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Quality Improvement & Change Management

Disclosures

NONE

Agenda

1 Introduction of Faculty

2 Intro QI

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3 Change Management





Session	2024-2025 Dates & Times*
Quality Improvement & Change Management	August 8: 1-4 p.m. MT August 21: 1-4 p.m. MT
Applied Patient Safety	August 15: 1-4 p.m. MT
Acquiring Data to Drive Change	September 5: 1-4 p.m. MT
Designing for Change	September 11: 1-4 p.m. MT
Spreading Change Locally and Nationally	September 19: 1-4 p.m. MT
Coaching and Teaching Quality Improvement	October 2: 1-4 p.m. MT



Quality Improvement

QI = Quality Improvement

Systematic and continuous actions that lead to ***measurable*** improvement in health care services and the health status of targeted patient groups.



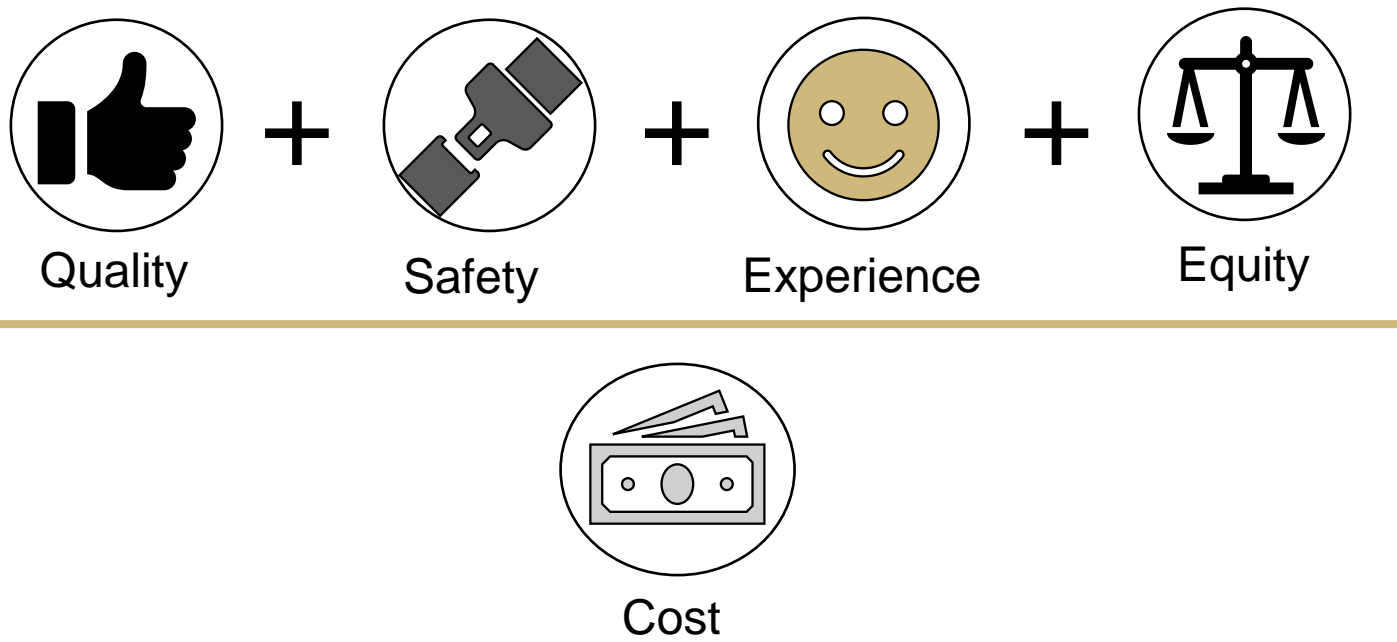
Value

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VALUE = $\frac{\text{Quality} + \text{Safety} + \text{Experience} + \text{Equity}}{\text{Cost}}$





Models of Quality Improvement

PDSA/Model for Improvement

Six sigma

Lean





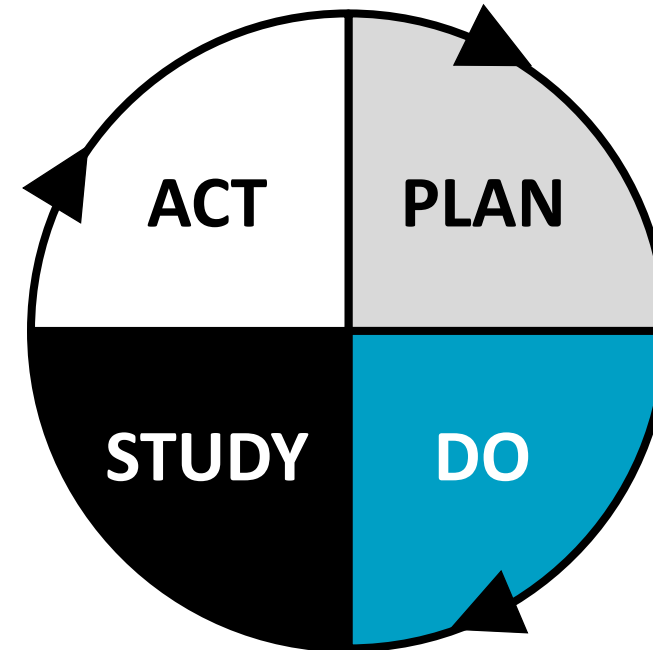
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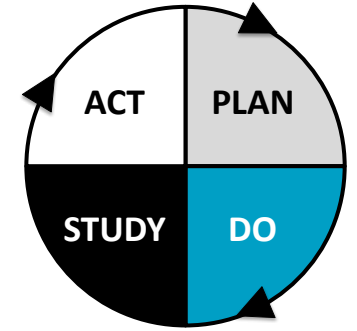
Model for Improvement

What are we trying to accomplish?

How will we know that change is an improvement?

What changes can we make that will result in an improvement?





Plan: identify your problem, analyze contributing factors, and determine an intervention

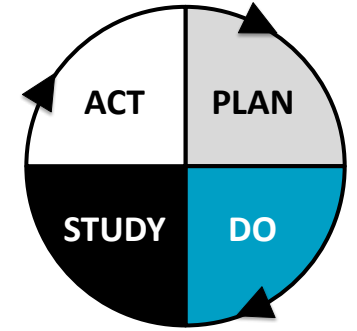
Do: implement the intervention

Study: evaluate the results of the intervention

Act: determine what to do next to sustain or improve



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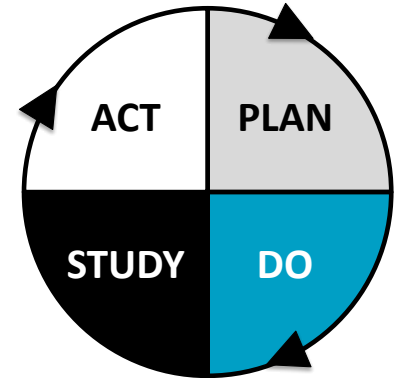
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Six Sigma

“six” standard deviations from mean
(error rate of one per 3.4 per million)

DMAIC (*də-MAY-ick*)

Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control



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Lean

Maximize value while *through* minimizing waste.

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Kaizen

'improvement' or 'change for better' (from 改 kai - change, revision; and 善 zen - virtue, goodness) with the inherent meaning of either 'continuous' or 'philosophy'



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Eight Forms of Waste in Healthcare



Underutilization



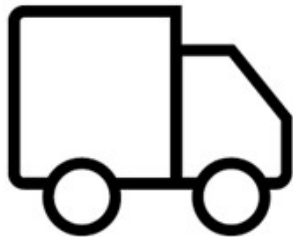
Inventory



Motion



Defects



Transportation



Waiting



Extra Processing



Overproduction



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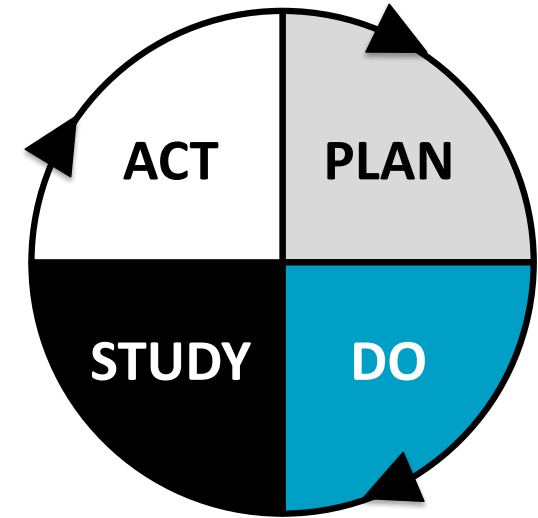
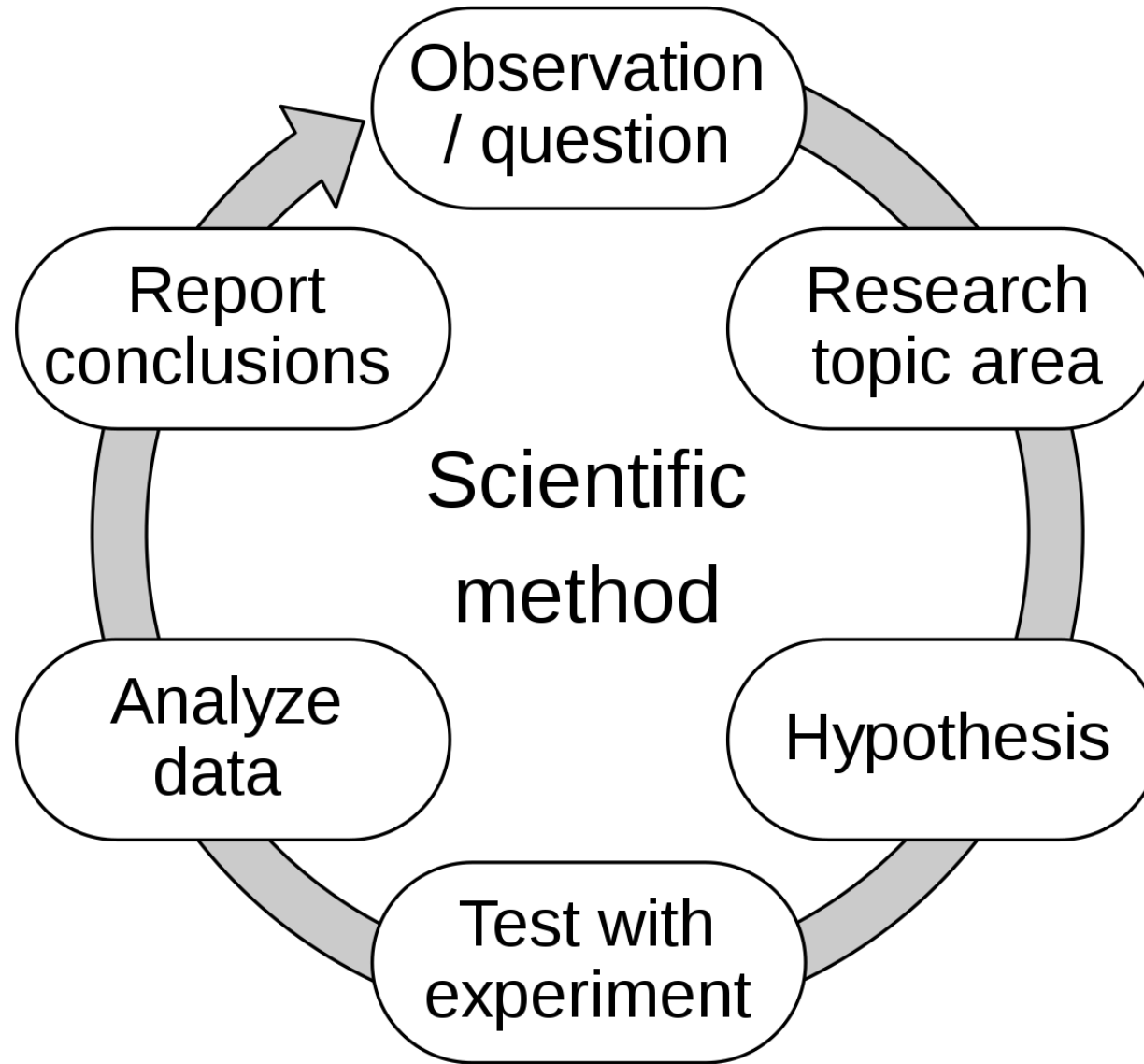
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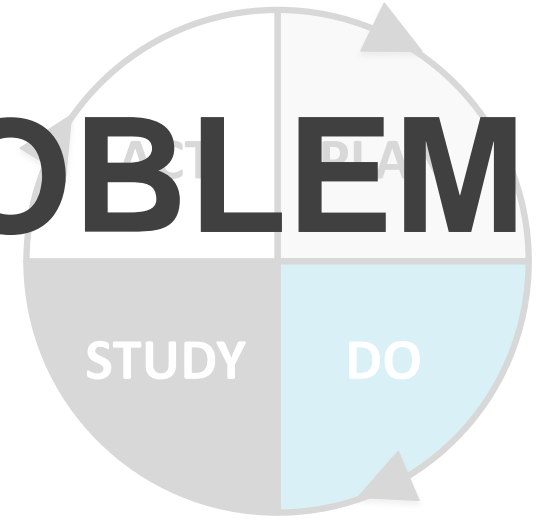
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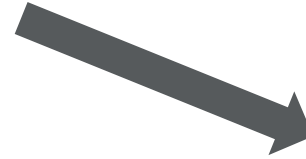


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Sense a problem

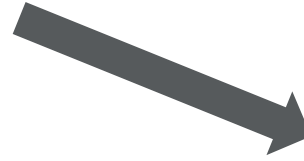
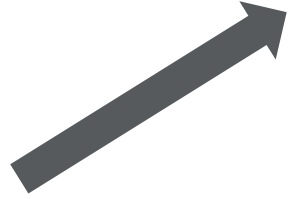


No improvement





Sense a problem





Sense a problem



Sustained improvement





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Order and Order Set Search

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Order Sets & Panels

Name	User Version Name	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> UCHS IP Delirium Assessment and Management		Order Set

Outcomes Following Implementation of a Hospital-Wide, Multicomponent Delirium Care Pathway

TABLE 3. **Unadjusted and Adjusted Clinical Outcomes for All Patients Combined and Medicine Unit Patients**

Clinical outcome	Unadjusted model result (95% CI)	P value	Adjusted model result (95% CI)	P value
All patients				
Length of stay proportional change ^a	1.00 (0.97-1.05)	.65	0.98 (0.92-0.99)	.0087
Total direct cost proportional change ^a	0.98 (0.96-1.00)	.17	0.99 (0.97-1.01)	.12
30-Day hospital readmission odds ratio	0.93 (0.86-1.00)	.039	0.86 (0.80-0.93)	.0002
Restraint rate ratio	0.83 (0.76-0.91)	<.0001	0.91 (0.71-1.16)	.45
Safety attendant rate ratio	0.51 (0.48-0.54)	<.0001	0.63 (0.41-0.97)	.034



Sense a problem



Sustained improvement



Six Steps for a Successful QI Project

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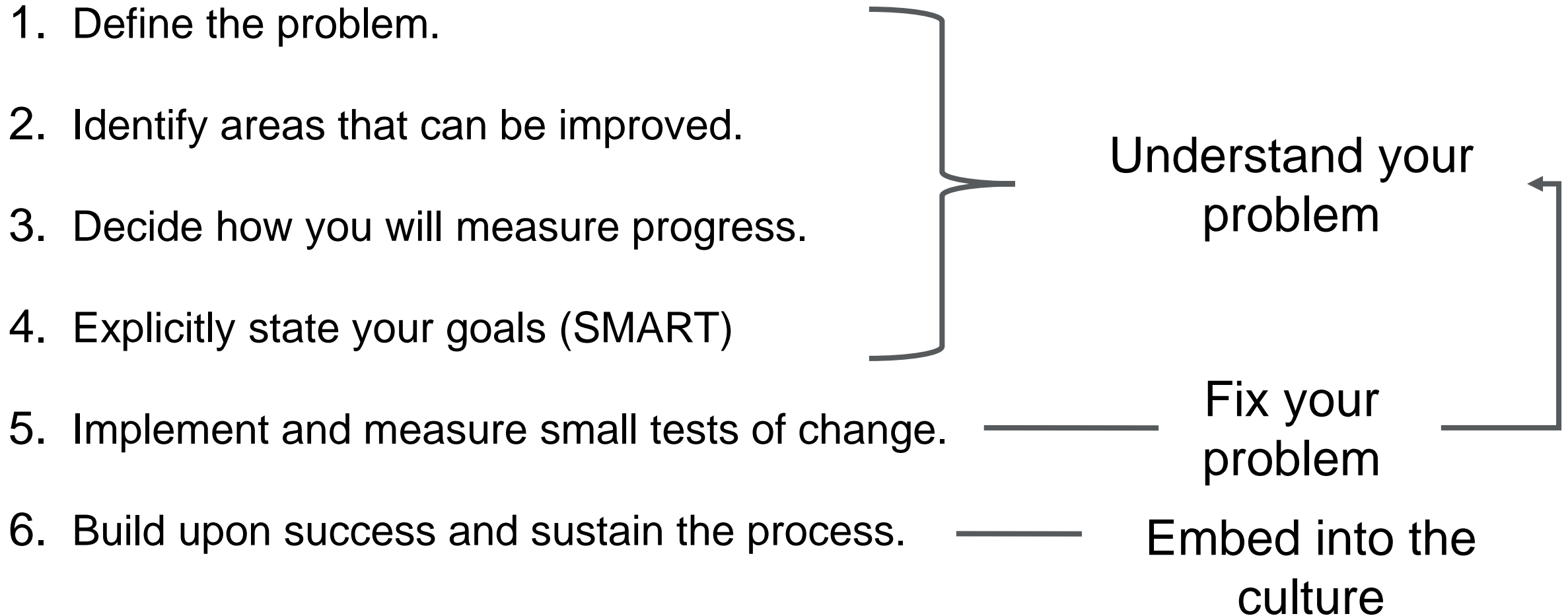


Understand your problem

Fix your problem



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George: 69-Year-old man presents with acute onset chest pain.



69-Year-old man presents with acute onset chest pain.

HD 0: presents with STEMI

Taken emergently to cath lab – **stent placed to LAD**

HD 1: Echo reveals **reduced ejection fraction of 35%**

HD 2: started on **diuretics**

HD 4: **doing-well**, preparing for hospital discharge

HD 5: discharged home on **5 new medications**

Instructed to **“follow-up”** with Cardiology

2 weeks later: found down at home suffering **cardiac arrest.**

On admission: critical hypokalemia to **1.8**

Prolonged hospitalization but eventually discharged to SNF for rehab therapy.

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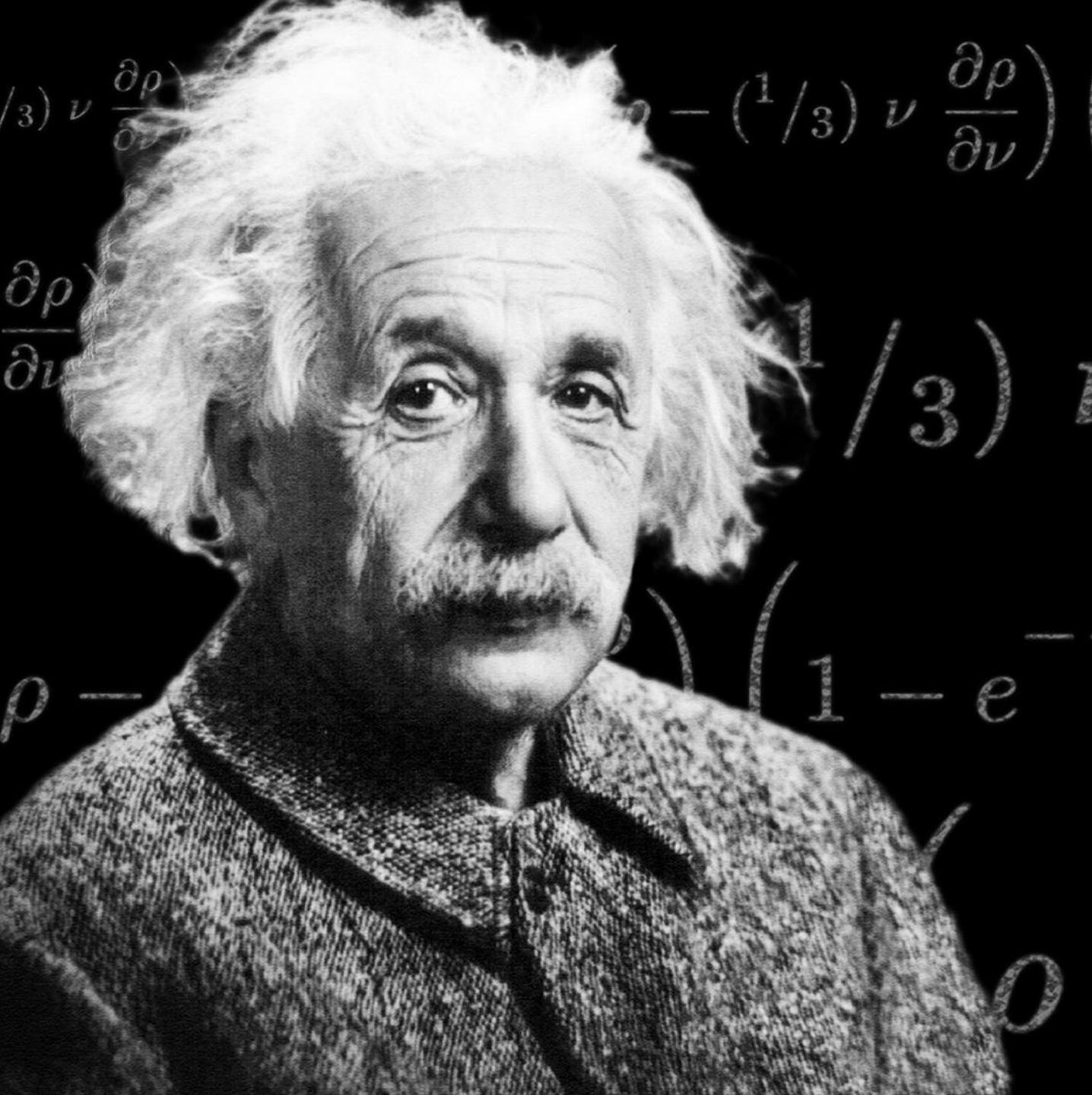
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“If I had an hour to solve a problem, I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and five minutes thinking about solutions.”

1. Define the problem.



Who is affected? By how much?

Are there guidelines to refer to?



1. Define the problem.

Frequency: Count, Percent, Frequency

Vaccination rates

CAUTIs

Wrong-site surgeries

Central Tendency: Mean, Median, and Mode

Mean and median length-of-stay

Dispersion/Variation: Range, Variance, Std. Deviation

a1c measures in a clinic population, amount of blood loss after surgery

Position: Percentile Ranks, Quartile Ranks

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AKA Baseline data!

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1. Define the problem.

Consider the heterogeneity of your population....
Are some groups affected differently than others?

Patients with HbA1c > 8% are more likely to experience complications and comorbidities. At X clinic...

35% of ALL patients with diabetes are not under glycemic control as defined by an A1c < 8%.

40% of Hispanic and Latino patients with diabetes have not achieved glycemic control.





Patients who suffer an acute myocardial infarction (MI) should have follow up within 7-days.

Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) ACS Discharge & Transitions Workgroup

- In the past 4 months, 1/38 (2%) patients with MI were scheduled and seen within one week of discharge.
- The average duration of time from discharge to first appointment is 18.9 days.





Breakout #1

- Introductions
- Your problem/project
- How do you know it's a problem? (IE: "Define")



15 minutes



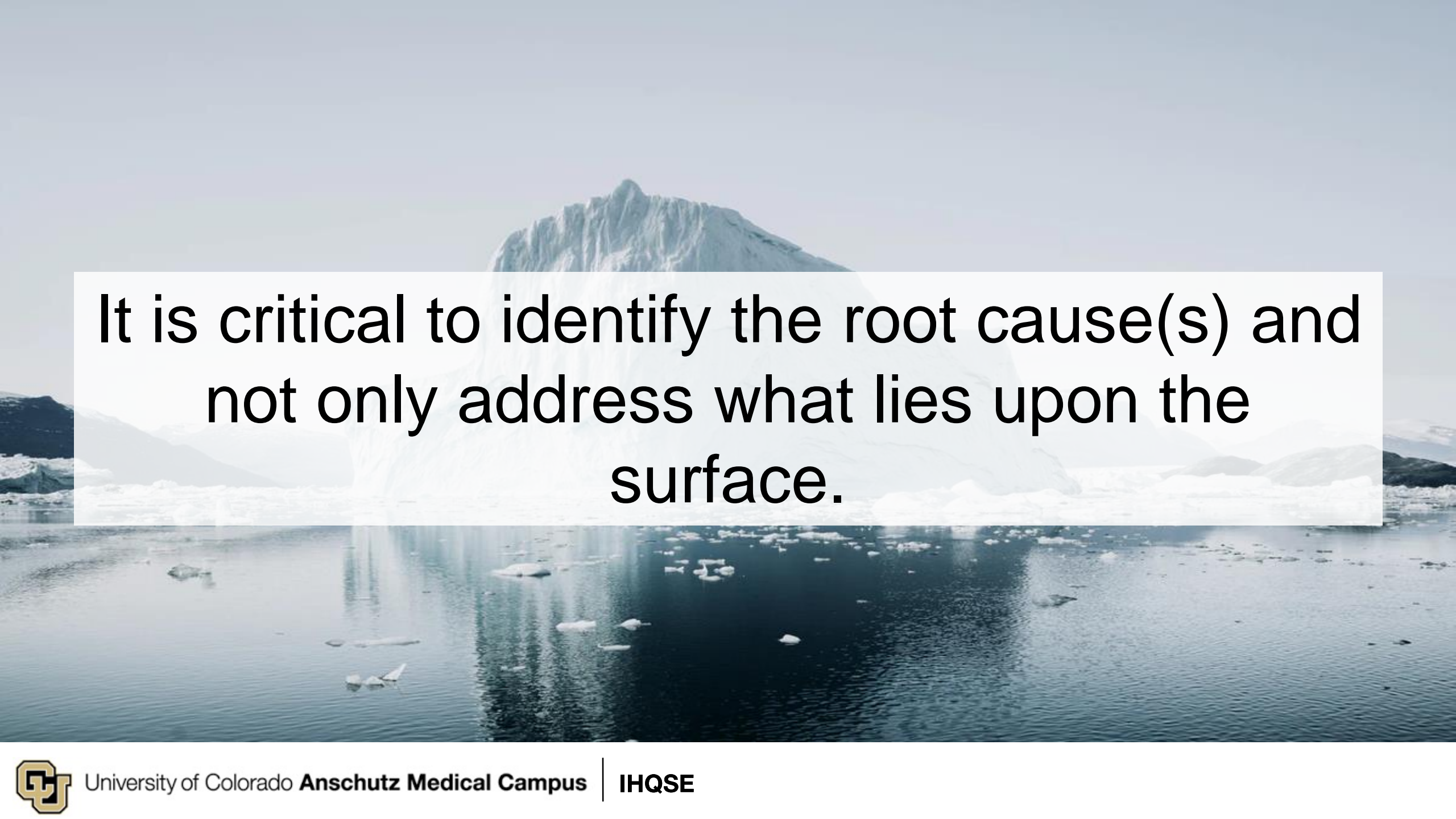
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It is critical to identify the root cause(s) and not only address what lies upon the surface.



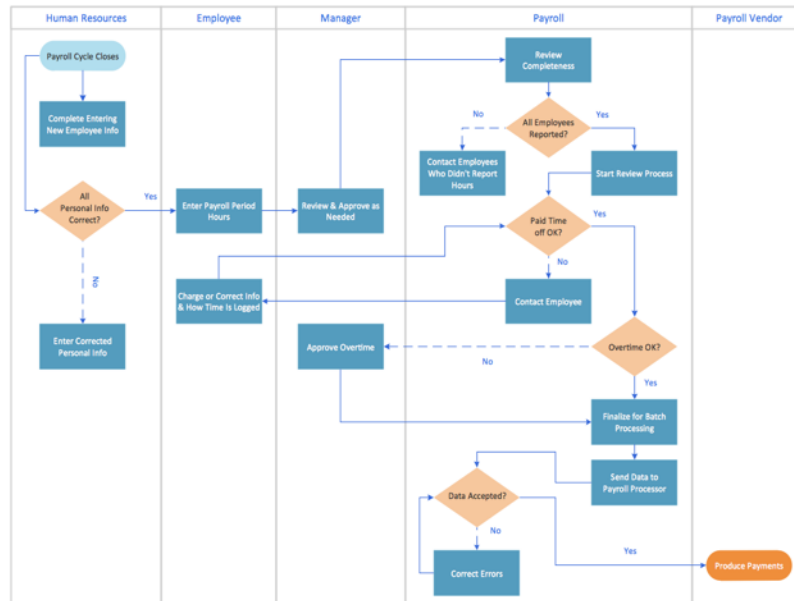
QI Tools



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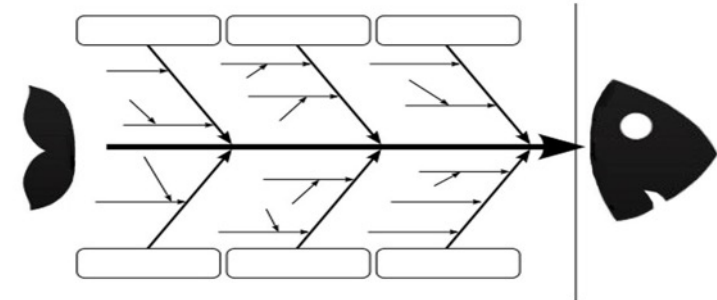


Go See.
Ask Why?
Show Respect.



Causes

Effect



2. Identify areas that can be improved.



Gemba 現場 "the actual place"



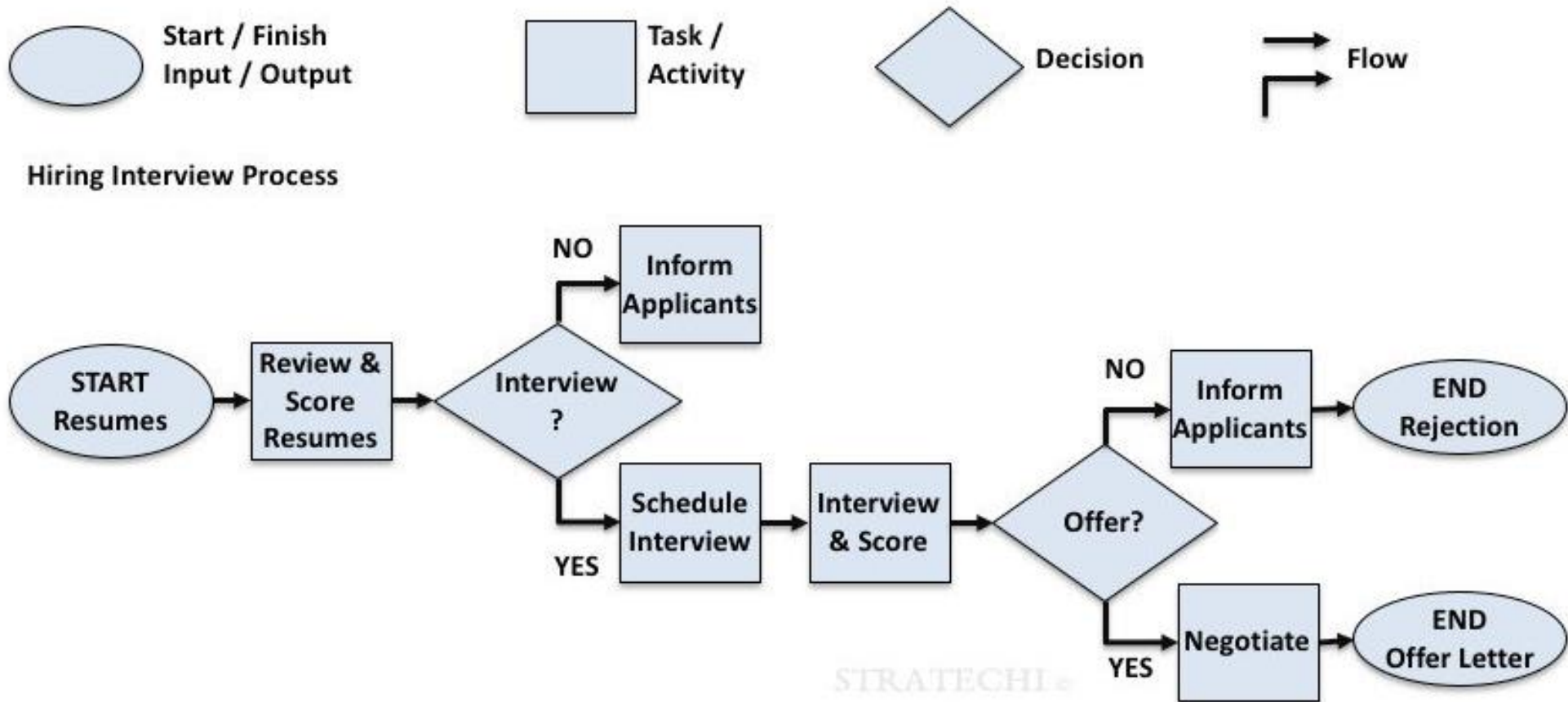
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Process Map

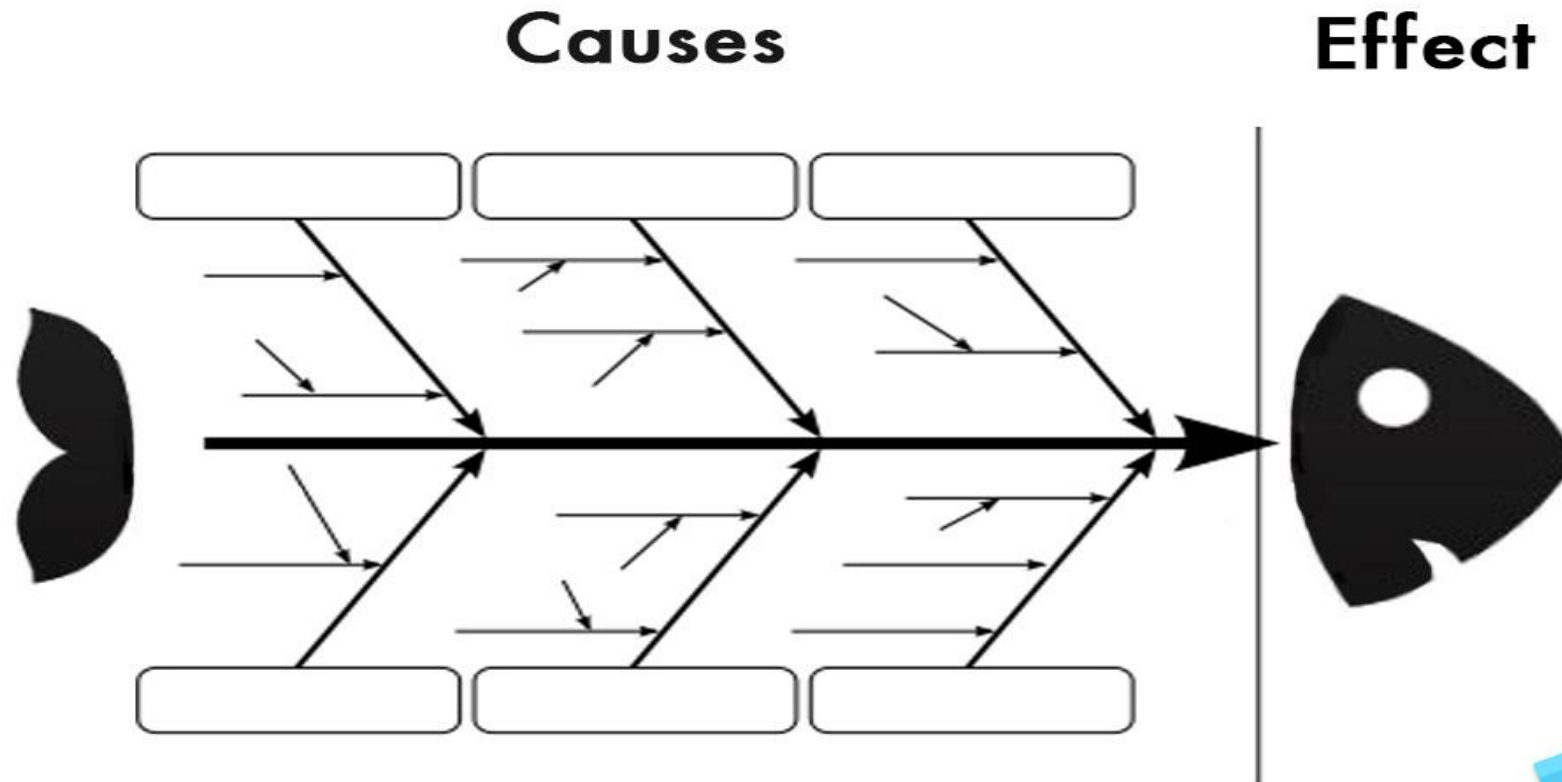


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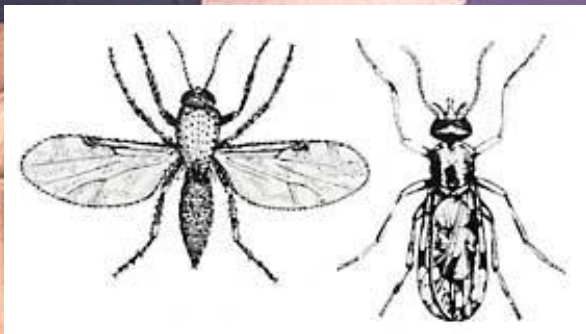


Fishbone “Ishikawa” Diagram





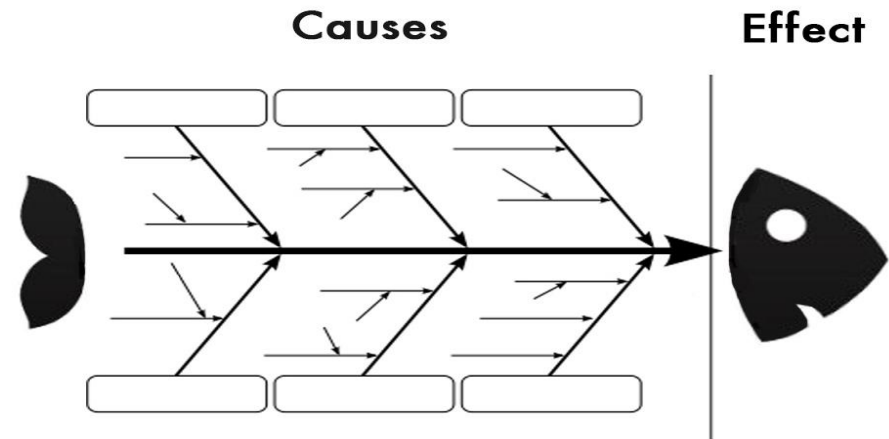
Five Why's



5 Why's (Linear)

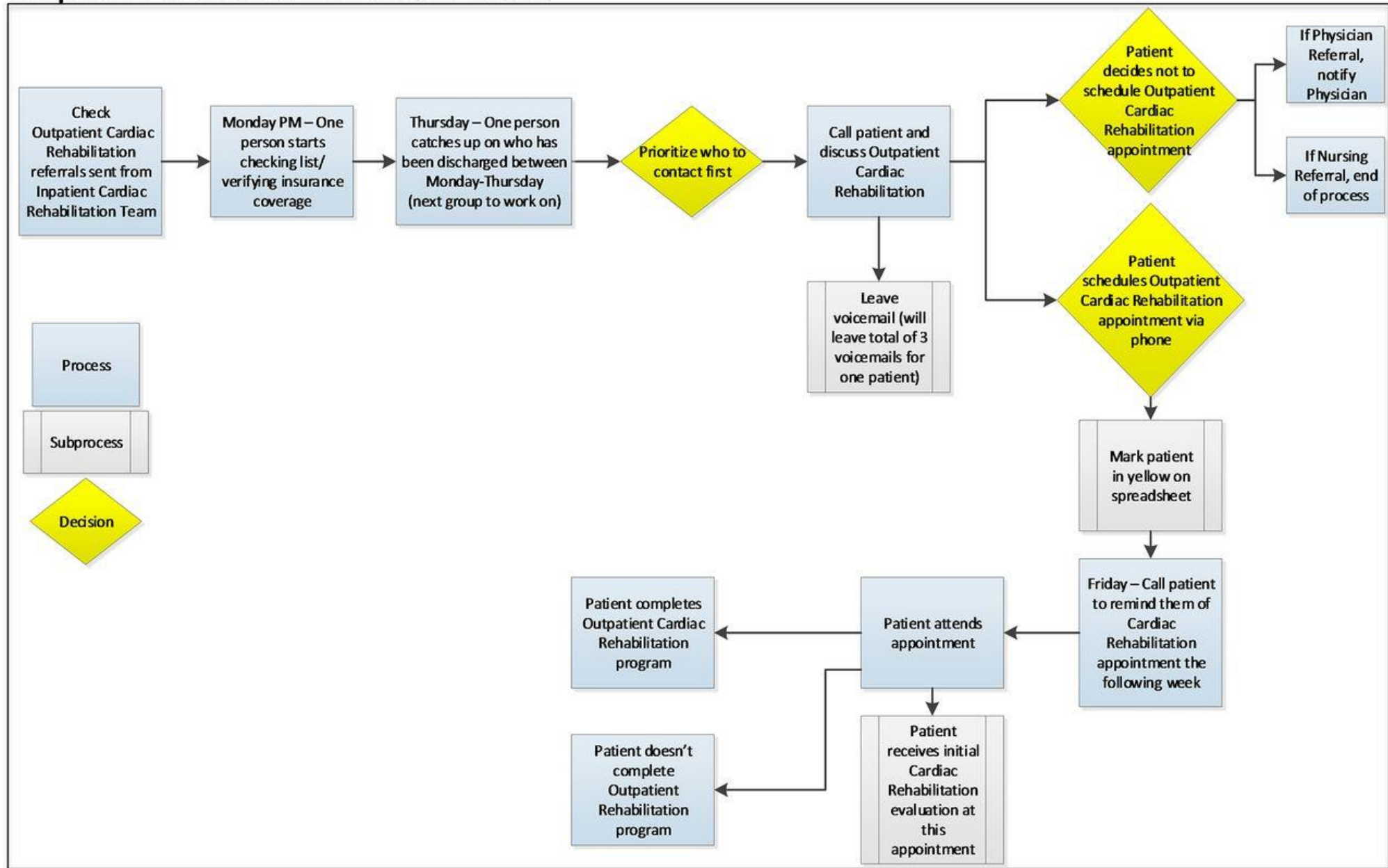


Fishbone (Branched)

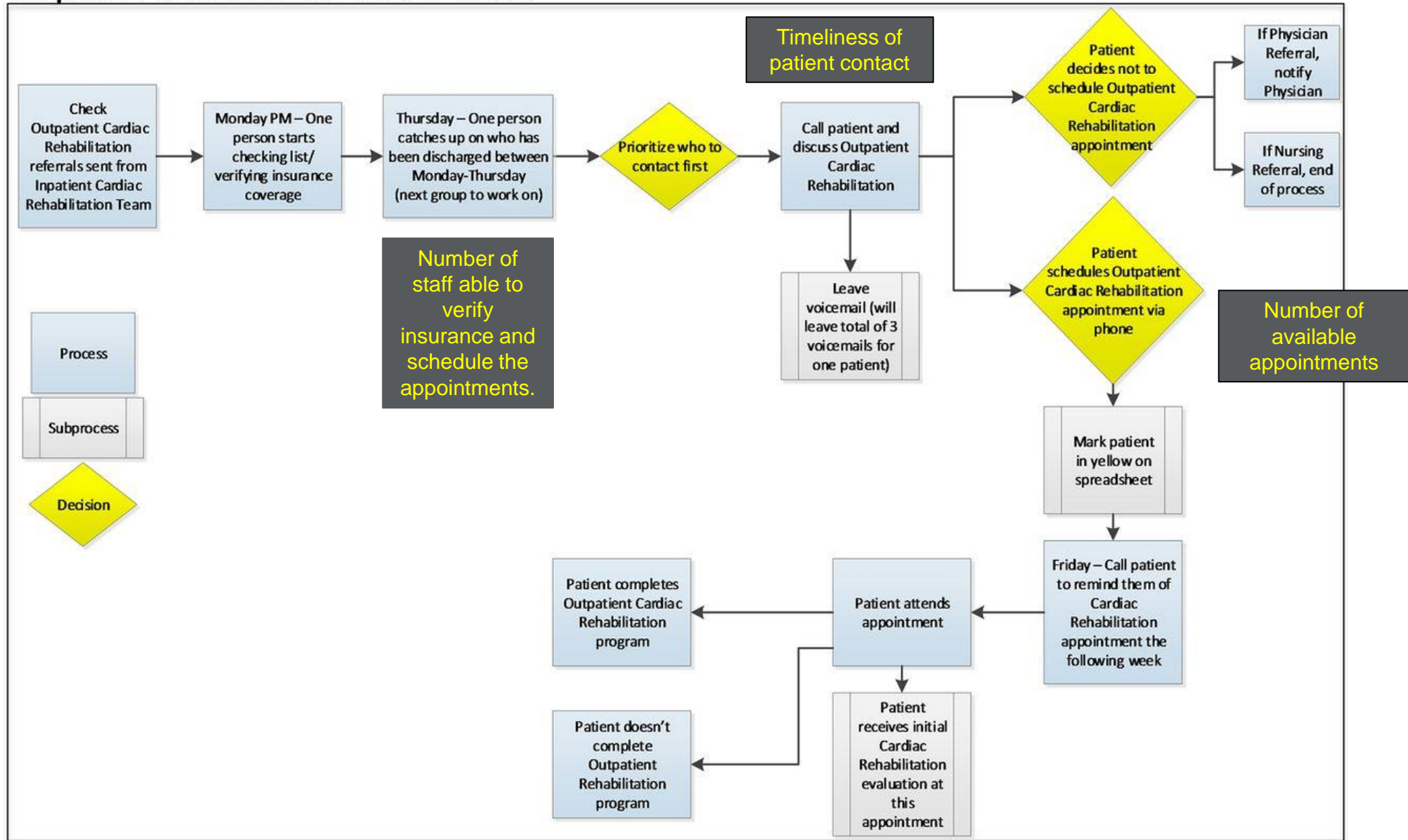


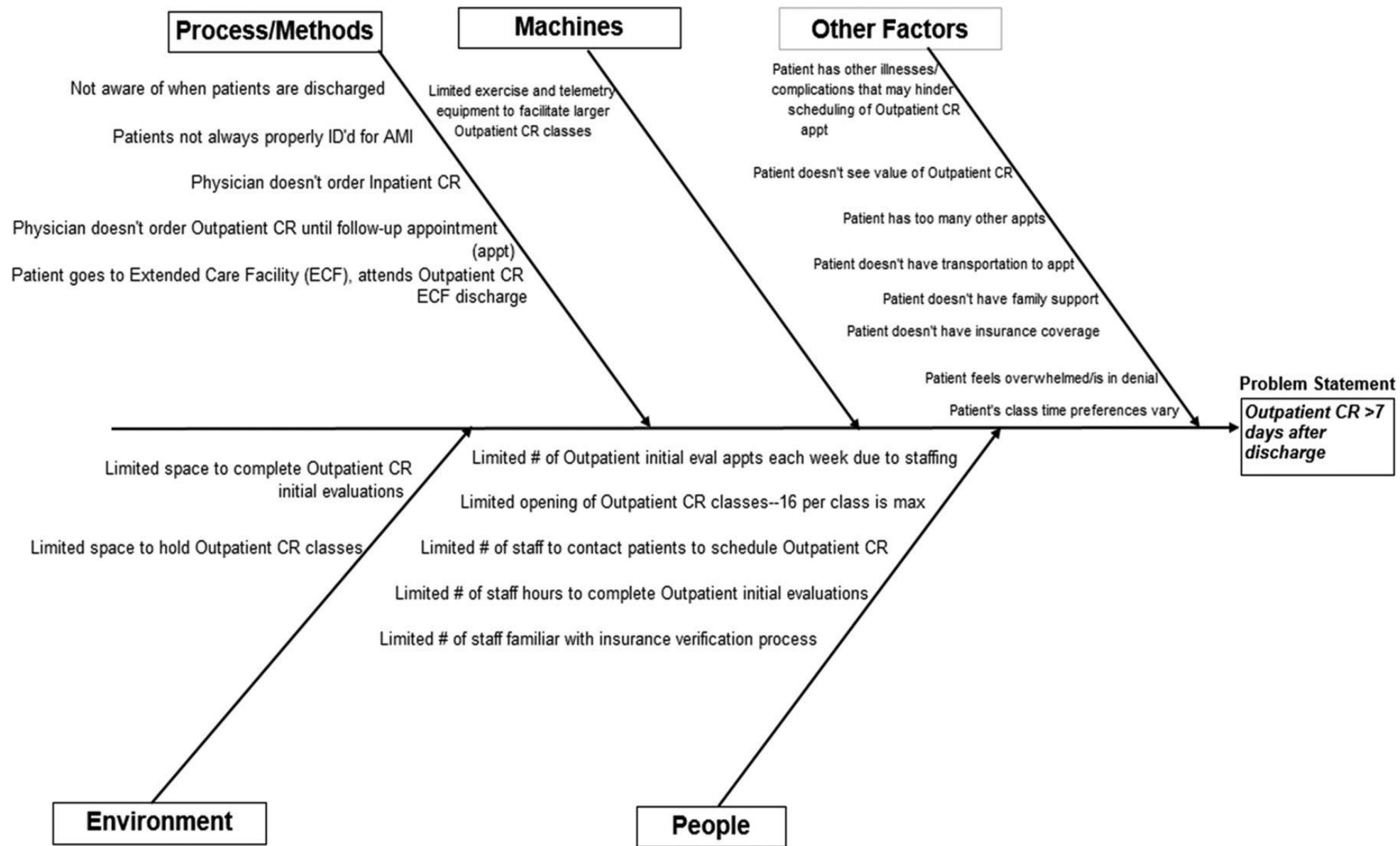


Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Process



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Breakout #2



10 minutes

- Ask “WHY?” 5x for your problem



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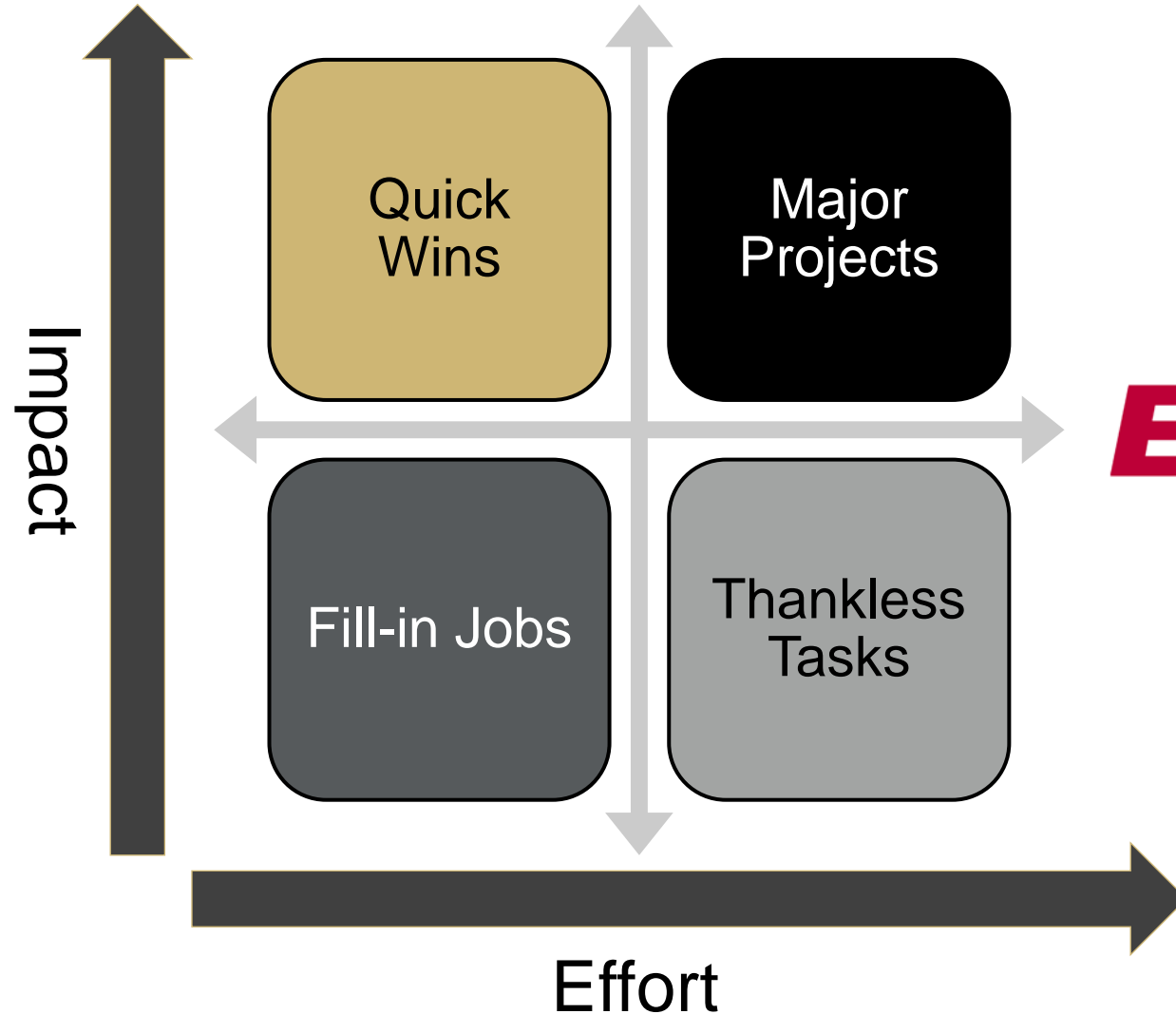
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2. Identify areas that can be improved.



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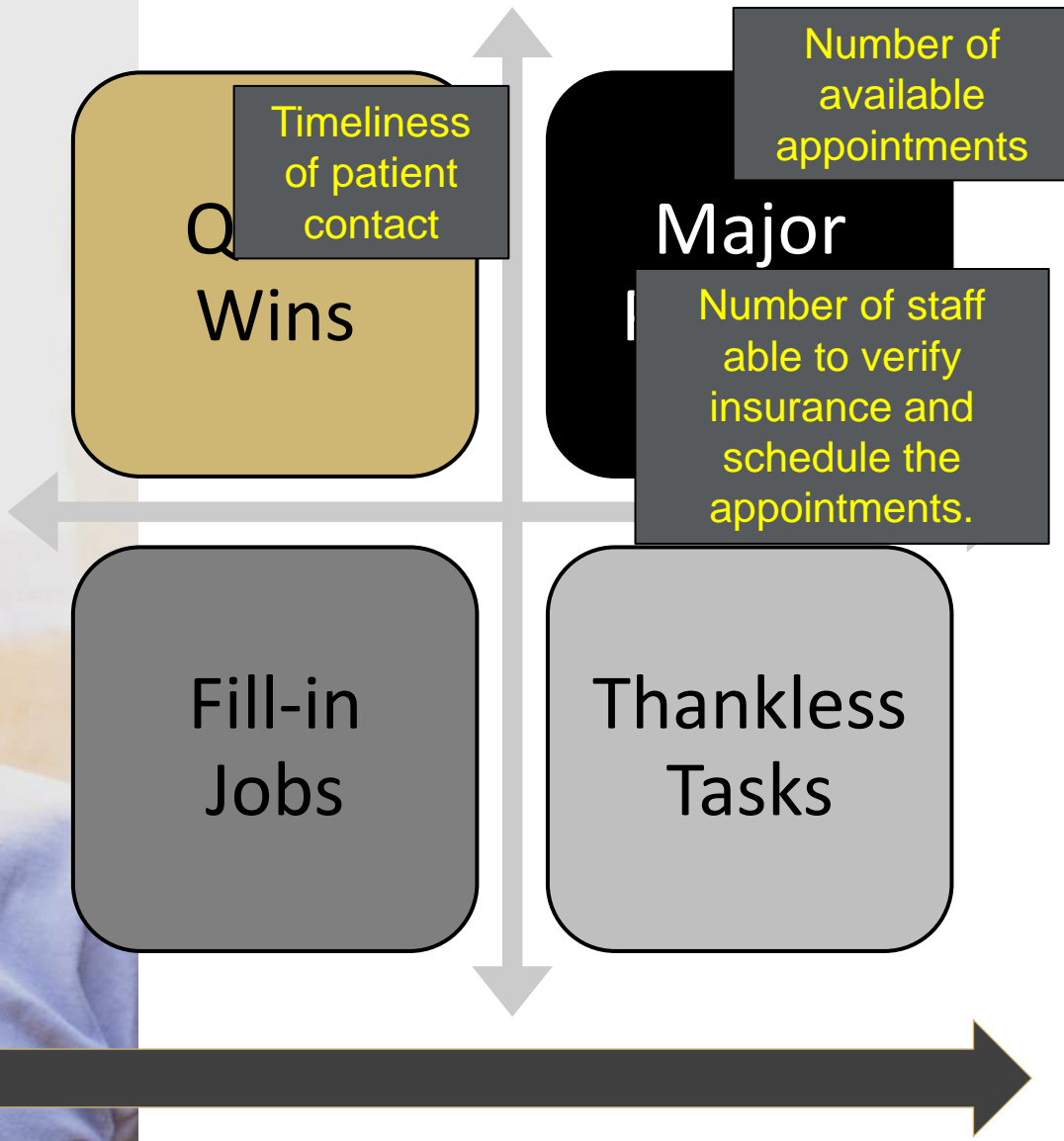


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Matter to Patients

OUTCOME

- Patient Satisfaction
- LOS
- Readmission Rate
- Throughput
- Adverse Events

Can act as proxy for outcomes

PROCESS

- Use of checklists
- Patient Centered Rounds
- Lab orders

STRUCTURE

- Order Sets
- Regionalized
- Nurse:Patient ratio
- Discharge navigators

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BALANCE

Dependent on intervention

Consider health equity.



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**Consider
health
equity.**

Experience shows that traditional QI methods can maintain or worsen health inequities across subpopulations.



Look at disparities and solutions upfront among commonly disadvantaged subgroups such as wealth, race, and location.



A black and white photograph of a patient's legs in a hospital bed. The patient is wearing white compression stockings. A medical device, possibly a Doppler ultrasound, is positioned near the patient's feet. The text "Inpatient DVT Prophylaxis" is overlaid in a black box with white text.

Inpatient DVT Prophylaxis



OUTCOME

- DVT rates
- PE rates
- Mortality

PROCESS

- Use of SCDs
- Use of Rx prophylaxis
- Risk scoring

STRUCTURE

- Anti-coagulants stock
- RNs to administer

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Bleeding
Rate



Focus on the process, not the results. Take one step at a time. You don't climb a mountain by simply looking at the top.





OUTCOME

- Readmission rate
- 30/60/90-day mortality

PROCESS

- Outpatient appt. w/in 7 days of discharge
- Number of patients contacted
- Referrals placed before d/c

STRUCTURE

- Number of appointments
- Number of staff trained to verify insurance



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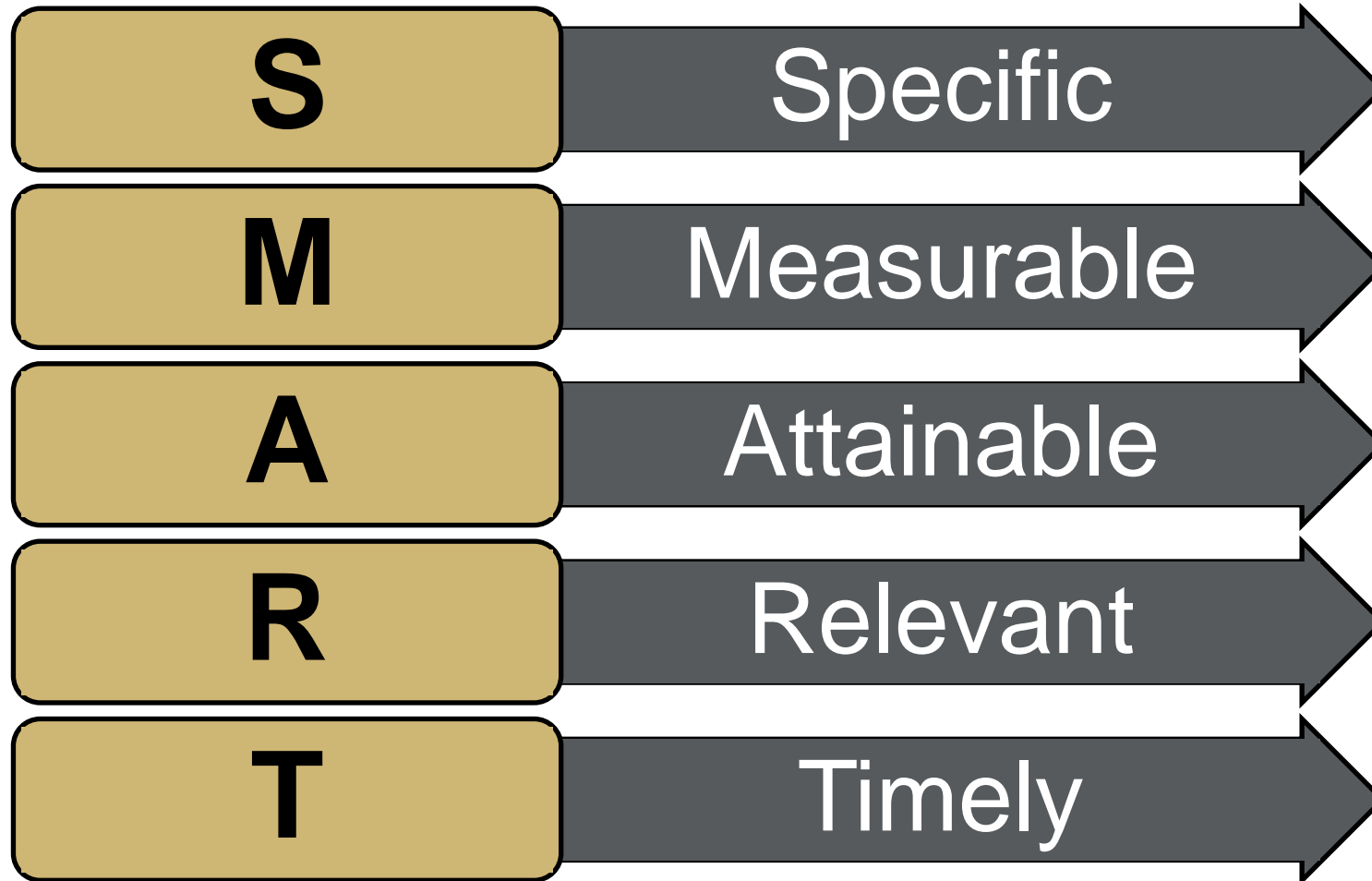
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4. Explicitly state your goals



Aim Statement

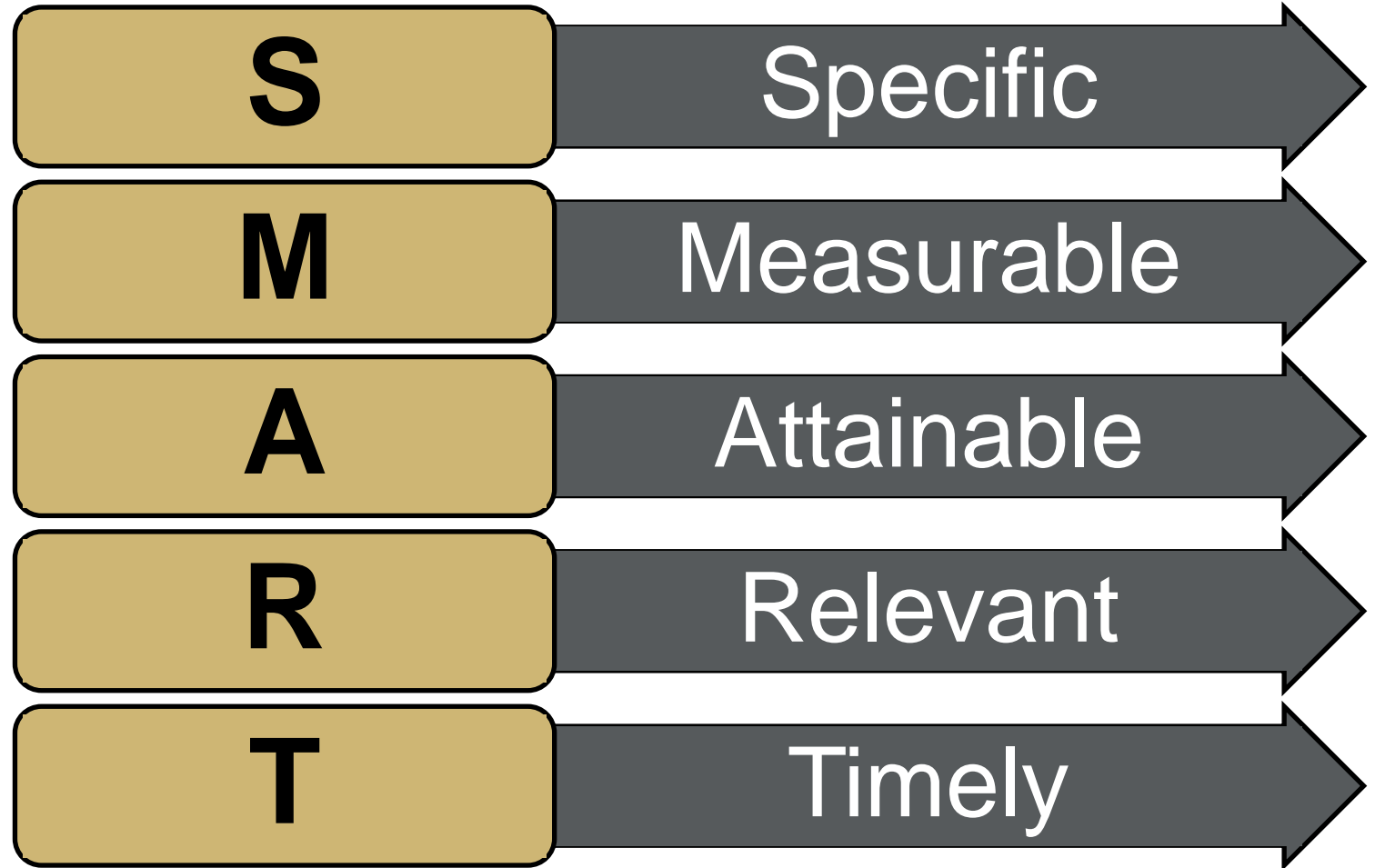


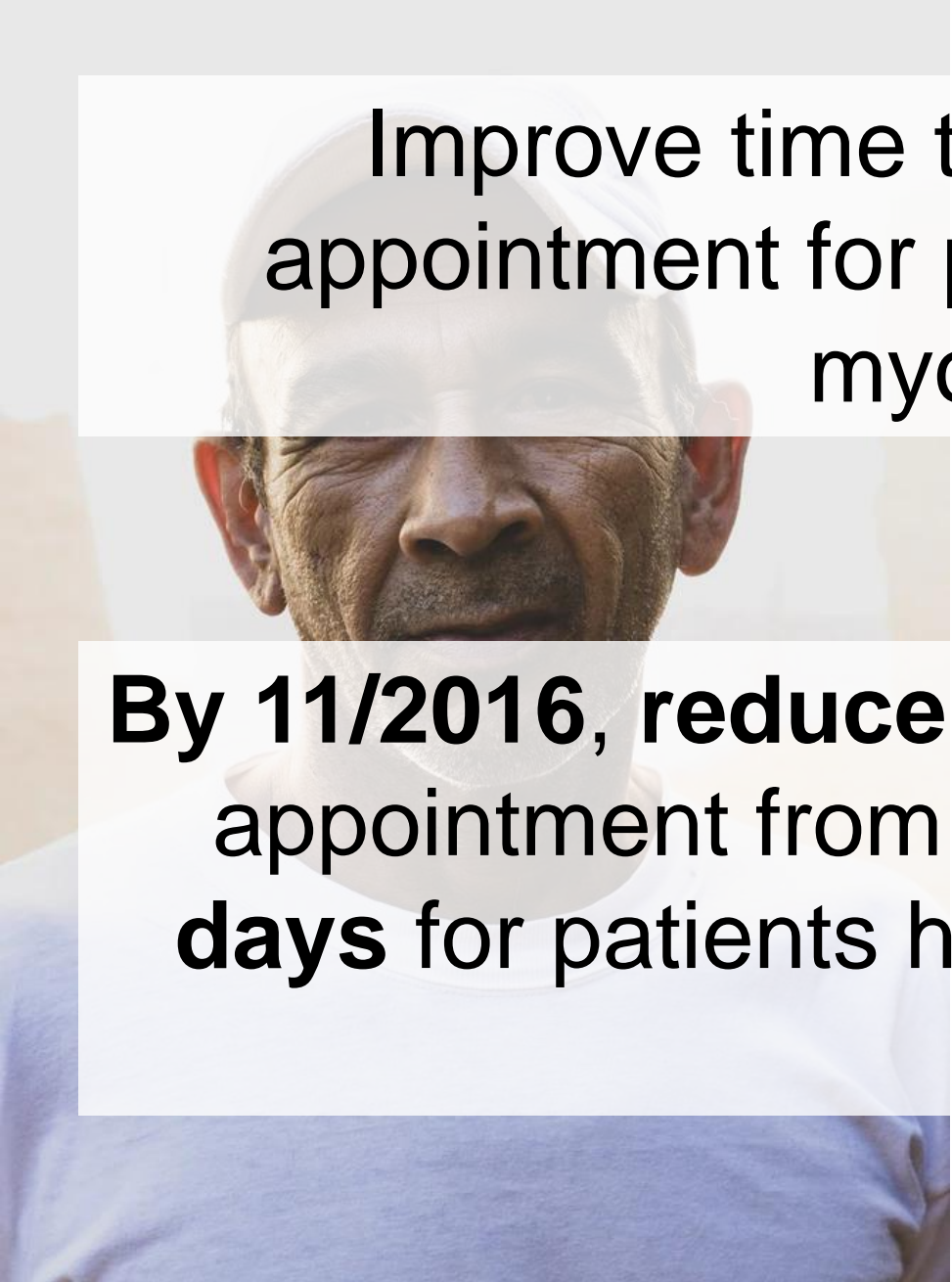
“I want to be a better skier.”

A black and white photograph of a skier in full gear, including a helmet, goggles, and ski poles, skiing down a snowy slope. The skier is in a dynamic, forward-leaning position, carving a turn. The background shows a vast, snow-covered mountain landscape under a clear sky.

“By the end of the 24/25 season, I will be able to make it down a double-black diamond slope without falling.”







Improve time to initial cardiac rehabilitation appointment for patients hospitalized with acute myocardial infarction.

By 11/2016, reduce time to initial cardiac rehabilitation appointment from an **average of 18.9 days to < 7 days** for patients hospitalized with acute myocardial infarction.



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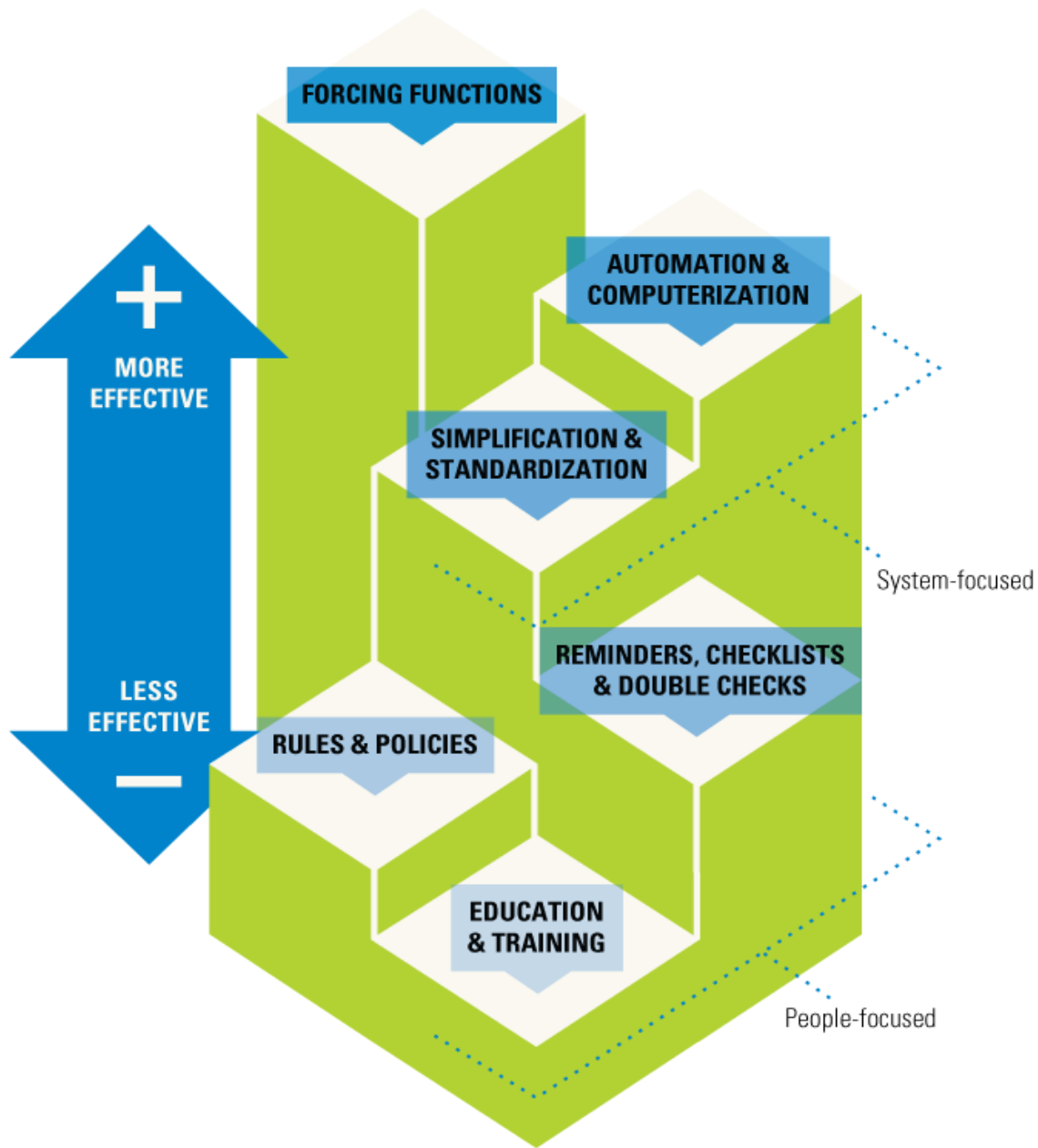
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Please order contact precautions (BPA# 1183)

- Contact precautions until result is negative, if result is positive precautions will continue for duration of therapy.
- Please refer to Gastroenteritis table on the [Infection Control](#) page on The Source for more information.
- If you have questions regarding isolation precautions, please contact Infection Control at 720-848-6978.

Order Do Not Order Special contact isolation status

Acknowledge Reason

Isolation not required Deferred at this time

WHO Surgical Safety Checklist

(adapted for England and Wales)

NHS National Patient Safety Agency National Reporting and Learning Service

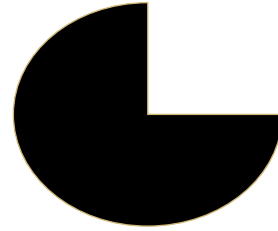
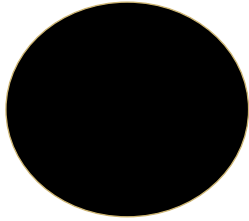
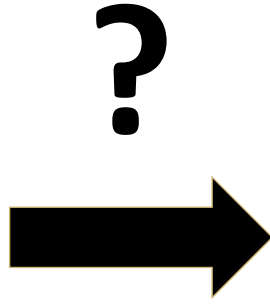
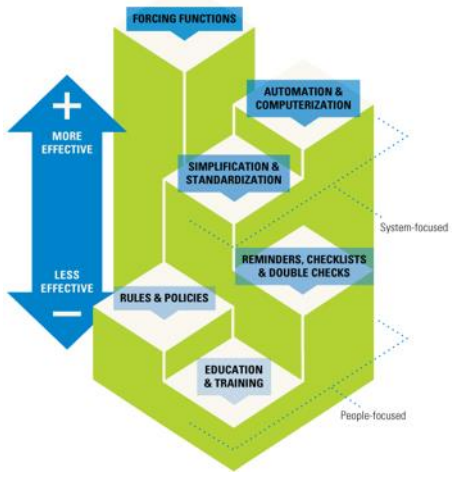
SIGN IN (To be read out loud)	TIME OUT (To be read out loud)	SIGN OUT (To be read out loud)
<p>Before induction of anaesthesia</p> <p>Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure and consent?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Is the surgical site marked?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes/not applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Does the patient have a known allergy?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Difficult airway/intubation risk?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Yes, and equipment/assistance available</p> <p>Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Yes, and adequate IV access/fluid planned</p>	<p>Before start of surgical intervention for example, skin incision</p> <p>Have all team members introduced themselves by name and role?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Registered Practitioner verbally confirm:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What is the patient's name?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What procedure, site and position are planned?</p> <p>Anticipated critical events</p> <p>Surgeon:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How much blood loss is anticipated?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are there any specific equipment requirements or special investigations?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are there any critical or unsuspected steps you want the team to know about?</p> <p>Anaesthetist:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are there any patient specific concerns?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What is the patient's ASA grade?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What monitoring equipment and other specific levels of support are required, for example blood?</p> <p>Non-ROSP:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has the sterility of the instrumentation been confirmed (including indicator results)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are there any equipment issues or concerns?</p> <p>Has the surgical site infection (SSI) bundle been undertaken?</p>	<p>Before any member of the team leaves the operating room</p> <p>Registered Practitioner verbally confirms with the team:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has the name of the procedure been recorded?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has it been confirmed that instruments, sponges and sharp counts are complete (or not applicable) (including patient name)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have the specimens been labelled?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have any equipment problems been identified that need to be addressed?</p> <p>Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Registered Practitioner:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?</p>

This checklist contains the core content for England and Wales

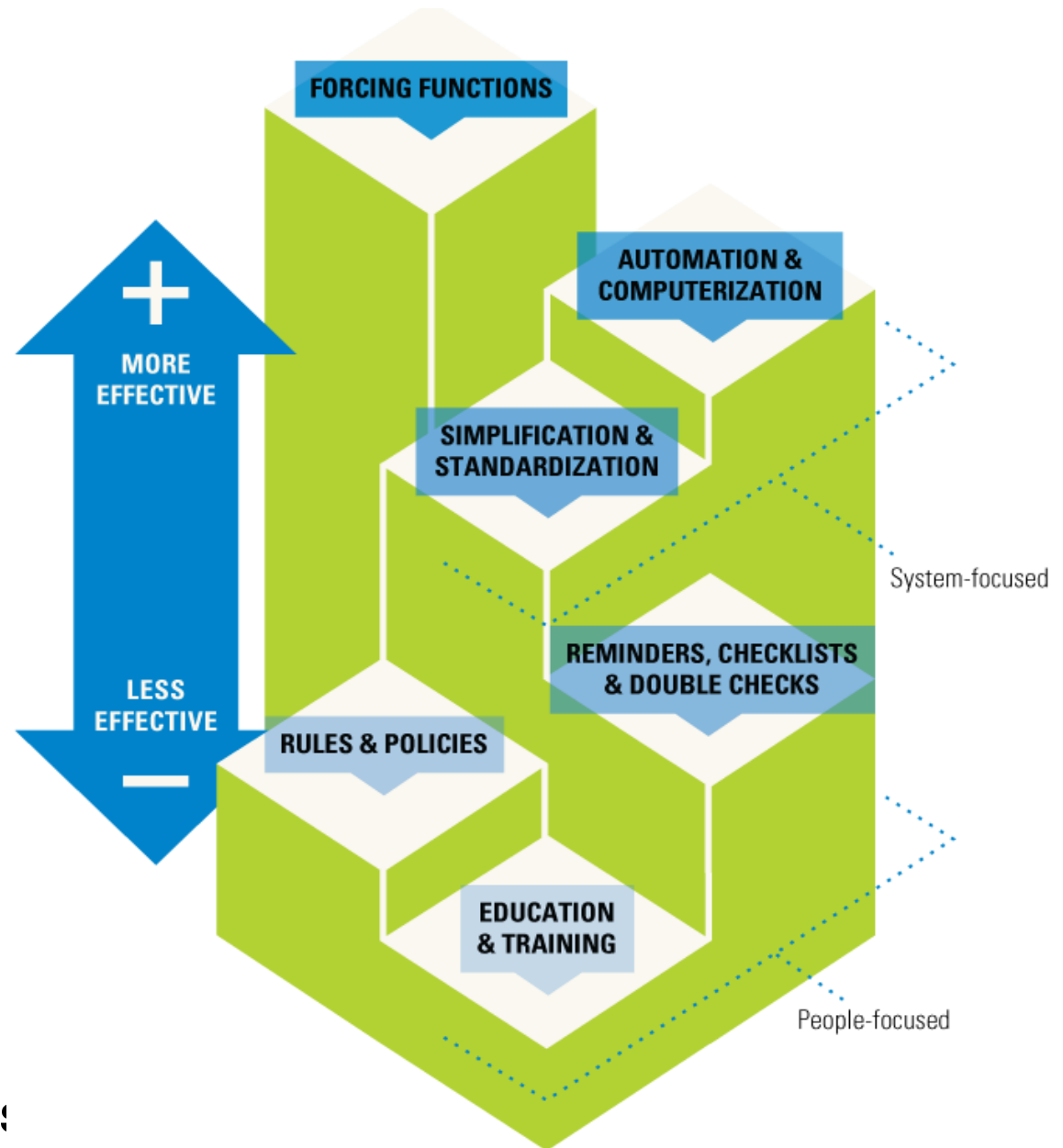


Education as a low-value improvement intervention: often necessary but rarely sufficient

Christine Soong ¹, Kaveh G Shojania²





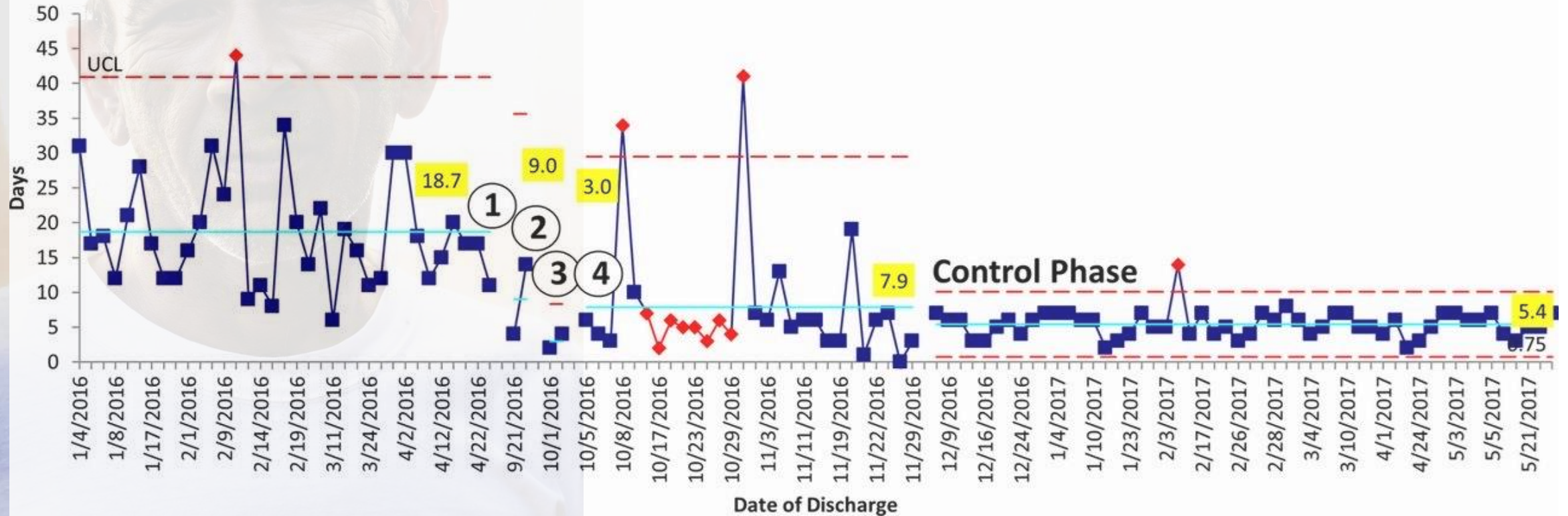




- 1) Add additional appointment slots.
- 2) Cross-train schedulers.
- 3) Cross-train insurance verification.
- 4) Schedule appointment prior to hospital discharge.

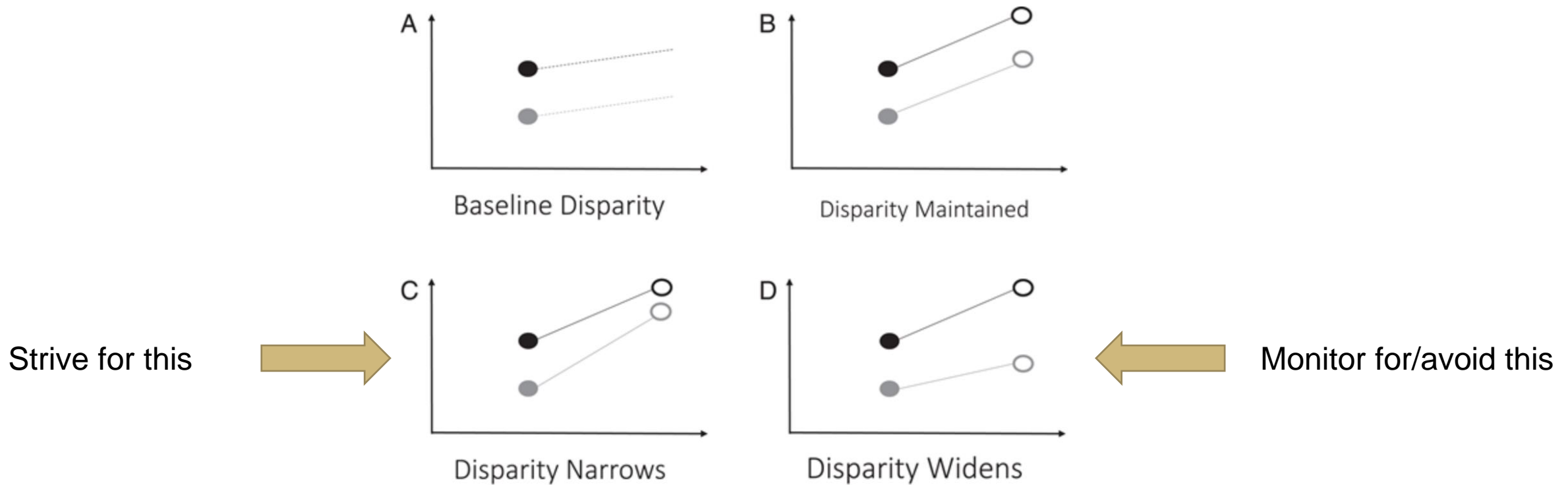


Days from Hospital Discharge to First Scheduled Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Appointment



Consider the heterogeneity of your population.... Are some groups affected differently than others?

FIGURE 1



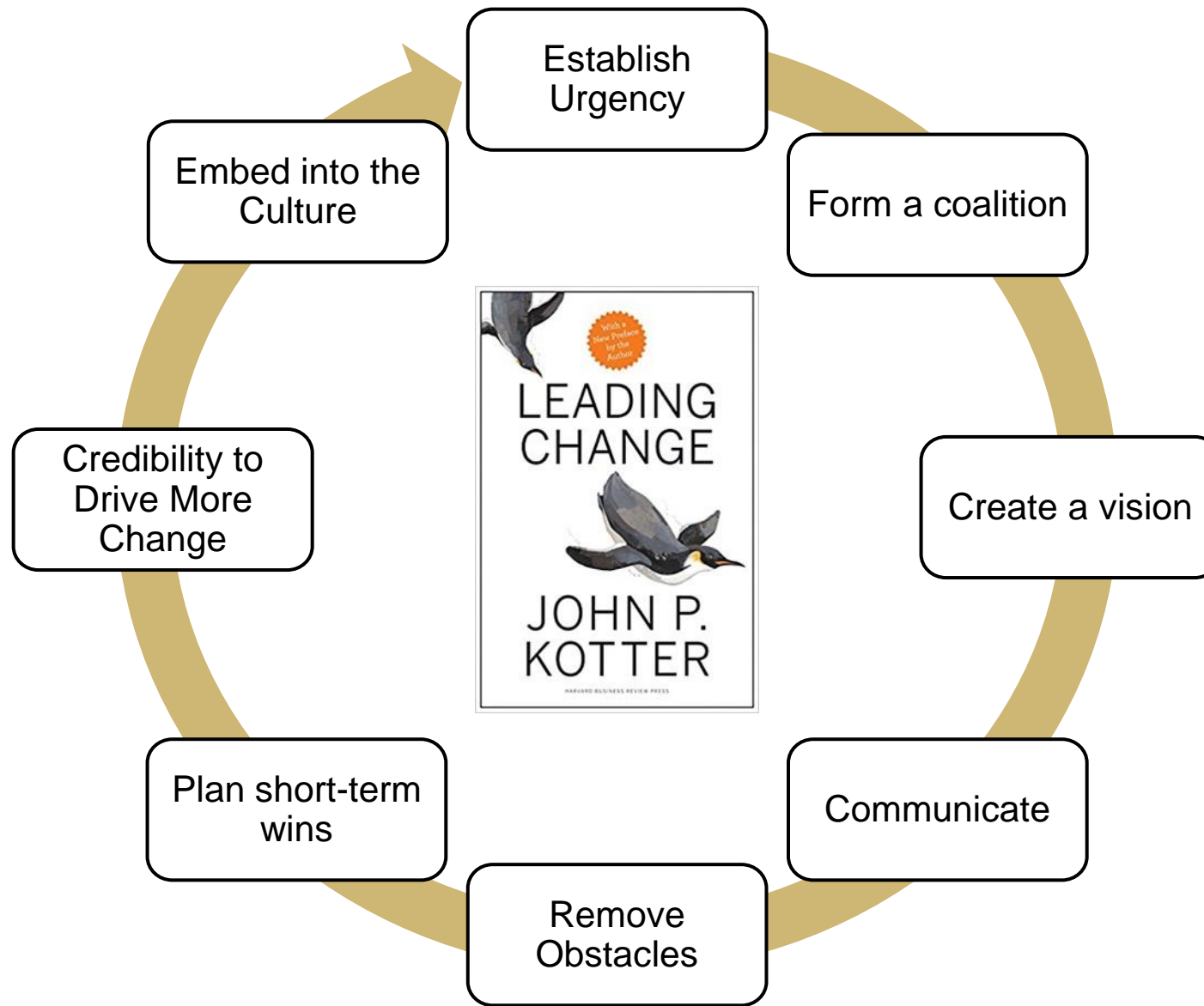
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Understand your
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A top-down photograph of two white coffee cups on a light-colored wooden tray. The cup on the left contains a latte with a thick layer of white foam. The cup on the right contains a dark coffee, possibly espresso. A hand is visible on the left side of the frame, and another hand is on the right side, both appearing to hold or adjust the cups. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing text. In the background, a black and white checkered cloth is partially visible.

BREAK-TIME

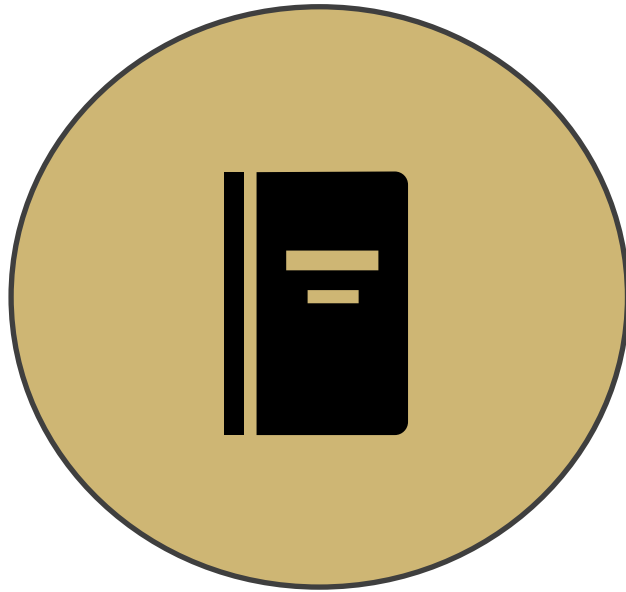
**Come back at 3:03
MT!**



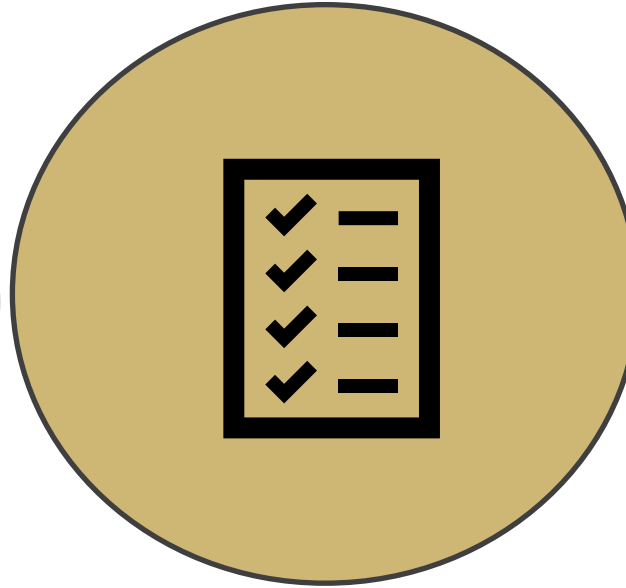
Change Management



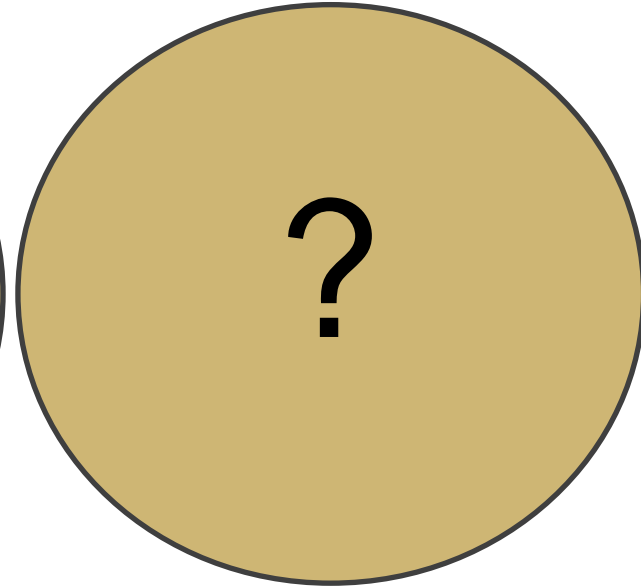
AGENDA



**Change
Case**



Kotter's 8-Steps



Questions



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL

A Local Story, 2008

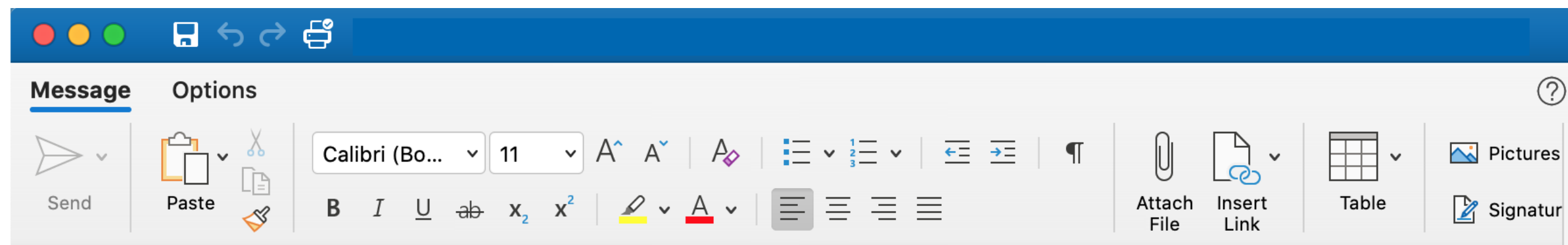
Vancomycin Use in the ICU

Problem: Only **50%** of 1st vancomycin troughs within desired range of 10-20 mcg/mL

Solution: QI project to develop simple weight- and creatinine-based guide to dosing

- ICU and Pharmacy leadership buy-in
- Rolled out nomogram for the ICU
- Email sent to residents/faculty every month





I wanted to make everyone aware of the ongoing QI initiative in the MICU addressing initial vancomycin dosing. The standard 1 gram every 12 hours is not appropriate for many ICU patients and the first troughs have been in the therapeutic range of 10-20 mcg/mL only about 50% of the time. We have developed a very simple dosing nomogram (attached) that also includes guidelines on dosing for HD and CVVH, and when the troughs should be checked. Based on the existing data, we expect this nomogram to eliminate about 75% of subtherapeutic troughs and 50% of suprathreshold troughs.

The nomogram requires only the patient's actual body weight and MDRD-estimated GFR with age, gender, race, and serum creatinine (online at www.mdrd.com).

We rely primarily on you as treating physicians to follow the nomogram and correctly order the antibiotics, decreasing the risk of under- or over-dosing your critically ill patients in the crucial initial 24-72 hours of therapy until the first trough is obtained. The MICU pharmacists will be helping you with the nomogram as well.

Thank you in advance for your help and your hard work. We welcome all questions and feedback on this quality improvement initiative.

Vancomycin use in the ICU: Outcomes

Pre-intervention trough (10-20) 50%

Post-intervention trough (10-20) 50%

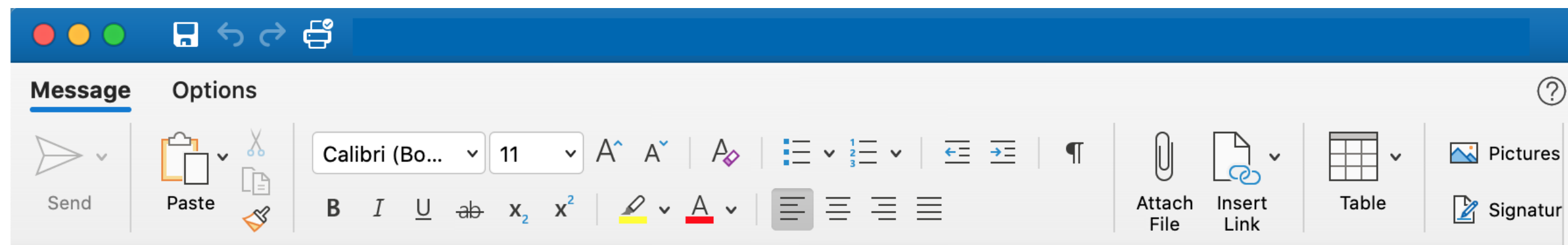
Protocol adherence rate 20%!





Why didn't the providers change their behavior?

What was wrong with this approach to leading change?

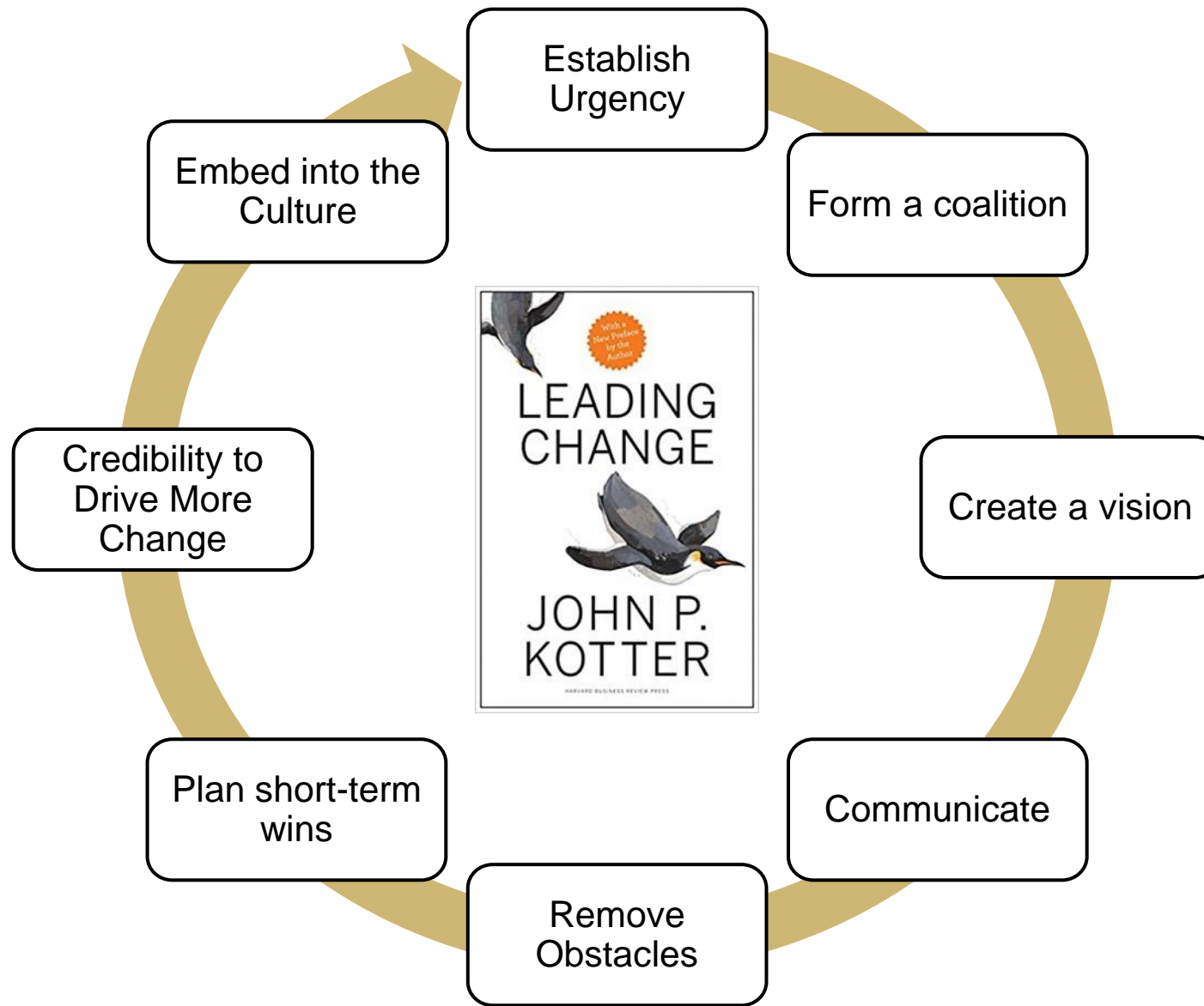


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Establish Urgency



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1.0 - Survival

2.0 - Extrinsic Motivation: reward, punishment

3.0 - Intrinsic Motivation

Burning Aspiration



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"Provocative and fascinating." —MALCOLM GLADWELL

Daniel H. Pink

author of *A Whole New Mind*

DRIVE

The Surprising Truth
About What Motivates Us

Establish
Urgency

AUTONOMY

MASTERY

PURPOSE

PLAY

CONNECTION





Breakout



10 minutes

- What is your burning platform? (IE: SO WHAT?)



Form a Guiding Coalition



Key Partner Engagement

Who - *Anyone* impacted by your work

To Gain Trust, Expertise, Insight:

- Interprofessional
- Patients
- The Cool Kids

To Gain Resources:

- Various levels of organization
- The Bosses



Guiding Coalition

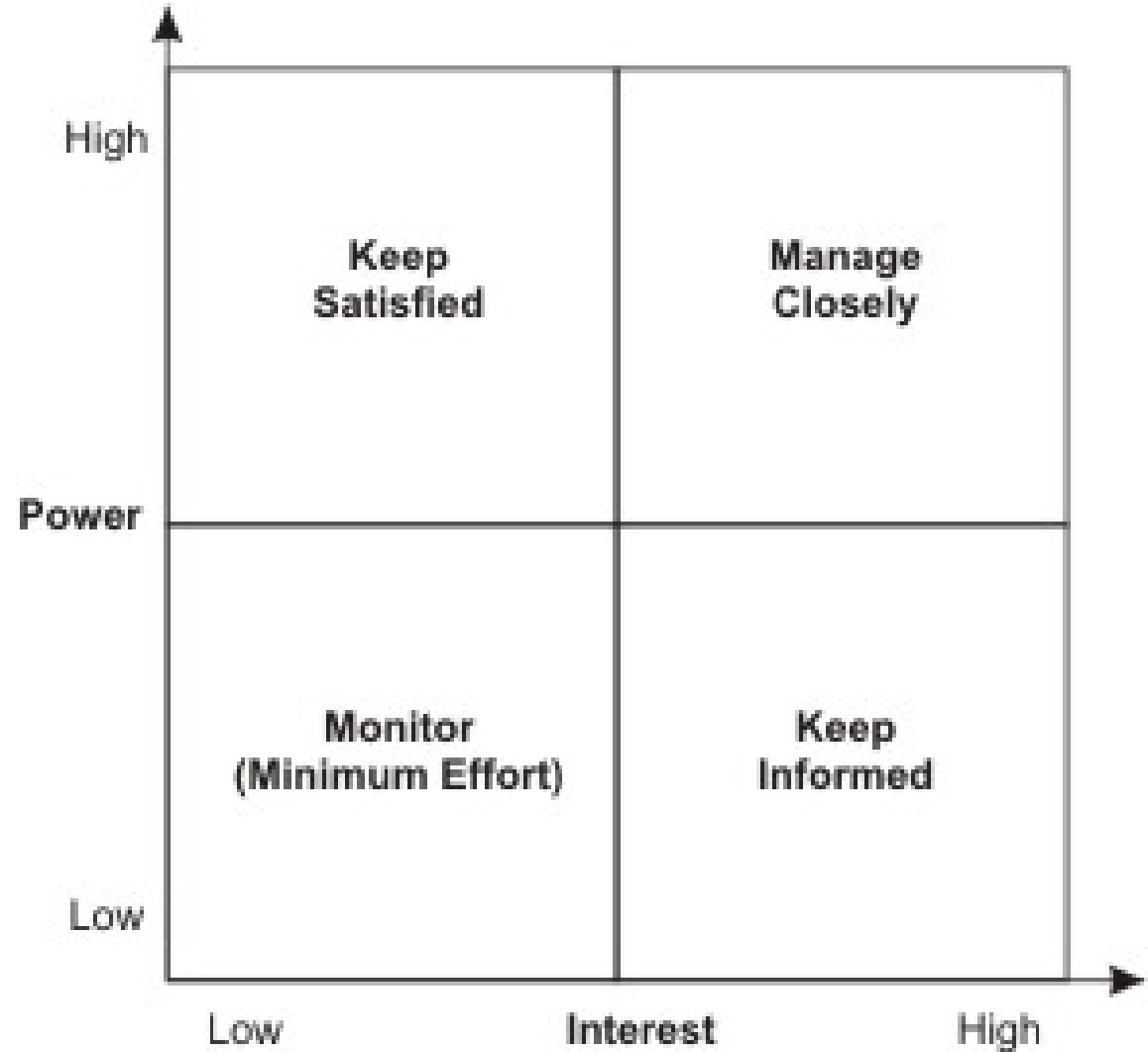


Stakeholder/Partner Map

Step 1: Identify

Step 2: Prioritize

Step 3: Understand



Write down one person who you will contact after this session to move your work forward.



Create a Vision



**Create
a Vision**



**Earth's most customer
centric company.**



**A world without
Alzheimer's disease.**



**Eliminate all
preventable harm.**

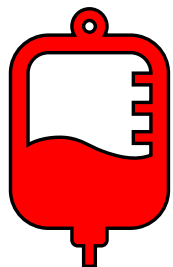
**Create
a Vision**



Discharge instructions will accurately list medications for patients discharged on IV antibiotics



Patients will be admitted during day shift for planned chemotherapy.



**We will transfuse wisely.
Not a drop wasted.**

Communicate



CHANGE
WE CAN BELIEVE IN

Communicate



The Elevator Pitch

Communicate

Introduction: Who are you?

Hook: What is the problem or opportunity?

Solution: What are you doing about it?

Value proposition: How does this create value for him/her?

Call to action: What next?





Remove Obstacles



VANCOMycin IV + Pharmacy Consult

✓ Accept

- ✓ **!** VANCOMycin (VANCOCIN) in NS 500 mL IVPB
Intravenous, Administer over 2.5 Hours, EVERY 12 HOURS, First dose today at 1146
Pharmacy Dosing Service to manage VANCOMycin therapy.

Allergy/Contraindication: Vancomycin

- ✓ Inpatient Consult to Pharmacy
ASAP, ONCE, today at 1146, For 1 occurrence

Remove
Obstacles



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Obstacles



Variceal UGIB

(Standard) designates default software selections

- (Standard) {hospital ward, ICU}
- (Standard) {for observation, for ongoing care, for possible D/C same day etc.}
- (Standard) {Keep NPO, Start a clear liquid diet, Resume previous diet}
- (Standard){clear liquid diet, regular diet...}
- (Standard){PO, IV}
- (Standard){Daily, BID, TID}
- (Standard){Check Healing, Evaluate Response to Therapy, Retreatment...}

Recommendation

- *Culprit Lesion
- Return Patient
 - Return area -
 - Reason -
- Transfer Patient
- Diet, Sequential
 - Initial Diet -
 - Initial Duration - Today, Then Advance
 - Diet Recommendation -
 - *Duration - if stable
- Diet
 - *Cirrhotic UGIB Octreotide
 - *Cirrhotic UGIB Antibiotics
 - Proton Pump Inhibitor
 - Route -
 - Frequency -
 - *Duration - Post-banding
 - *PPI Cessation (Stop PPI)
 - *Cirrhotic UGIB Post-banding General
 - Resume Anticoags / Antiplatelets - Single
 - *Rebleed General
 - *Rebleed Varices Blakemore/Minnesota
 - *Rebleed Specific
 - Repeat UGI endoscopy
 - Repeat Reason -
 - *Repeat day - 8w GI to order

Post Op Orders

Patient Profile: This is a 30 year old male. Refer to note in patient chart for documentation of history and physical.

Medications:

Moderate Sedation:

Procedure: After obtaining informed consent, the endoscope was passed under direct vision. Throughout the procedure, the patient's blood pressure, pulse, and oxygen saturations were monitored continuously. The Olympus GIF H190 was introduced through the and advanced to the.

Findings: (Standard){Grade I/II/III} (Standard){Upper/Middle/Lower Esophagus...} (Standard){Dimunitive, Small, Medium, Large...}

Varix grade varices were found [Site]. [Size].

Complications:

Estimated Blood Loss:

Impression: (Free Text)

Recommendation:

- Source of blood loss likely due to [Lesion].
- Return patient to [Return area] [Reason].
- [Initial Diet] today, then advance as tolerated [Diet Recommendation] if stable.
- Complete octreotide drip for 72h then stop.
- Complete antibiotic course for total 7 days for upper GI bleed in cirrhosis.
- Use a proton pump inhibitor [Route] [Frequency] for post-banding bleeding prophylaxis, until varices eradicated, then stop unless otherwise indicated.
- Avoid instrumentation of esophagus this hospitalization including NG and OG tubes given risk of dislodging bands.
- If hemodynamically significant rebleeding, please notify GI service.
- Repeat upper endoscopy in 8 weeks (GI to order) [Reason].

Additional Images:

Procedure Code(s):

Diagnosis Code(s):

Post Op Orders:

Patient Instructions:

CC Letter to:

Attending Dr. Participation:

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Generate Short-Term Wins



**Short
Term
Wins**



Celebrating Wins: Wea-ner of the Month

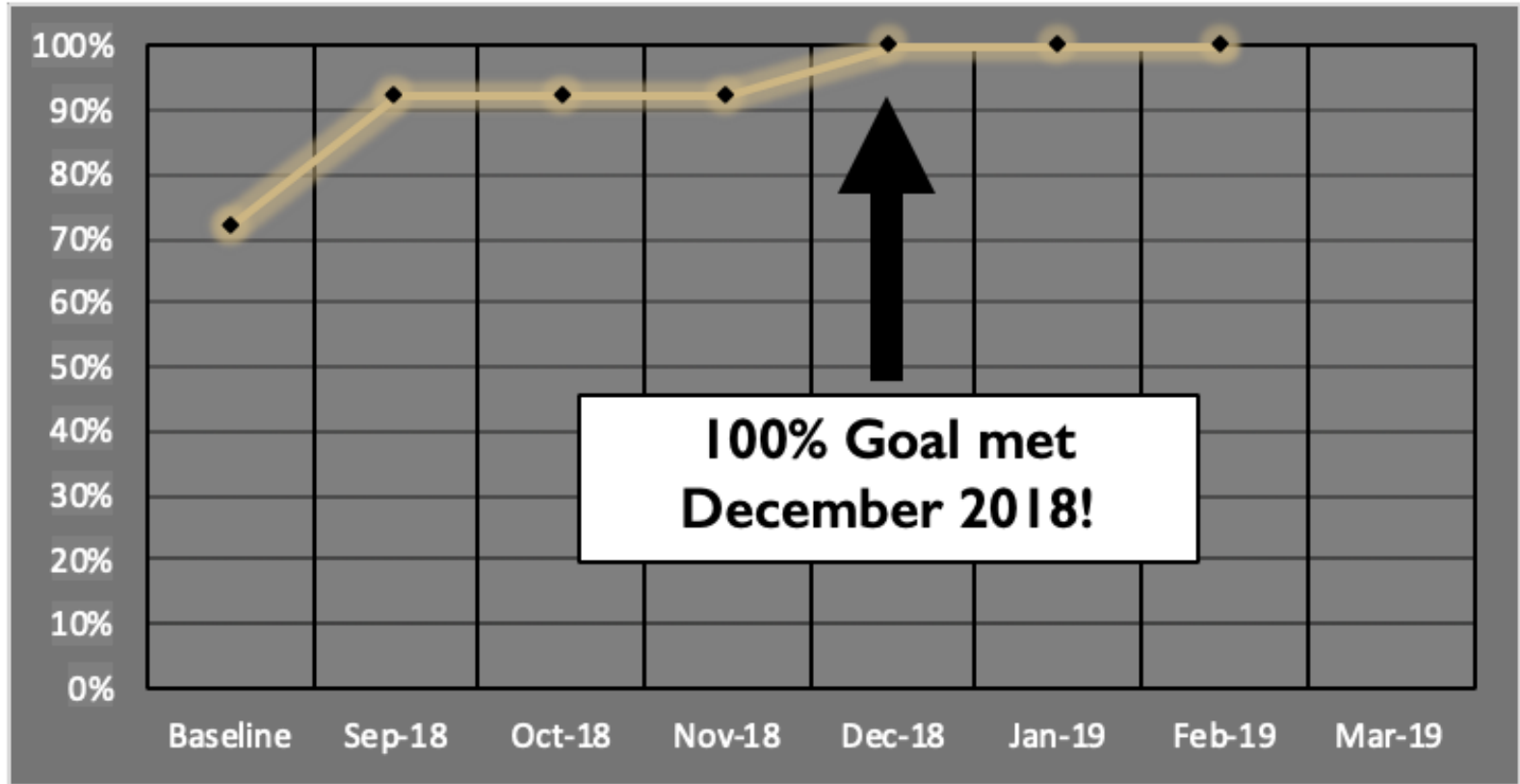


Use Credibility to
Drive More Change



**Credibility
Momentum**

AY 18-19 Opioid Prescription for 7 days or less



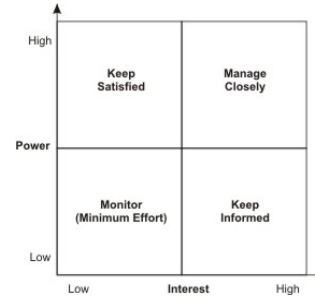
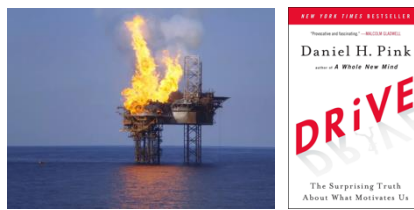
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Embed it in the Culture



**Culture
Change**





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Form a coalition

Create a vision

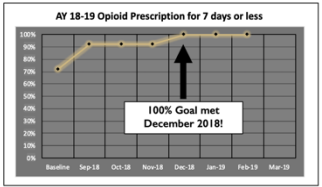
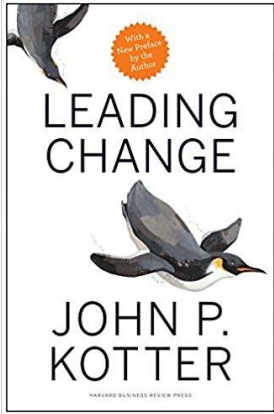
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“Survival is optional. No one has to change.”



W. Edwards Deming



