



Clinical Safety & Effectiveness Cohort 18 Team #9

Medication Reconciliation Upon Discharge from an Inpatient Psychiatry Unit



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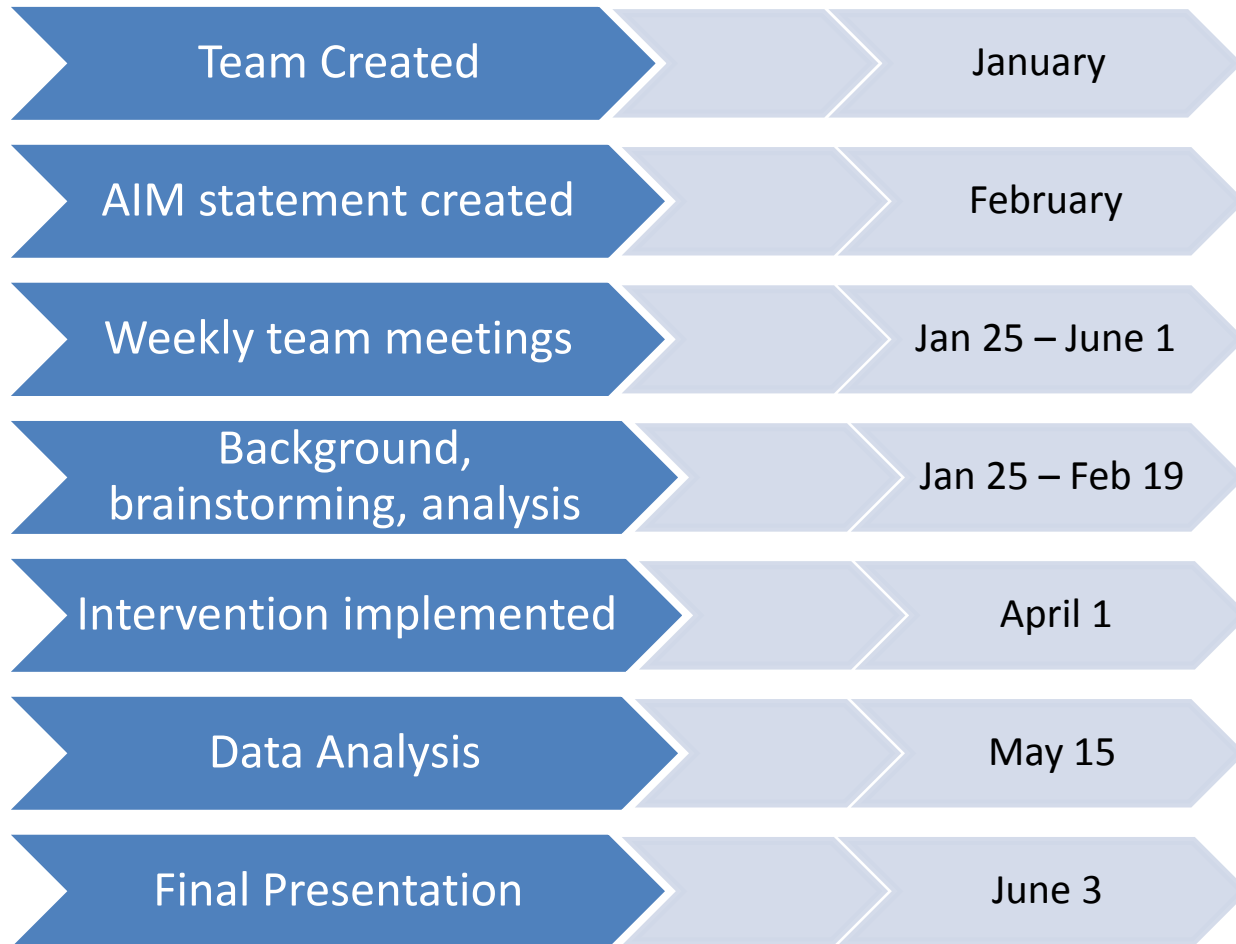


AIM Statement

To increase accuracy of medication reconciliation completed at discharge from inpatient psychiatry (GLA PSY at STVHCS) as documented in the Medication Reconciliation and Discharge Note from 37.5% to 75% by May 15, 2016



Project Milestones - 2016



Background

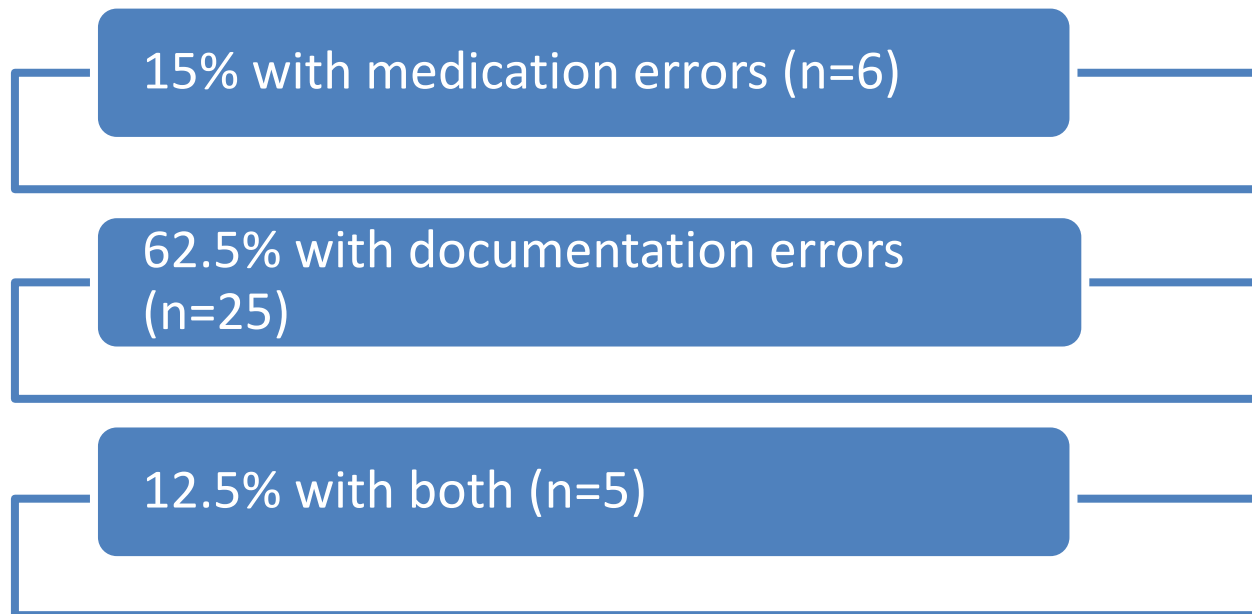


<https://yourpostalblog.wordpress.com/2013/04/26/taking-old-medications-out-of-circulation/>

- Medication reconciliation is the #3 National Patient Safety Goal as discharge discrepancies lead to ADEs – a common event after hospital DC¹
- A recent study evaluating an 80 bed private psychiatric hospital, found 45% of medication reconciliations to be without error.²
- The VHA has developed Essential Medication Information Standards to define the essential elements necessary on discharge and to comply with Joint Commission standards³

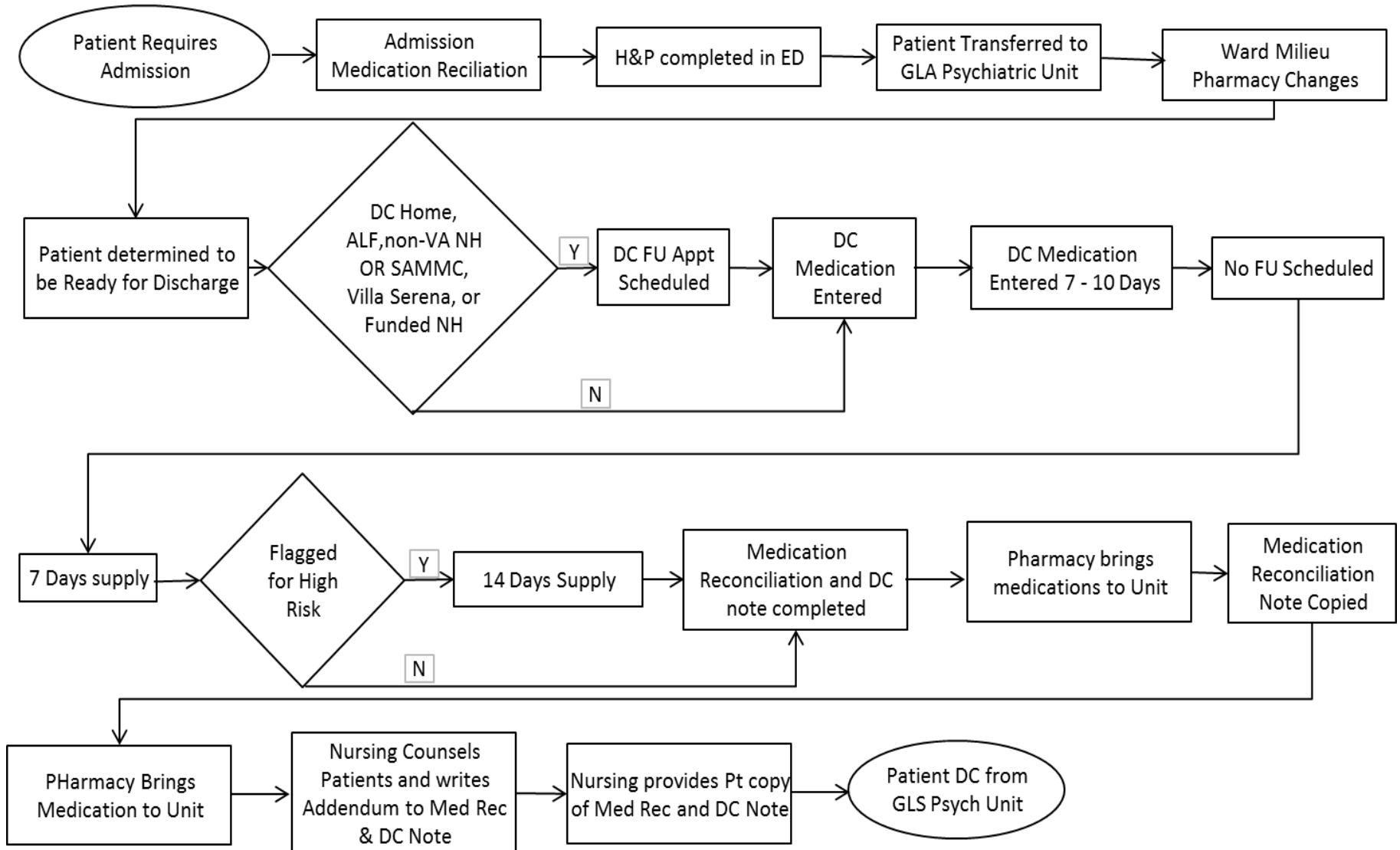
Preliminary Data Review

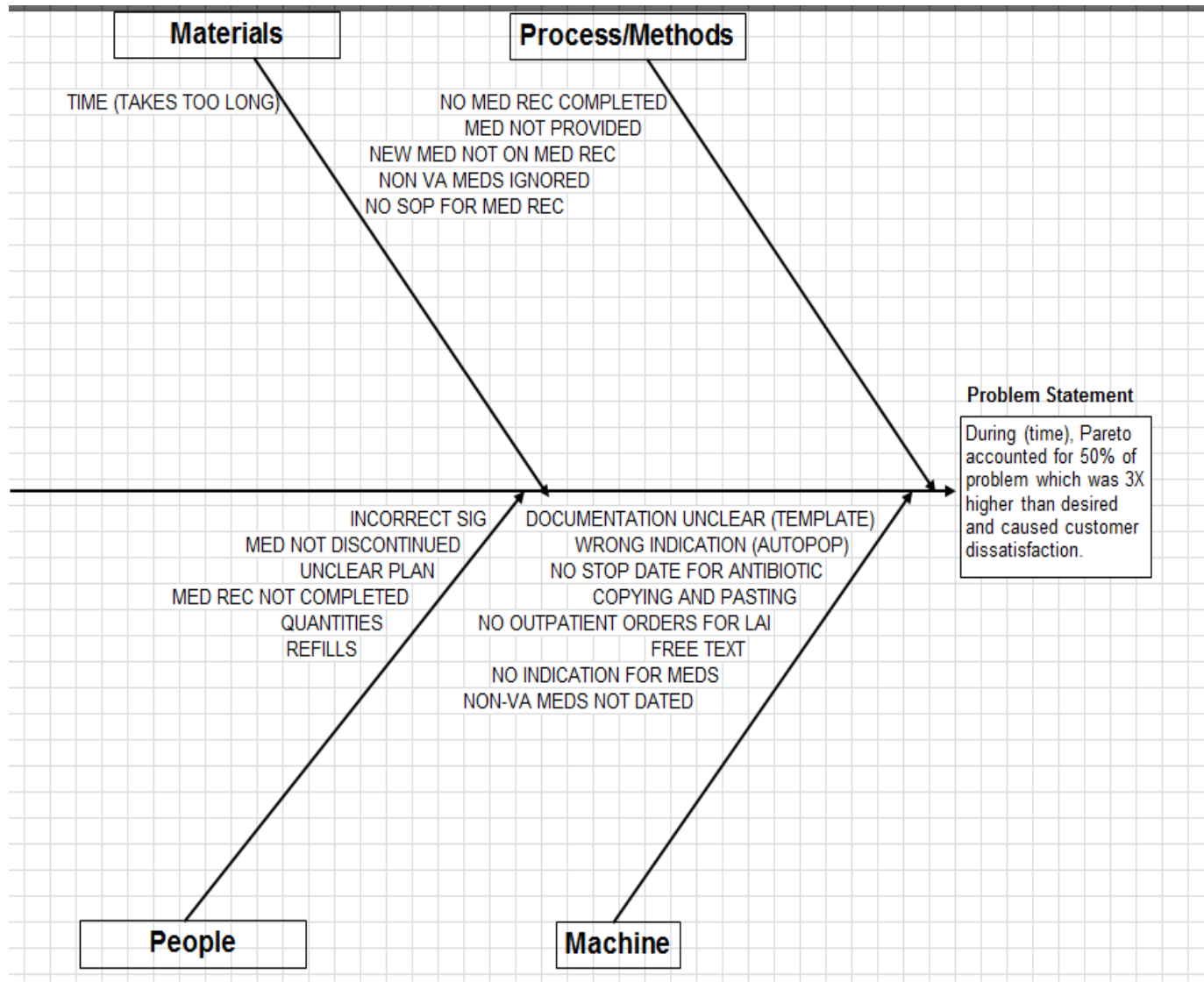
40 charts reviewed of patients discharged from GLA PSY in January 2016



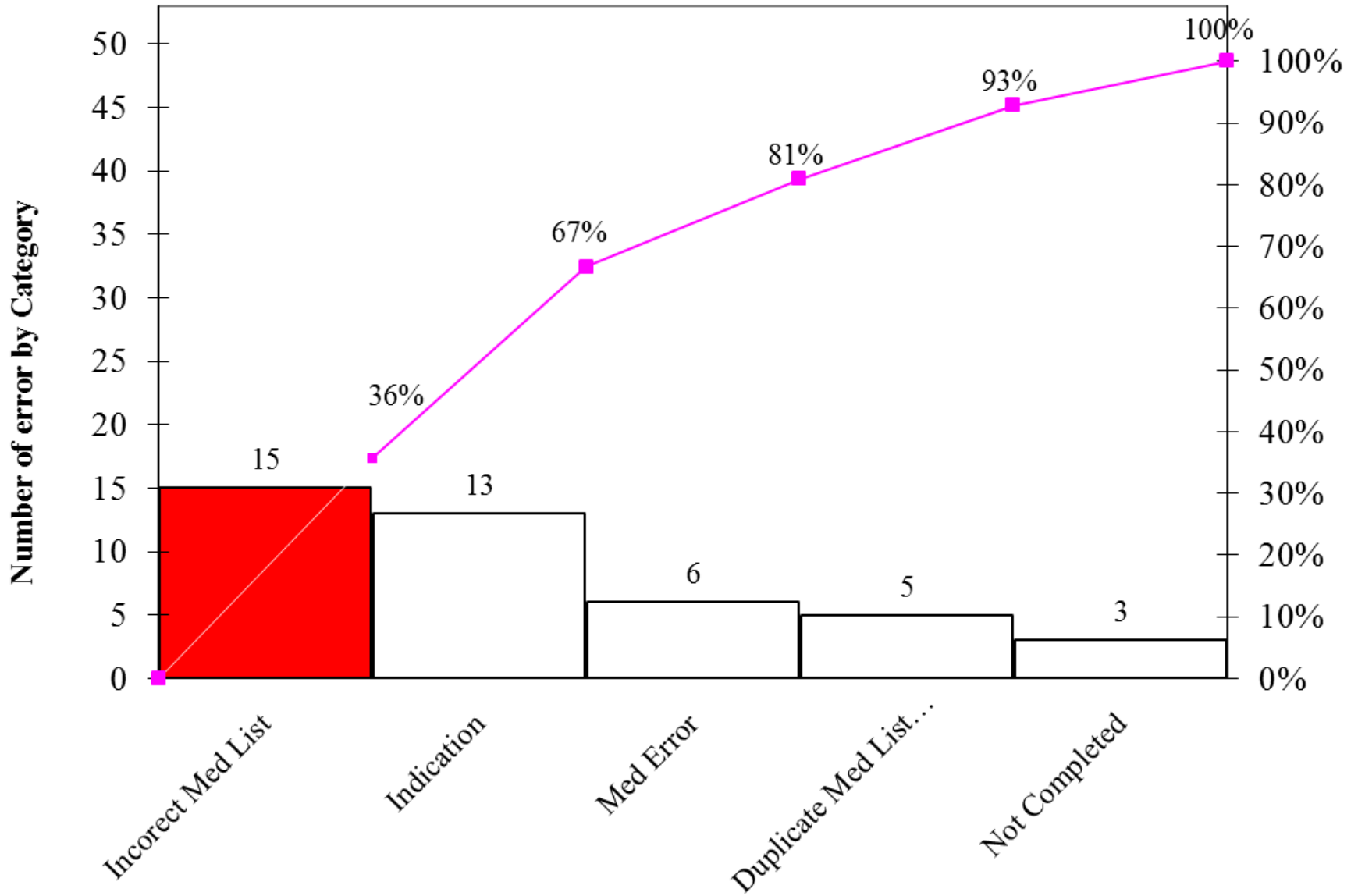
Flow Chart

VA Medication Reconciliation





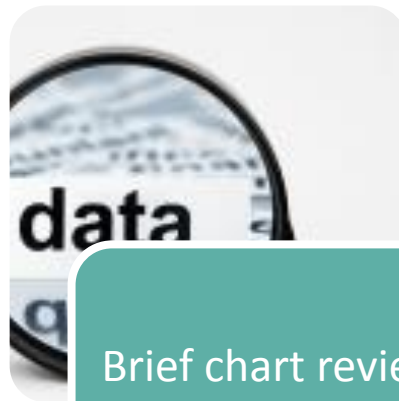
Pareto of Medication Errors by Type



Pre-Intervention Data



List of patients admitted to inpatient psychiatry obtained from service line folder



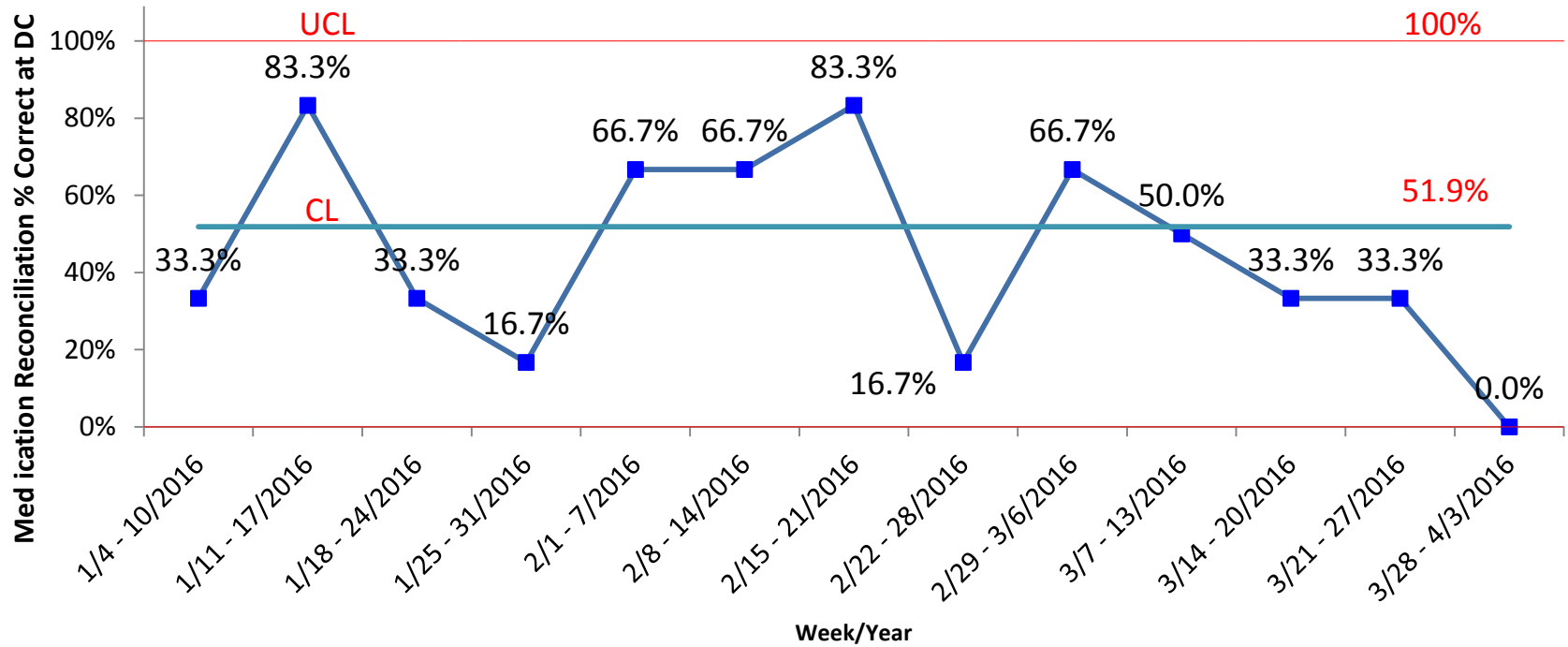
Brief chart review conducted to determine discharge dates



Discharges broken by week and 6 charts randomly selected for intensive review

Process Control Chart

**Medication Reconciliation
Percent Correct at Time of DC
Sample per Week - p Chart**

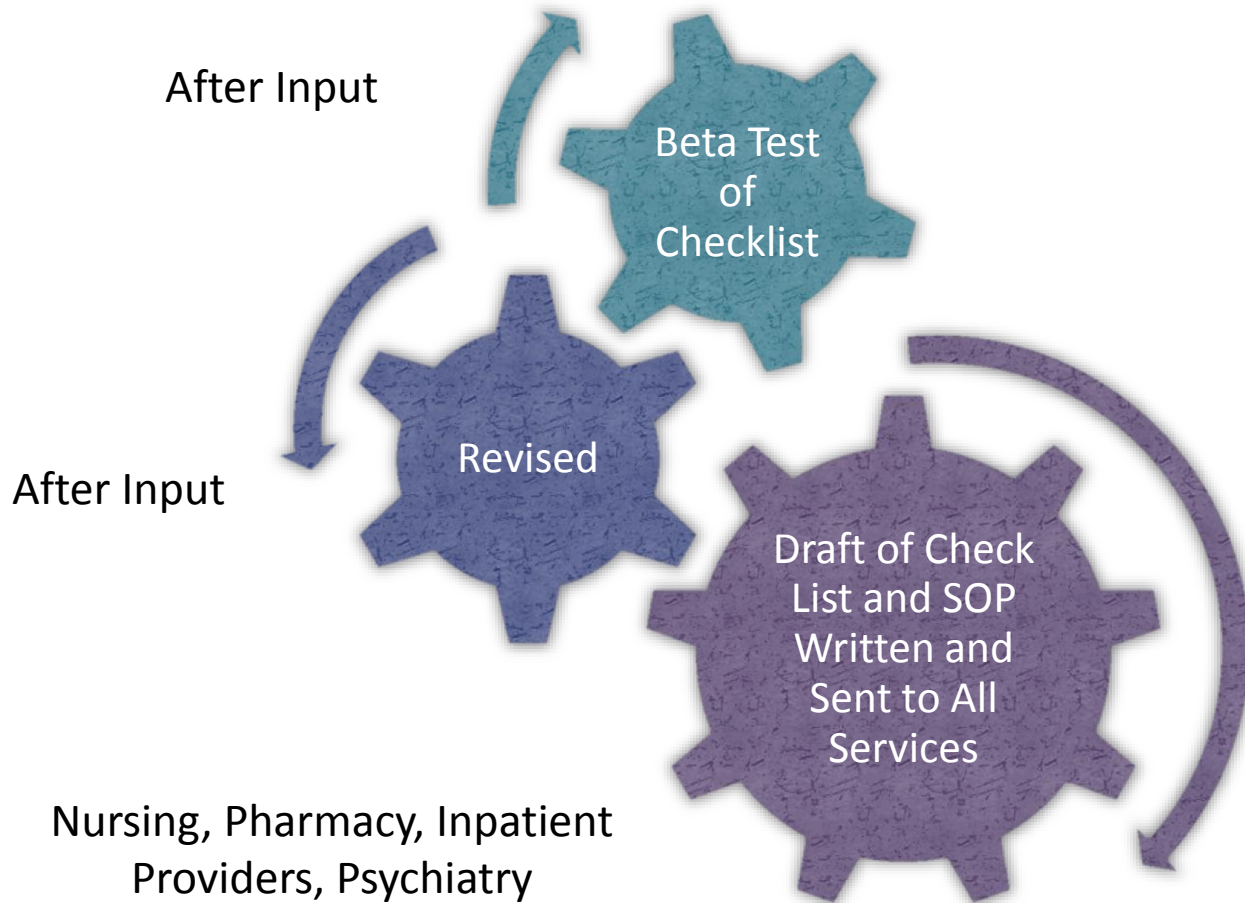


Action Plan

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Action Strength	Action Driver	Action	Why	Start Date
Strong	Unstandardized process between providers	Develop and establish an SOP for providers	Standardize	April 4, 2016
Intermediate	Unstandardized process between providers	Development of simple checklist to be placed at all computer work stations	Simplify	April 4, 2016

Intervention

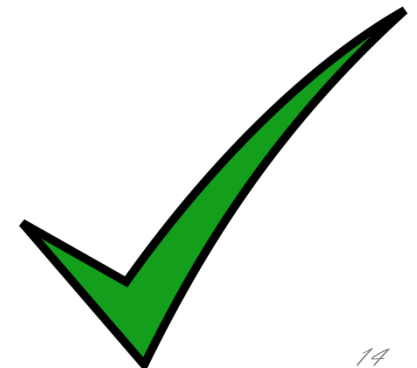


Discharge

Checklist



1. <input type="checkbox"/>	D/C outpatient medications no longer indicated
2. <input type="checkbox"/>	Only one medication list per note <i>(delete any others that may have been copied into the note)</i>
3. <input type="checkbox"/>	All medications have correct indications <i>(non-VA and OTC included)</i>
4. <input type="checkbox"/>	No duplicate medications are present
5. <input type="checkbox"/>	All new medications are listed <i>(including primary care medications)</i>
6. <input type="checkbox"/>	All changed medications are listed
7. <input type="checkbox"/>	All discontinued medications are listed
8. <input type="checkbox"/>	Med Rec D/C Summary Note is error-free



DO: Implementing the Change

April 4, 2016

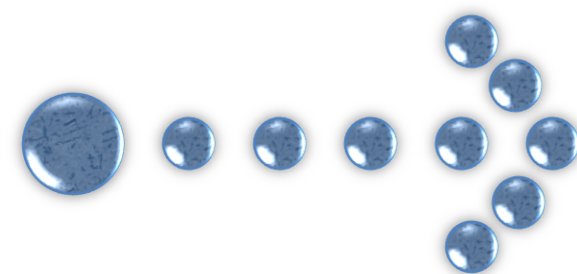
Checklist Posted



Providers Notified



Use Encouraged

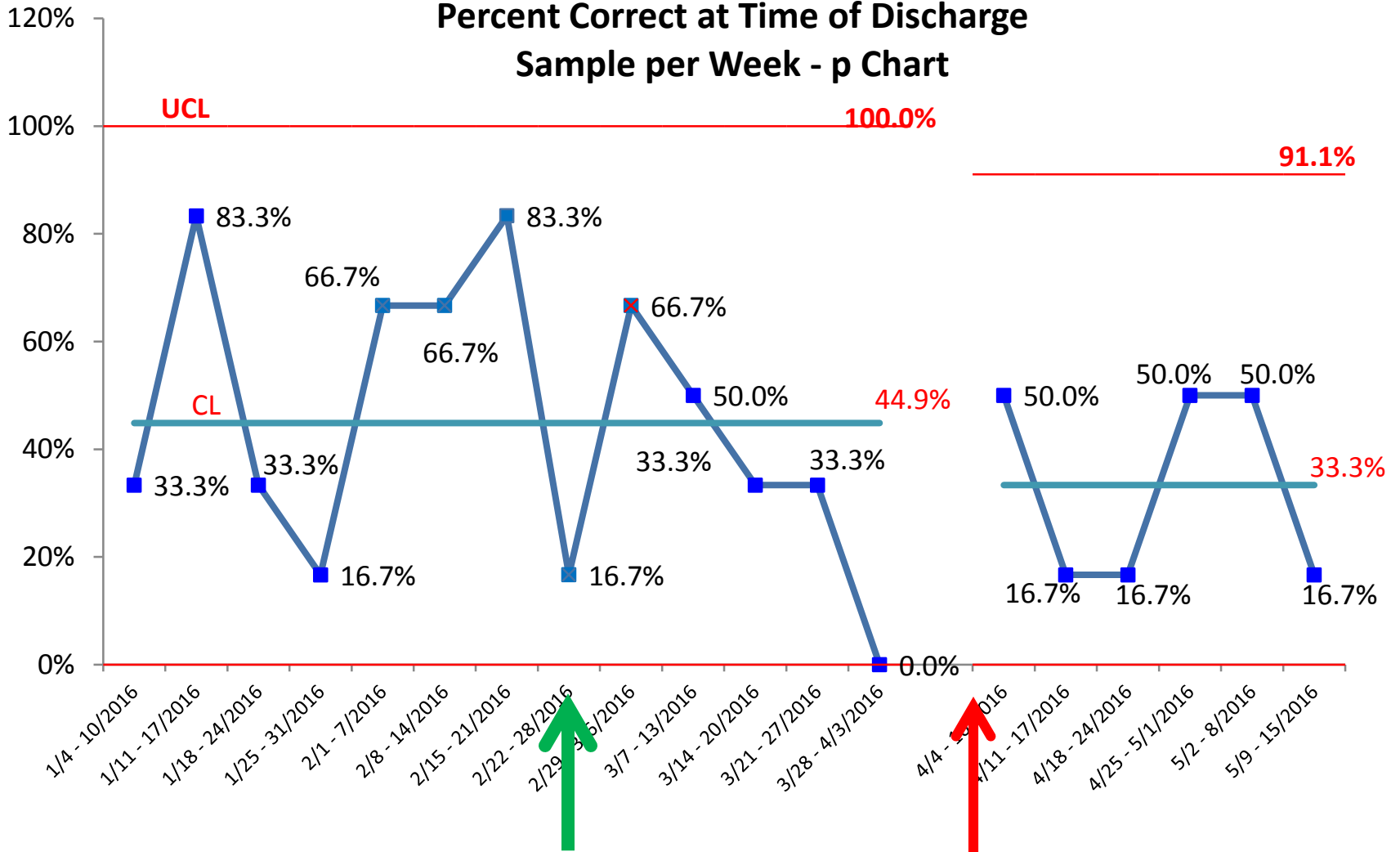


Calendar of Events

April 15, 2016	April 20, 2016	May 15, 2016	May 16 and Beyond
Obtain Feedback On Checklist Use	Attend Inpatient Provider Meeting	Last Day of Data Collection	Gather Final Data
Modify Checklist if Needed	Provide Copies of the SOP	Celebrate!	Complete CS &E Course
Query Use	Highlight Key Points for Discussion		Begin to Work on Other Elements of Discharge Process
Replace Missing Lists	Modify SOP if Needed		
	Initiate Process for Implementation		

Results

Medication Reconciliation
Percent Correct at Time of Discharge
Sample per Week - p Chart



Re-appropriation
of Staff

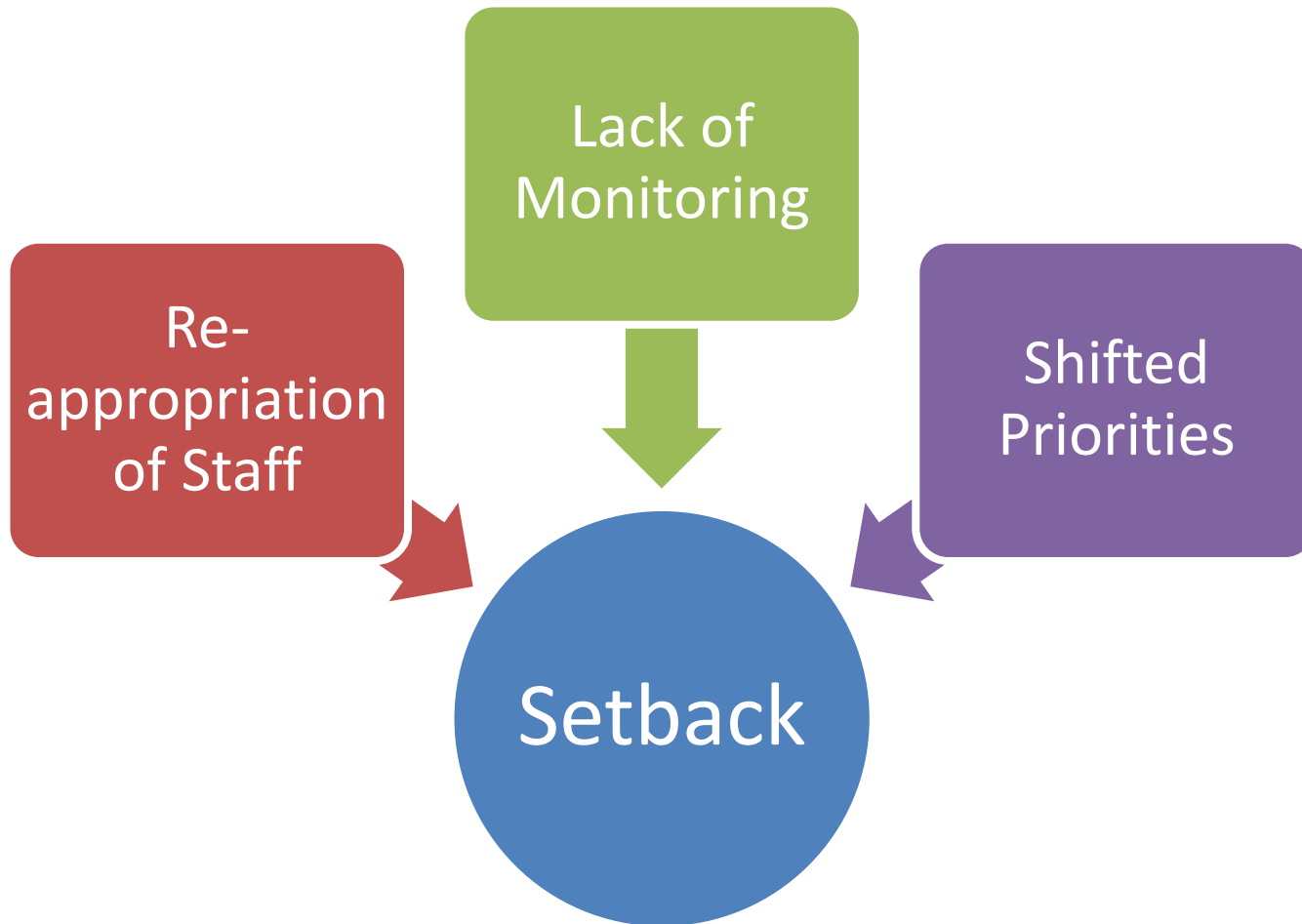
Checklist deployed

Results

Central Tendencies

	Pre-intervention	Post-intervention
Mean	44.87 \pm 27.64%	33.33 \pm 18.26%
Median	33.33%	33.33%
Mode	33.33%	50.00%

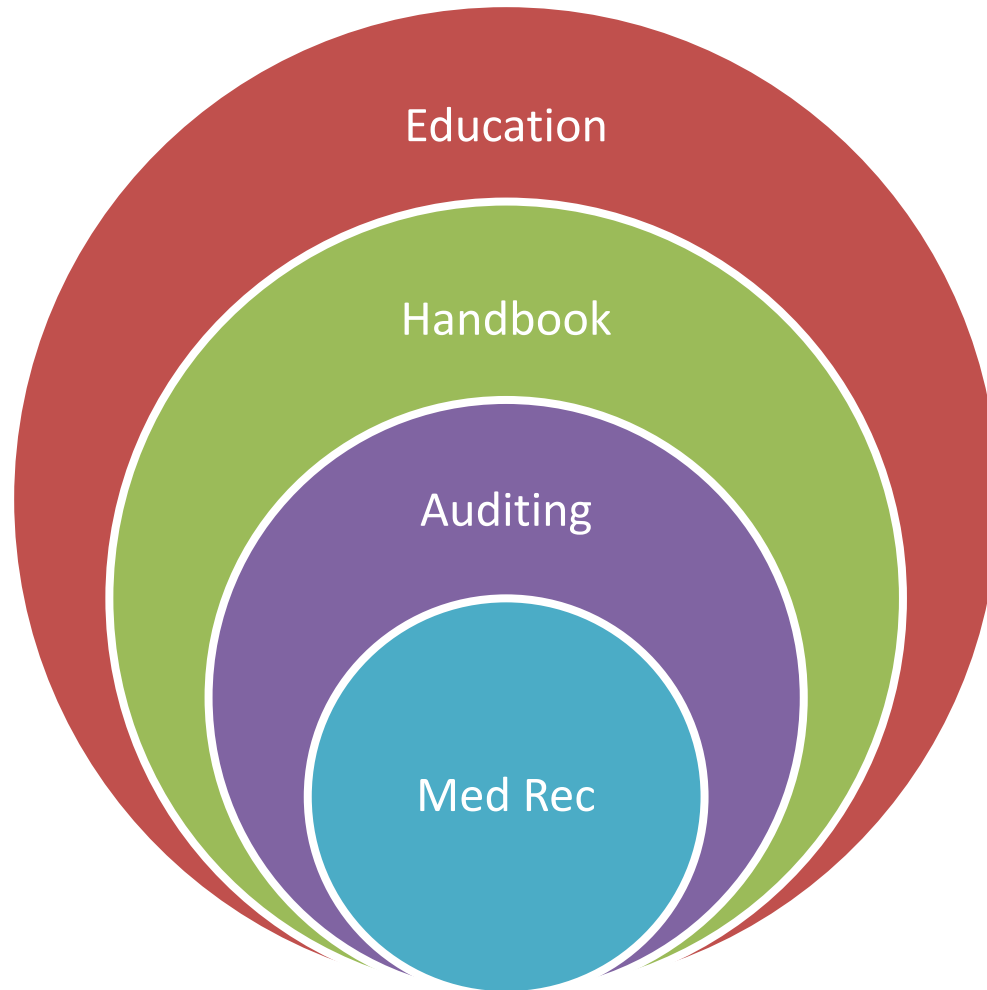
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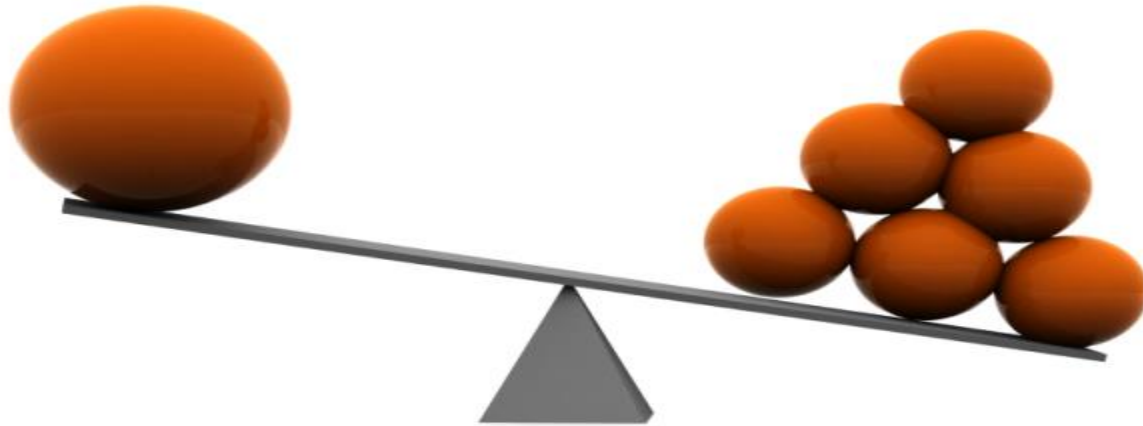
ACT: Sustaining the Results



ACT: Sustaining the Results



Return on Investment



COSTS

-CPS time

SAVINGS

Through Process Improvement

-medication waste

-provider time

-nursing time

-pharmacist time

Not So Soft Savings

- **Veteran Satisfaction**

- VHA exceeds private hospitals on care transition¹
- On par for discharge information and medication communication¹

- **Provider Satisfaction**

- “When you get in the work environment, it’s more and more clear that the team causes the largest change in outcomes for patients” - John Jelovsek, Cleveland Clinic¹
- Changing the culture

- **Regulatory Compliance²**

1. McKinsey & Company, Inc for CMS. Prepared for Dept of VA Sept 1, 2015

2. Rozich JD, Howard RJ, Justeson JM, et al. Patient safety standardization as a mechanism to improve safety in health care. Jt Comm J Qual Saf. 2004;30(1):5–14.

