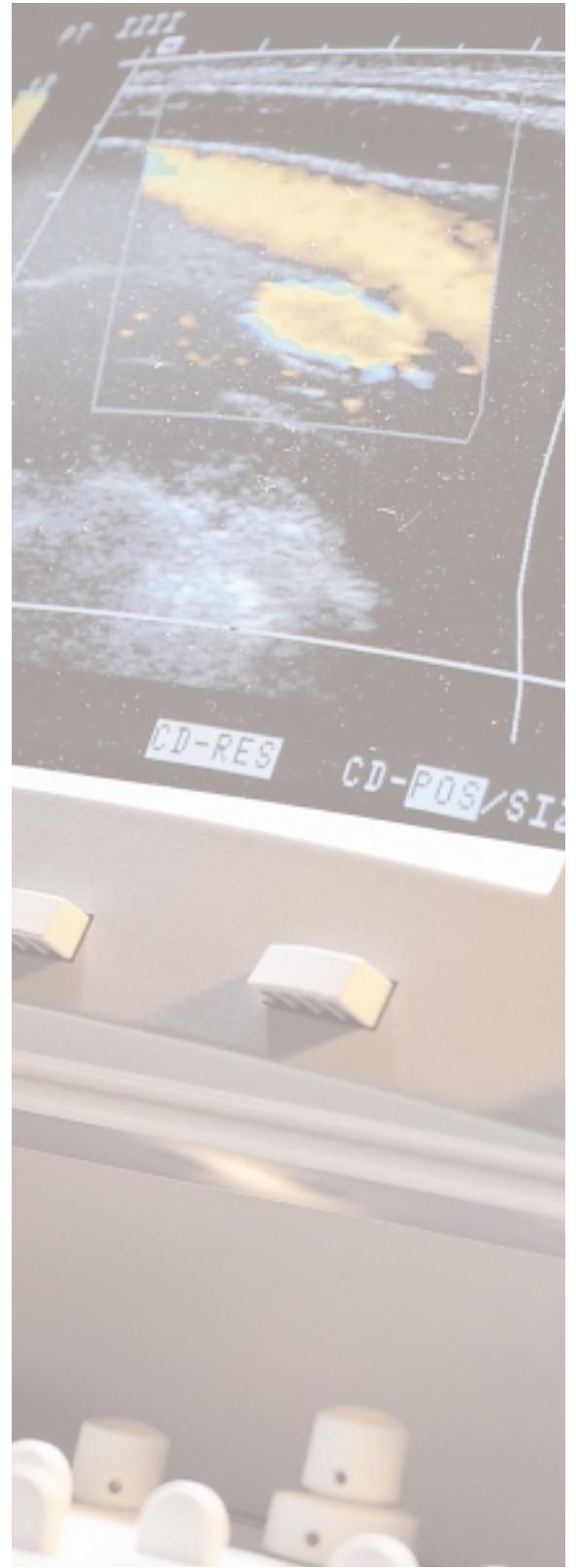
- Health Devices Journal and Health Devices Index
- Health Devices Alerts
- Healthcare Product Comparison System (HPCS)
- International Sourcebase of Medical Suppliers - with searchable UMDSN definitions

ECRI Institute has brought together on one service, the Health Devices Journal, the Healthcare Product Comparison System (HPCS) and the International Sourcebase of Suppliers, providing fast and convenient access to valuable information.

'HD Gold' brings together a wealth of on-line information and databases, offering some of the most powerful tools that ECRI Institute has to offer.

It combines patient safety tools, publications, databases, information services, problem reporting, discussion forums, Health Devices alerts and much more.

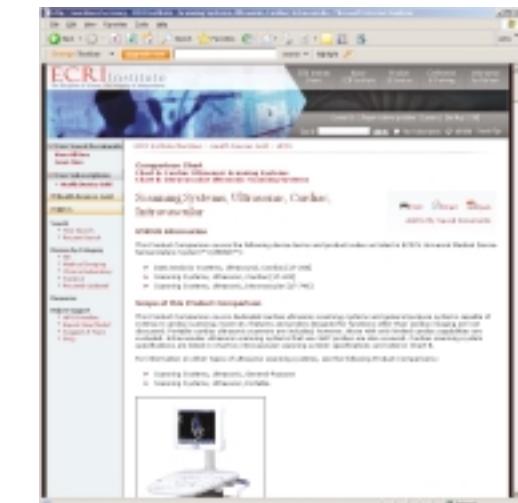
In effect, Health Devices Gold is the 'what', 'which' and 'where' of healthcare technology management.



4. Healthcare Product Comparison System (HPCS) – Model-related Specifications

HPCS offers unique model specific comparisons across a range of thousands of medical devices. covering hospital, laboratory and imaging devices, it is an international reference guide for healthcare technology purchasing. HPCS contains life cycle costings, standards and guidelines, purchase considerations, reported problems, ECRI recommended specifications and much more.

HPCS online lets you chose and compile, your own Model specific comparisons charts. The charts can then be exported to an MS Excel spreadsheet to produce a tender document, or for editing and distribution. Access to HPCS online is available in either html or text form.

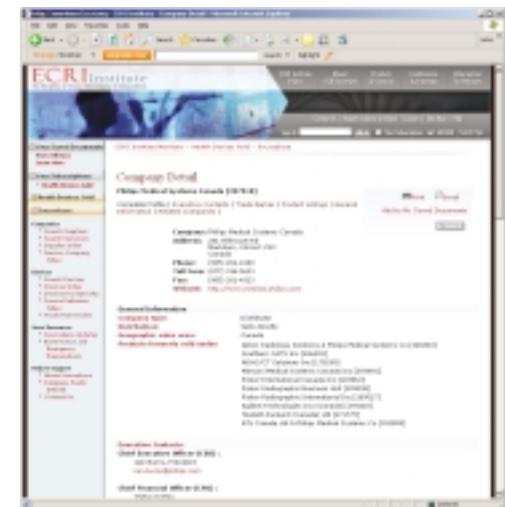


5. International Sourcebase – Medical Products and Suppliers

Sourcebase online contains more than 15,500 suppliers worldwide, has over 28,000 executive contact names, 32,000 trade names and direct links to more than 8,000 web sites. Sourcebase allows you to search by clinical speciality, device name, country of origin, trade name, or company name. Sourcebase also contains all the ECRI Institute's Universal Medical Device Nomenclature System (UMDNS) codes and descriptions, enabling accurate identification of every device.

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FURTHER HD GOLD ONLINE RESOURCES:-

► Safety Tools for Patients and Staff

The Health Devices Alerts database is one of the largest in the world, containing over 500,000 hazards, recalls and alerts. Action items are posted weekly (each Friday) giving specific instructions and recommendations for those with affected products, enabling action to be taken to rectify the hazard, safeguarding patients and staff.

► Medical Device Safety Reports (MDSR)

A repository of Medical Device incident and hazard Information gained over the past three decades. It is the culmination of past experience and lessons learned by our research team, whilst investigating medical accidents. MDSR highlights steps that Medical Device users should adopt to reduce accidents and clinical risk.

► Medical Device Problem Reporting

ECRI Institute's confidential service for reporting Medical Device failures. As a result of ECRI Institute's investigations, many manufacturers have recalled or modified their devices. Reports can be filed on-line, or by using our standard fax form which can be downloaded from the web site at www.ecri.org.

► Technology Power Point Presentations

Over fifty PowerPoint presentations ready to download covering a wide variety of technology issues, some with audio narration. These presentations encapsulate the basic issues for each topic, as well as ECRI Institute's recommendations. They not only serve as educational tools, but also can be useful planning resources.