Pharmacy Informatics

Shining Light on the Matter: The Role of Augmented Reality in the Medication Use Process and How RFID Can Make it Work

Barry McClain PharmD MS

https://www.pharmacyinformatics.net



Basic Definitions

- AR: Augmented Reality (Mixed Reality): an interactive experience that combines the real world and computer-generated content
- RFID: Radio-frequency identification. wireless, non-contact use of radio frequency waves to transfer data and identify objects. RFID systems usually comprise an RFID reader, RFID tags, and antennas.
- Computer vision: is a field of artificial intelligence that trains computers to interpret and understand the visual world using digital input
- Sensor Fusion: Combining multi-data sources (like motion data and computer vision) to precisely identify an object

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augmented reality

https://www.atlasrfidstore.com/rfid-beginners-guide/

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sensor_fusion

https://www.sas.com/en_us/insights/analytics/computer-

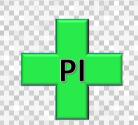
vision.html#:~:text=Computer%20vision%20is%20a%20field,to%20what%20they%20%E2%

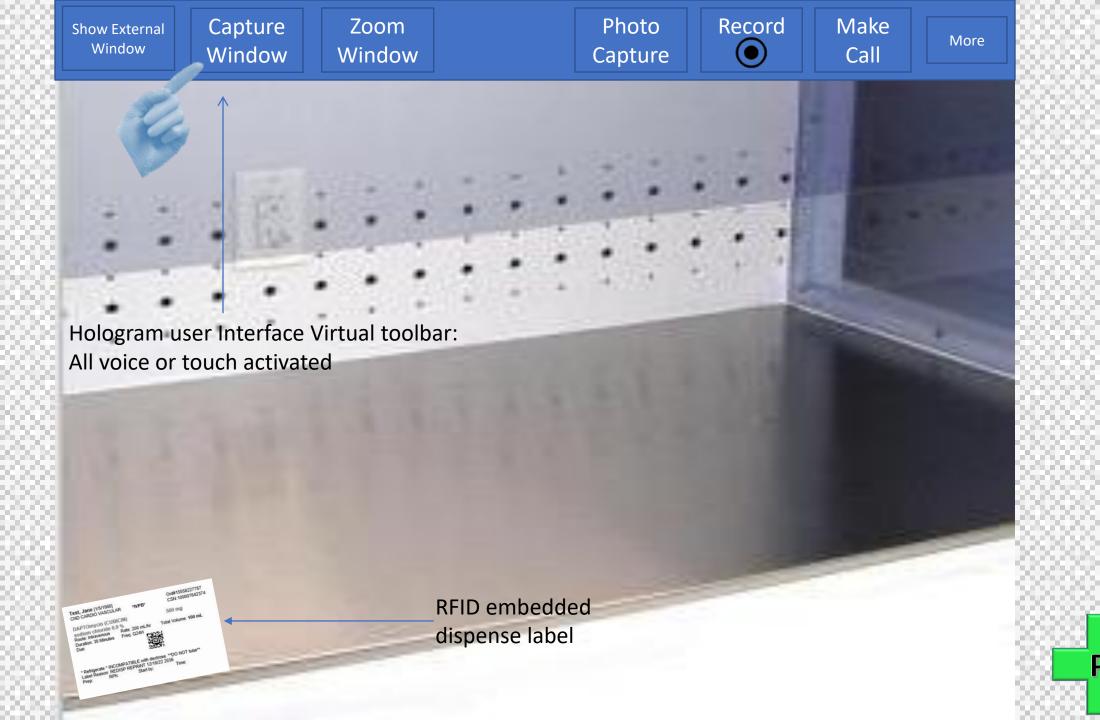
80%9Csee.%E2%80%9D

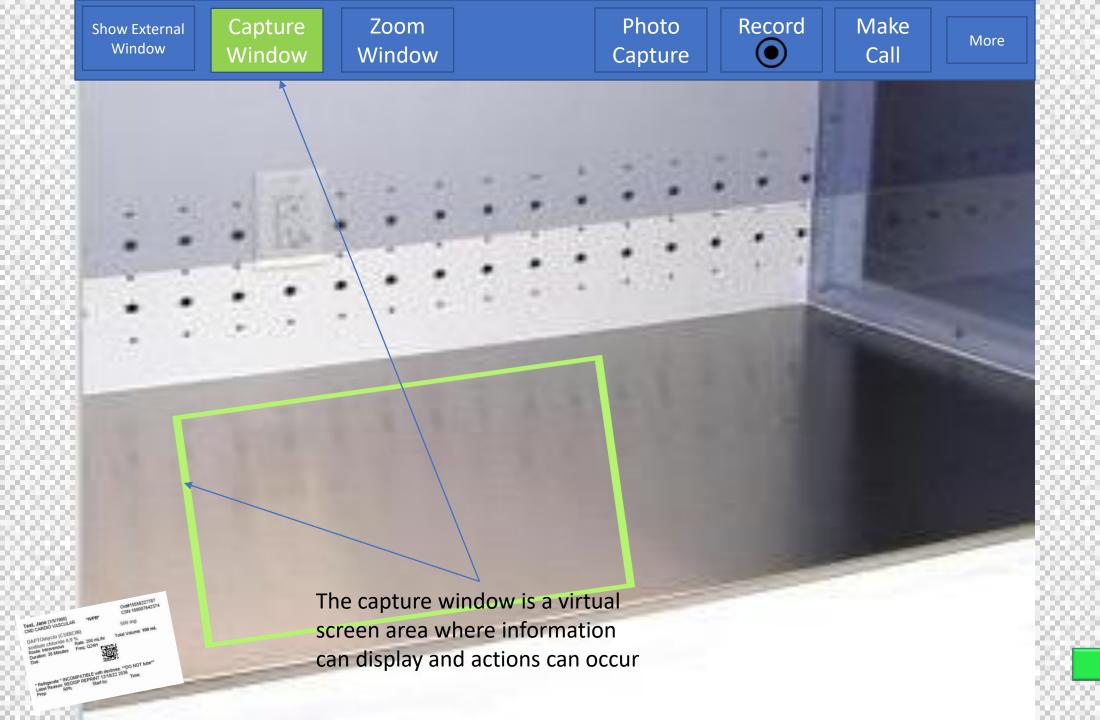


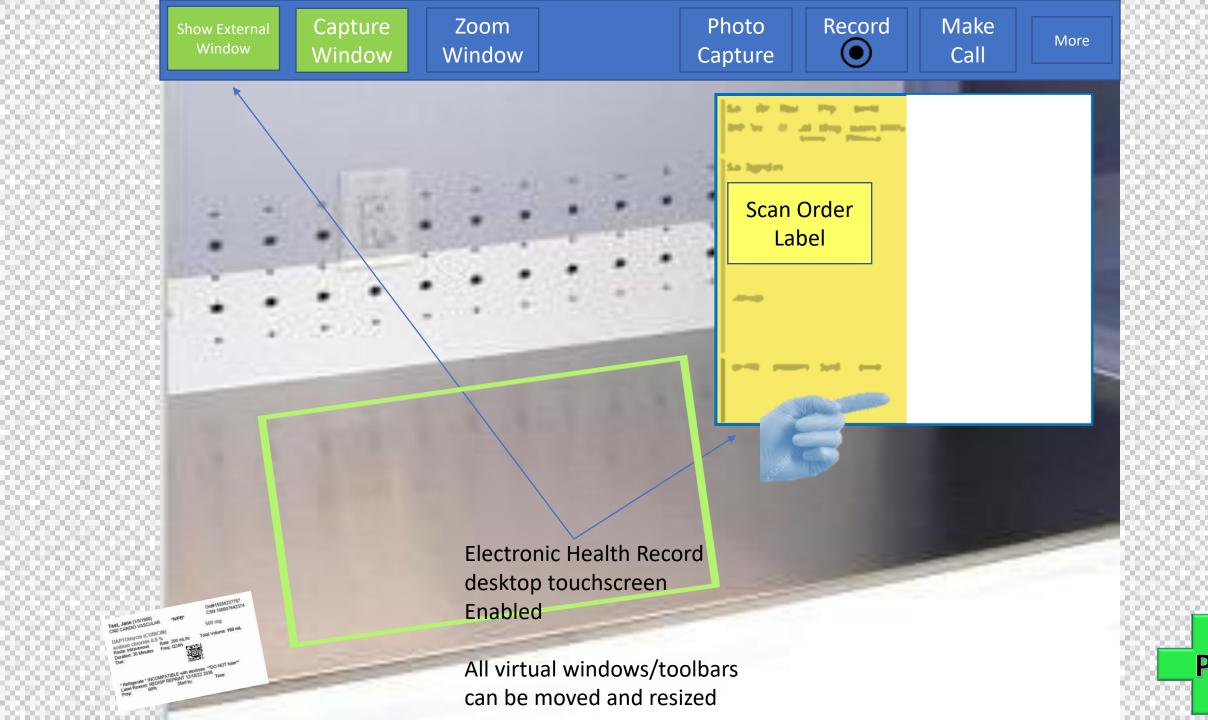
Scientific Use Case of Using Augmented Reality and RFID

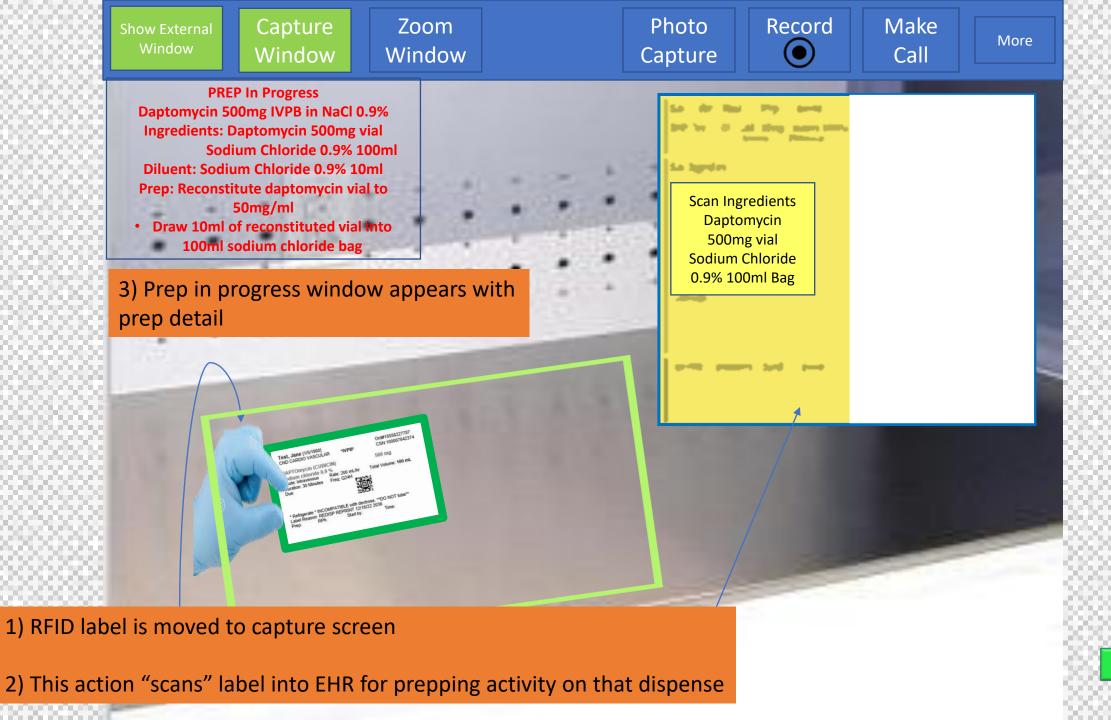
- Article, IDCam: Precise Item Identification for AR Enhanced Object Interactions
 - How do you link a RFID tagged object, in a world of many RFID tagged objects, to the one that a user is interacting with?
 - Like a retail store with many products...or pharmacy for that matter
 - That is what this paper describes, where they can correlate the movement of the users hand + RFID tag to do just that (in the sphere of an adapted
 - HoloLens)

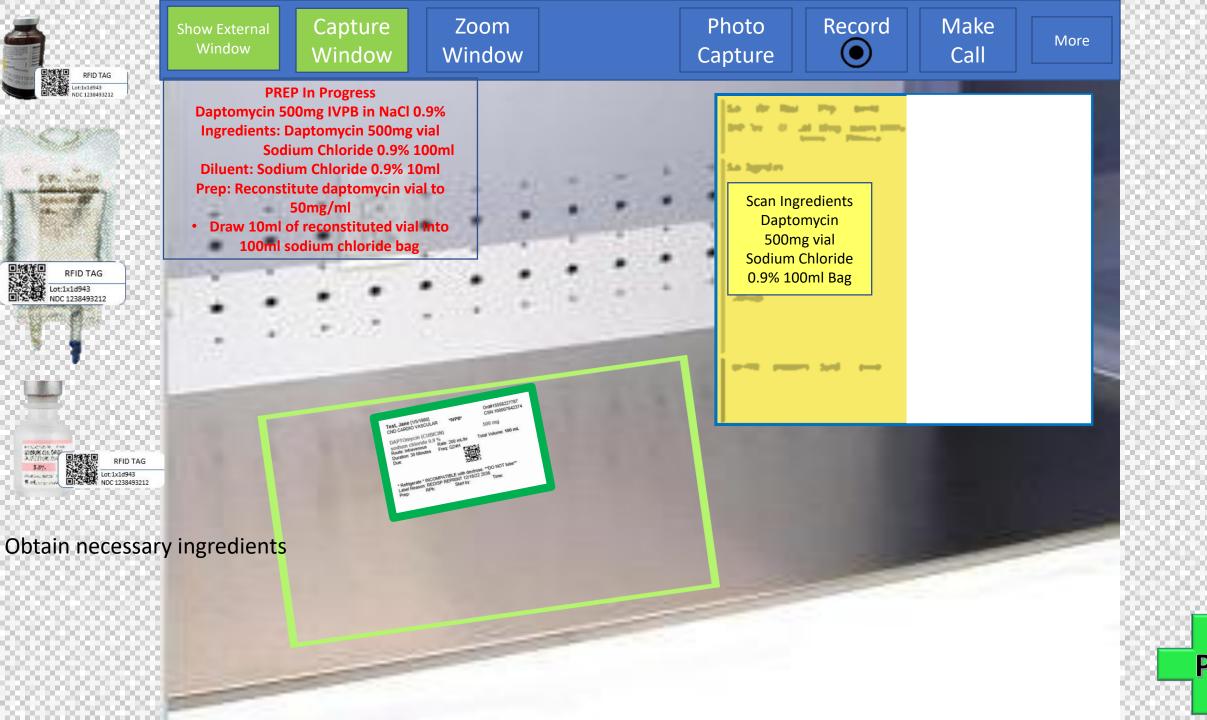


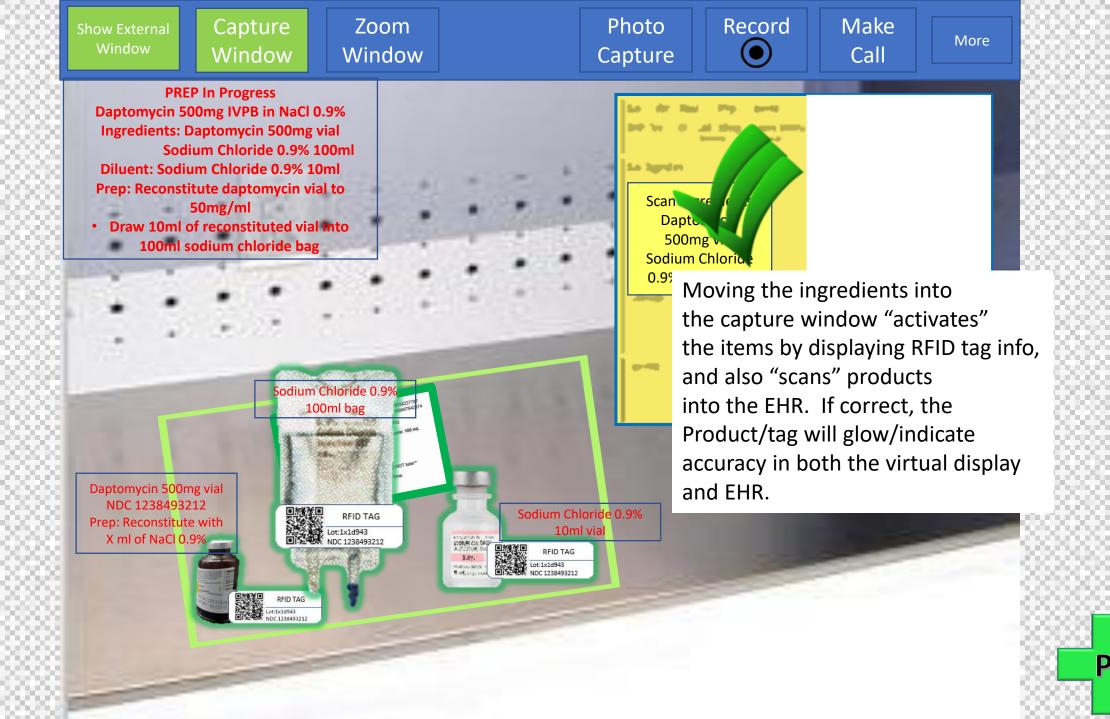


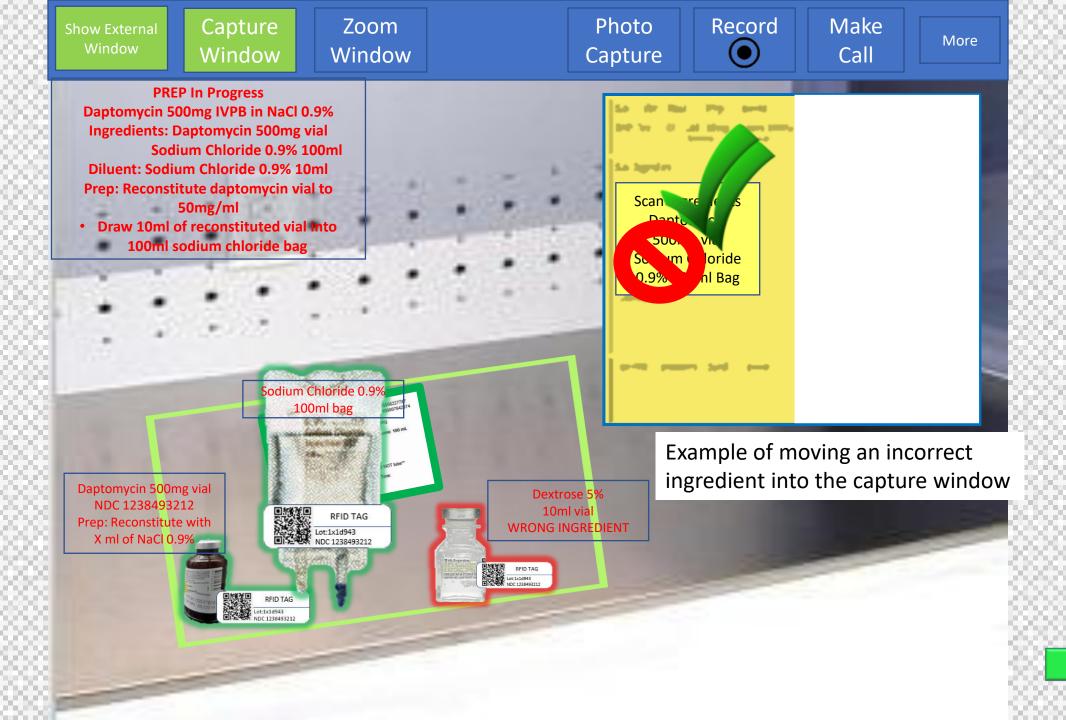


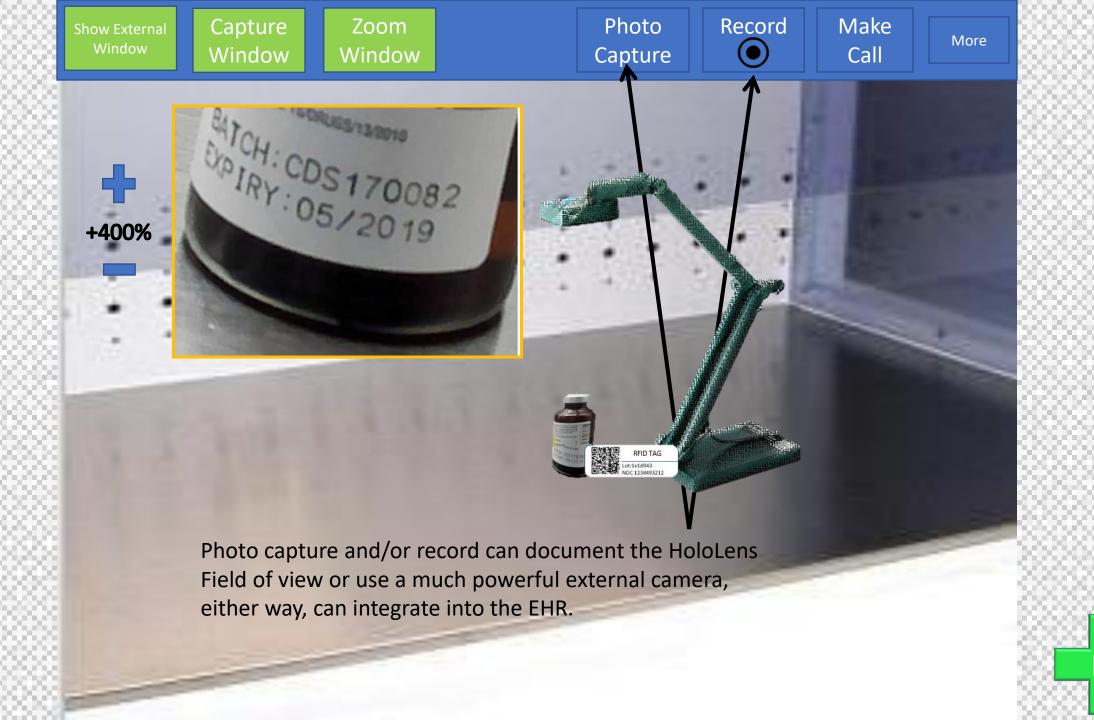


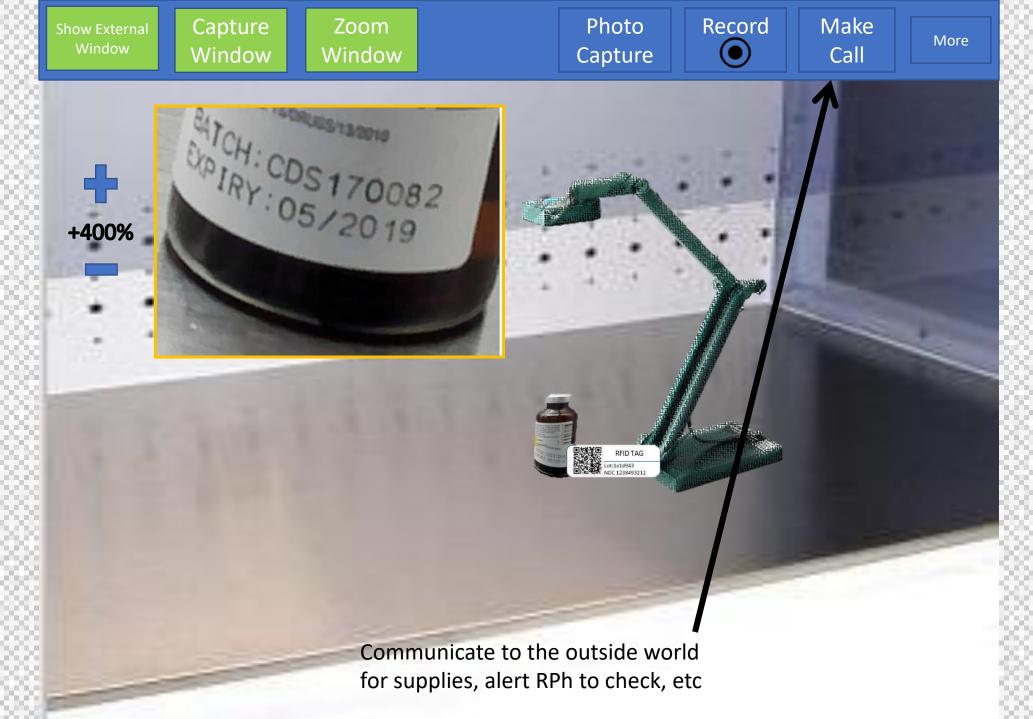












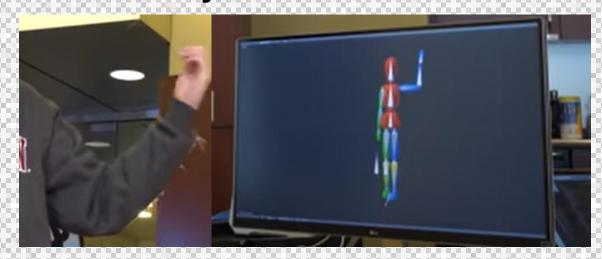


Bringing things together...

Medication Admixtures and Calibrated Spatial Measurements of Syringes



Carnegie Mellon University: Using Battery-free, Passive RFID, to Detect Changes to the Shape of and Object





"By attaching these paper-like RFID tags to clothing, we were able to demonstrate millimeter accuracy in skeletal tracking"

"As backscatter comes back from multiple tags embedded in clothing, for example, subtle differences in signal timing

from one sensor to another can be used to calculate the motion of and changes of shape to an object"

https://www.zdnet.com/article/rfid-tag-arrays-can-be-used-to-track-a-persons-movement/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4uwrTG0WpU&t=8s



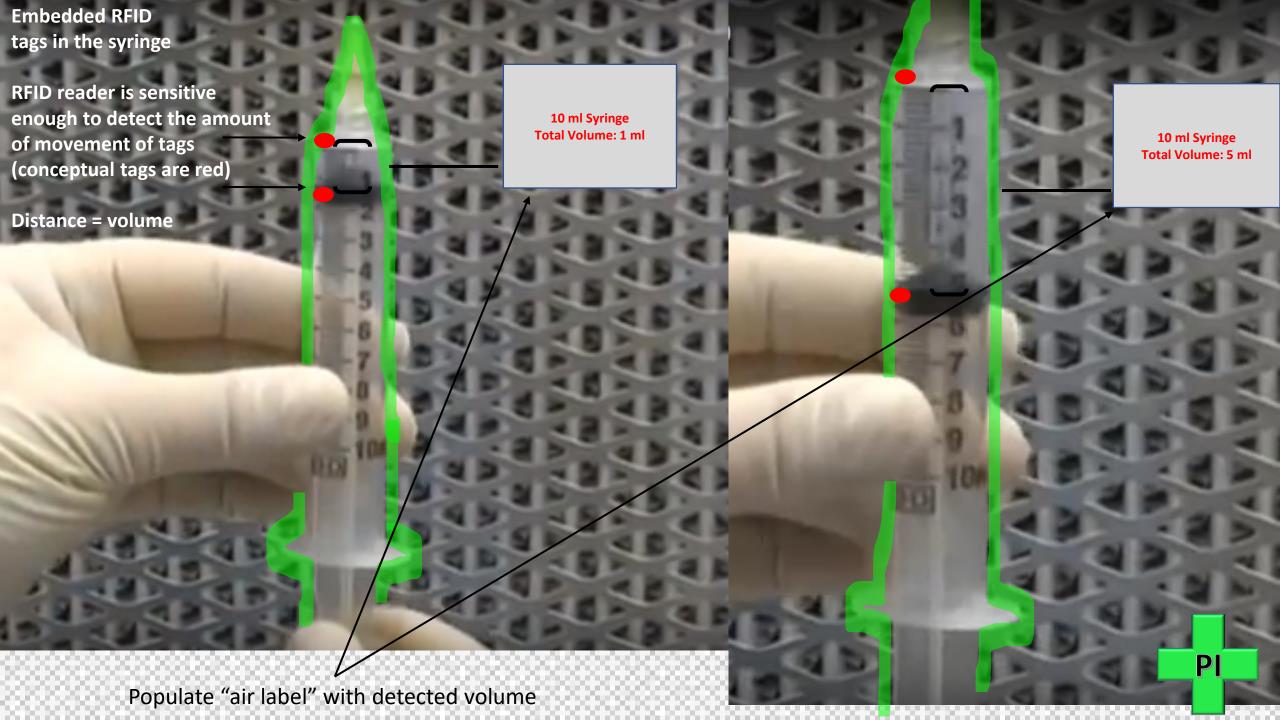
RFID Micro Tags

Micro tag vs. other methods

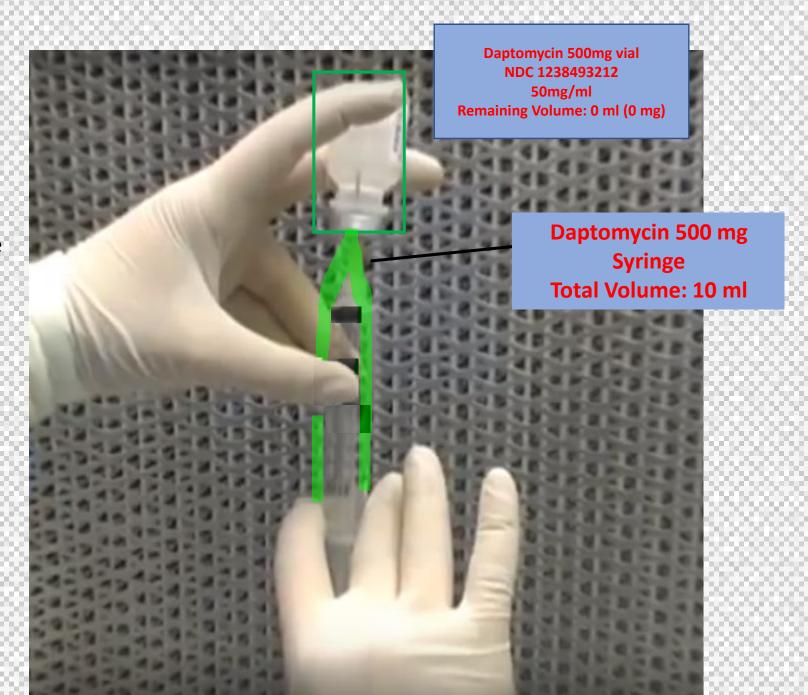
		Barcode 2D code	RFID label	Murata Micro tag
Reading method		Optical	Electromagnetic induction (HF band) Radio wave (UHF band)	
Minimum size		Around 4x4mm	Several x several cm	1.2x1.2mm
Read/Write	Rewrite data	Not possible	Possible	
	Read range	Up to 1m	Up to 30cm (HF band) Up to 10m (UHF band)	Up to 20mm (HF/UHF band)
	Subject of reading	1 by 1	Bulk	1 by 1 / Bulk
	On-metal application	Readable	Not readable (Except for special label)	Readable in some cases
	Readability with	Metal: No Paper: No Plastic: No	Metal: No Paper: Yes Plastic: Yes	
Environment resistance	Dirt	No	Yes	
	Injection molding	No	No	Yes
	Robustness	No	No	Yes

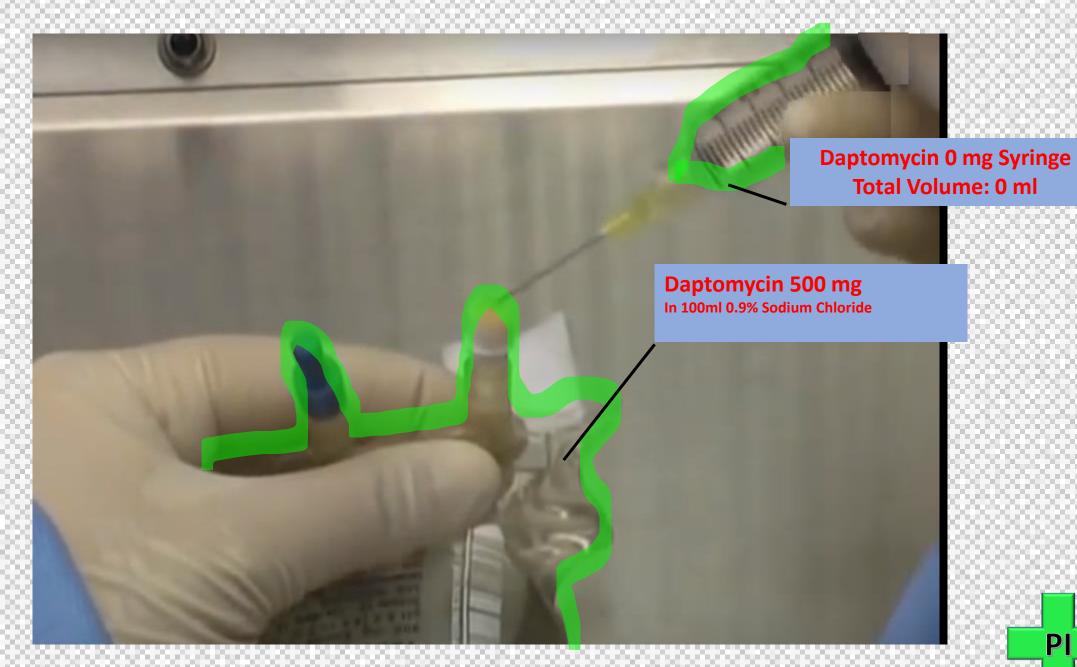
Murata micro tag is small, has good readability with 1 by 1, and resistant to harsh environment, in addition to existing RFID feature.

https://www.murata.com/en-global/products/rfid/rfid/overview/single



As the syringe draws up drug volume, the vial's volume is going down, and the application tracking these objects updates that information as the prep is being done in real time





Limitations

- Future of robotics
- Costs
- Interference with medical equipment and the environment (e.g. a metal laminar hood)
- Standardization and interoperability of hardware and software
- Privacy and surveillance
- Investment in the dream

Pharmacy Informatics

Shining Light on the Matter: The Role of Augmented Reality in the Medication Use Process and How RFID Can Make it Work

Contact

linkedin.com/in/barry-mcclain-a2081825

barrymcclainrx@gmail.com

https://www.pharmacyinformatics.net

