# © O.R. TRAX REVOLUTIONIZES SURGICAL VENDOR MANAGEMENT: 100% COMPLIANCE, ZERO HARDWARE, AND REAL-TIME CASE NOTIFICATIONS AT FLORIDA ASCS

Touchless platform transforms ambulatory surgery centers by automating vendor credentialing and surgical scheduling - delivering six months of perfect compliance and audit readiness.

**TAMPA**, **FL** – **April 30**, **2025** – Dozens of high-volume ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) in Florida have achieved what many in the outpatient healthcare space view as a gold standard: 100% vendor credentialing compliance for six straight months - and they did it without a single kiosk, badge printer, or manual check-in log.

The catalyst? O.R. TRAX, a cloud-based platform purpose-built for vendor management in surgical environments. By automating both vendor credentialing and real-time surgical scheduling notifications, O.R. TRAX gave these centers a touchless, hardware-free system that simultaneously enhanced patient safety, regulatory compliance, and staff efficiency.

"Our vendor management process was fragmented and vulnerable," said the Director of Clinical Operations at one of the participating ASCs. "We needed a turnkey solution that didn't just check a compliance box but actually streamlined our workflow. O.R. TRAX exceeded expectations."

### SURGICAL SCHEDULING AUTOMATION: THE REAL DIFFERENTIATOR

While credentialing compliance was the initial driver, the biggest operational leap came from O.R. TRAX's automated vendor notification system - referred to in the <u>case study</u> as *surgical scheduling*.

Before implementing O.R. TRAX, scheduling updates were shared manually via emails, texts or even printed handouts. This left room for missed case coverage, unprepared vendor reps and last-minute chaos in the O.R.

#### With O.R. TRAX:

Vendors only receive schedule notifications if they're fully credentialed

- Notifications are automatically sent when new cases are posted or updated
- Schedule visibility is limited to the rep's assigned products or territory
- All access is logged, creating a complete digital audit trail

The result? Better-prepared vendor reps, smoother case flow and no surgical disruptions due to communication gaps.

### THE COMPLIANCE GAP: CMS RISK TRIGGERS URGENT ACTION

In early 2024, the participating ASCs underwent a mock CMS survey. The results exposed serious risks:

- Incomplete vendor logs
- Expired credentials undetected for months
- Lack of vaccine verification
- Manual check-in sheets that were error-prone or missing altogether

These deficiencies threatened reimbursement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and put the facilities' AAAHC accreditation at risk.

The leadership teams sought a solution that could be implemented quickly - without needing capital investment or heavy IT infrastructure.

# THE SOLUTION: A TOUCHLESS, CLOUD-BASED SYSTEM BUILT FOR ASCs

O.R. TRAX deployed its platform across four ASCs in less than one week. There was no hardware to install, no on-site training required and no disruption to surgical operations.

Platform Features That Delivered:

- Touchless Check-In via Smartphone Using the proprietary *iBadge*, vendor reps check in remotely, replacing clipboards and kiosks.
- Real-Time Credential Verification Reps are blocked from seeing schedules if they
  don't meet all compliance requirements.
- Automated Surgical Scheduling Notifications Credentialed reps are notified instantly when cases are scheduled, updated, or canceled.
- On-Demand Compliance Reporting Vaccine logs and credential histories are available in seconds, pre-formatted for audits.
- IPAA-Compliant Information Handling All case data is anonymized to protect PHI while still keeping reps informed.

"The surgical scheduling automation has saved our staff hours of back-and-forth with vendors," said a surgical coordinator at one of the centers. "Now the right rep shows up for the right case—every time."

#### II THE OUTCOME: 6 MONTHS, 0 FAILURES

After implementation, the centers reported:

✓ 100% Credentialing Compliance

Every vendor rep who entered the building met every vaccination, credential, and training requirement - with full digital traceability.

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Manual check-in, phone calls to reps, and schedule corrections were virtually eliminated, freeing up nursing and front desk teams.

#### Bulletproof Audit Readiness

Real-time logs, proof of vaccination, and timestamped vendor access records gave leadership total confidence ahead of formal CMS and AAAHC reviews.

"We were struggling to get logs organized for audits," said an administrator. "Now we can run reports instantly, filtered by date, vendor, or even individual credential. It's been transformational."

## ☑ WORKFLOW TRANSFORMATION BEYOND COMPLIANCE

Beyond the numbers, the shift to O.R. TRAX created cultural change. Teams that were previously overwhelmed by vendor chaos became proactive and confident. Case coverage improved. Front desk bottlenecks disappeared.

And most importantly, patient care wasn't disrupted by credentialing delays or last-minute rep access issues.

This is especially critical in today's ASC landscape, where most facilities run tight surgical schedules and lean staffing models. Lost time in an ASC is lost revenue - and missed compliance is a reimbursement disaster waiting to happen.

#### **INCOME NO INSTALLATION. NO NONSENSE.**

Legacy credentialing systems often require costly installations: badge kiosks, wall-mounted printers and expensive per-site licensing models.

O.R. TRAX offers a completely different approach:

- No hardware investment
- No local server install
- No long implementation cycle

It's built for the cloud-native, outpatient-first era - and priced to scale across single-site and multi-site networks alike.

### A MODEL FOR THE FUTURE OF OUTPATIENT **SURGERY**

As CMS and state health agencies increase scrutiny of ASC vendor compliance, the Florida pilot, in addition to 30+ other recent ASC launches, is being watched closely by industry leaders. The four participating centers are now being used as a benchmark for vendor management best practices.

"We didn't just fix compliance - we built a new operational muscle," said one center's Director of Operations. "We're ready for CMS, we're ready for growth, and we're not wasting time anymore."

O.R. TRAX is now deployed in dozens of ASCs across the U.S., and the company reports growing interest from regional hospital systems and GPOs seeking scalable vendor credentialing solutions.



#### COMPANY STATEMENT

"Our mission has always been to restore time and confidence to the O.R.," said Todd St. Louis, Co-Founder and COO of O.R. TRAX. "This case study proves that vendor management doesn't have to be complicated. When automation and compliance work together, ASCs win. Patients win. And vendors win too."

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O.R. TRAX is a leading provider of cloud-based vendor credentialing and surgical scheduling technology for outpatient surgery centers, hospitals, and surgical vendors. The platform enables touchless check-ins, automated credential enforcement, and real-time surgical communication without the need for hardware or on-site infrastructure.



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