

Wayne State University

Performance Management Customer Profile



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Quick Facts

- Industry: Education
- Employees: 3500
- General Ledger: Navision and Banner FMS
- Based in Detroit, MI
- Application: Budgeting

Background

Wayne State University School of Medicine is among the nation's largest institutions of its kind, with more than 1,000 medical students. Together with its clinical partner, the Wayne State University Physician Group, the school is a leader in patient care and medical research in a number of areas, including cancer, genetics, neuroscience and women's and children's health.

Wayne State University Physician Group members provide world-class medical care while conducting groundbreaking research and continuing education at one of the nation's top medical universities. Group members are recognized leaders in their chosen specialties. Wayne State University Physician Group doctors are tied into thousands of nationally and internationally known researchers on the cutting edge of medical advancement.

Challenges

The main challenge for Wayne State University (WSU) was the consolidation of data from separate systems for different entities. The Physician Group, who recently converted to Navision from FundWare, has 16-20 departments, with up to 30 cost centres in each. The budgeting process within the University Physician Group involved a system of distributed Excel spreadsheets. "Each department would copy their individual spreadsheets, fill them out, and upload them back to the server to a common data source," explains Kathy Borlas, Interim Director, Medical School IS. The School of Medicine, on the other hand, had the Banner suite of applications in place, which naturally promoted a

different set of budget processes. Along with the requirement to establish a common set of processes, WSU needed to implement a budgeting solution to provide the functions that Excel and Banner did not offer.

Why PROPHIX

The main reason for selecting PROPHIX was the short implementation time frame. "We frequently had aggressive implementation schedules, so it was a relief that PROPHIX offered a realistic yet timely project plan," explains Kathy.

In choosing PROPHIX, WSU had a number of goals they wanted to achieve, including the ability to produce consolidated monthly financial reports in a timely fashion with multiple ERP systems and chart of accounts and the ability to process intercompany eliminations.

Key Benefits

WSU was in the middle of their first budget year with PROPHIX, yet already recognized that their processes have become more objective and quantifiable, and intercompany eliminations were easily implemented and managed. Kathy describes, "PROPHIX really helped us enforce a uniform process that we never had before. It allowed a consolidation across our entities, which we had in bits and pieces before but never in a uniform, well-understood manner."