



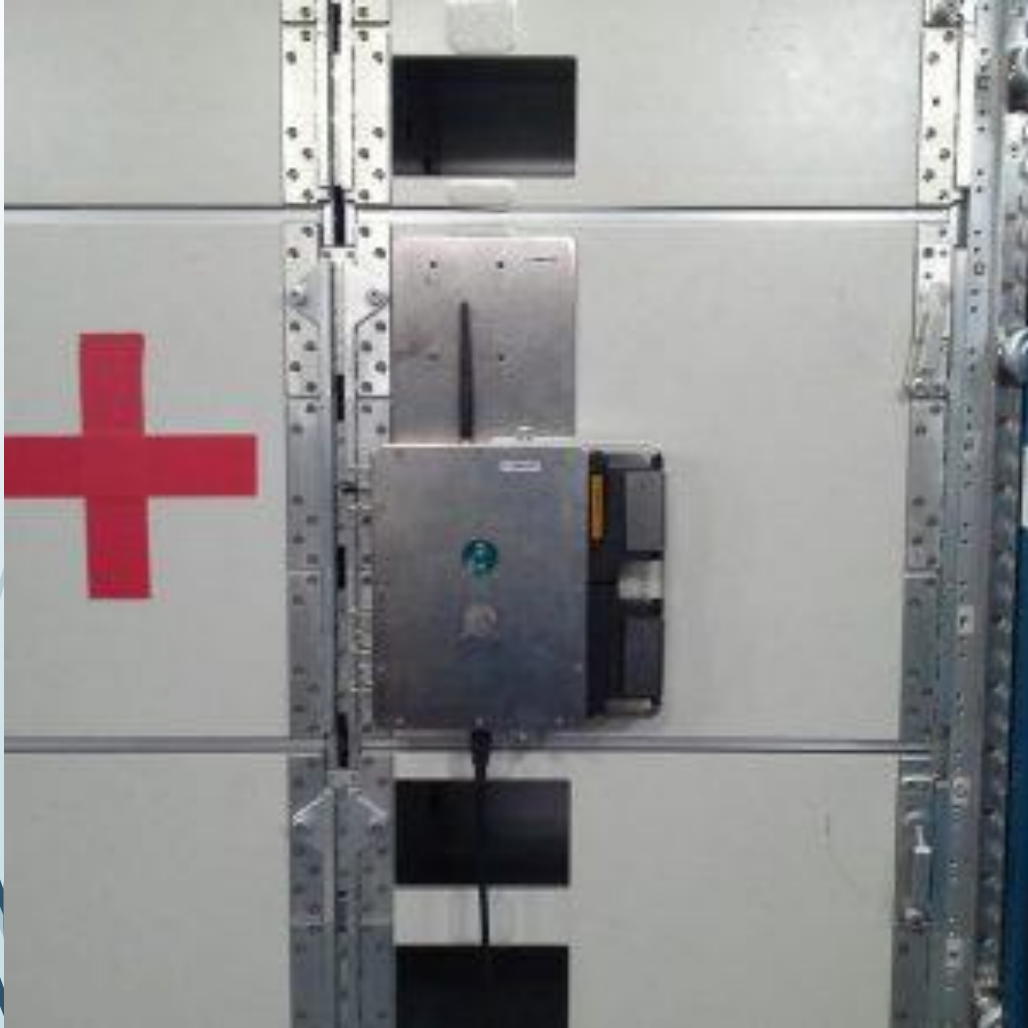
Medical Inventory System

Issues with Medical Inventory System



- It is easier than one would think to misplace items aboard a spacecraft or in a habitat.
- These items may be medical equipment, consumables, and medication.
- During an emergency, time spent looking for medical hardware or medication is a valuable loss of time.

Possible Solutions



- ▶ Radio tags
- ▶ Bar coding
- ▶ Real time database
- ▶ Unique ideas that are simple and accurate

Considerations

- Interference with the local environment if using RFID technology
- Tracking of software and what hardware used for logging and finding equipment.
- Want the ability to log items used - medical consumables or medication.
- Multiple crew members using the same space means potential for more things to be used and not accounted for.





Constraints

- ▶ Components must not interfere with other electronics on ISS in a negative way.
- ▶ Astronauts must still be able to access the medical kits as needed
- ▶ All medical kits are kept inside of a closed locker, so any wiring or electronics should not interfere with the locker door opening.
- ▶ Looking for an effective but simple solution that could be used for all future exploration missions.