

# R-TRACKER: A TRUE MILESTONE IN SPECIMEN TRACEABILITY

*Milestone is committed to enhancing patient safety with a new disruptive technology*

Traceability is of paramount importance for patient safety – this is not a choice, but an ethical obligation. However, while most agree that chain of custody is pivotal in pathology labs to ensure patient safety, several steps in the anatomic pathology (AP) analysis process – from accessioning to specimen processing – are not fully tracked or are done manually. Manual scanning is a tedious, time-consuming, and error-prone task in which operators are required to scan hundreds of cassettes one by one. This bears the risk of tracking errors and – ultimately – misdiagnoses.

Milestone is committed to providing new tools to trace specimens across the laboratory. Milestone's latest innovation, the R-Tracker, is an automatic rack scanner that replaces the laborious task of manually scanning each cassette by detecting both the cassette's presence and the accuracy of its corresponding barcode. **Through an innovative, patented double sensor technology, automatic scanning is completed within a few seconds** – ensuring accurate cassette documentation and traceability and, therefore, contributing to patient safety. What's more, the R-Tracker can save laboratories a dramatic amount of time by freeing up valuable operator time – up to **95 percent over manual scanning**.

The R-Tracker is the first of a new kind of tracking devices designed to enhance specimen traceability

and workflow optimization. It provides an **all-in-one solution for scanning, checking, and tracking**. Accurate documentation of scanned cassettes and codes is immediately available to the laboratory information system. The R-Tracker is also designed to go hand-in-hand with other current and upcoming tracking solutions from Milestone, such as the MileWATCH monitor and tracking system – enabling real-time data sharing and biospecimen traceability for OR and AP instruments.

The R-Tracker is a game changer for both lab workflow and operator efficiency. Most crucially, it represents a giant step forward for patient safety, thereby fully embracing Milestone's mission of helping patients.

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