

Voice-Guided Workflow For Clinical Procedures

The Problem

- Clinical documentation is time consuming, error prone and inconsistent, costing the NHS >£3.0Bn per annum (source: NHS Resolution)
- An average of 15-20 mins are lost per procedure to form filling, equating to 3,000+ hours per Trust per year (source: BMA)
- 85% of surgical incidents relate to poor communication and documentation (source: NHS Improvement)
- Each 'never event' costs on average £612,000 (source: NHS Resolution)

The Solution

- Voice-Care is a digital, hands-free, voice-guided solution designed for clinical environments
- It automatically records and transcribes LocSSIPs and procedural checklists in real-time, providing 100% compliance
- It fully integrates into Trust governance systems and EPRs

How It Works

- Clinicians use an in-theatre mic/speaker or discreet headset
- Voice-Care issues and records procedural safety checks (e.g. WHO, LocSSIPs, NatSSIPs, CVAD) via voice commands and responses
- All steps are transcribed, timestamped and logged automatically with patient data and photos; securely stored, auditable and ready for EPR upload



100% compliance



productivity



5-8 hours regained per week for patient care

Benefits and Outcomes

- ◆ Up to 90% time saved on documentation no more pen and paper or post-op admin catch-ups
- Regain 5-8 hours a week for patient care
- Immediate confirmation that safety steps were followed, without disrupting workflow
- Improved focus on patient care no eyes on forms or screens during high-risk procedures

Case Study

- Voice-Care was piloted at the Imperial College Healthcare Trust (ICHT), led by Head of Specialty for Vascular Surgery & Services Dr. Sadie Syed, to digitise the 40-step CVV line insertion into a guided workflow, ensuring 100% LocSSIPs compliance and real-time patient record updates
 - View the ICHT Video Testimonial here
- The solution enables the full tracking and traceability of the entire CVV line insertion procedure, enabling an accurate and comprehensive audit trail for each patient
- The results of implementing the solution have been far-reaching for ICHT, with it being described as a 'game changer' and a 'must have'



Why the NHS Should Adopt the Voice-Care Operating Theatre System

The NHS faces major pressures in surgical safety, workforce efficiency, documentation accuracy and compliance. Voice-Care directly addresses these challenges with a solution that improves safety, reduces administrative burden and supports national digital priorities.



1. Improves Surgical Safety and Compliance

- Standardises WHO Surgical Safety Checklist completion with voice-guided prompts
- Ensures every step is completed and recorded no missed checks; no manual variations
- Strengthens patient safety by reducing avoidable 'critical incidents' and near-misses
- Provides a consistent audit trail, vital for CQC inspections and GIRFT improvement work
 Benefit: Safer theatres, lower risk, stronger regulatory alignment



2. Eliminates Manual Documentation Errors

- Automatically captures and stores checklist confirmations in the patient record (EPR or theatre system)
- Removes handwriting errors, missing signatures and incomplete paperwork
- Supports litigation defence, incident investigations and quality assurance
 Benefit: More accurate notes and defensible clinical documentation



3. Saves Time for Surgeons, Nurses and ODPs

- Reduces the administrative load in theatres by automating checklist capture
- Frees staff from scribbling notes or hunting for forms
- Speeds up turnaround between cases through smoother workflow
 Benefit: More theatre time used for surgery, not admin



4. Enhances Theatre Efficiency and Reduces Delays

- Real-time voice guidance keeps teams aligned and focused
- Minimises communication gaps in multi-disciplinary teams
- Reduces delays caused by missing paperwork, missing information or inconsistent process execution
 Benefit: Higher throughput and fewer workflow disruptions



5. Provides High-Quality Data for Audit and Quality Improvement

- Creates structured, real-time data sets from the WHO checklist and theatre workflow
- Enables reporting on compliance, safety trends and bottlenecks
- Supports Trust-wide QI, GIRFT metrics and ICS-level transparency
 Benefit: Better insights, better governance, better outcomes



6. Aligns with NHS Digital and Workforce Priorities

- Supports NHS 'less admin, more care' mission
- Contributes to digital transformation, automation and adoption of Al-enabled tools.
- Helps mitigate workforce shortages by reducing non-clinical workload
- Strengthens theatre culture by improving team communication and standardisation
 Benefit: Delivers on NHS Long Term Workforce Plan and digital transformation goals



7. Low Infrastructure Burden and Easy to Deploy

- ◆ Voice-Care works on simple, affordable hardware no complex surgical IT redesign required
- Integrates with existing theatre systems and EPRs
- Minimal training required highly intuitive for clinical staff
 Benefit: Fast implementation with minimal disruption



8. Cost-Effective by Reducing Clinical and Operational Risk

- Avoidable surgical errors, documentation gaps and non-compliance create:
 - litigation exposure patient harm extended length of stay cancelled operations regulatory penalties By standardising and automating surgical workflow, Voice-Care reduces these high-cost failure points Benefit: Strong ROI through reduced risk and operational waste



9. Supports Cultural Improvement in Theatres

- Voice-guided steps improve teamwork, communication and clarity
- Helps eliminate variability between teams and Trusts
 Benefit: More reliable, unified theatre practice

Voice-Care helps the NHS deliver safer, more efficient surgeries by automating the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist, reducing errors, strengthening documentation and freeing clinical staff from administrative burden.