

October 14, 2021

## NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Kaweah Delta Health Care District will meet in a Quality Council Committee meeting at 7:00AM on Thursday, October 21, 2021, in the Kaweah Health Lifestyle Fitness Center Conference Room, 5105 W. Cypress Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277.

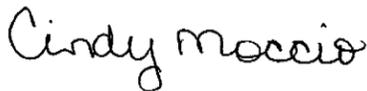
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The Board of Directors of the Kaweah Delta Health Care District will meet in an open Quality Council Committee meeting at 8:00AM on Thursday, October 21, 2021, in the Kaweah Health Lifestyle Fitness center Conference Room, 5105 W. Cypress Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277.

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KAWEAH DELTA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
Garth Gipson, Secretary/Treasurer



Cindy Moccio  
Board Clerk, Executive Assistant to CEO

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**KAWEAH DELTA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
QUALITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, October 21, 2021

5105 W. Cypress Avenue

Kaweah Health Lifestyle Fitness Center Conference Room

**ATTENDING:** Board Members; David Francis – Committee Chair, Mike Olmos; Gary Herbst, CEO; Keri Noeske, RN, BSW, DNP, Vice President & CNO; Monica Manga, MD, Chief of Staff; Daniel Hightower, MD, Professional Staff Quality Committee Chair; Tom Gray, MD, Quality and Patient Safety Medical Director; Sandy Volchko DNP, RN CLSSBB, Director of Quality and Patient Safety; Ben Cripps, Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Management Officer; Evelyn McEntire, Director of Risk Management; and Michelle Adams, Recording.

**OPEN MEETING – 7:00AM**

1. **Call to order** – *David Francis, Committee Chair*
2. **Public / Medical Staff participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time. For those who are unable to attend the beginning of the Board meeting during the public participation segment but would like to address the Board, please contact the Board Clerk (Cindy Moccio 559-624-2330) or [cmoccio@kaweahhealth.org](mailto:cmoccio@kaweahhealth.org) to make arrangements to address the Board.
3. **Approval of Quality Council Closed Meeting Agenda – 7:01AM**
  - **Quality Assurance** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461 – *Daniel Hightower, MD, and Professional Staff Quality Committee Chair*
  - **Quality Assurance** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461 - *James McNulty, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy, Dale Costantino, PharmD, Medication Safety Coordinator.*
  - **Quality Assurance** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461 – *Evelyn McEntire, RN, BSN, Director of Risk Management and Ben Cripps, Vice President & Chief Compliance and Risk Officer.*
4. **Adjourn Open Meeting** – *David Francis, Committee Chair*

**CLOSED MEETING – 7:01AM**

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4. **Quality Assurance** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461 — *Evelyn McEntire, RN, BSN, Interim Director of Risk Management, and Ben Cripps, Chief Compliance Officer.*
5. **Adjourn Closed Meeting** – *David Francis, Committee Chair*

**OPEN MEETING – 8:00AM**

1. **Call to order** – *David Francis, Committee Chair*
2. **Public / Medical Staff participation** – Members of the public wishing to address the Committee concerning items not on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee may step forward and are requested to identify themselves at this time. Members of the public or the medical staff may comment on agenda items after the item has been discussed by the Committee but before a Committee recommendation is decided. In either case, each speaker will be allowed five minutes.
3. **Written Quality Reports** – A review of key quality metrics and actions associated with the following improvement initiatives:
  - 3.1. [Rapid Response Team \(RRT\)](#)
  - 3.2. [Stroke Service Line](#)
  - 3.3. [CMS Core Measures](#)
  - 3.4. [Hospice, Home Health Service Line](#)
  - 3.5. [Sepsis Quality Focus Team \(QFT\)](#)
  - 3.6. [Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections \(CAUTI\) Quality Focus Team \(QFT\)](#)
4. [Disparities in Care Committee](#) – A review of data analysis to identify disparities in care related to defined population groups. *Lori Winston, MD, VP Medical Education, Inbal Epstein, MD, Emergency Medicine Resident.*
5. [Update: Clinical Quality Goals](#) - A review of current performance and actions focused on the fiscal year 2021 clinical quality goals. *Sandy Volchko, RN, DNP, Director of Quality and Patient Safety.*
6. **Adjourn Open Meeting** – *David Francis, Committee Chair*

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# RRT/Code Blue ProStaff Report Q2 2021

*Dr. Tang, Shannon Cauthen and Stacey  
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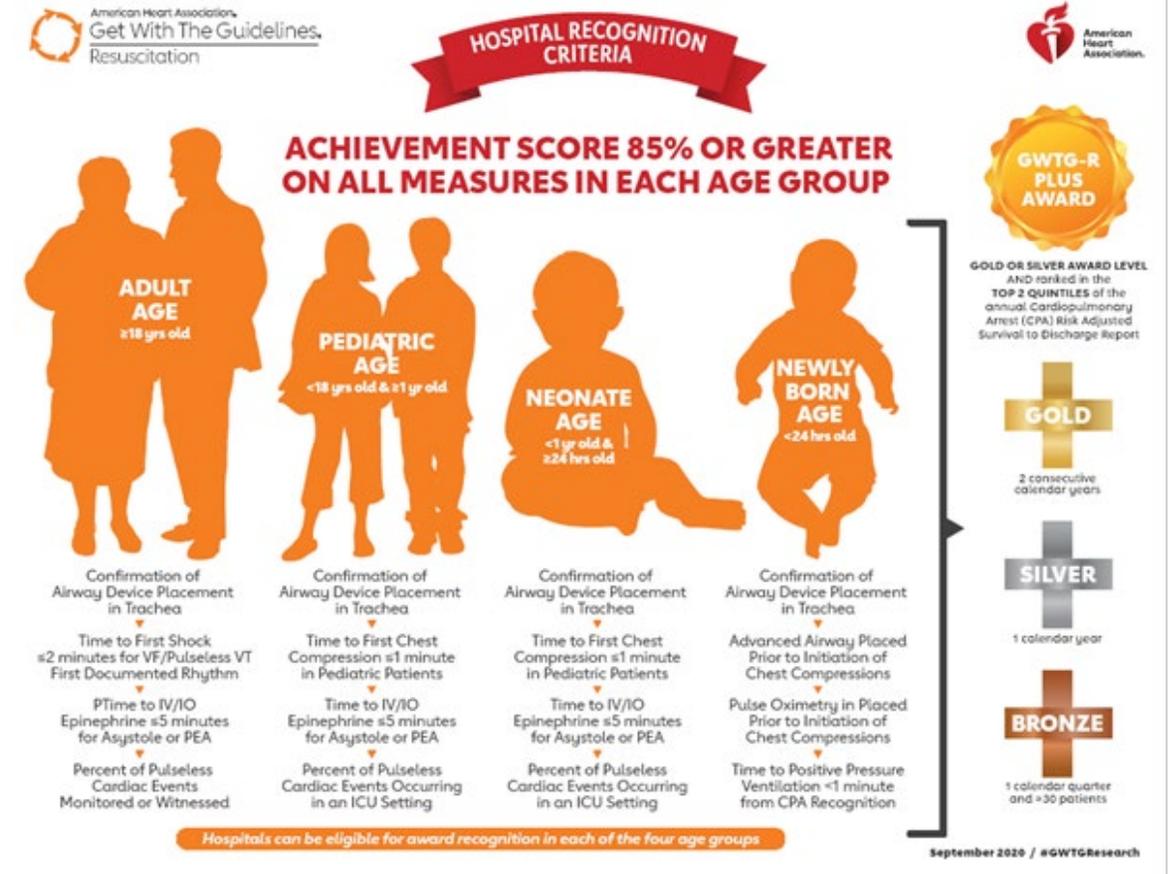


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# GWTG Resuscitation Criteria

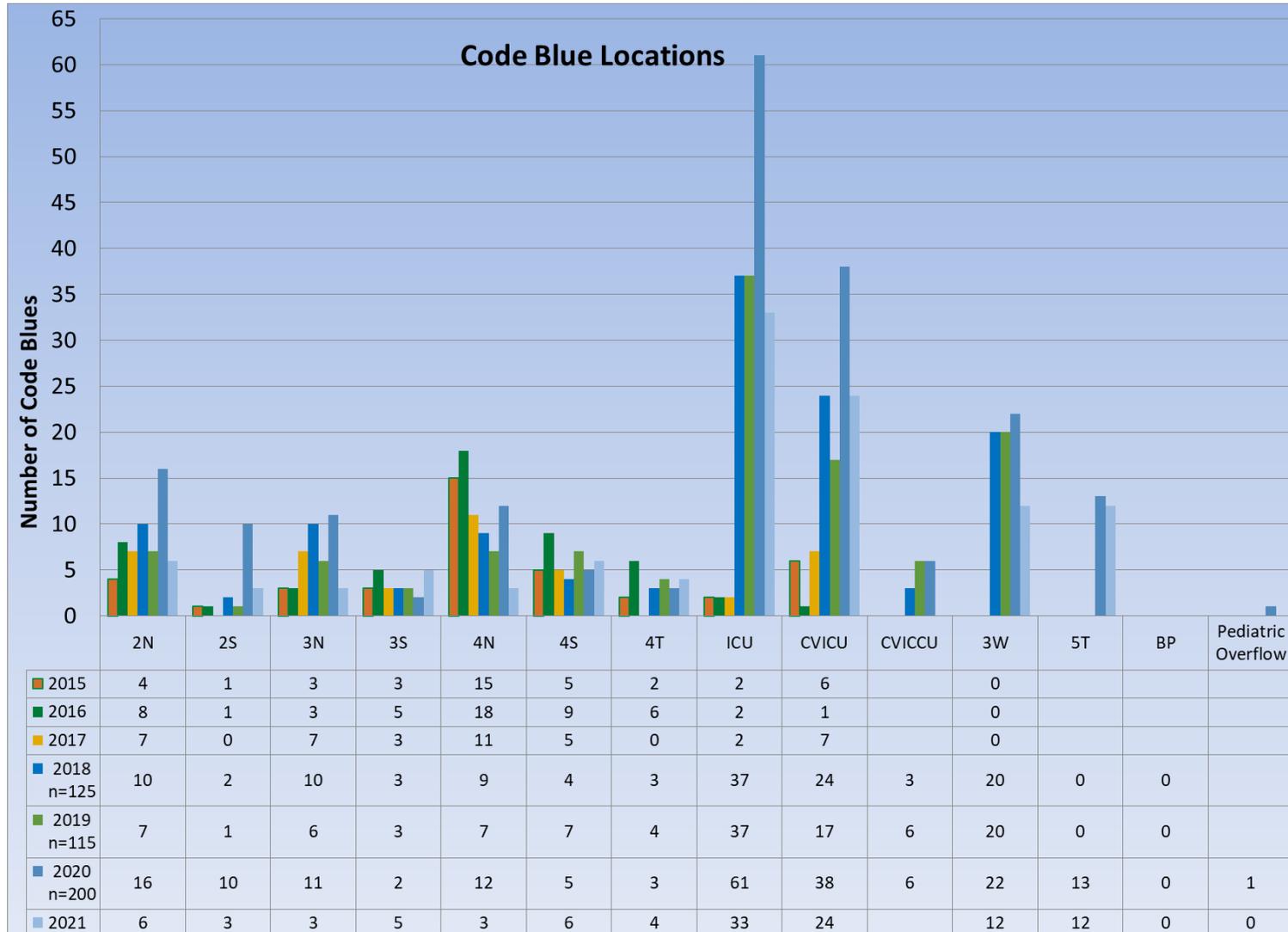
- The RRT/Code Blue Committee has joined Get with the Guidelines (GWTG) Resuscitation, AHA's National Registry, to have access to national and state benchmarks for code blue and RRT measures.
- This information has been used to create a new RRT and Resuscitation Scorecard.
- The RRT/Code Blue Committee will also begin measuring GWTG hospital recognition criteria benchmarks as well. These will improve the quality of our codes and qualify us for awards.
  1. Confirmation of airway device placement
  2. Time to first shock
  3. Time to IV epinephrine
  4. Percent of Pulseless Events monitored or witnessed



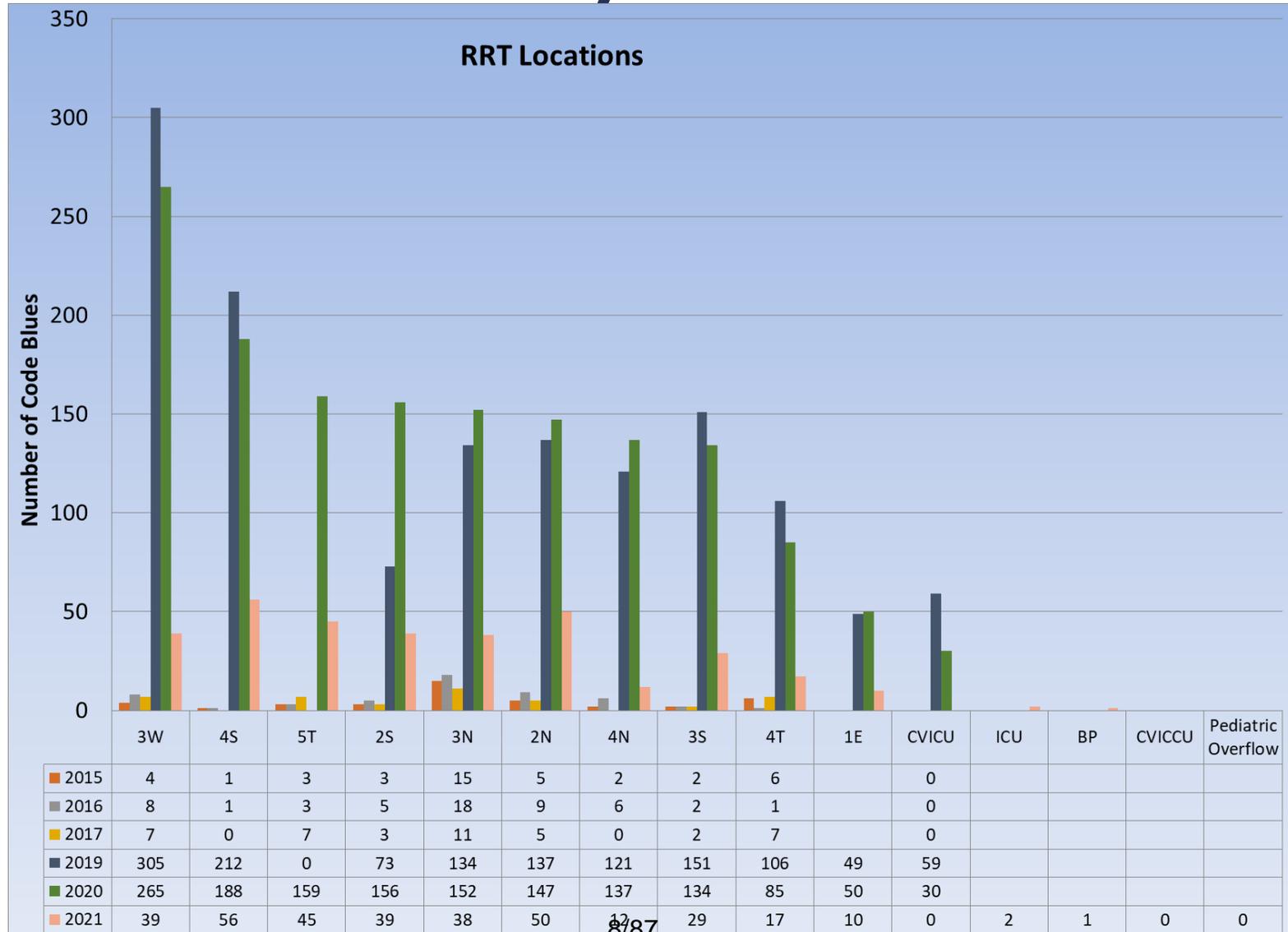
# RRT and Resuscitation Quality Scorecard

RRT and Resuscitation - Quality Scorecard								
Measure Description	California Hospitals External Benchmark	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Mean YTD 2021
<b>Code Blue Data</b>								
Total Code Blues		27	30	17	15	12	10	19
Total COVID-19 Positive Code Blues		17	14	0	0	0	0	5
Code Blues per 1000 Discharges Med Surg		8	8	5	8	7	1	6
Code Blues per 1000 Discharges Critical Care		12	17	7	4	2	7	8
Percent of Codes in Critical Care	70% (↑ is better)	59%	50%	59%	33%	25%	90%	53%
Code Blue: Survival to Discharge	22% (↑ is better)	11%	7%	18%	27%	25%	40%	21%
Deaths from Cardiac Arrest		24	15	5	8	5	2	10
Overall Hospital Mortality per 1000 Patients		7.629	5.661	3.29	3.132	2.778	1.897	4.06
<b>RRT Data</b>								
RRTs per 1000 patient discharge days		131	129	109	101	117	75	110
RRT mortality percentage	20% (↓ is better)	40% n-70	31% n-47	20% n-22	23% n-23	15% n-18	16% n-16	24%
RRTs within 24 hours of Admit from ED (percentage)	12.5% (↓ is better)	20% n-30	16% n-26	29% n-29	28% n-28	27% n-32	29% n-30	25%
Green	Better than Target							
Yellow	Within 10% of Target							
Red	Does not meet Target							

# Code Blues by Location



# RRTs by Location



# Code Blues and RRTs Q2- 2021

## Code Blue Summary

- The committee's goal is for code blues to occur in critical care where there are resources, monitoring, and an intensivist on the unit. For the first time this year, code blues in critical care are higher than the California Benchmark (CA Benchmark is 70% and KH had 90%)! This a drastic improvement from previous months. The yearly mean is still below the CA benchmark but the increase in June's numbers is a positive indicator that we are moving in the right direction!
- Code blue survival to discharge benchmark outperformed the California Benchmark for the last three months- another considerable improvement for the RRT team. The YTD average is still below the California Benchmark average but only by 1%, something we anticipate will change in the next quarter with the current improvement in monthly data.
- Time to first shock below benchmark (higher is better).
  - Need to revise code blue sheet to capture time of first shock.
  - Preliminary discussion about educating staff to utilize AED mode on ZOLL until arrival of Code Team.
  - All other code blue process measures are above goal.

## Rapid Response Team Summary

- Highest amount of RRTs per 1000 patient discharge days: 117 (May)
- Highest mortality percentage: 23% (April)
- Average year to date RRT mortality (24%) is above the California hospital average (20%). However, the gradual decline in RRT mortality over the last three months (23% April, 15% May, 16% June), we anticipate additional improvement going forward.
- Average 2021 RRTs within 24 hours of Admit from ED are 25% (up 3% from last quarter) compared to the California hospital average of 12.5%.

# Code Blues and RRTs 2021

## Analysis

- Observed a direct correlation in number of COVID patients and increase volume of code blues, RRTs, and mortality.
- Had hoped to be able to re-collate data to include code blues occurring in the ICUs and ICCUs as Codes Occurring in Critical Care but GWTG clarified their expectations and only allow for code blues inside the ICUs to count as codes in “critical care. Anticipate a decline in percentage of code blues in critical care since the re-classification of data and another COVID surge occurred at or about the same time.
- ED hold times are increased, patient’s status can change while they are awaiting an admit bed or 1 East. Initiation of admit orders and re-evaluation of patient condition is not consistent and patients are sometimes admitted to inappropriate level of care. Subsequently, an RRT is then called shortly after admit to inpatient unit.

# Next Steps

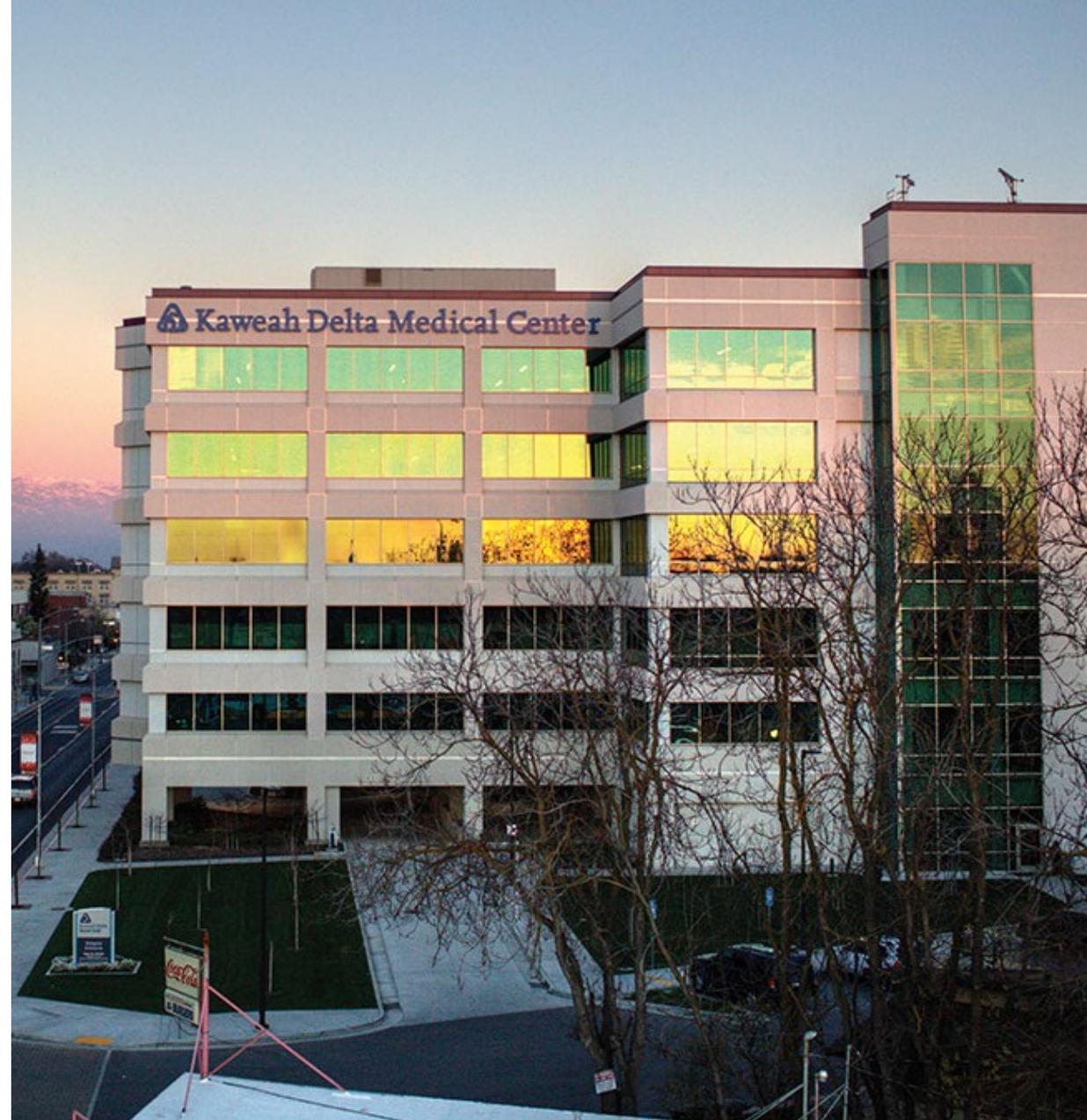
- Transition in roles. Jeanette, RRT Nurse and QFT Lead, and Linde, Quality RN liaison, both transitioned out of their roles with the RRT program. As such, added quality component to replacement RRT position; lead and coordinate RRT QFT, attend SIM meetings, attend Stroke and Sepsis QFT, etc. Additionally, new Quality RN liaison, Stacey, is learning the GWTFG criteria and how to collect and collate data. **In-progress**
- Revise code blue form to easily capture all code blue process elements to meet GWTG standards. **In-progress**
- Assess teaching hospital GWTG benchmarks vs. California benchmarks. **In-progress**
- Formalization of role definition of each team member of the Code team using the developed assignment sheet. **In-progress**
- Review of Redivus Code Blue App for Consistent Documentation and Data collection. **In progress**
- Quality RN and Resident Physician to review all 130 RRTs that were activated within 24-hours of admit from ED to observe for trends and then QFT team to determine action plan. **Pending**
- Add QR code to RRT form that will link to Survey about RRT staff approachability and leadership. **Pending**
- Formalization of non-licensed staff and family activated RRT process. **Pending**
- Re-instate Hi-Fidelity mock in-situ code blues. **Pending**
- Develop reporting structure for debrief information to be protected by CA 1157 to promote staff participation and anonymity. **Complete**
- Create a second RRT backpack w/ emergency supplies (IO Gun, Butterfly U/S). **Complete**

# Next Steps: Education

- Resume using Sim Lab/Sim Man for In-Situ Mock Codes
- RRT staff are utilizing Code Blue Debrief Form to obtain timely and specific information regarding opportunities for improvement and to teach staff as needed.
- RRT nurse will be working to form partnerships with specific units to “champion” and be a go-to person to help with education and reinforce utilizing RRT.
- Looking to start a project to teach staff to utilize AED function on ZOLLS while awaiting code team- will decrease time to first shock per GWTG criteria.
- Incorporate advanced training for the resuscitation of our special populations of patients (trauma and post-Open Heart Surgery). Use TCAR and CALS for resuscitation guidelines. Standardize training.



# Questions?



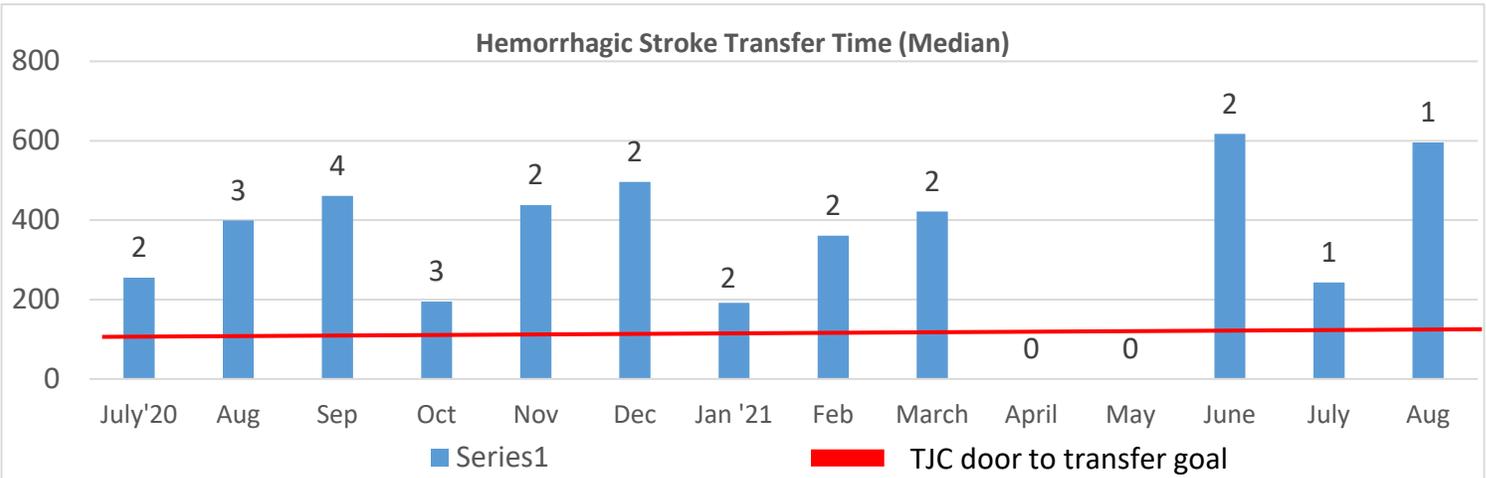
# Live with passion.

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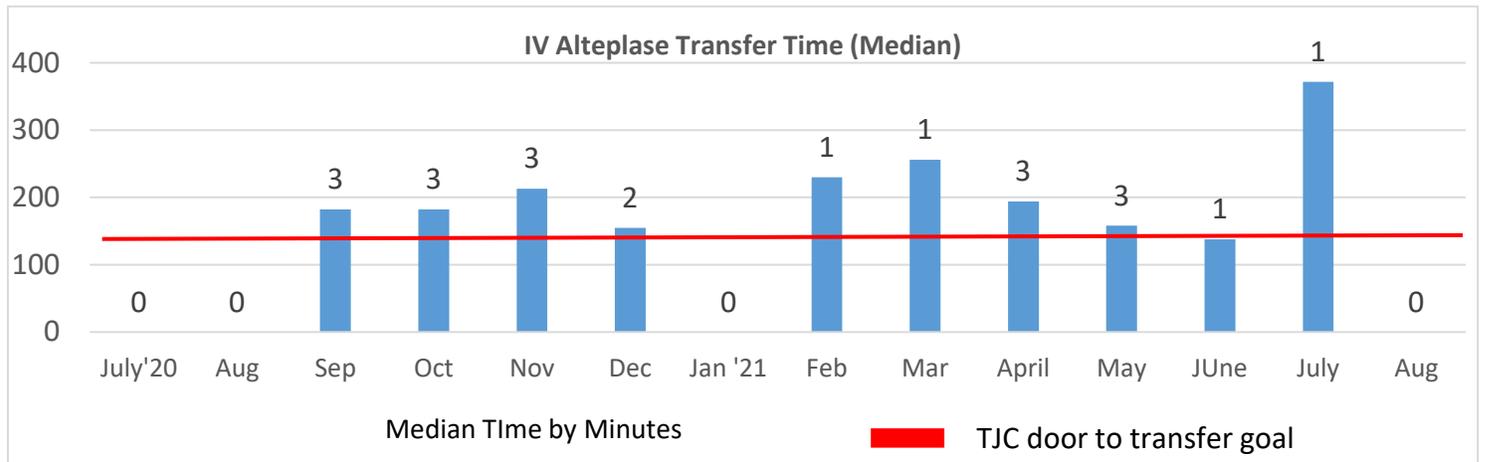


## 2020-2021 TRANSFERS FROM ED TO ANOTHER ACUTE CARE FACILITY

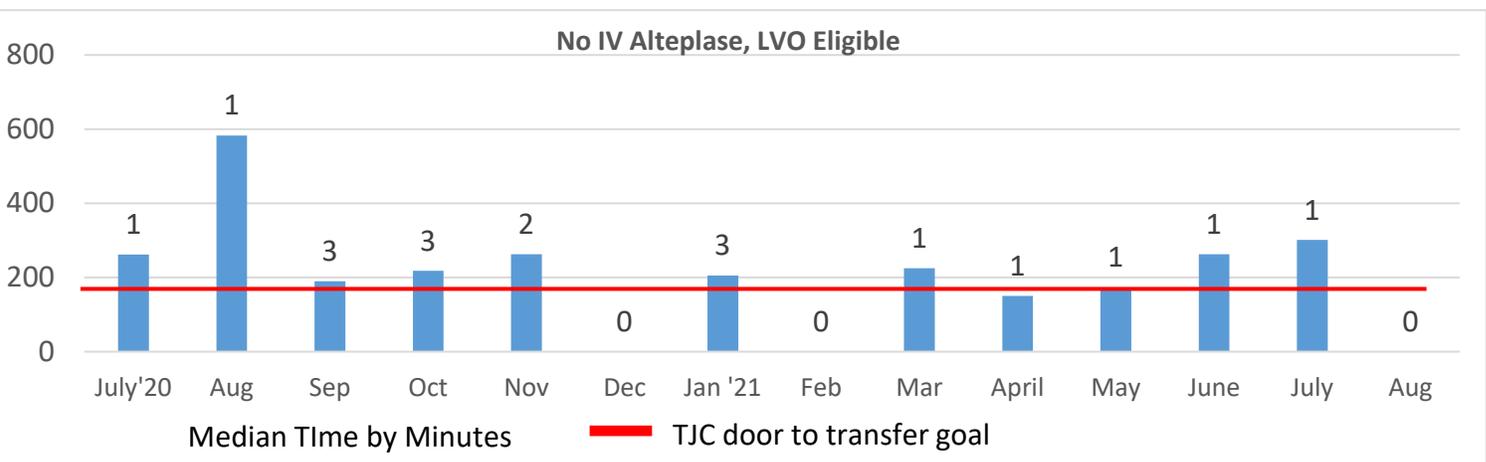
### Median Time by Minutes - Goal 120 Minutes



Hemorrhagic patients are transferred out for other procedures not done at KDH, specifically coiling/clipping of aneurysms or bleeds. A task force has been set up to help streamline the process, all action items are captured in PDSA document. The Covid 19 pandemic has caused delays in transfer times due to the additional precautions, resources and screening needed.



Transfers for ischemic strokes occur primarily if a large vessel occlusion is noted and would be eligible for endovascular treatment. As a result of the efforts made by the ED Stroke Alert Committee and the Transfer Process Task Force door to transfer times have improved; however the Covid 19 pandemic has caused delays in transfer times due to the additional precautions, resources, and screening needed in the recent months.



This cohort of patients have a large vessel occlusion that would be eligible for endovascular treatment and do not meet criteria for Alteplase administration. The Covid 19 pandemic has caused delays in transfer times due to the additional precautions, resources and screening needed in the recent months.

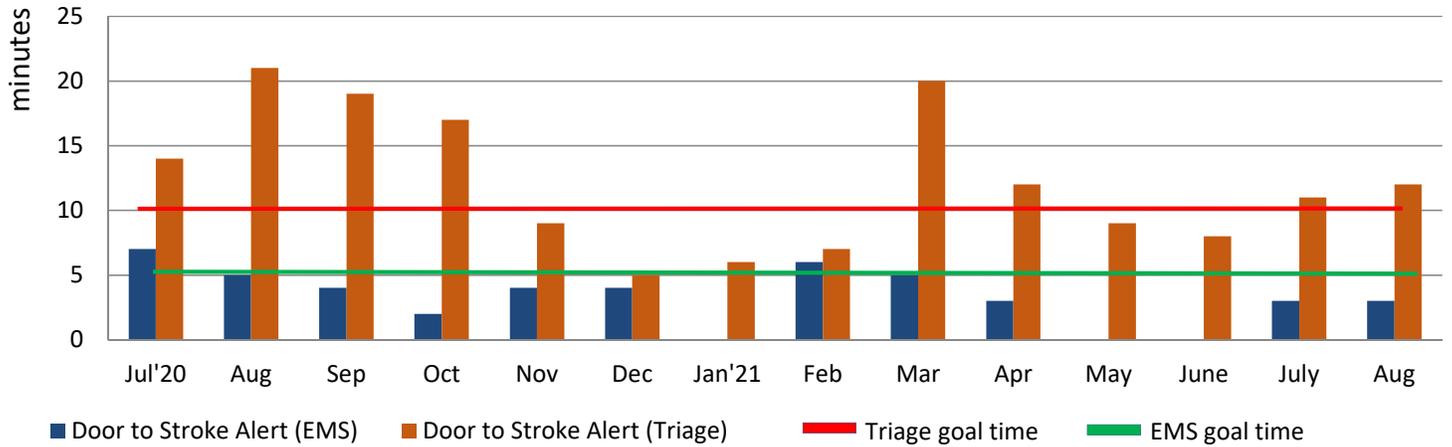
Stroke Program Dashboard 2019-2021

2020

	Bench- marks	2019 Totals	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan'21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<u>Grouping of Stroke Patients</u>																				
Ischemic		460	39	42	38	23	28	32	31	29	34	27	24	34	34	33	32	36	39	37
Hemorrhagic		98	8	6	5	7	6	4	4	8	7	8	14	1	5	12	8	5	9	12
TIA (in-patient and observation)		344	33	44	29	24	21	13	27	20	16	24	19	11	18	18	26	19	20	16
Transfers to Higher Level of Care (Ischemic)		27	1	2	3	3	2	6	1	3	4	3	5	2	3	1	2	4	4	2
Transfers to Higher Level of Care (Hemorrhagic)		17	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS</b>		<b>946</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>
Total # of Pts who rec'd Alteplase (Admitted/Transferred)		65	8	6	4	2	2	4	4	0	4	3	4	3	1	2	1	5	7	5
% of Alteplase - Inpatient & Transfers		13%	20%	14%	10%	8%	7%	11%	13%	0%	11%	10%	14%	8%	3%	6%	3%	13%	16%	13%
% Appropriate vital sign monitoring post Alteplase	90%	68%	75%	75%	100%	100%	100%	75%	75%	NA	75%	88%	100%	33%	100%	100%	100%	80%	100%	100%
Rate of hemorrhagic complications for Alteplase pts	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	NA	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%
<b>Core Measure: OP-23 Head CT/MRI Results</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>50%</b>
% Appropriate stroke order set used (In-Patient)	90%	93%	95%	97%	99%	97%	96%	92%	90%	98%	91%	95%	91%	93%	93%	96%	95%	90%	88%	87%
% Appropriate stroke order set used (ED)	90%	90%	94%	92%	88%	89%	98%	90%	82%	89%	88%	80%	93%	92%	86%	88%	86%	91%	92%	88%
<b>STK-1 VTE (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>STK-2 Discharged on Antithrombotic (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>STK-3 Anticoag for afib/aflutter ordered at Dc (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>						
<b>STK-4 Alteplase Given within 60 min (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>STK-5 Early Antithrombotics by end of day 2 (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>100%</b>									
<b>STK-6 Discharged on Statin (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>STK-8 Stroke Education (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>STK-10 Assessed for Rehab (GWTG, TJC)</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>												
% Dysphagia Screen prior to po intake (GWTG)	75%	94%	85%	85%	91%	90%	77%	81%	97%	97%	72%	85%	90%	90%	78%	90%	88%	71%	90%	88%
% Smoking Cessation (GWTG)	85%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% LDL Documented (GWTG)	75%	94%	91%	84%	96%	100%	90%	90%	91%	100%	97%	90%	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Intensive Statin Therapy (GWTG)	75%	90%	94%	91%	88%	88%	97%	94%	91%	79%	93%	93%	100%	100%	90%	94%	100%	100%	88%	100%
% tPA Arrive by 3.5 Hrs; Treat by 4.5 Hrs (GWTG)	75%	97%	100%	86%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NA	100%	100%	80%	100%	100%	NA	100%	100%	100%	100%
% NIHSS Reported (GWTG)	75%	98%	100%	93%	92%	100%	96%	94%	92%	96%	90%	100%	96%	97%	100%	100%	90%	100%	100%	97%
Ischemic ALOS/GMLOS excess	<1.0	NA	1.45	1.67	2.2	0.18	0.49	1.68	0.91	0.18	1.23	0.53	3.94	3.11	1.9	2.76	3.63	0.75	1.49	2.23
Hemorrhagic ALOS/GMLOS excess	<1.0	NA	1.63	0.43	3.74	0.49	3.53	17.98	1.42	6.11	5.01	-1.66	0.62	-3.4	3.46	3.05	11.17	1.12	6.2	1.84
Ischemic Mortality IP O/E Ratio (Midas)	<1.0	NA	0.8	0.9	0.8	0	0	1.4	0	1.1	0.8	1.7	4.3	3.96	0	1.66	0	1.37	1.26	1.41

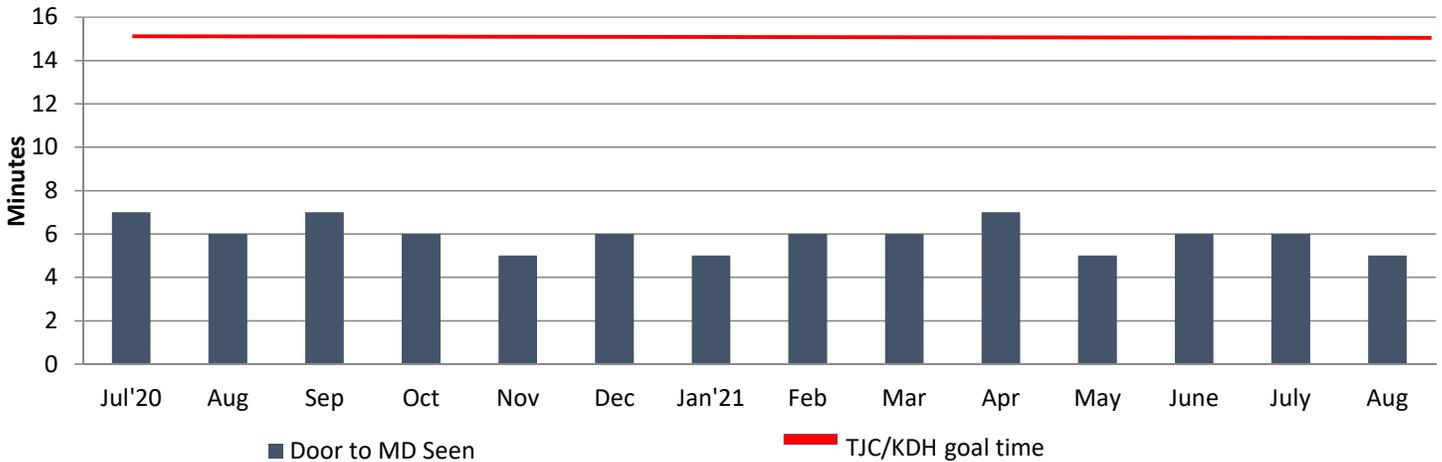
## 2020-2021 Stroke Alert Dashboard

### Door to Stroke Alert (median times)



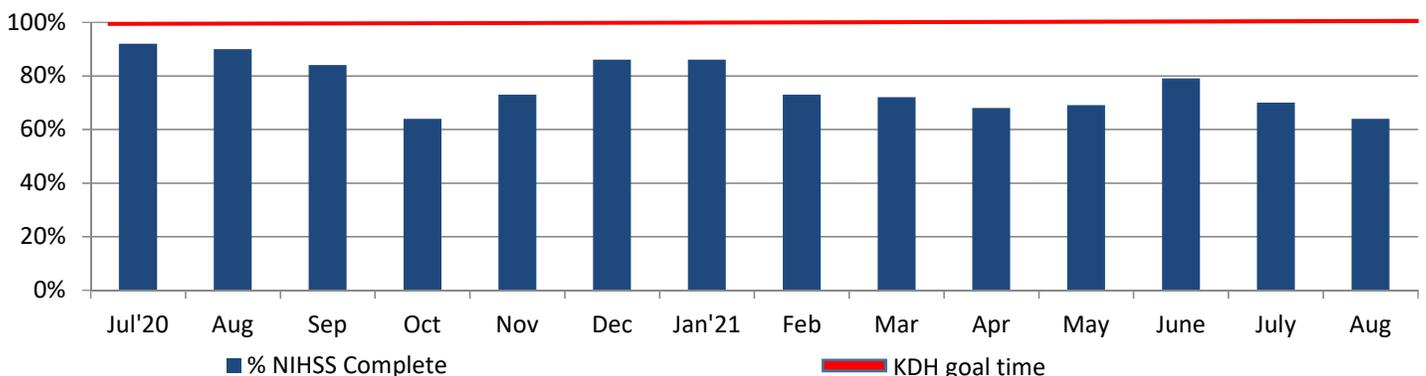
Per KDH ED Stroke Alert process; stroke alerts to be called within 5 min for EMS and 10 min for Triage. ED Stroke Alert Triage task force convened to look for opportunities for improvement March 2020.

### Door to MD Seen (median time)



The expectation is that the physician will see the stroke alert patient within 15 minutes of arrival. Improvements made throughout the past year include: early notification from EMS, MD meets the pt at the door upon arrival, scribe documents first seen time in the record.

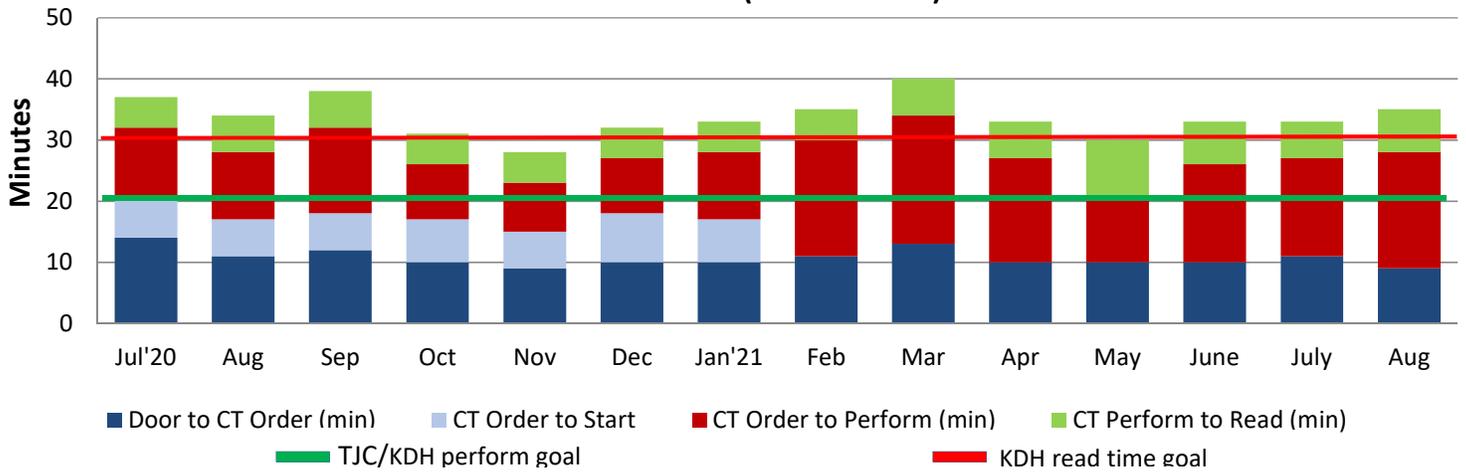
### % NIHSS Complete



The expectation is that all stroke alert patients will have a NIHSS completed by a certified ED staff member and/or the attending physician; the primary responsible person is the attending/resident physician.

## 2020-2021 Stroke Alert Dashboard

### Door to CT Times (median times)



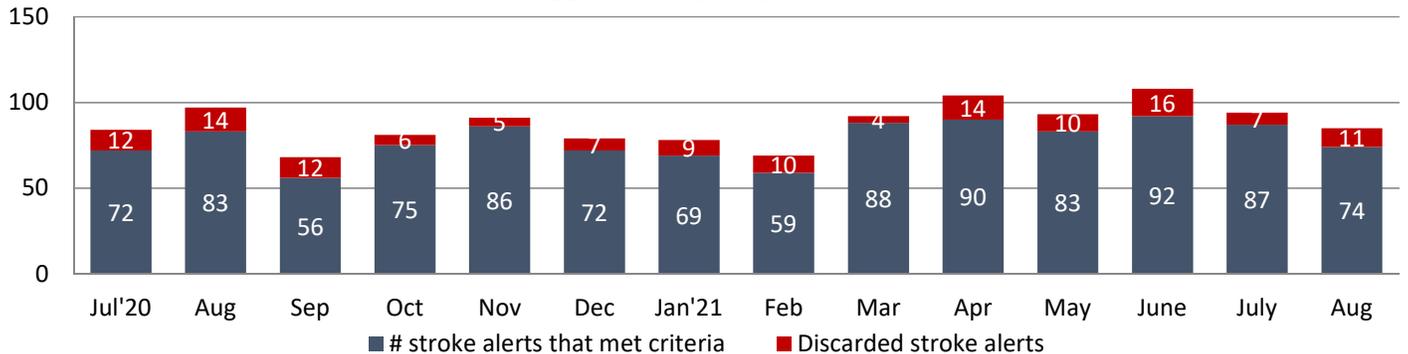
CMS and TJC expectation is that the CT will be performed by 20 minutes and read by 45 minutes of arrival. KDH's CT read time goal is 30 minutes. Starting 2019; tracking of CT start times will be included in this measurement. start time is define by the first CT images in Synapse. \*\*Feb 2021 removed CT start time metric.

### Door to Alteplase (median time)



The data in this graph includes all Alteplase patients which differs from the TJC rate because exclusion criteria is not used. TJC expectation is that IV thrombolytics are given within 60 minutes to eligible patients who present for stroke care. AHA/ASA GWG expectations were update in 2019 with new IV thrombolytic goal time to 45 minutes at least 75% of the time (when applicable). To meet this goal, continued changes to the stroke alert process have been made.

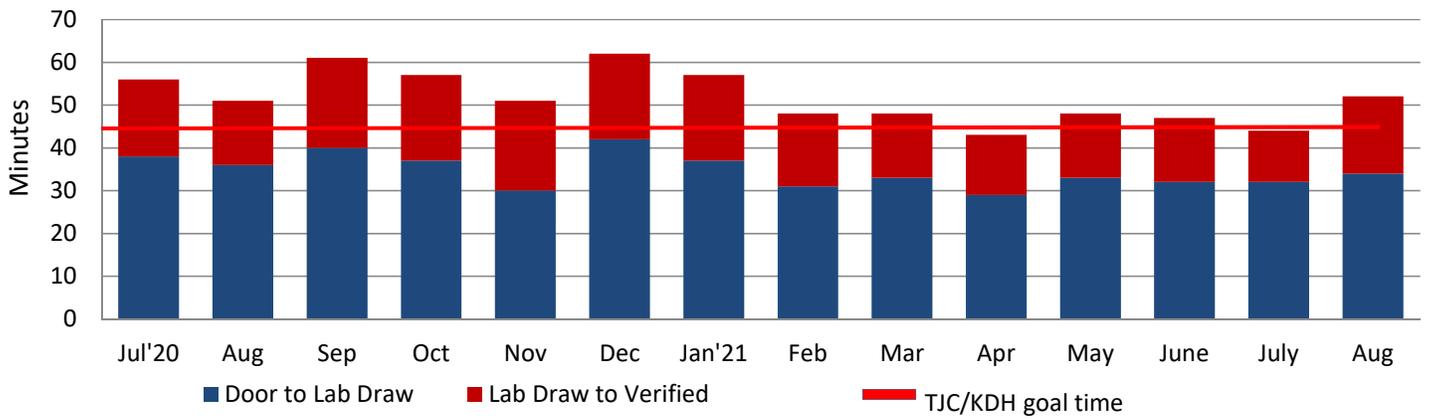
### ED Stroke Alert Volume



Stroke alert criteria includes: pt presenting with stroke like symptoms +FAST screen, stroke alerts called prior to arrival and up to 1 hour after arrival. Excluded cases: >1 after arrival or if stroke alert was cancelled.

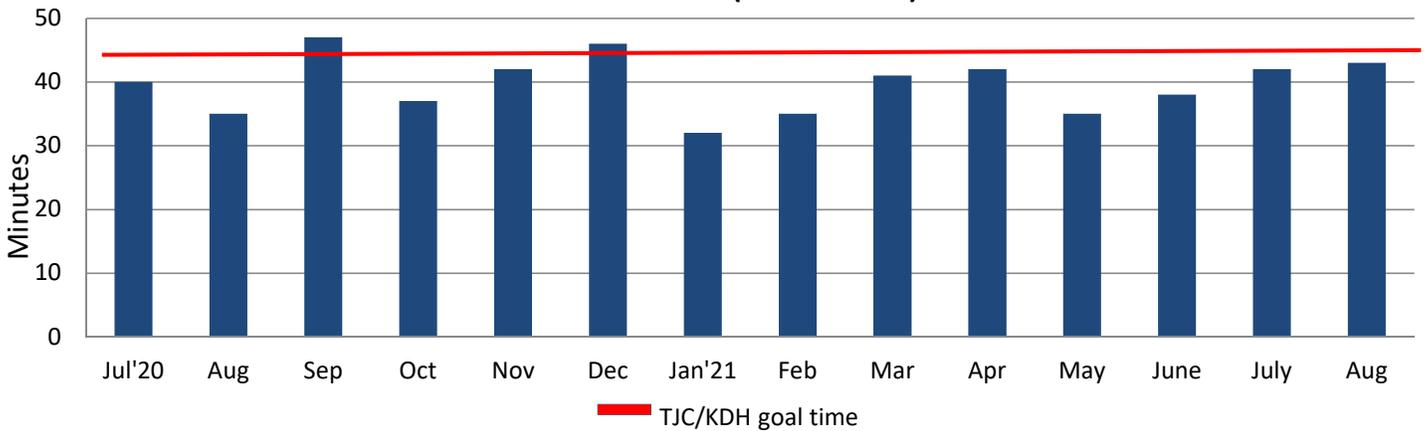
## 2020-2021 Stroke Alert Dashboard

### Door to Lab Time (median times)



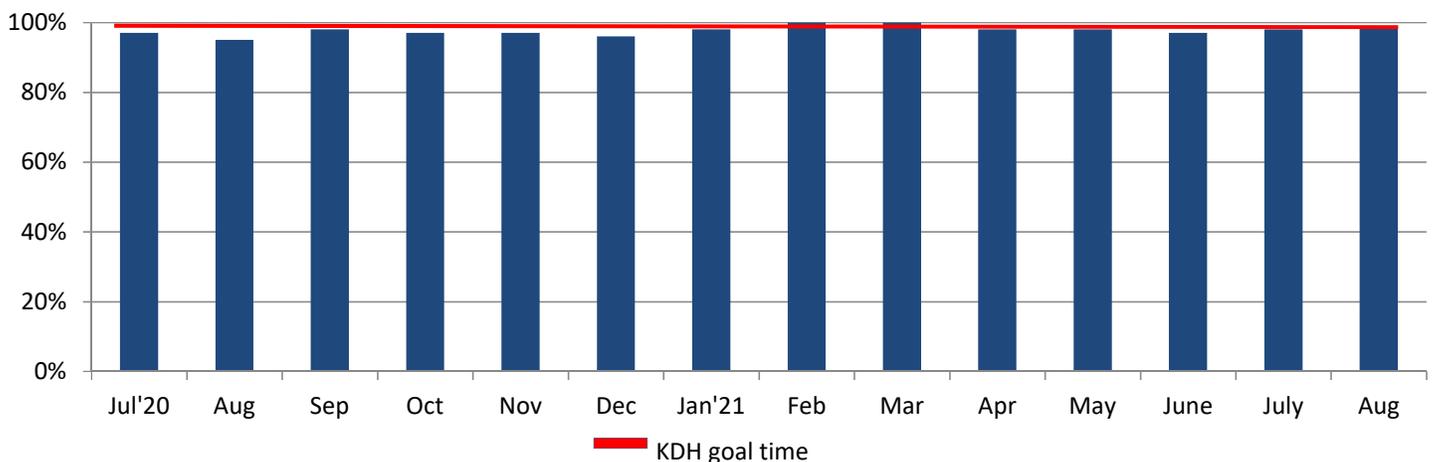
TJC expectation is that laboratory tests are completed within 45 minutes of arrival. Changes in stroke alert process has been made early 2019 to improve lab verified times. Action items taken: IV start kits in CT rooms with lab tubes, lab label makers in both CT rooms and specimens taken immediately down to lab.

### Door to EKG Time (median time)



TJC expectation is that EKGs are completed within 45 minutes of arrival.

### % Dysphagia screen completed when ordered



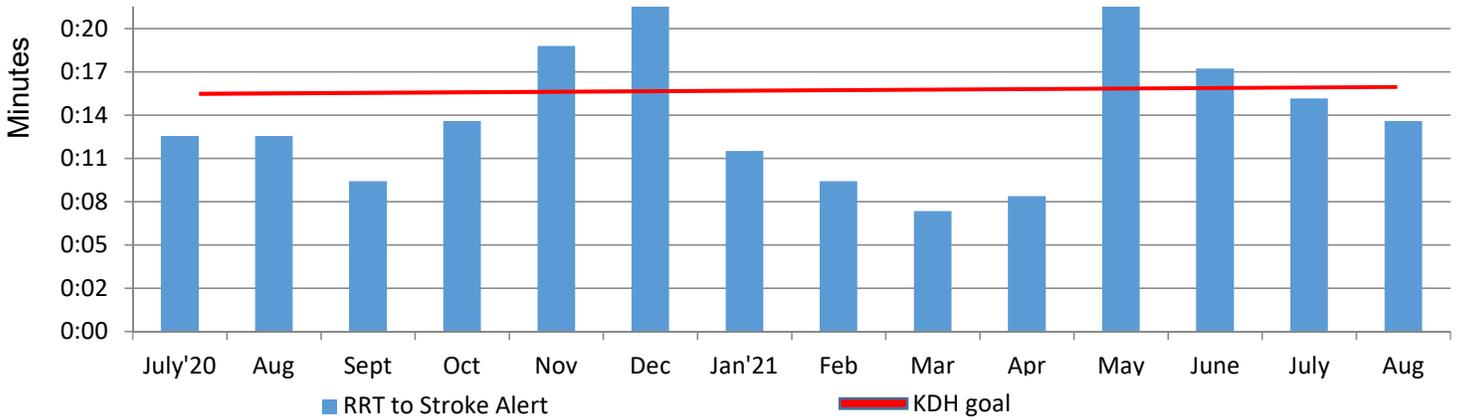
Dysphagia screening should be completed by the RN on all stroke alert patients prior to any po intake, including meds. Dysphagia screening is part of the ED stroke alert order sets. Goal is 100% compliance.

In-House Stroke Alert Dashboard

Stroke Alert Location

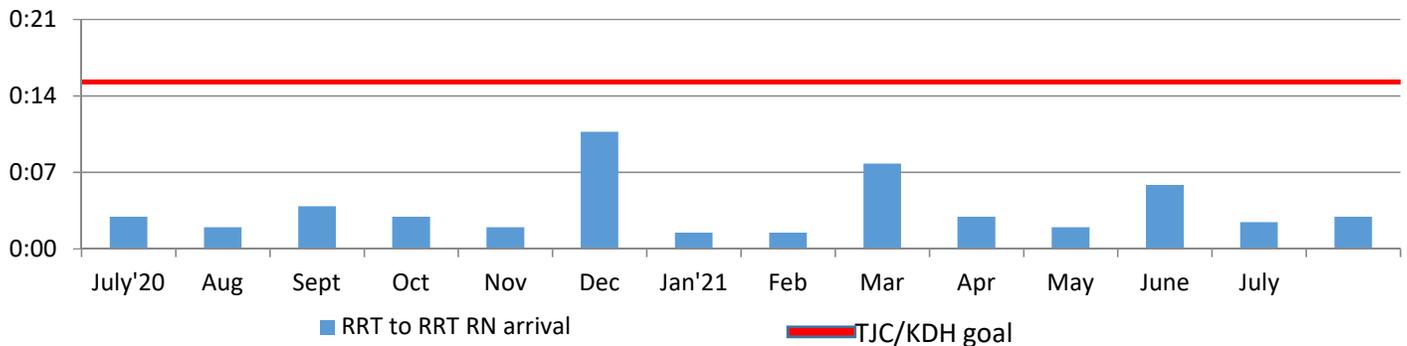
# alerts	July'20	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan'21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
3W	1	2		5		1	4	1	1	3	2	2		1
4S	2	3	2	6	2	3	6	2	4	4	1	3	3	2
2S			1	1		2	1			1	1	3		1
3S		1		2	2	1				1		1	1	1
Cath Lab			1						1		1			
CVICU	3				1						1	1	1	1
ICU														
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3N	1	2		1								1		1
4T		1			1			1			1	1	2	1
PACU											1			
2N		1	3			1		1		1				
5T		2	1	1	1	3	1		1	2	1	1	1	1
BP						1								
MB													1	

RRT to Stroke Alert



If patients exhibit any new or worsening neuro deficits while in the hospital; RNs are to call an RRT. The RRT RN will evaluate and determine if a stroke alert should be called. The goal from calling RRT to stroke alerts should be <15 minutes.

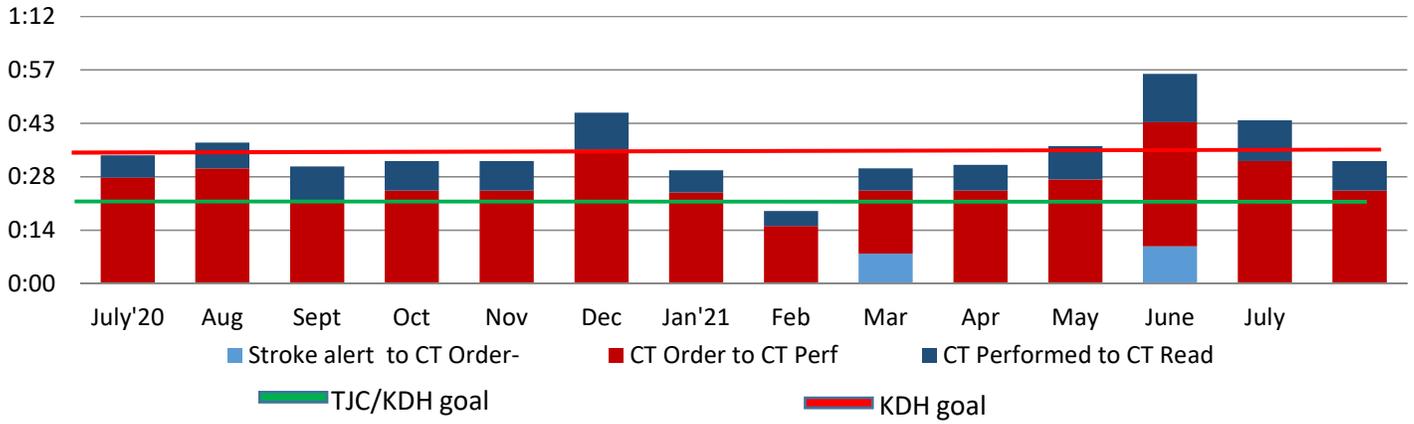
RRT to RRT RN arrival



TJC expectation is that a designated provider is at the bedside within 15 minutes of stroke alert. KDH has designated the RRT RN as the provider for in-house stroke alerts.

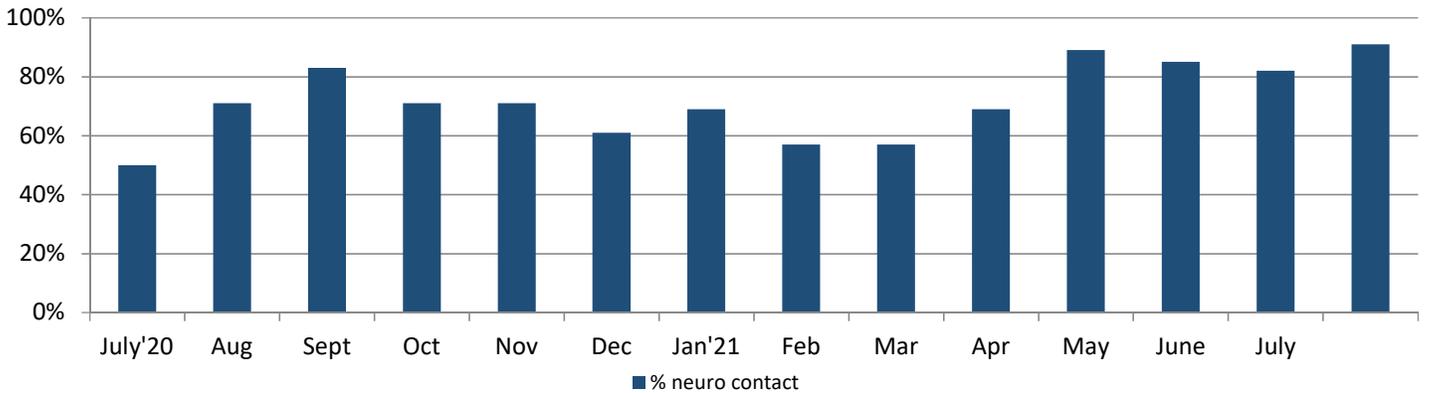
In-House Stroke Alert Dashboard

Stroke Alert to CT Times



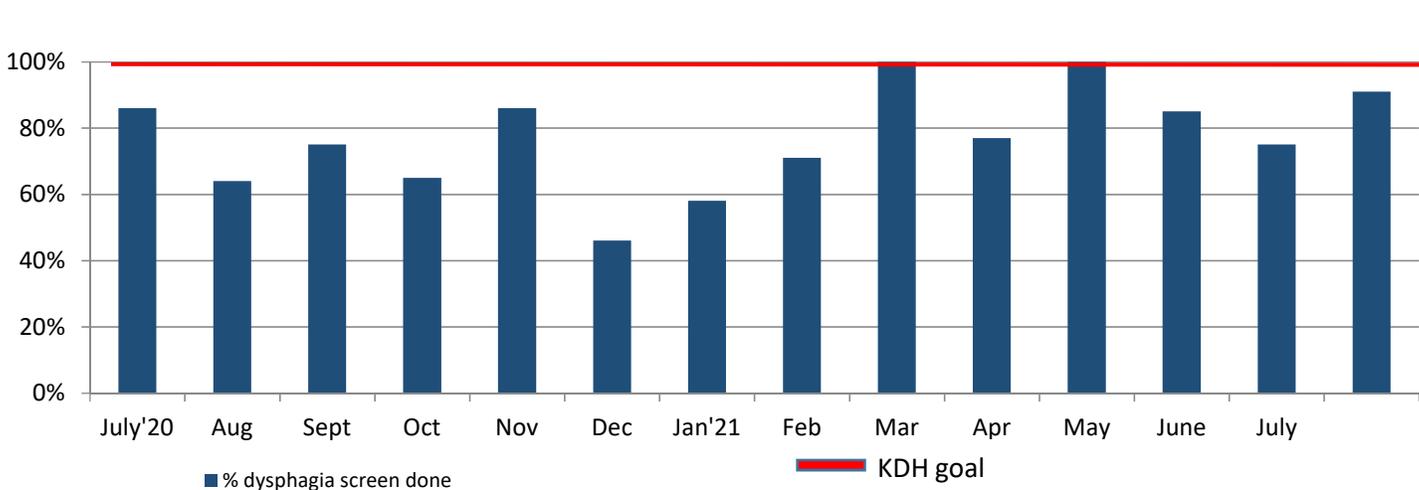
TJC expectation is that the CT will be read within 45 minutes of arrival. KDH's goal is 30 minutes (red line). TJC added a new metric in 2018; the expectation is that the CT will be performed within 20 minutes of alert (green line).

% neuro contact



Neurology consultation should occur on all in-house stroke alerts.

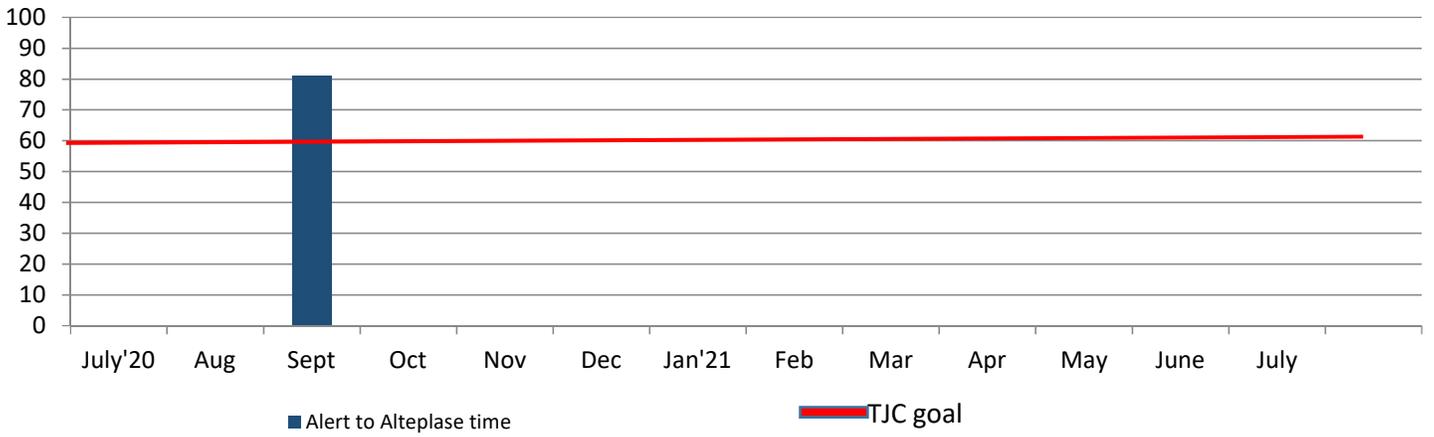
% dysphagia screen done



Whenever there are new or worsening neurological deficits  $\geq 3$  points, the RN should perform a dysphagia screen to evaluate the patient's ability to swallow.

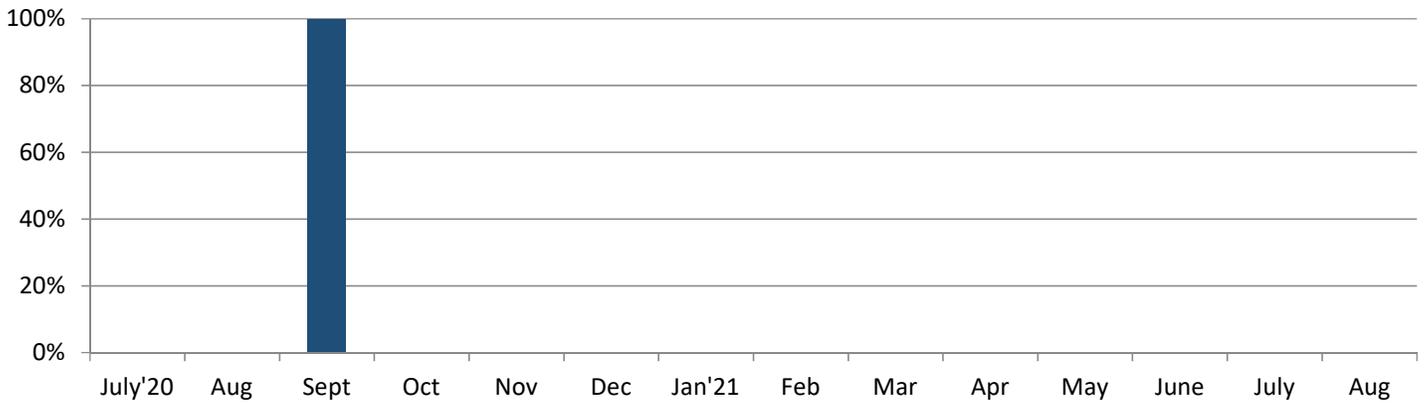
In-House Stroke Alert Dashboard

Alert to Alteplase time



ED Patients: TJC expectation is that IV thrombolytics are given within 60 minutes to eligible patients who present for stroke care at least 50% of the time. In-House Stroke alerts: KDH expectation is that IV thrombolytics are given within 60 minutes to eligible patients who have been identified with new or worsening stroke symptoms

Alteplase flowsheet completed



**Core Measures Snapshot - September 2021**  
**July 2020 - June 2021**

Metrics		Hospital Compare	CMS Standards of Excellence Benchmark	CMS Benchmark / *TJC National Rate	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Den	Num	Fail
ED-2b	Admit Decision Time to ED Departure for Admitted ED Patients (in minutes - down trend positive)	Y	42	139 (Hosp Comp)	199	171	171	185	553	325	224	224	218	260	332	314	N/A	N/A	N/A
OP-18b	Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients (in minutes - down trend positive)		93	170 (Hosp Comp)	207	281	247	310	227	303	277	286	278	316	393	302	N/A	N/A	N/A
OP-23	Head CT or MRI scan results for Acute Ischemic Stroke or Hemorrhagic Stroke		100.00%	72.00%	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%	N/C	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%	50.0%	66.7%	3	2	1
IMM-2	Influenza Immunization	Y	100.00%	93.00%	N/A	N/A	92.7%	98.8%	95.9%	97.5%	97.3%	97.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/a	N/A	N/A	N/A
VTE-6	Hospital acquired potentially-preventable Venous Thromboembolism (down trend positive)	Y	0.00%	2.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	N/C	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6	6	0
HBIPS-1a	Admissions Screening		N/A	89.90%	93.94%	75.76%	89.66%	88.89%	93.55%	86.96%	93.75%	96.43%	100.00%	86.36%	86.36%	81.48%	27	22	5
HBIPS-2a	**Physical Restraint-Overall Rate (down trend positive)	Y	N/A	0.44	1.123	1.745	2.178	1.149	1.188	0.323	0.292	1.408	0.639	0.720	0.071	0.987	N/A	N/A	N/A
HBIPS-3a	**Seclusion-Overall Rate - (down trend positive)	Y	N/A	0.29	1.304	0.727	1.205	1.095	1.629	1.710	0.723	0.449	0.077	0.145	0.460	0.629	N/A	N/A	N/A
HBIPS-5a	Multiple antipsychotic medications at discharge with appropriate justification - overall rate	Y	N/A	58.59%	N/C	N/C	100.0%	N/C	N/C	25.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	1	1	0

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SUB-2 (MH)	Alcohol Use Intervention Provided/Offered	Y	N/A	69.92%	77.79%	88.89%	83.33%	100.00%	90.00%	50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	90.00%	100.00%	88.89%	9	8	1
SUB-2A (MH)	Intervention provided	Y	N/A	61.76%	62.50%	55.56%	66.67%	80.00%	50.00%	25.00%	100.00%	70.00%	75.00%	40.00%	40.00%	55.56%	9	5	4
SUB-3 (MH)	Alcohol/Other Drug Use Tx provided/offered at D/C	Y	N/A	36%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	95.46%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	20	20	0
SUB-3A (MH)	Alcohol/Other Drug Use Disorder Tx at D/C	Y	N/A	36%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	95.46%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	95.00%	20	19	1
IMM-2 (MH)	Influenza Immunization (Mental Health) Start Oct 2015	Y	N/A	80.98%	N/A	N/A	98.08%	94.12%	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	94.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOB-2 (MH)	Tobacco Cessation FDA Approved Provided during stay.	Y	N/A	76.62%	93.10%	100.00%	96.00%	95.00%	100.00%	95.24%	96.43%	90.91%	100.00%	90.32%	84.62%	92.00%	25	23	2
TOB-2A (MH)	Tobacco Treatment Provided During Stay (Practical Counseling)	Y	N/A	41.52%	44.83%	44.00%	44.00%	45.00%	50.00%	38.10%	46.43%	29.03%	25.00%	41.94%	30.77%	43.48%	23	10	13
TOB-3 (MH)	Tobacco Treatment Provided/Offered at Discharge	Y	N/A	40.80%	89.29%	95.46%	83.33%	44.44%	82.35%	68.42%	76.00%	56.67%	56.00%	81.48%	63.63%	73.91%	23	17	6
TOB-3A (MH)	Tobacco Cessation Medication FDA Approved Provided at Discharge	Y	N/A	9.52%	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%	10.53%	8.00%	16.67%	36.00%	32.14%	18.18%	17.39%	23	4	19
CT-2	Care Transitions w specified elements received by discharged patients	Y	N/A	30%	86.79%	84.91%	83.02%	86.79%	90.57%	86.79%	86.79%	84.91%	86.79%	80.77%	81.13%	88.68%	53	47	6
CT-3	Timely Transmission of Transition Record	Y	N/A	30%	77.36%	84.91%	83.02%	84.91%	83.02%	79.25%	83.02%	83.02%	84.91%	78.85%	71.70%	81.13%	53	43	10
SMD-1	Screening for Metabolic Disorders	Y	N/A	90%	94.56%	94.12%	100.00%	96.97%	100.00%	97.06%	94.60%	100.00%	94.60%	100.00%	100.00%	96.67%	30	29	1

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PCB-05	Exclusive Breast Milk Feedings		N/A	*52.44%	51.52%	58.82%	66.75%	69.44%	61.77%	66.67%	62.50%	45.46%	41.67%	63.16%	66.67%	48.57%	35	17	18
PCM-01	Early Elective Deliveries (down trend positive)		0	2.42%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11	11	0
PCM-2a	C-Section Overall Rate (down trend positive)		N/A	*25.54%	34.38%	14.29%	22.73%	29.41%	18.18%	23.81%	22.22%	25.00%	11.11%	34.62%	34.62%	27.27%	22	16	6
PCM-06	Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns-Overall Rate (down trend positive)		N/A	N/A	1.65%	1.94%	4.04%	2.02%	2.05%	0.37%	2.80%	0.69%	2.80%	2.12%	1.07%	2.28%	307	300	7
OP Web-29	Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance - appropriate follow-up interval for normal colonoscopy in average risk patients		100%	85%	66.7%	66.7%	100.0%	85.7%	100.0%	N/C	100.0%	77.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	6	6	0
Sep-1	Sepsis Bundle Followed		81	61%	84.21%	82.61%	68.42%	71.43%	78.95%	60.00%	74.07%	76.00%	77.27%	76.70%	76.67%	60.00%	25	15	10

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Meets/Exceeds Standards of Excellence Benchmark
Compliance Does Not Meet National Benchmark

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**Measure Description:**

***How often patients got better at walking or moving around?***

**--Clinicians (registered nurses, physical therapists) complete OASIS data upon a patient's admission to home health. Clinicians must assess the patient's ability to walk SAFELY on a variety of surfaces using a 6-point scale; ranging from 0-independent to 6-bedfast. At discharge, the patient's ability is reassessed. If a patient is assessed to be at the same level, they are considered *stabilized*. Stabilized is counted as a negative outcome for this measure. Patients who are assessed to have less ability to walk safely, are considered to have *deteriorated*, also a negative outcome. Patients assessed to be independent upon admission and remain independent upon discharge are not counted as a negative outcome in this measure.**

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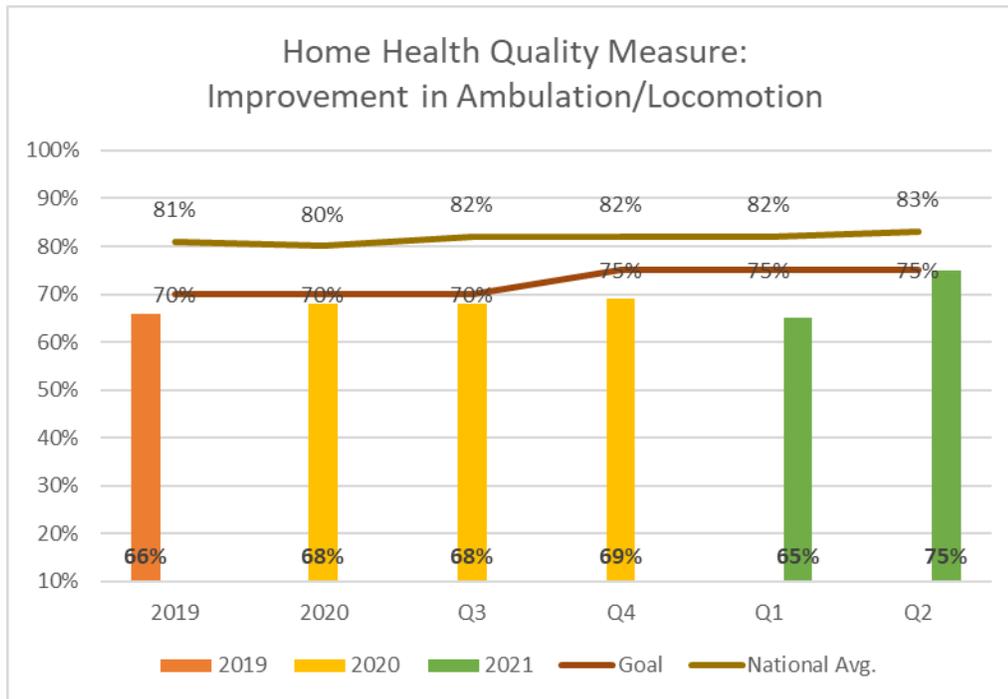
***Improvement in Ambulation/Locomotion;***

- **iQIES data 2019: 66%**
- **iQIES data 2020: 68%**
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*\*Higher percentages are better for this measure. Graph depicts the last 4 quarters as individual quarters to accurately assess response to previous interventions and guide upcoming action plan*

**Date range of data evaluated:**

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**Analysis of all measures/data: (Include key findings, improvements, opportunities)**

**--CY 2020 data of 68%, remains below the National Average of reporting home health agencies at 75%.**

**--1264 eligible cases (patients with outcome) were seen during this period;**

**Findings; Improved: 869, Stabilized: 332 and Deteriorated: 63.**

**--Clinician barriers to accurate assessment; assessing in home environment (clutter, need for equipment to help with mobility), and understanding of ability vs safe ability.**

**--Charting fatigue for clinicians considered as possible reason for inconsistencies in scoring OASIS accurately. OASIS questions focusing on ambulation are located near the end of a lengthy assessment. An attempt was previously made to 'move up' the OASIS sections related to ambulation but per our EMR software, this is not possible.**

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### **Next Steps/Recommendations/Outcomes:**

Educator and RN Intake Auditor will monitor the effectiveness of these interventions weekly during chart audits. Educator will report these findings along with trends to Home Health Manager at least every 30 days. Educator will analyze OASIS outcome data reports for this measure quarterly and report to Home Health Manager and Director. Educator and Home Health Manager will modify interventions until we meet, or exceed, the national average for three or more quarters.

**Submitted by Name:**

Shannon Esparza, RN

**Date Submitted:**

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**Measure Description:**

***How often patients got better at bathing***

**--Clinicians (registered nurses, physical therapists) complete OASIS data upon a patient's admission to home health. A patient's current ability to wash their entire body safely is measured upon admission to home health using a 6-pt-scale. The 6-point bathing scale represents the most independent level first, then proceeds to the most dependent. At discharge, this ability is again measured using the same scale. If a patient is assessed to be at the same level, they are considered *stabilized*. Stabilized is counted as a negative outcome for this measure. Patients who are assessed to have less ability to bathe their entire body safely, are considered to have *deteriorated*, also a negative outcome. Patients assessed to be independent in bathing upon admission and again at discharge are not counted in this measure.**

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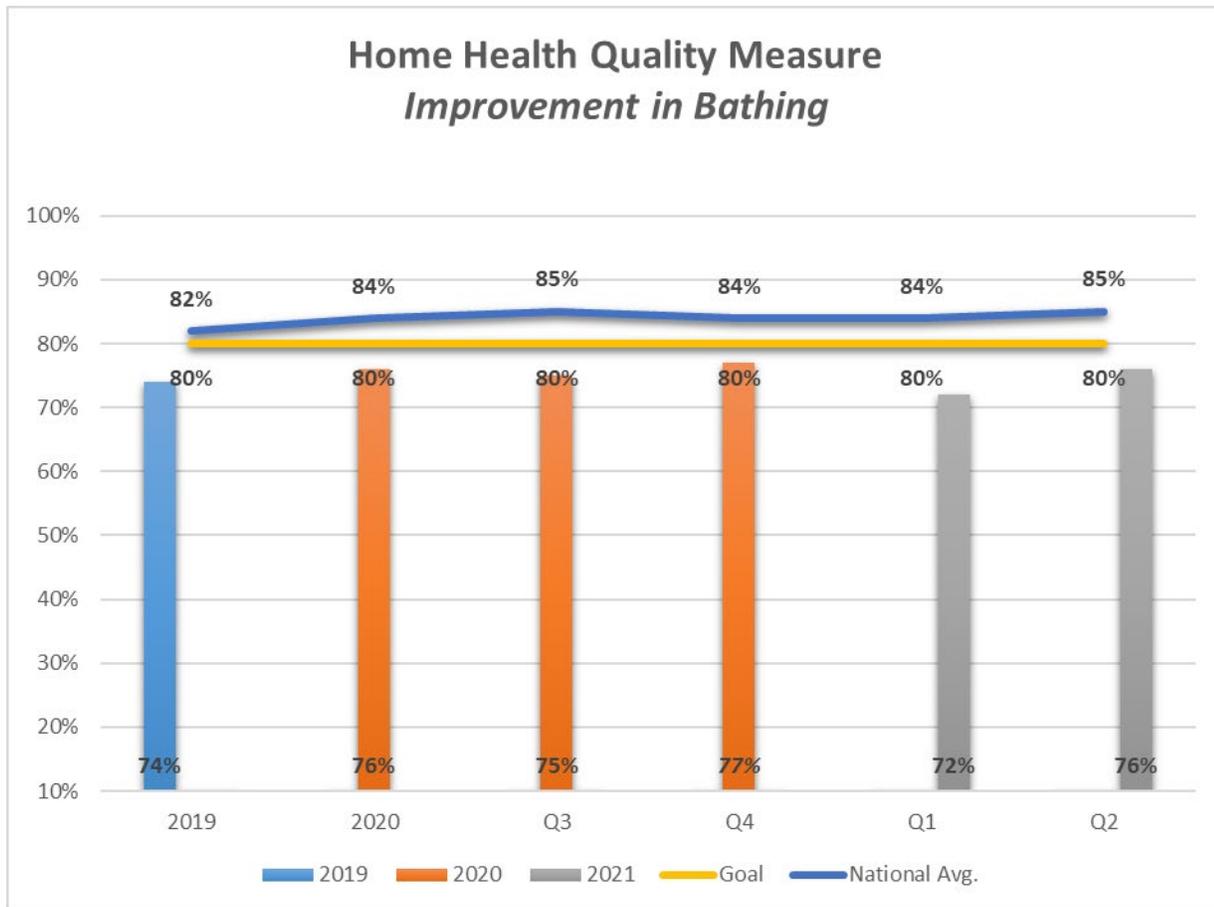
***Improvement in bathing***

- iQIES data 2019: 74%
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- iQIES data Quarters 3 & 4, 2020 and Quarters 1 & 2 2021: 75%

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**Date range of data evaluated:**  
iQIES data; July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

**Analysis of all measures/data: (Include key findings, improvements, opportunities)**  
--Clinicians must take into account multiple factors when determining the patient's ability to ambulate to the bathroom, and what level of assistance they require to do so *safely*.  
--Adaptive methods, assistive devices, and MD ordered restrictions need to be communicated to the first clinician assessing the patient to ensure an accurate scoring of their ability. Intake clinicians work with case managers in the hospital to be sure that information is obtained in the referral order.  
--Clinicians must utilize their professional, clinical judgement when determining what level the patient can perform at and truly be *Safe*, not just simply complete the activity.

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**Measure Description:**

***How often patients got better at taking their drugs correctly by mouth***

**--Clinicians (registered nurses, physical therapists) complete OASIS data upon a patient's admission to home health. Clinicians must assess the patient's ability to take all oral medications reliably and safely, including administration of the correct dosage at the appropriate times. At discharge, the same assessment is performed. If a patient is assessed to be at the same level, they are considered *stabilized*. Stabilized is counted as a negative outcome for this measure. Patients who require more assistance are considered to have *deteriorated*, also a negative outcome. Patients assessed to be independent upon admission and remain independent upon discharge, or who do not take any oral medications are not counted in this measure.**

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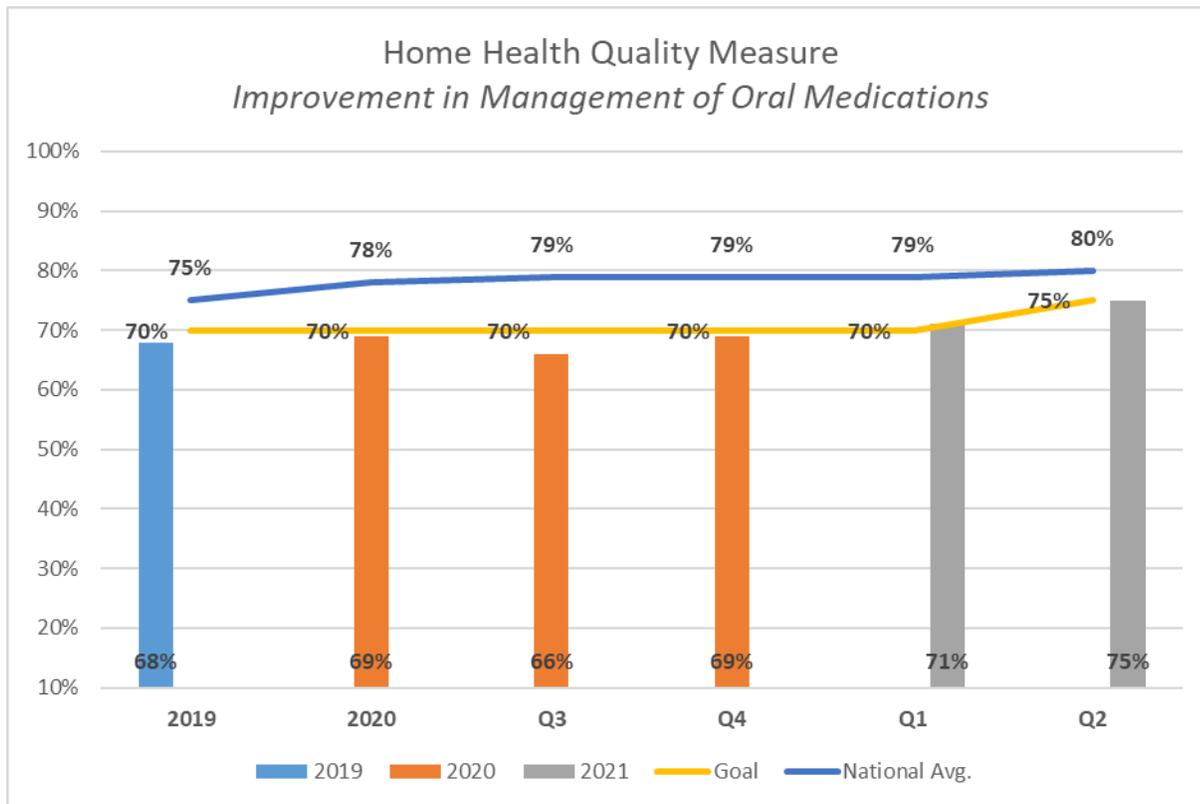
***Improvement in Management of Oral Medications***

- **iQIES data 2019: 68%**
- **iQIES data 2020: 69%**
- **iQIES data Quarters 3 & 4, 2020 to Quarters 1 & 2, 2021: 70%**

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*\*Higher percentages are better for this measure. Graph depicts the last 4 quarters in individual quarters to accurately assess response to previous interventions and guide upcoming action plan.*

**Date range of data evaluated:**

**iQIES data; July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

**Analysis of all measures/data: (Include key findings, improvements, opportunities)**

**--CY 2020 data of 69%, is below the National Average of all home health reporting agencies.**

**--Opportunity for teaching with staff due to the multilevel assessment in this measure.**

**Clinicians must differentiate patient’s ability to perform the steps in this measure independently versus the level of family/caregiver assistance with medication regimen. Patient’s ability to obtain the medication from where it is routinely stored, the ability to read the label or accurately identify medication by placing a character on label, open the container, remove the correct quantity and orally ingest at the correct frequency.**

**--Functional ability as well as cognitive ability may impact patient’s ability to safely manage medications.**

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--Medical record review noted inconsistencies with clinicians scoring of oral medication administration and ability to ambulate. OASIS guidance requires the clinician consider the patient's ability to obtain the medication from where it is routinely stored.

### **If improvement opportunities identified, provide action plan and expected resolution date:**

--There is an opportunity for improvement in this area. The following plan of action shall be implemented;

--Timely audit of clinical OASIS documentation to ensure an accurate capture of patient's ability to safely take all of their oral medication as indicated. RN Educator and RN intake auditor to consult with clinician if auditing has identified areas of discrepancy between clinician documentation and OASIS answer.

--Utilize planned 'checklist' tool to ensure level of need to safely ambulate is determined prior to scoring OASIS medication questions.

--Clinicians will utilize the "5 Day Rule" allowed by CMS. CME encourages a collaboration between all clinicians who assessed a patient within 5 days of the first OASIS assessment. This will ensure accurate capture of a patient's need and the opportunity to provide the resources needed to help achieve *Outstanding Community Health* consistent with Kaweah Health District pillar.

### **Next Steps/Recommendations/Outcomes:**

Educator and RN Intake Auditor will monitor the effectiveness of these interventions weekly during chart audits. Educator will report these findings along with trends to Home Health Manager at least every 30 days. Educator will analyze OASIS outcome data reports for this measure quarterly and report to Home Health Manager and Director. Educator and Home Health Manager will modify interventions until we meet, or exceed, the national average for three or more quarters.

**Submitted by Name:**

Shannon Esparza, RN

**Date Submitted:**

July, 2021

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 Kaweah Delta Medical Center

# Sepsis Quality Focus Team (QFT) October 2021



# What is Sepsis?

Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death.

- the body's overactive and toxic response to an infection.
- a medical emergency that requires rapid diagnosis and treatment
- Sepsis can lead to severe sepsis and septic shock.

## Key Sepsis Facts:

- Sepsis is the number 1 cost of hospitalization in the U.S. - estimated to be \$62 billion annually.
- Estimated that 30% of patients diagnosed with severe sepsis do not survive.
- Up to 50% of survivors suffer from post-sepsis syndrome. **Until a cure for sepsis is found, early detection and treatment is essential for survival and limiting disability for survivors.**
- Every 2 minutes in the United States Sepsis takes a life

## At Kaweah Health:

- One of the highest volume medical diagnosis
- One of the most expensive DRGs
- A leading cause of mortality

The infographic is composed of several colored blocks with text and statistics. It includes a definition of sepsis, mortality statistics (270,000 deaths in the US, 8,000,000 worldwide), a survey result (65% know the word), a list of symptoms (TIME acronym), a 'Number 1' ranking as a leading cause of death and hospital costs, a comparison of symptom identification (72% for stroke vs 12% for sepsis), a 'Contagious?' section (39% incorrectly believe it is), a statement that there is no simple test or cure, and a call to action to 'Sound the Alarm' by saying 'I am concerned about sepsis'. It also includes the Sepsis Alliance logo and the website sepsis.org.

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**270,000** DEATHS IN UNITED STATES  
**8,000,000** DEATHS ACROSS THE GLOBE  
EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 270,000 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. DIE FROM SEPSIS. WORLDWIDE, THAT FIGURE IS 8 MILLION.

**65%** OF AMERICANS SAY THEY KNOW THE WORD

**When it comes to sepsis, remember IT'S ABOUT TIME™. Watch for:**  
**T** TEMPERATURE - higher or lower than normal  
**I** INFECTION - may have signs or symptoms of infection  
**M** MENTAL DECLINE - confused, sleepy, difficult to rouse  
**E** EXTREMELY ILL - severe pain, discomfort, shortness of breath

**NUMBER 1**  
LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HOSPITALS  
LEADING CAUSE OF HOSPITAL READMISSIONS  
SINGLE BIGGEST COST TO HOSPITALS (\$27 BILLION PER YEAR)

**IDENTIFY COMMON SYMPTOMS**  
AROUND 72% OF AMERICANS CAN IDENTIFY STROKE SYMPTOMS, YET ONLY 12% CAN IDENTIFY THE MOST COMMON SEPSIS SYMPTOMS

**CONTAGIOUS?**  
39% OF AMERICANS INCORRECTLY BELIEVE SEPSIS IS CONTAGIOUS

**THERE IS NO SIMPLE TEST OR CURE FOR SEPSIS**  
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**SOUND THE ALARM**  
IF YOU SUSPECT YOU OR A LOVED ONE MAY HAVE SEPSIS, SEE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATELY OR CALL 911 AND SAY  
"I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS"

YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES FROM SEPSIS, GET INVOLVED AT **SEPSIS.ORG**

**SEPSIS ALLIANCE**

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# SEP-1 Early Management Bundle

The risk of dying from sepsis increases by as much as 8% for every hour treatment is delayed\*

- In 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) instituted an all-or-none sepsis performance measure bundle (SEP-1) to promote high-quality, cost-effective care.
- In general, the current SEP-1 version requires patients with suspected sepsis have:
  - lactate level
  - blood cultures
  - broad-spectrum antibiotics
  - if hypotensive, a fixed 30 mL/kg fluid infusion within 3 hours
  - repeat lactate if initially elevated within 6 hours.
- In addition, for patients in septic shock:
  - Vasopressors
  - repeat assessment completed within 3 & 6 hrs.

Required Action	Severe Sepsis		Septic Shock	
	3-Hr Bundle	6-Hr Bundle	3-Hr Bundle	6-Hr Bundle
Initial Lactate Collection	Yes	Must be completed within 3-hrs of Severe Sepsis Presentation		
Blood Culture Collection	Yes			
Initial Antibiotic Started	Yes			
Repeat Lactate Collection (if Initial Lactate is > 2)	N/A	Yes	Completed within 6-hrs of Severe Sepsis presentation	
30 mL/kg Crystalloid Fluids Started	N/A	N/A	Yes	Completed within 3-hrs of initial hypotension and/or septic shock
Vasopressor Given (if hypotension persists)	N/A	N/A	Completed within 6-hrs of septic shock	Yes
Repeat Volume Status Assessment	N/A	N/A		Yes

\*Kumar A, Roberts D, Wood KE, et al. Duration of hypotension before initiation of effective antimicrobial therapy is the critical determinant of survival in human septic shock. Crit Care Med. 2006;34(6):1589-1596. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16625125>

# Sepsis Alerts

## Early recognition leads to early treatment

Kaweah Health utilizes The St. John Sepsis Surveillance Agent to identify high risk patients to initiate the SEP-1 bundle

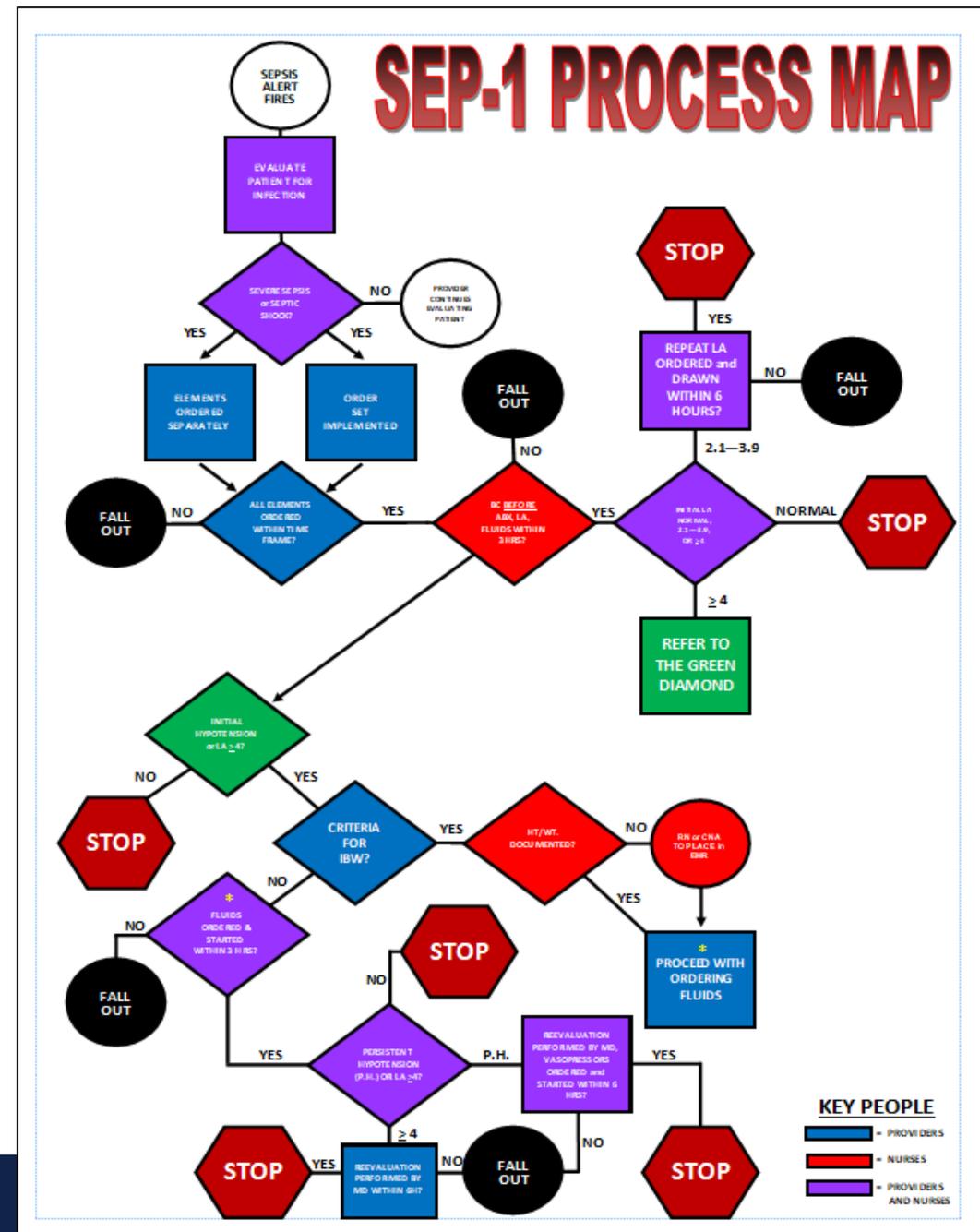
- developed by Cerner Corporation in 2010, draws from the best published evidence and uses cloud computing with big data analytics to screen and activate on high-risk patients early in their infectious process, while increasing precision in estimating mortality risk to enable medical decision.
- Between July 2020 and September 2021 Kaweah Health averages 522 electronic sepsis alerts per month, estimated annual total of 6,265
- Approximately 13% of alerts meet sepsis criteria requiring intervention, equating to 68 patients per month or 816 patients per year
- Approximately 67% of sepsis alerts and severe septic patients are followed by a Sepsis Coordinator at Kaweah Health



# SEP-1 Early Management Bundle

Bundled Care to achieve optimal patient outcomes

- The CMS Sepsis bundle requires a multidisciplinary team approach; the care requirements are timed, with several decision points throughout the process, and the required documentation is precise
- To make it easier, the early management bundle has been put into order sets



# SEP-1 Early Management Bundle

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Compassion is our promise.

Our Vision

To be your world-class  
healthcare choice, for life

## FY22 Clinical Quality Goals

	<b>July-Aug 2021</b> Higher is Better	FY22 Goal	FY21	FY21 Goal
<b>SEP-1</b> (% Bundle Compliance)	<b>65%</b>	≥ 75%	74%	≥ 70%

Percent of patients with this serious infection complication that received “perfect care”. Perfect care is the right treatment at the right time for our sepsis patients.

# SEP-1 Early Management Bundle

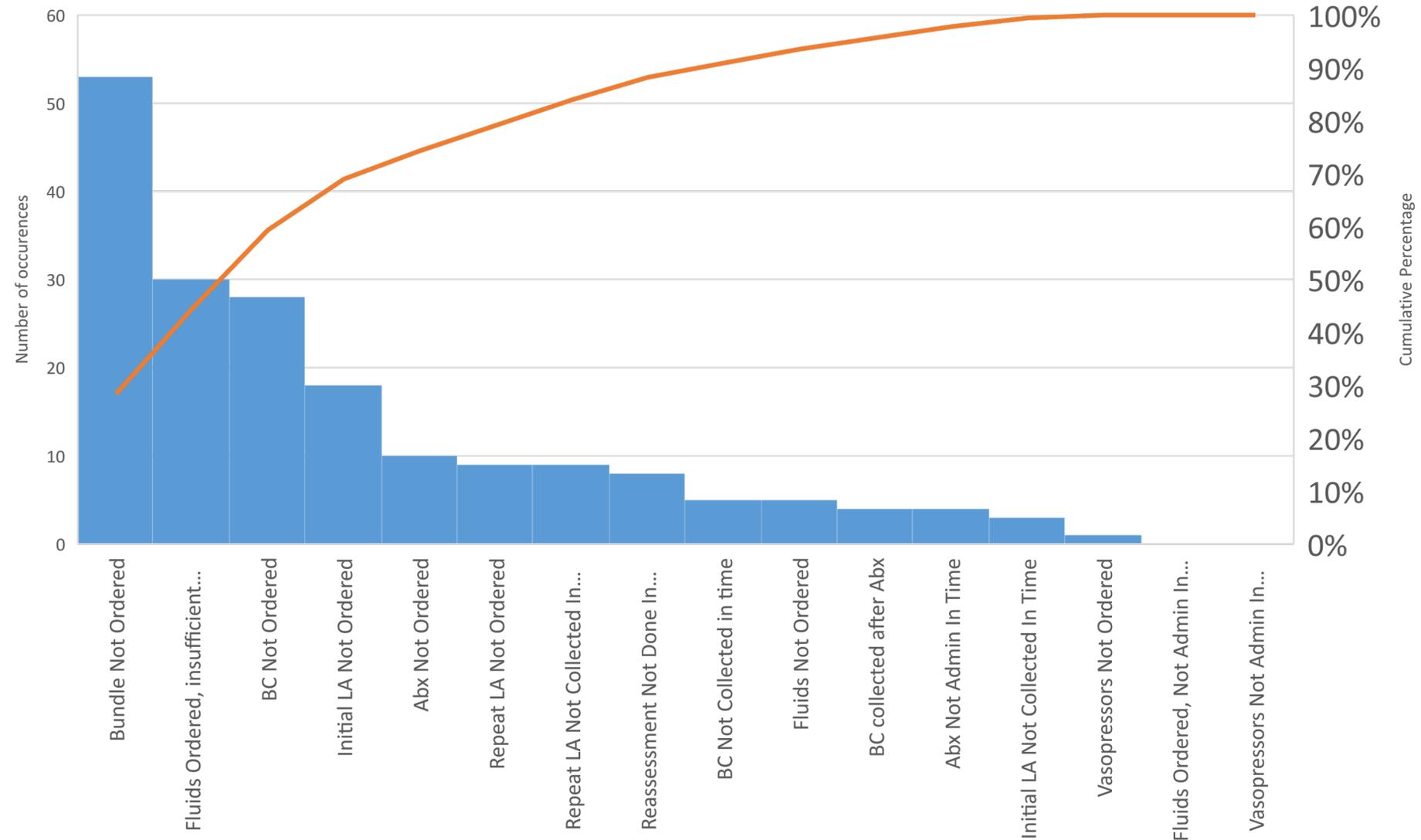
## Key root causes

- Bundle not ordered/timely
- Patient does not present in a clear sepsis picture, or during hospitalization
- Fluids ordered, insufficient volume due to patient with heart failure or kidney disease.

New SEP-1 criteria as of July 1, 2021 now include reduced fluid requirements for HF and KD patients (must be documented by provider)

BC= Blood Cultures, LA = Lactic Acid, Abx = Antibiotics

Sepsis Reasons for SEP-1 Non-Compliance July 2020 - Aug 2021



# SEP-1 Early Management Bundle

## Key Quality Improvement (QI) Initiatives

Sepsis QI Strategy Prioritization Grid

Group Strategy Affects	Improvement Strategy	DIFFICULT Y or Cost/ Time to Implement Rate 5 to 1 High = 1 Low = 5	FEASIBILITY (likelihood of Success/ability to achieve the outcome Rate 5 to 1 High = 5 Low = 1	SCOPE Strategy affects multiple or a high volume root cause Rate 5 to 1 High = 5 Low = 1	LEVERAG E (Positive Impact on Other Processes) Rate 5 to 1 High = 5 Low = 1	Total Project Priority
CC/INPT RN	6. Make form revisions to "provider notification"; provide prompts for critical thinking and order set initiation, and title it differently to eliminate confusion	x 2.0	x 4.0	x 4.0	x 5.0	160.0
ED Pro	1. Improve ED provider notification by Sepsis Coordinator when attempting to avoid fallouts concurrently	x 4.0	x 2.0	x 4.0	x 3.5	112.0
ED/CC RN	20. Hand off sheet/pathway checklist (concerns about paper lost); can checklist be triggered electronically for RN when order set is used? This way checklist is available electronically, and can be available to print anywhere in patients Sepsis hospitalization course regardless of location. Similar to existing workflow with MRI safety form, belonging forms "ad hoc" forms. Ideally it populate, and reminder to complete.	x 3	x 2	x 4	x 4	96.0
CC/INPT RN	7. Mandatory for RN to fill out "provider notification form" after sepsis alert fires – alerts suppressed for 48hrs, so RNs do not receive multiple alerts. THIS IS DEPENDENT ON #6 Investigate what happens If you bypass the alert one time it appears very difficult to get it back – further education/awareness of where to find alert.	x 4.5	x 3.0	x 2.0	x 3.0	81.0
ED Pro	16. Reflex alert, when Abx ordered (specific list of Abx) provider gets alert "do you want BC"	x 4	x 4	x 4	x 1	64.0

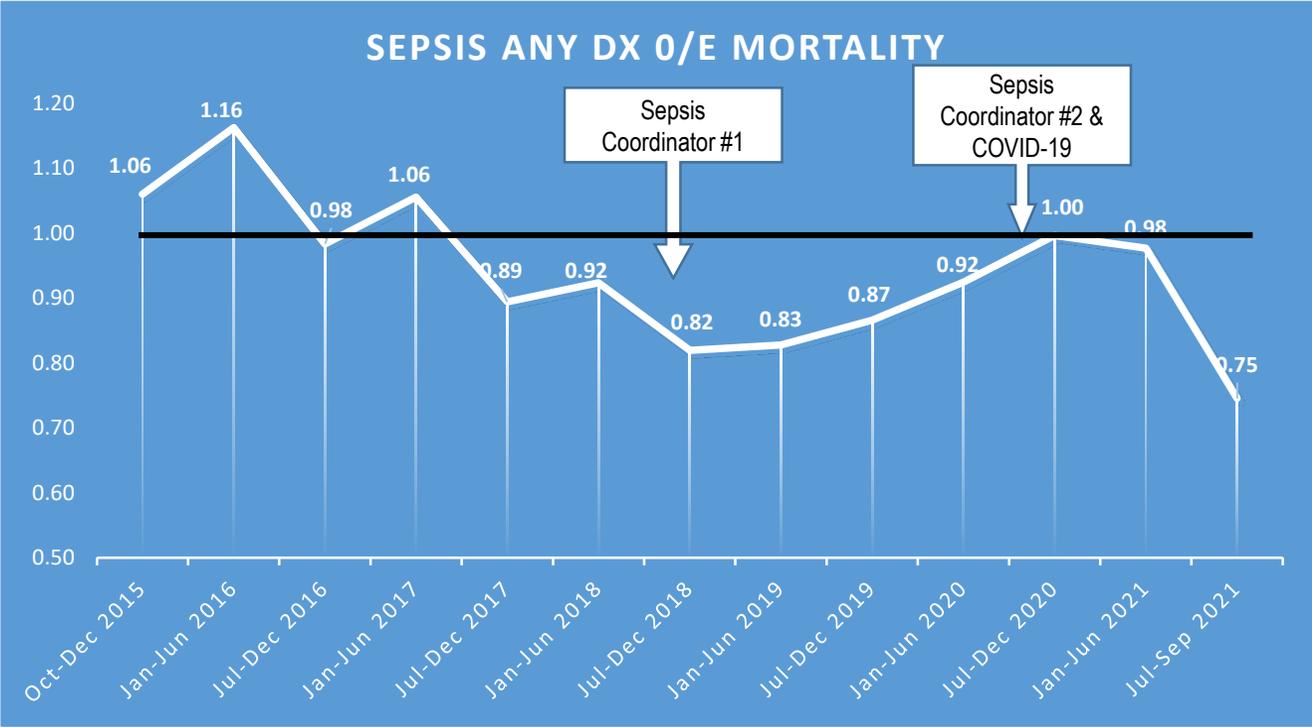
- Six sigma approach taken to analyze data and identify root causes of SEP-1 bundle fallouts, and prioritize QI strategies
- 19 improvement strategies implemented over 18 months
- **COMPLETE** – Provider Notification Form went live at KHMC on 6/29/21
- **COMPLETE** – Sepsis education has officially gone live and will be mandatory for RNs throughout the organization on an annual basis. Thank you, Mary Laufer and the clinical education team for ensuring this was retrofitted for RNs hired in 2020 (as COVID placed the Safety Summit on hold).
- **IN PROGRESS** – Electronic handoff checklist in development
- **ONGOING** – Continuous review of cases where bundle was not fully implemented to identify further opportunities for QI as overseen by the multidisciplinary QFT

# Outcomes of Sepsis Bundle Compliance

Sepsis Mortality Observed/Expected (O/E)

Goal: <1.0

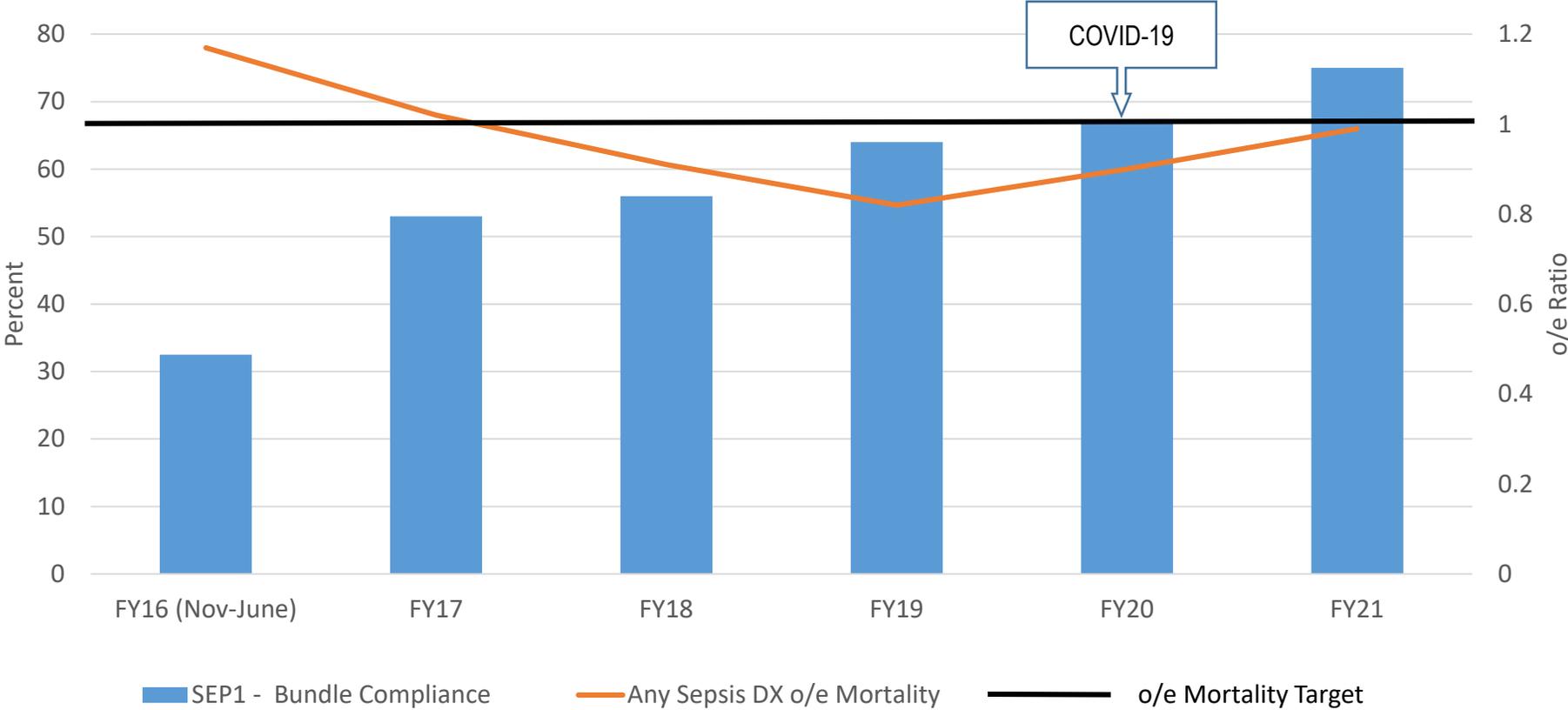
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Year	Sepsis Dx Volume
2015	787
2016	1144
2017	1431
2018	1614
2019	1523
2020	1445
2021 (*annualized)	1323

# Outcomes of Sepsis Bundle Compliance

% Sepsis Bundle Compliance & Any Sepsis Dx Observed/Expected (O/E) Mortality by Fiscal Year(FY)



Provides a gauge on outcomes related to Sepsis care

- CMS Bundle compliance excludes COVID-19 patients
- O/E mortality includes COVID-19 patients, but included in risk adjustment
- Despite COVID-19 surge, o/e ratios remain <1 (less mortality than expected)

# Questions?

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# Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Quality Focus Team Report October 2021

Kari Knudsen, Director of Post-Surgical Care (Chair)  
Alisha Sandidge, Advanced Practice Nurse (Co-Chair)



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# CAUTI- FY21 Goals

	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	June 2021	Estimated Annual Number Not to Exceed to Achieve Goal*	FYTD SIR** (number of actual/ number expected)	FY21/ FY22 Goal	FY20
CAUTI Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	20	52%↓ 0.542	≤0.727 ≤0.676	1.12

Lower is Better

\*based on FY20 NHSN predicted values

\*\*Standardized Infection Ratio – Number of actual infections Kaweah had divided by the number of infections CMS predicts Kaweah should have

# Kaizen Root Cause

## Analysis:

### Identified Root Causes

(in order from most significant to least):

1. Communication
2. Leadership Standard Work
3. Peri-care/Bathing
4. Prompt Catheter Removal
5. Culture Ordering
6. Retention Management
7. Staff Consistency with prevention bundle
8. Alternatives to Catheter Insertion

Kaizen  
improvement  
strategies  
focused on  
addressing  
the top 4 root  
causes

Initial KAIZEN initiatives focused on the top 4 root causes

Since April 2020 we have incorporated strategies to address 7 of the root causes, including:

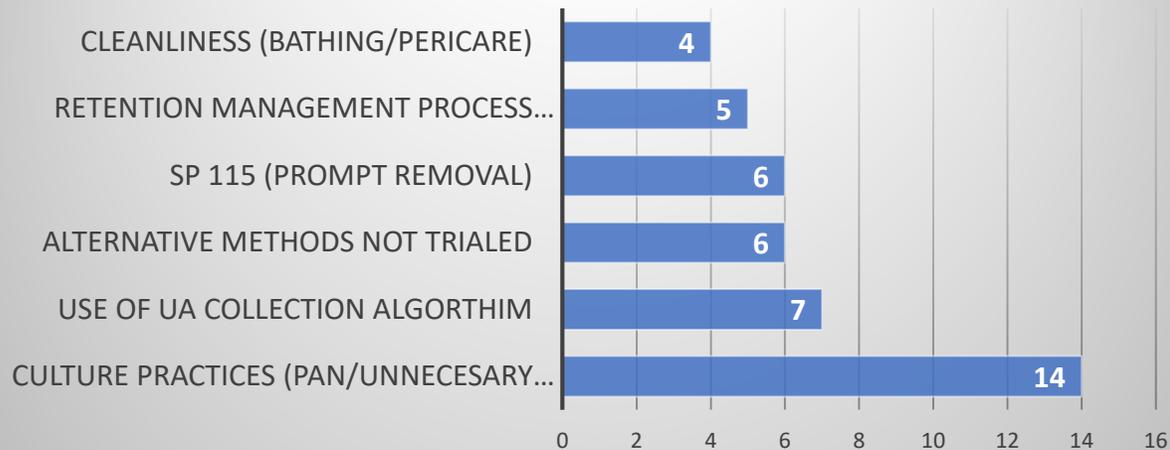
Culture ordering  
Retention Management  
Alternatives to Catheter Insertion

# BACKGROUND

- Multidisciplinary team reviews CAUTI events and counts contributing factors to events based on CDC evidenced-based guidelines
- Top 3 contributing factors to CAUTI events culturing practices, use of UA algorithm and alternative methods not tried

## Contributing Factors in CAUTI Events 2020 (n=16)

\*more than 1 factor can contribute to an event



## 2020 Key Strategies

- Daily line rounds to ensure best practices are consistent (bathing, peri-care), and line necessity.
- Specimen collection practices and necessity
- Culturing – addressing pan culturing practices
- Culturing – optimization of orders for line placement, maintenance of line and retention management

# Post KAIZEN-Gemba Data

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 560 catheters removed as a result of the Gemba

# CAUTI QFT – Plans for Improvement

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3. Evaluate reasons for IUC insertion orders GOAL – Reduce IUC utilization/appropriate indications for IUC. Monitor reasons for insertion.	Modified Kaizen 9/24/21
4. Rapid Cycle Post Gemba Rounds GOAL – reduce IUC utilization, verify completion of follow up	Long-term, ongoing strategy
5. Handoff Gemba evaluation GOAL: Continuity of care with IUC reduction on both shifts.	Initial pilot completed, evaluating second pilot unit
6. Bladder training order and education GOAL: IUC utilization reduction with evidence based management of urinary retention.	Modified Kaizen 9/24/21
7. Culture of Culturing committee for urine specimens GOAL: Variation in culturing practices are the most prevalent cause of CAUTI	Committee ongoing, progress made
8. Resident Notifications of near misses and events GOAL: Residents requested notification for awareness and learning.	August 2021
9. Letter for providers on events (like CLABSI) GOAL: Provider awareness of HAL.	August 2021
10. Primofit & Medline & Hollister External Male Catheter Product Trial GOAL: Reliable method for male external alternative to IUC.	November 2021
11. IUC inserted in OR/procedural areas- no insert order = no maintain order = no reason for insertion. Create Maintain subphase and insert in existing appropriate powerplans. GOAL: Functional efficiencies to require rationale of IUC.	October 2021
12. SonoSite Bladder Scanner conversion- purchase of 18 new devices	December 2021
13. Develop orders for Adult Urinary Retention management GOAL- orders for retention management currently exist as one off options, bundling them together for ease of ordering increases use	9/2020
14. Develop Urine Culture only powerplan to replace single orderable. GOAL- Reduce CAUTI events related to culture ordering by guiding intentional use of this risky order	2/23/21
15. Culture of Culturing committee for urine specimens GOAL: Variation ins culturing practices is the largest contributing factor to CAUTI	2/2021
16. Bathing Prioritization (in collaboration with CLABSI Committee) GOAL – Improve bathing/peri-care of IUC patients	10/2020

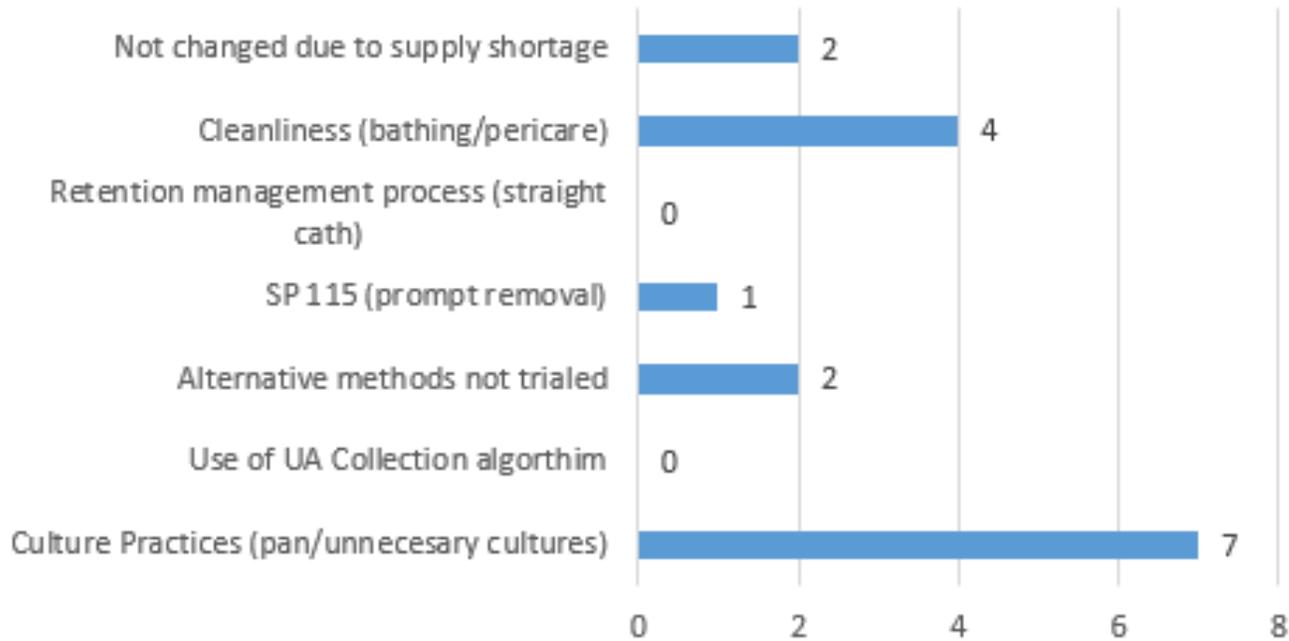
17. Add 'restricted use' to the urine culture only orderable GOAL- reduce use of culture only order in defined populations without accompanying UA	7/2020
18. Develop insert IUC Powerplan to include important maintenance elements: straight cath option prior to IUC insertion, change IUC prior to specimen collection, change IUC at 30 days GOAL- Create and bundle essential orders for IUC maintenance	8/2020
19. Develop provider update/education related to current CAUTI status and how to order IUC/Culturing awareness GOAL- create awareness	9/2020
20. Changes to discontinue IUC orderable- alerts RN to dc the insert IUC Powerplan and related maintain order GOAL- assist with order clean up	8/2020
21. Safety Summit (CAUTI education for new hires) relaunch post-COVID GOAL – Improve/sustain RN bundle compliance	3/22/21
22. Rapid Cycle Post Gemba Rounds GOAL – reduce IUC utilization, verify completion of follow up	On-going
23. CAUTI Case Reviews Lessons Learned GOAL – Reduce CAUTI by ensuring identified opportunities are addressed globally	Occurs monthly at QFT
24. Place all IUC order resources on eCoach GOAL- Increase IUC appropriateness/ prompt removal, bundle compliance (improving ease of access for providers and nursing staff)	Begin Jan 2021
25. Develop Urine Culture only powerplan to replace single orderable. GOAL- Reduce CAUTI events related to culture ordering by guiding intentional use of this risky order	12/29/20
26. Create change IUC task at 30 days following documented insertion GOAL- trigger nursing staff to change chronically retained IUC	12/23/20
27. Hide single Insert IUC orderable for downtown campus and Rehab GOAL: Improve bundle compliance by driving use of the insert IUC Powerplan, which contains needed maintenance elements	10/2020
28. Kaizen strategy: evaluate option for time clock for line info GOAL- Improve prompt removal, visual reminder of how long the line has been in place	11/2020
29. Add 3-way catheter as trigger to device list GOAL- accurate collection of device count	4/22/21
30. Changes to the discontinue order- alert will prompt the provider to order retention management order. Single orderable done, powerplan additions in progress. GOAL- provides orders for nursing to manage post IUC DC retention	October 2021
31. Thoughtful pause= primary RN confers with charge nurse prior to specimen collection for algorithm use GOAL: Reduce unnecessary urine cultures	3/22/21
32. Mandatory CBL Resident education at beginning and end of first year. GOAL: Standardized on-boarding of CAUTI reduction practices	5/25/21
33. Medline urology assessment of current practices and care of IUCs GOAL: Evaluate CAUTI reduction program for improvement opportunities.	5/25/21

Green items are completed; yellow are in progress

# Current State

## CAUTI Contributing Factors July 2021-Current

N=8



- Multidisciplinary team reviews CAUTI events and counts contributing factors to events based on CDC evidenced-based guidelines
- All current initiatives continue, on 9/24/21 a modified Kaizen narrowed work on root causes for this FY

## 2021 Critical Contributors

- Sterile urinary catheter insertion tray national backorder certainly affected sterility of insertion despite intervention and education
- 7 of 8 events are COVID +

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# Unit/Department Specific Data Collection Summarization

Professional Staff Quality Committee/Quality Improvement Committee

**Unit/Department:** CAUTI QFT

**ProStaff/QIC Report Date:** 10/12/2021

**Measure Objective/Goal:**

- Goal for FY22 ≤ 0.676 (CMS 50<sup>th</sup> percentile); **Current SIR = 0.537**
- Pre KAIZEN baseline SIR is 1.557
- SIR is as of May 2021; Actual CAUTI FY22 is 8

CAUTIs result in poor outcomes for patients, a negative public perception of care through publically reported safety scores and financially impact the organization through HAC and VBP programs as well as increased treatment costs and LOS.

**Date range of data evaluated:** FYTD SIR (7/2020 – 6/2021)

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- Learning from Fallouts
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4. Rapid Cycle Post Gemba Rounds GOAL – reduce IUC utilization, verify completion of follow up	Long-term, ongoing strategy
5. Handoff Gemba evaluation GOAL: Continuity of care with IUC reduction on both shifts.	Initial pilot completed, evaluating second pilot unit
6. Bladder training order and education GOAL: IUC utilization reduction with evidence based management of urinary retention.	Modified Kaizen 9/24/21
7. Culture of Culturing committee for urine specimens GOAL: Variation in culturing practices are the most prevalent cause of CAUTI	Committee ongoing, progress made
8. Resident Notifications of near misses and events GOAL: Residents requested notification for awareness and learning.	August 2021
9. Letter for providers on events (like CLABSI) GOAL: Provider awareness of HAI.	August 2021
10. Primofit & Medline & Hollister External Male Catheter Product Trial GOAL: Reliable method for male external alternative to IUC.	November 2021
11. IUC inserted in OR/procedural areas- no insert order = no maintain order = no reason for insertion. Create Maintain subphase and insert in existing appropriate powerplans. GOAL: Functional efficiencies to require rationale of IUC.	October 2021
12. SonoSite Bladder Scanner conversion- purchase of 18 new devices	December 2021
13. Develop orders for Adult Urinary Retention management GOAL- orders for retention management currently exist as one off options, bundling them together for ease of ordering increases use	9/2020
14. Develop Urine Culture only powerplan to replace single orderable. GOAL- Reduce CAUTI events related to culture ordering by guiding intentional use of this risky order	2/23/21
15. Culture of Culturing committee for urine specimens GOAL: Variation ins culturing practices is the largest contributing factor to CAUTI	2/2021
16. Bathing Prioritization (in collaboration with CLABSI Committee) GOAL – Improve bathing/peri-care of IUC patients	10/2020
17. Add 'restricted use' to the urine culture only orderable GOAL- reduce use of culture only order in defined populations without accompanying UA	7/2020
18. Develop insert IUC Powerplan to include important maintenance elements: straight cath option prior to IUC insertion, change IUC prior to specimen collection, change IUC at 30 days GOAL- Create and bundle essential orders for IUC maintenance	8/2020
19. Develop provider update/education related to current CAUTI status and how to order IUC/Culturing awareness GOAL- create awareness	9/2020
20. Changes to discontinue IUC orderable- alerts RN to dc the insert IUC Powerplan and related maintain order GOAL- assist with order clean up	8/2020

*Please submit your data along with the summary to your PI liaison 2 weeks prior to the scheduled report date.*

## Unit/Department Specific Data Collection Summarization

Professional Staff Quality Committee/Quality Improvement Committee

21. Safety Summit (CAUTI education for new hires) relaunch post-COVID GOAL – Improve/sustain RN bundle compliance	3/22/21
22. Rapid Cycle Post Gemba Rounds GOAL – reduce IUC utilization, verify completion of follow up	On-going
23. CAUTI Case Reviews Lessons Learned GOAL – Reduce CAUTI by ensuring identified opportunities are addressed globally	Occurs monthly at QFT
24. Place all IUC order resources on eCoach  GOAL- Increase IUC appropriateness/ prompt removal, bundle compliance (improving ease of access for providers and nursing staff)	Begin Jan 2021
25. Develop Urine Culture only powerplan to replace single orderable. GOAL- Reduce CAUTI events related to culture ordering by guiding intentional use of this risky order	12/29/20
26. Create change IUC task at 30 days following documented insertion GOAL- trigger nursing staff to change chronically retained IUC	12/23/20
27. Hide single Insert IUC orderable for downtown campus and Rehab GOAL: Improve bundle compliance by driving use of the insert IUC Powerplan which contains needed maintenance elements	10/2020
28. Kaizen strategy: evaluate option for time clock for line info GOAL- Improve prompt removal, visual reminder of how long the line has been in place	11/2020
29. Add 3-way catheter as trigger to device list GOAL- accurate collection of device count	4/22/21
30. Changes to the discontinue order- alert will prompt the provider to order retention management order. Single orderable done, powerplan additions in progress. GOAL- provides orders for nursing to manage post IUC DC retention	October 2021
31. Thoughtful pause= primary RN confers with charge nurse prior to specimen collection for algorithm use GOAL: Reduce unnecessary urine cultures	3/22/21
32. Mandatory CBL Resident education at beginning and end of first year. GOAL: Standardized on-boarding of CAUTI reduction practices	5/25/21
33. Medline urology assessment of current practices and care of IUCs GOAL: Evaluate CAUTI reduction program for improvement opportunities.	5/25/21

\*QI strategies colored green indicate completed; yellow indicates in process strategies

### **Next Steps/Recommendations/Outcomes:**

- A. Continue to maintain Kaizen initiatives: Daily IUC Gemba rounds, data collection, and dissemination and QI strategy development.
- B. Continue to monitor CAUTI events, reviewed with unit leadership at the HAI review meeting, unit leadership created quality improvement plan and implement at the unit level. The QFT monitors QI opportunities for global implementation
- C. Address culturing practices in Culture of Culturing committee with medical staff partnership
- D. Added deep dive case review on near miss events with unit level planning and QFT review for global implementation of learning opportunities.
- E. Modified Kaizen completed on 9/24/21 for data review and root cause analysis; initiatives pending.

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**Date Submitted:** 10/11/2021

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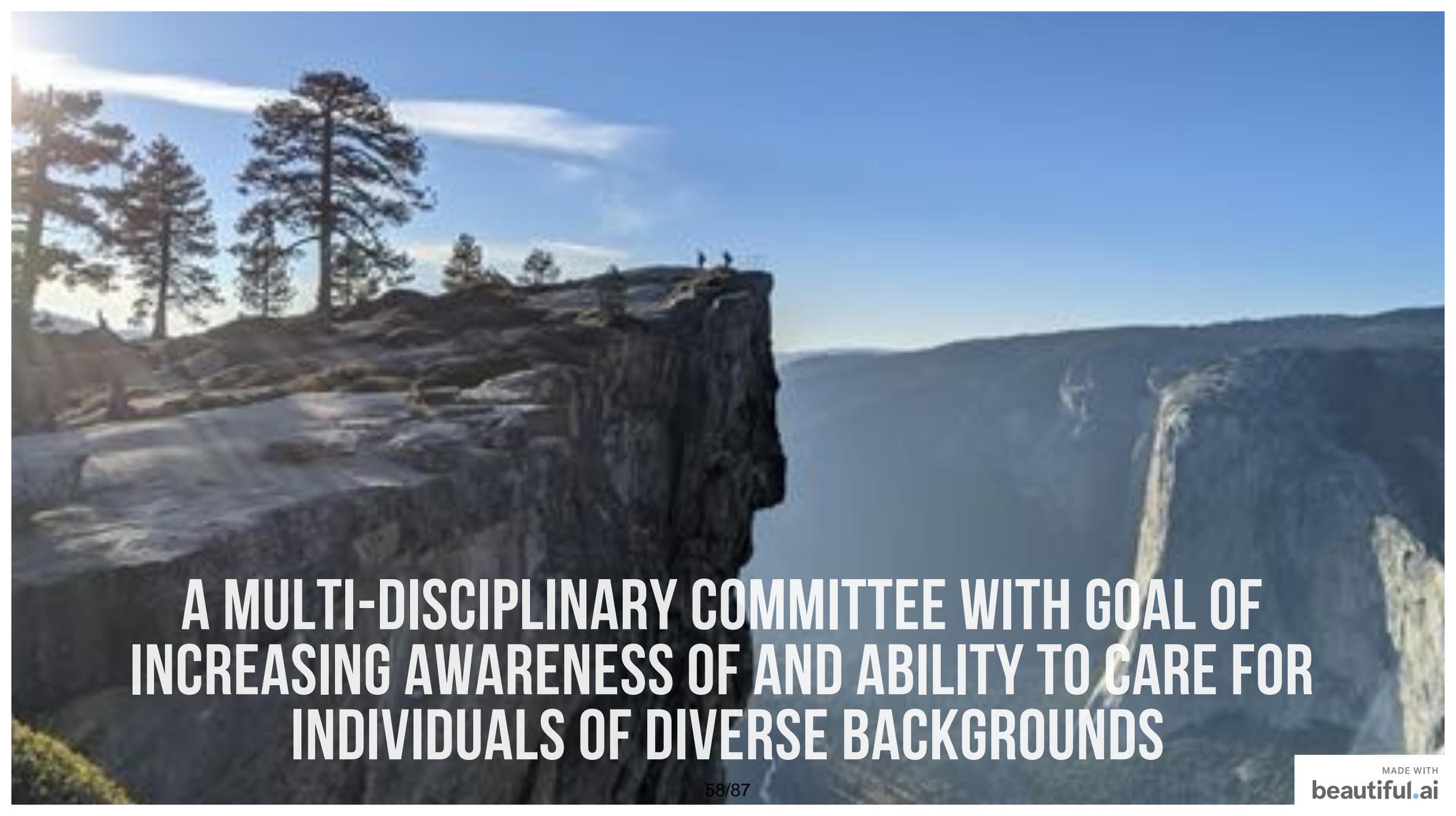
# CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

October 21, 2021

Inbal Epstein, MD, PGY2

Kaweah Health Emergency Medicine Residency

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**A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WITH GOAL OF  
INCREASING AWARENESS OF AND ABILITY TO CARE FOR  
INDIVIDUALS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS**

A scenic view of a mountain range with a valley and a body of water in the foreground. The mountains are rugged and green, with a valley in the center. The sky is overcast. The text is overlaid on the image.

“A particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on their racial or ethnic group; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.”



**MAY 1, 2018- JAN 31, 2021**



**82,874 ADMISSIONS**

# COMMON REASONS FOR ADMISSION

**PREGNANCY AND  
CHILD BIRTH**

**TRAUMA**

**RESPIRATORY**

**INFECTION**

**KIDNEY DISEASE**

**DIABETES**

**CARDIAC**

**NEUROLOGIC**

**GASTROINTESTINAL**

**SUBSTANCE USE**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

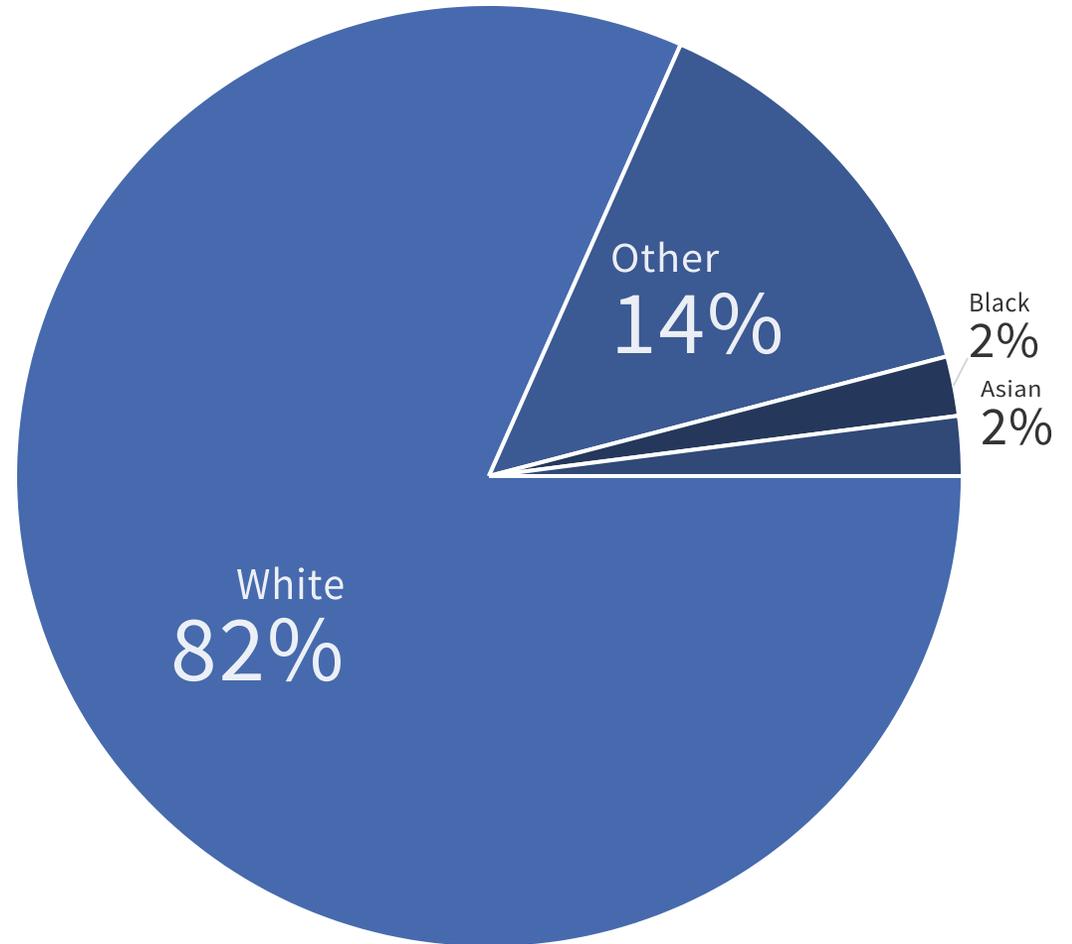
**ELECTIVE SURGERY**

**CANCER**



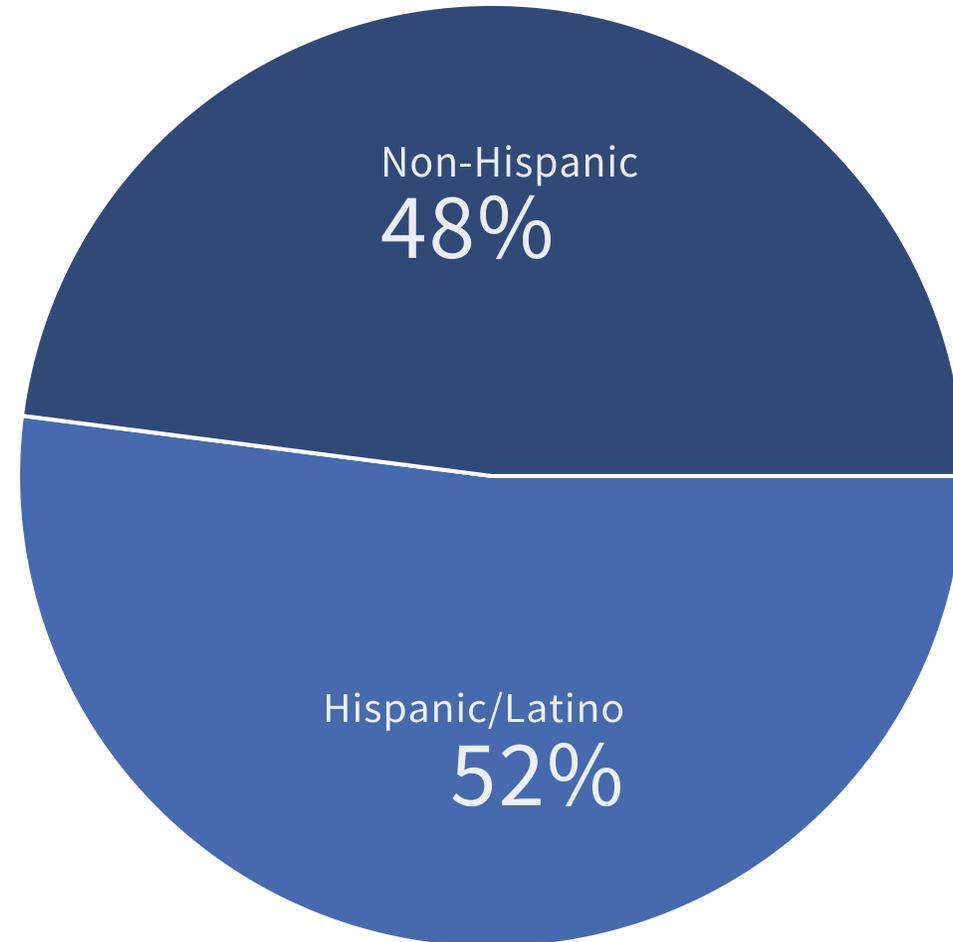


# RACE





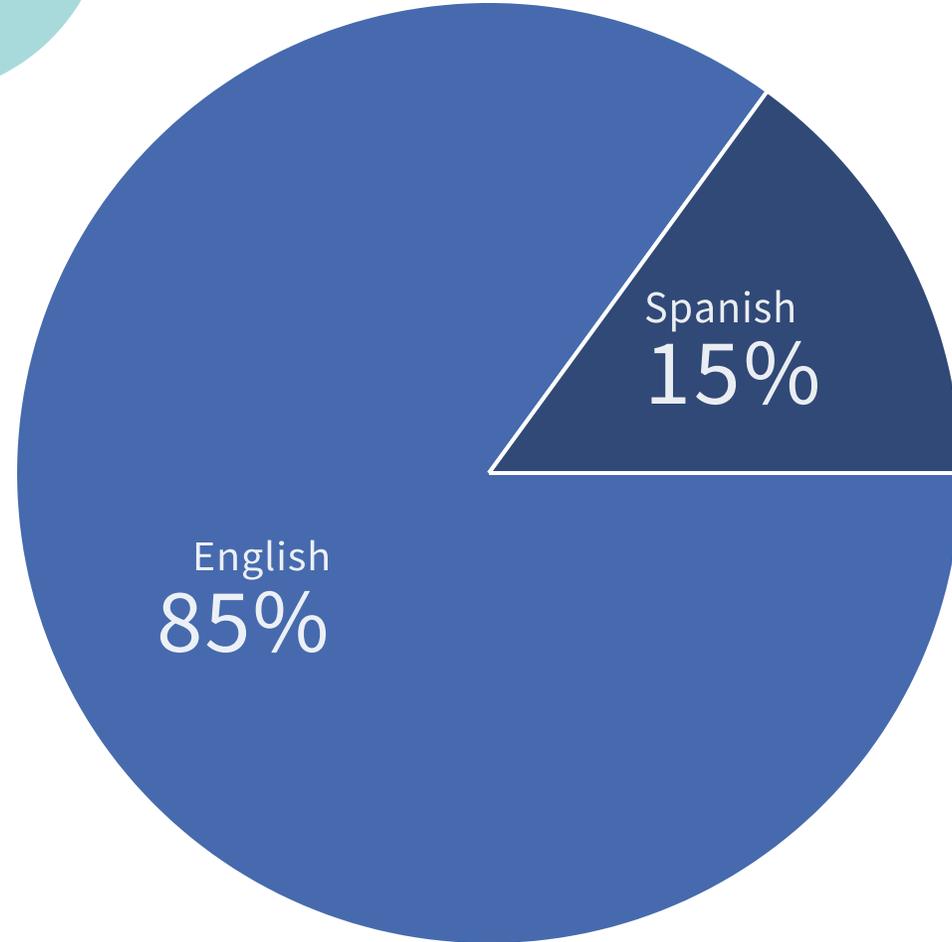
# ETHNICITY





# LANGUAGE

<1%  
Lao  
Portuguese  
Arabic



# INPATIENT MORTALITY, %

	Kaweah 2018-2021	US (2010)*
All-Cause	2.72%	2.00%
Sepsis	11.79%	16.30%
Kidney Disease	5.27%	3.50%
Stroke	3.50%	4.70%
Pneumonia (Non-COVID)	3.29%	3.30%
Heart Disease	3.28%	3.10%
COVID	17.97%	10-20%**

# “OTHER” RACE - MORTALITY

	n	Overall	Sepsis	Cardiac	COPD	COVID	Kidney Disease	Stroke
White	66,129	2.58%	10.82%	2.68%	8.50%	18.33%	5.07%	3.42%
Other	11,655	3.64%	18.27%	7.43%	27.20%	17.50%	11.03%	5.44%



# MORTALITY- LANGUAGE

**ENGLISH**

2.68%

**PANJABI**

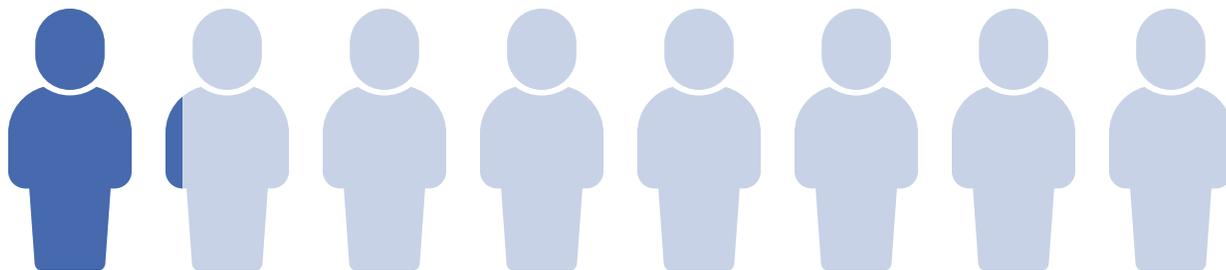
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**LAO**

7.89%

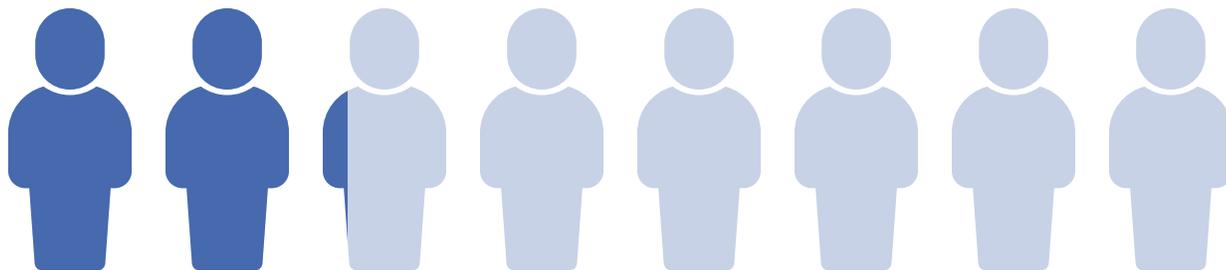
# COVID ADMISSIONS AMONG SPANISH-SPEAKING PATIENTS

13.8%



All Admissions

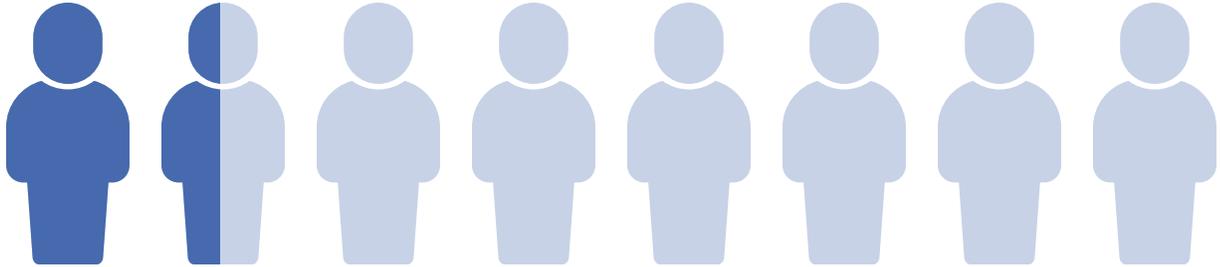
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COVID Admissions

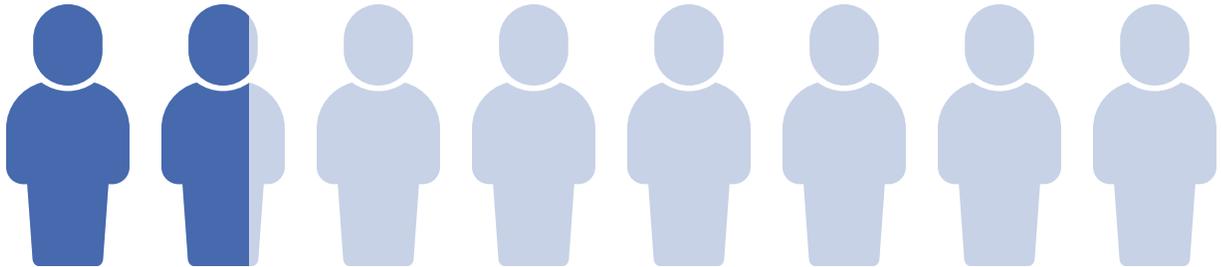
# COVID MORTALITY

17.2%



English

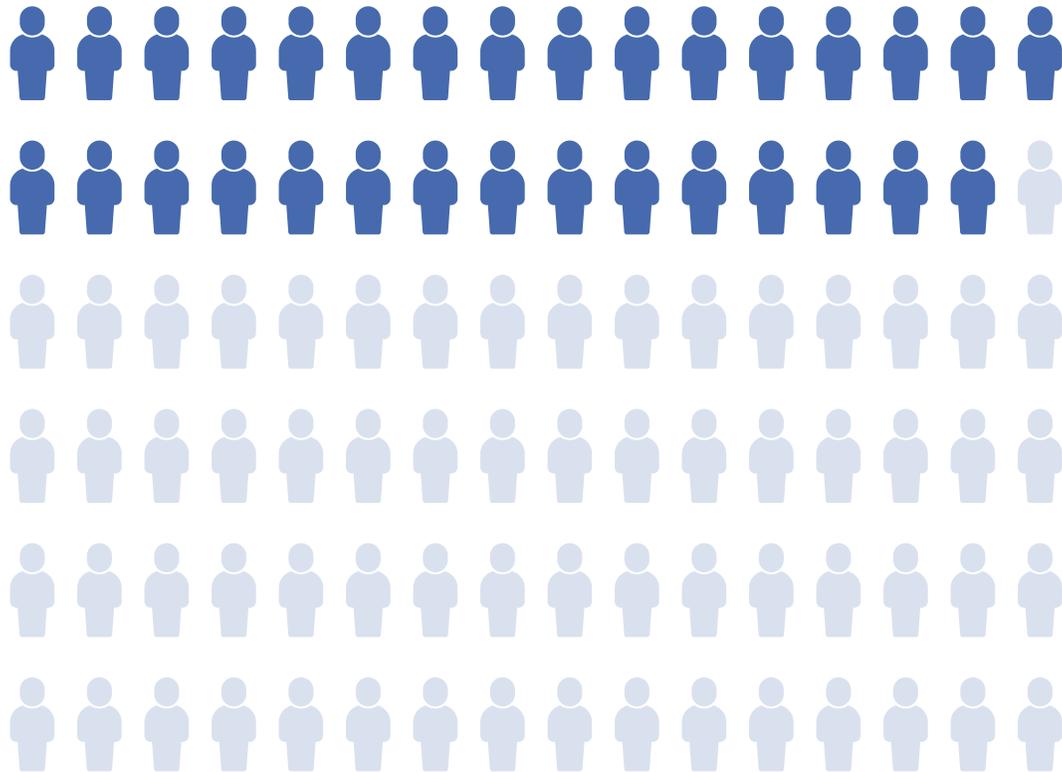
19.5%



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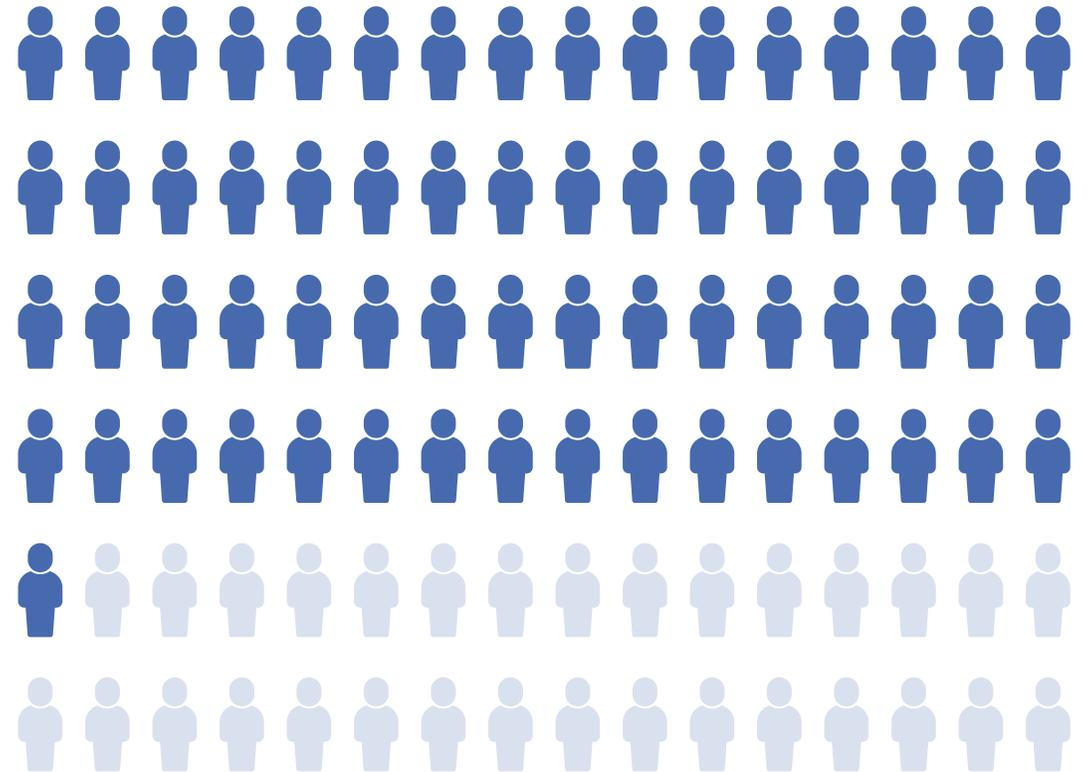
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32%



Hispanic

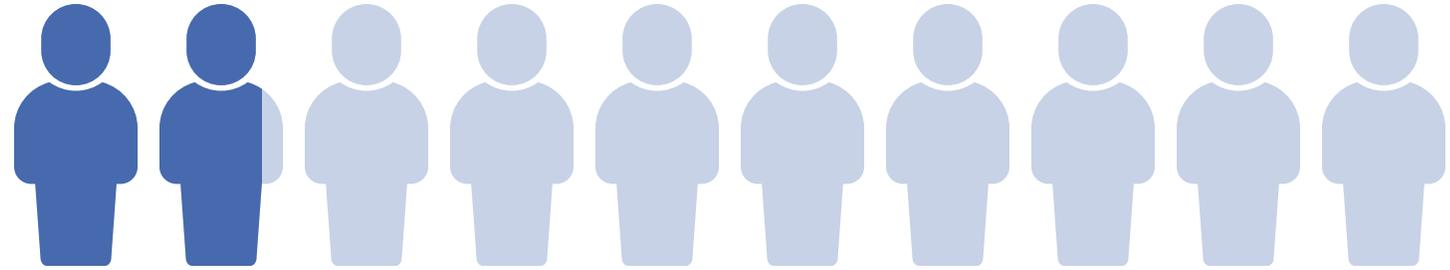
67%



Non-Hispanic

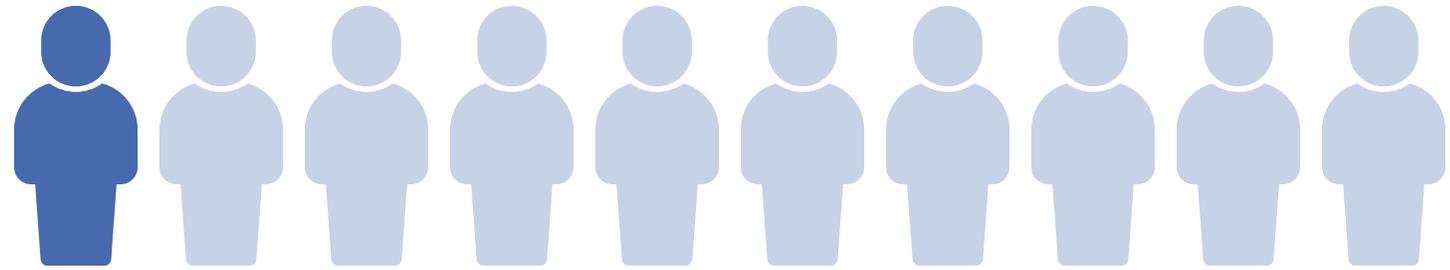
# CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE MORTALITY RATE

17%



Hispanic/Latino

10%

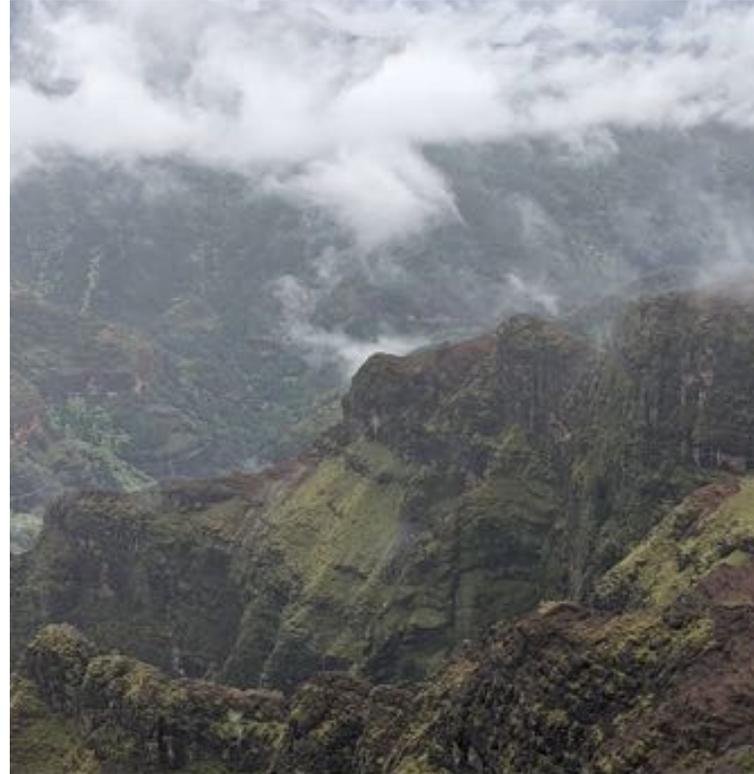


Non-Hispanic

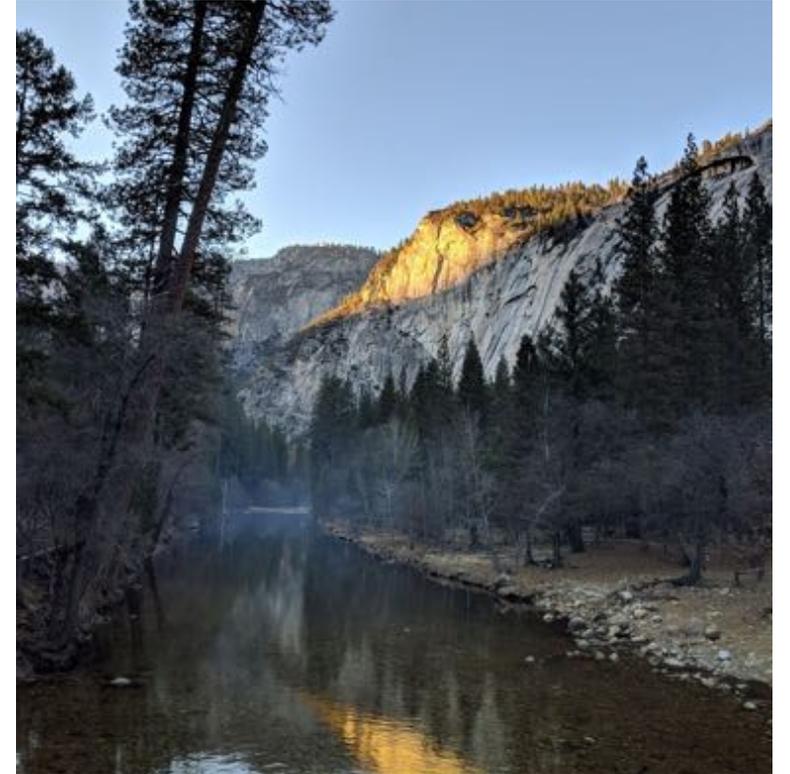
# SUMMARY



**Kaweah serves a diverse range of patients**



**Demographic information highlights disparities among patient groups**



**This information can be used to improve patient outcomes**



QUESTIONS?

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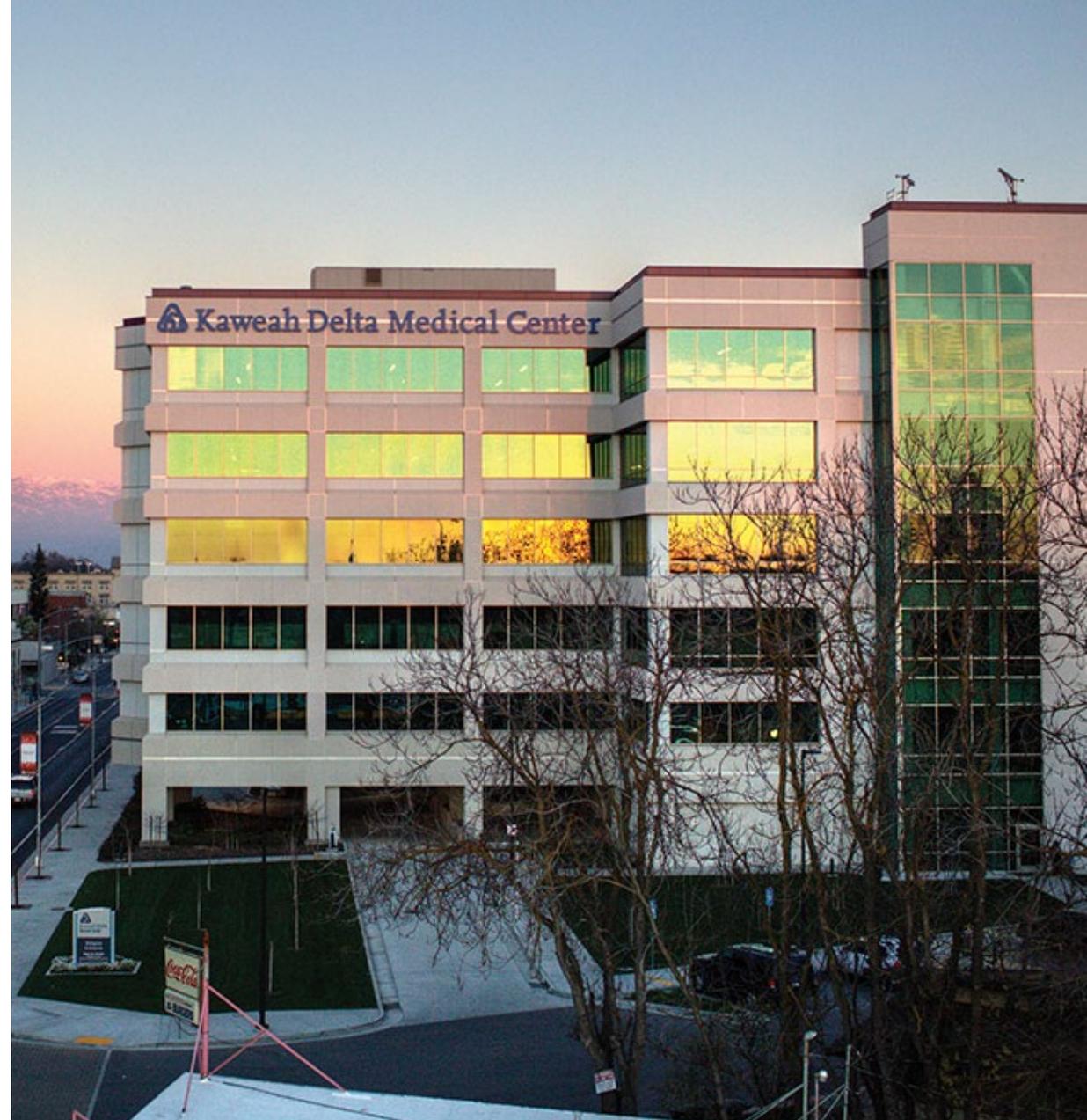
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# Clinical Quality Goal Update

October 2021



# FY22 Clinical Quality Goals

**Our Mission**  
 Health is our passion.  
 Excellence is our focus.  
 Compassion is our promise.

**Our Vision**  
 To be your world-class  
 healthcare choice, for life

<b>July-Aug 2021</b> Higher is Better	FY22 Goal	FY21	FY21 Goal
<b>SEP-1</b> (% Bundle Compliance)	<b>65%</b>	≥ 75%	74%
			≥ 70%

Percent of patients with this serious infection complication that received “perfect care”. Perfect care is the right treatment at the right time for our sepsis patients.

	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	June 2022	Estimated Annual Number Not to Exceed to Achieve Goal*	FYTD SIR** (number of actual/number expected)	FY22 Goal	FY21 FY20
<b>CAUTI</b> Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>										20	<b>1.649</b>	≤0.676	0.54 1.12
<b>CLABSI</b> Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>										16	<b>1.573</b>	≤0.596	0.75 1.20
<b>MRSA</b> Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>										6	<b>1.767</b>	≤0.727	2.78 1.02

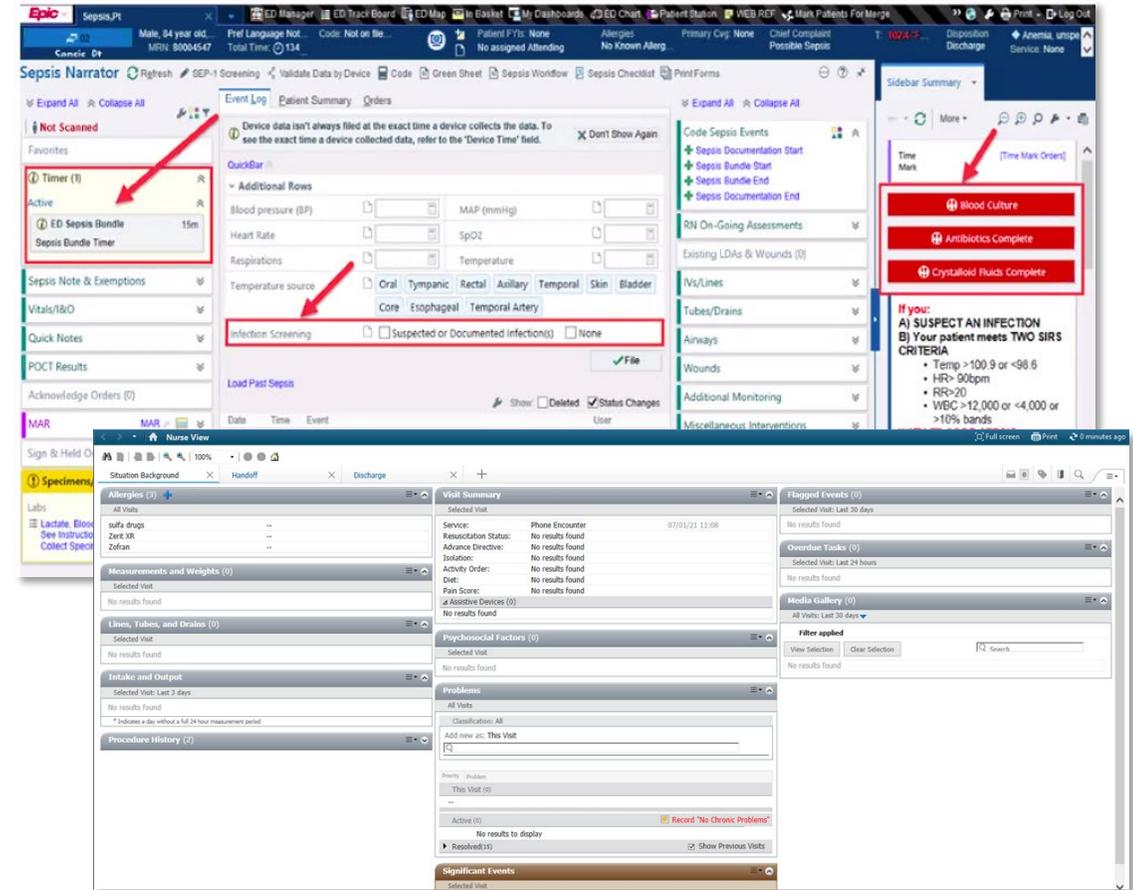
\*based on FY21 NHSN predicted

\*\*Standardized Infection Ratio is the number of patients who acquired one of these infections while in the hospital divided by the number of patients who were expected.

# Key Strategies

## Sepsis

- Sepsis required physician notification of sepsis alert - results in timely best practice intervention, “the bundle” **COMPLETE, GO LIVE 6/29/21!**
- Exploring “Resident Sepsis Resource” for Coordinator off hours with Dr. Winston
- NEXT - sepsis handoff checklist, which is used to identify any remaining CMS SEP-1 elements needed for the treatment of patients suffering from severe sepsis.
  - Checklist used as a handoff from nurse to nurse, and identifies the remaining elements needed to fulfill SEP-1 requirements.
  - Ideal for instances when a patient transitions from the ED to their respective inpatient bed, or upon transitioning from a previous inpatient location to a new inpatient location (e.g., patients transitioning to a higher level of care).



# This Just In...

Changes in the 2020 national healthcare-associated infection (HAI) standardized infection ratios (SIRs) for acute-care hospitals, compared to respective 2019 quarters

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	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4
CLABSI	↓ -11.8%	↑ 27.9%	↑ 46.4%	↑ 47.0%
CAUTI	↓ -21.3%	No Change <sup>1</sup>	↑ 12.7%	↑ 18.8%
VAE	↑ 11.3%	↑ 33.7%	↑ 29.0%	↑ 44.8%
SSI: Colon surgery	↓ -9.1%	No Change <sup>1</sup>	↓ -6.9%	↓ -8.3%
SSI: Abdominal hysterectomy	↓ -16.0%	No Change <sup>1</sup>	No Change <sup>1</sup>	↓ -13.1%
Laboratory-identified MRSA bacteremia	↓ -7.2%	↑ 12.2%	↑ 22.5%	↑ 33.8%
Laboratory-identified CDI	↓ -17.5%	↓ -10.3%	↓ -8.8%	↓ -5.5%

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**Fig. 1.** Changes in the 2020 national healthcare-associated infection (HAI) standardized infection ratios (SIRs) for acute-care hospitals, compared to respective 2019 quarters. Note. CLABSI, central-line-associated bloodstream infection; CAUTI, catheter-associated urinary tract infection; VAE, ventilator-associated event; SSI, surgical site infection; MRSA, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; CDI, *Clostridioides difficile* infection. Interpretation: Unless otherwise noted, the results of the significance tests comparing consecutive annual pairs of quarterly SIRs are based on a 2-tailed test  $P \leq .05$ ; however, the directional percentage change is based on the relative change in magnitude. An arrow pointing down, and a negative percentage change value, indicate that the 2020 SIR is lower than the 2019 SIR for the same quarter. An arrow pointing up, and a positive percentage change value, indicate that the 2020 SIR is higher than the 2019 SIR for the same quarter. Note. 1. "No change" signifies that the change in SIR was not statistically significant.

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## Original Article

### The impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on healthcare-associated infections in 2020: A summary of data reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network

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#### Abstract

**Objectives:** To determine the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on healthcare-associated infection (HAI) incidence in US hospitals, national- and state-level standardized infection ratios (SIRs) were calculated for each quarter in 2020 and compared to those from 2019.

**Methods:** Central-line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs), catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs), ventilator-associated events (VAEs), select surgical site infections, and *Clostridioides difficile* and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacteremia laboratory-identified events reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network for 2019 and 2020 by acute-care hospitals were analyzed. SIRs were calculated for each HAI and quarter by dividing the number of reported infections by the number of predicted infections, calculated using 2015 national baseline data. Percentage changes between 2019 and 2020 SIRs were calculated. Supporting analyses, such as an assessment of device utilization in 2020 compared to 2019, were also performed.

**Results:** Significant increases in the national SIRs for CLABSI, CAUTI, VAE, and MRSA bacteremia were observed in 2020. Changes in the SIR varied by quarter and state. The largest increase was observed for CLABSI, and significant increases in VAE incidence and ventilator utilization were seen across all 4 quarters of 2020.

**Conclusions:** This report provides a national view of the increases in HAI incidence in 2020. These data highlight the need to return to conventional infection prevention and control practices and build resiliency in these programs to withstand future pandemics.

(Received 12 July 2021; accepted 15 July 2021)

# Key Strategies

## CAUTI & CLABSI

- Kaizen Reboot for CAUTI prevention;
  - additional root causes identified and QI strategies developed focused on RN implementation of protocols and cleanliness
- Letter to providers who were involved with a CAUTI event, going to physician leaders for approval
- EMR changes to improve catheter appropriateness, adherence to bundle elements and to manage retention
- New alternatives to catheter products trials
- Peripheral IV QI - Including peripheral IVs to critical care gemba, and evaluating “just in case lines” and care practices
- Increasing midline insertion in ED through EM Resident and PICC team partnership



# Key Strategies

Planned Interventions to reduce MRSA Bloodstream infection

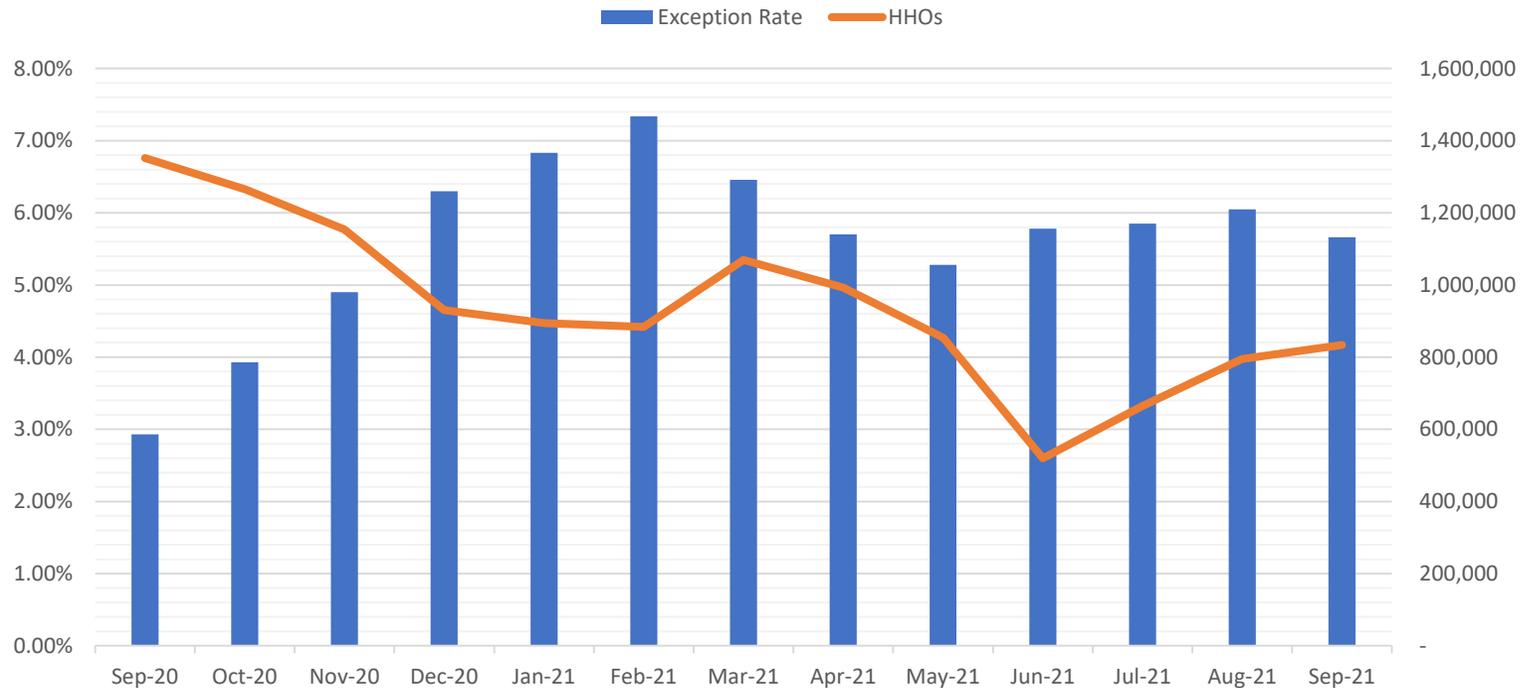
1. Hand Hygiene – BioVigil and Non-BioVigil areas, 95% compliance & use of BioVigil system

Goal: return to  
September 2020

High volume of HHO ←

Low exception rates ←

BioVigil Hand Hygiene Opportunites & Exception Rates



# Key Strategies

Planned Interventions to reduce MRSA Bloodstream infection

## 1. Hand Hygiene – BioVigil Report to Leadership

Dashboard View Provides:

- Over all compliance for date range (goal >95%)
- Total Hand Hygiene Opportunities (HHOs)
- Number of registered users (includes LOAs)
- Number of users with no activity (includes LOAs)

BIOVIGIL®

Kaweah Delta

Department

Unit name

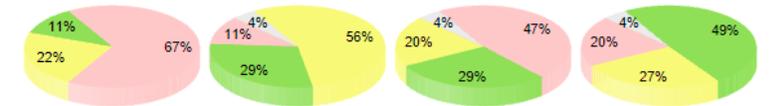
Performance Summary Dashboard By Department

From: 9/12/2021 12:00:00 AM (-07:00); To: 10/12/2021 5:14:00 PM (-07:00)

Total HHOs **25,081** Total Compliance **96.6%**

Current Deployment

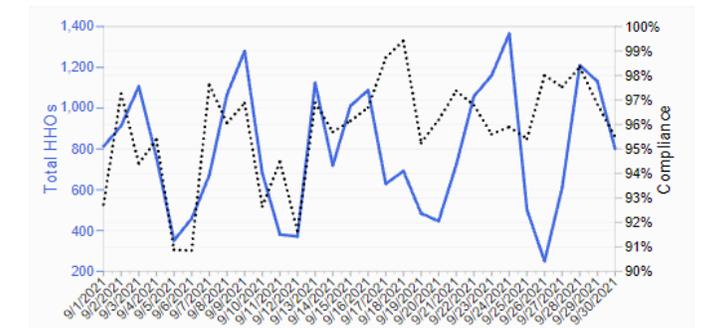
Registered Users **84**  
 New users (within last 30 days) **6**  
 Users with no activity **41**  
 Users without keys **2**



Badge Hours/wk		HHOs/hour		Exception Rate		Total Compliance	
Classification	#	Classification	#	Classification	#	Classification	#
Exceptional	5	Exceptional	13	Exceptional	13	Exceptional	22
Above Target	10	Above Target	25	Above Target	9	Above Target	12
Below Target	30	Below Target	5	Below Target	21	Below Target	9
		Insufficient	2	Insufficient	2	Insufficient	2

since 12/18/2019

Cumulative HHOs **638,786** Cumulative Compliance **97.1%**



# Key Strategies

## Planned Interventions to reduce MRSA Bloodstream infection

### 2. Decolonization Processes

- ICU and 4N Trial with standardize procedure, goal Nov 1<sup>st</sup> go live
- Dashboards (over all and unit level) for steps of decolonization process outside trial units

### 3. Environment & Equipment Cleaning

- By end of September use ATP monitoring to evaluate cleanliness/compliance with policy on patient care equipment cleaning (primarily nursing processes)
- Ongoing efforts to address cleanliness (primarily EVS processes), prioritize units

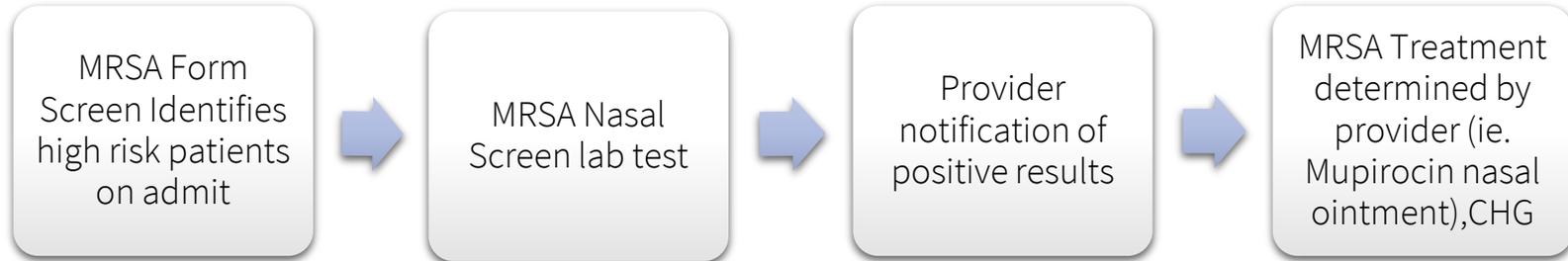


# Key Strategies

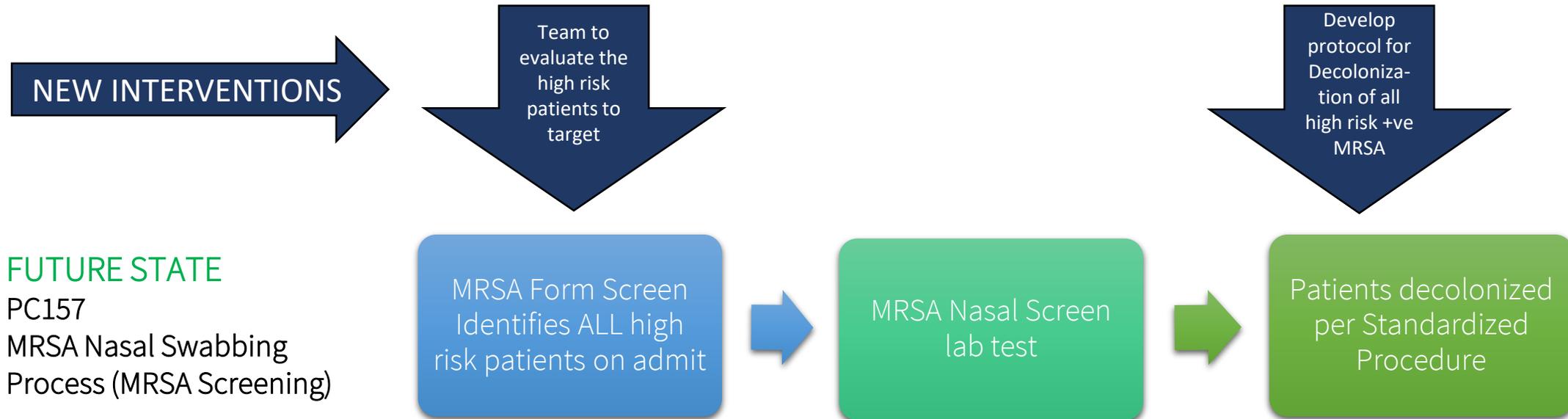
Planned Interventions to reduce MRSA Bloodstream infection  
4N and ICU Decolonization Trial – Tentative Start: Nov 1, 2021

## CURRENT STATE

PC157  
MRSA Nasal Swabbing  
Process (MRSA Screening)



## NEW INTERVENTIONS



## FUTURE STATE

PC157  
MRSA Nasal Swabbing  
Process (MRSA Screening)

# Action Plan Status Sept 2021

## Culture of Culturing

1. Get sputum cultures in ICU when respiratory infection suspected rather than BC **COMPLETE**
2. Display previous culture results when ordering new culture **COMPLETE**
3. Remove the pre checked order on the ICU admission order set which order BC for temp >38.5. Review all order sets for embedded pre-checked orders **COMPLETE, reviewing RRT orders**
4. Providers to attend HAI meeting to help identify barriers and challenges to HAIs/cultures **ONGOING, NOW A CME!**
5. Extending serial blood culture Alert (for when BC are ordered after BC orders have been placed within 24 hrs) **COMPLETE**
6. Fever workup training for providers, residents and nursing **IN PROCESS**
7. Color coding of temperatures in EMR **COMPLETE**
8. Evaluating EMR functionality for fever work ups (ie. alerts for ordering cultures based off 1 abnormal temp, axillary temp) **IN PROCESS**
9. Evaluating CRBSI process with medical staff stakeholders (sequencing of blood cultures by lab for patients who have a central line that is necessary and an infectious process that needs evaluation) **IN PROCESS**

### SUMMARY

- Educating providers and RNs on culturing the right thing at the right time for the right reasons and soliciting feedback on the barriers
- Using the EMR as a tool to aid in culturing practices:
  - Removing pre-checked orders to elicit a thoughtful pause
  - Using an alert to avoid unnecessary cultures (over 200 avoided over a 2 week period!)
  - Evaluating functionality in culture ordering practices based on fever
- Evaluating a process where lab takes care of culturing timing for patients who have a central line

# FY22 Clinical Quality Goals

Our Mission  
Health is our passion. Excellence is our focus. Compassion is our promise.

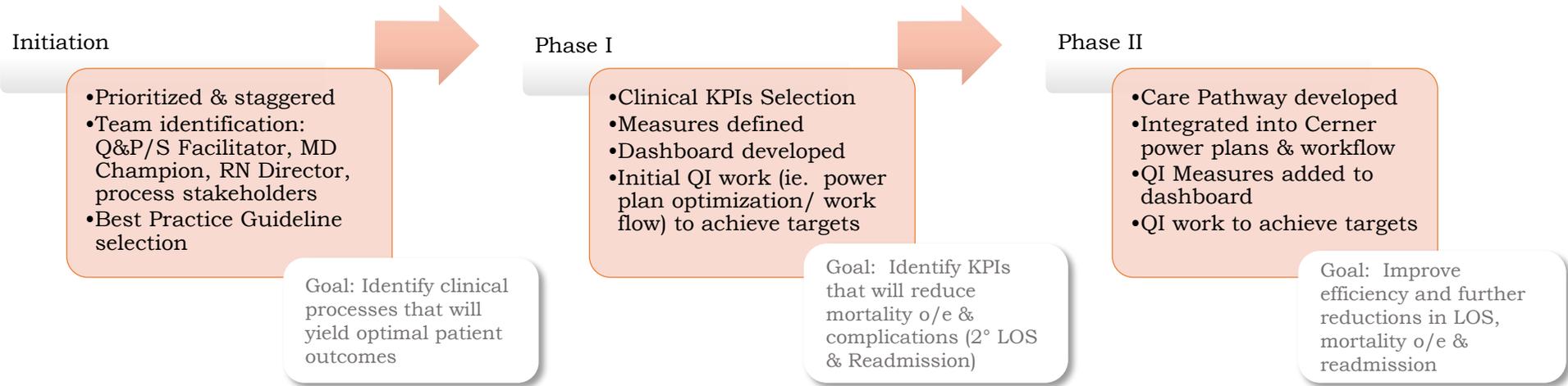
Our Vision  
To be your world-class healthcare choice, for life

Performance Measure	Baseline	FY22 Goal	Jan 2021- June 2021	Status
Hospital Readmissions (%) Medicare Population	(FY2019) AMI – 12.34 COPD – 16.09 HF – 18.22 PN Viral/Bacterial – 14.13	AMI – 11.10 COPD – 12.87 HF – 14.58 PN Viral/Bacterial – 11.03	AMI – 12.5 COPD – 10.0 HF – 21.28 PN Viral/Bacterial – 13.51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Director position filled</li> <li>COPD Team monitoring new process and follow up on identified opportunities</li> </ul>
Decrease Mortality Observed/Expected Rates Medicare Population	(2019) AMI - 0.75 COPD – 2.40 HF – 1.78 PN Bacterial – 1.85 PN Viral – 1.34	AMI - 0.71 COPD – 1.92 HF – 1.42 PN Bacterial – 1.48 PN Viral 1.07	AMI – 0.84 COPD – 0.93 HF – 0.911 PN Bacterial – 1.04 PN Viral -0.64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Director position filled</li> <li>Guideline review and measures/dashboard development with key performance indicators</li> </ul>
Home Medication List Review of High Risk Patients (inpatient admission)	57% (Avg Oct 2020 and Feb 2021)	100%	71% Jan-June 2021 91% July 1-July 31, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan-June 2021</li> <li>2-3 Pharmacy Techs (M-F, 8 hour shifts)</li> <li>July 2021                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.5 Pharmacy Techs (weekend coverage added, 10 hour shifts)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Complete Initial Home Medication w/in 12 hours of Inpatient Admission	N/A	100%	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring reporting capabilities with ISS</li> </ul>
Outpatient Medication Reconciliation w/in 30 days Post Discharge (MRP)	N/A	44%	21% Jan-June 2021 41% July 1-August 31, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement noted due to optimization in CERNER Millennium for all ambulatory care providers</li> </ul>
Team Round Implementation	MICU currently does this	Design & Pilot on 1-2 units	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Progress-identifying nursing leaders to develop design</li> </ul>

# Best Practice Teams

## AMI (non-STEMI), COPD, Heart Failure & Pneumonia

- Kick off meeting held 9/24/21
- Clinical Practice Guidelines selected for each population
- Key performance indicators (KPIs) developed, goal to complete finalized data definitions by Oct 31, 2021



# Questions?

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