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SCIENCE (TIS):  
WEEK 5



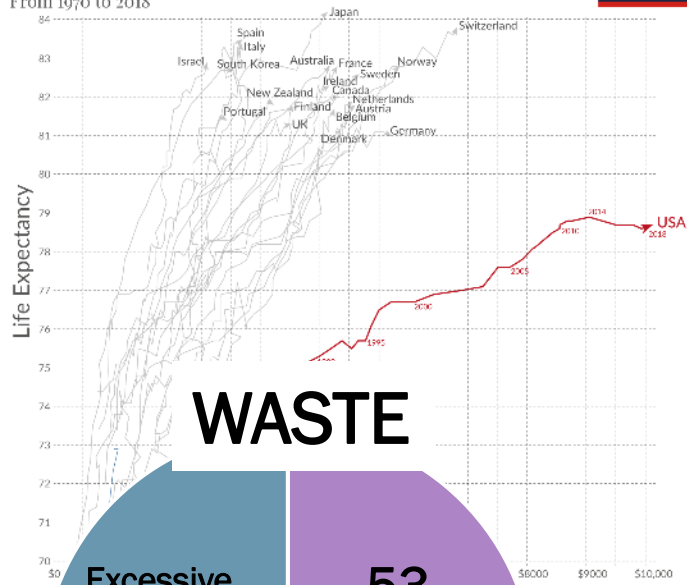
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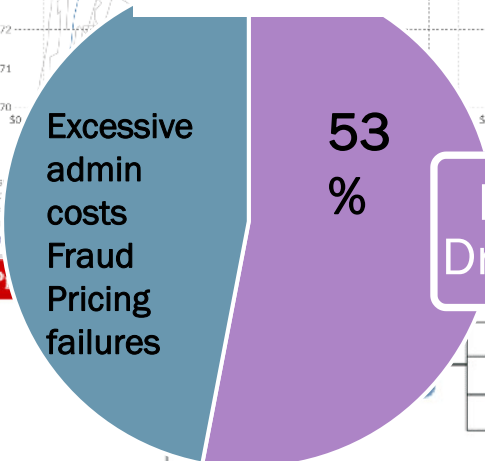
# Life expectancy vs. health expenditure

Our World in Data

From 1970 to 2018

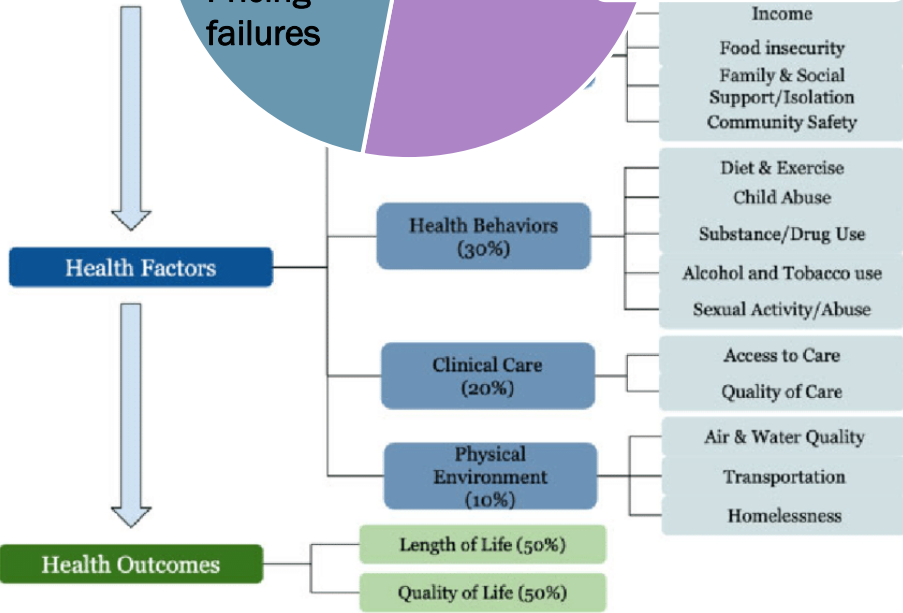


## WASTE

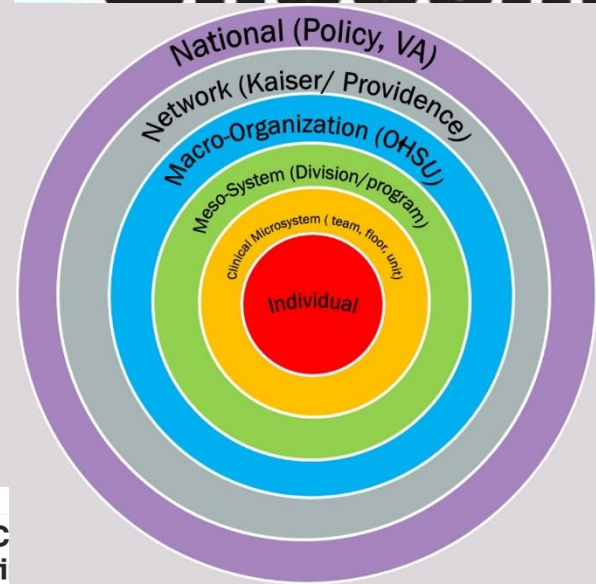


## Physician-Driven Waste

Policies and P...



# Choosing



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By Ariel Edwards-Levy, CNN  
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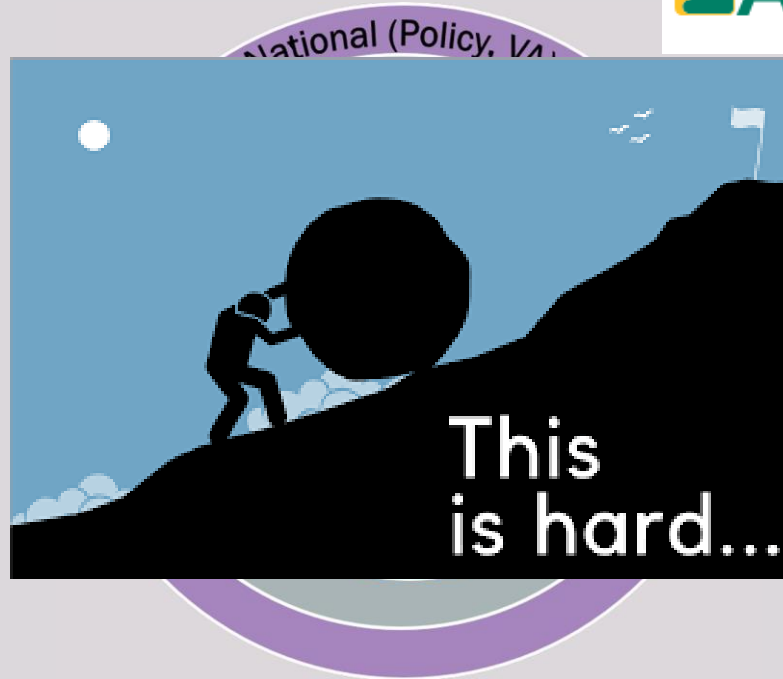
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## Low-Cost, High-Volume Health Services Contribute The Most To Unnecessary Health Spending

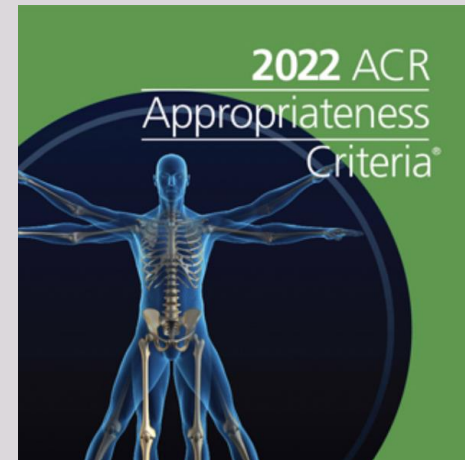
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- Labs for low-risk surgery patients
- Cardiac stress test/imaging for low risk/asymptomatic patients
- Annual EKG for low risk/asymptomatic patients
- Routine CT Head scans for ED visits complaining of dizziness
- EKG/Chest X-Ray/Pulmonary function tests in low-risk surgery patients
- Population screening for vitamin D deficiency
- PSA screening for all men regardless of age
- Routine imaging for uncomplicated Rhinosinusitis
- Routine annual cervical cancer screening women ages 21-65
- Imaging for low back pain within first 6 weeks without red flag symptoms

**\$586 Million  
dollars/year  
in waste in  
the state of  
Virginia**

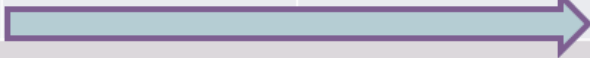


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Week	1	2	3	4	5
Dates	8/10- 8/31	9/7- 9/28	10/5- 10/26	11/2-11/23	11/30-12/21
Topic	Systems 1: Intro & Clinical Efficiency	Systems 2: Microsystems & Tools for Improvement	Systems 3: Macrosystems & SDoH	Value-Based Care (+30 min)	Data Science (+30 min)



Week	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dates	1/11-2/1	2/8-3/1	3/8-3/29	4/5-4/26	5/3-5/24	5/31-6/21
Topic	Diagnostic Errors (+60 min)	Systems Errors (RCA) (+60 min)	Teamwork Simulation (+60 min)	Error Disclosure & Second Victim (+60 min)	Narrative Medicine (+60 min)	Present HSPs!



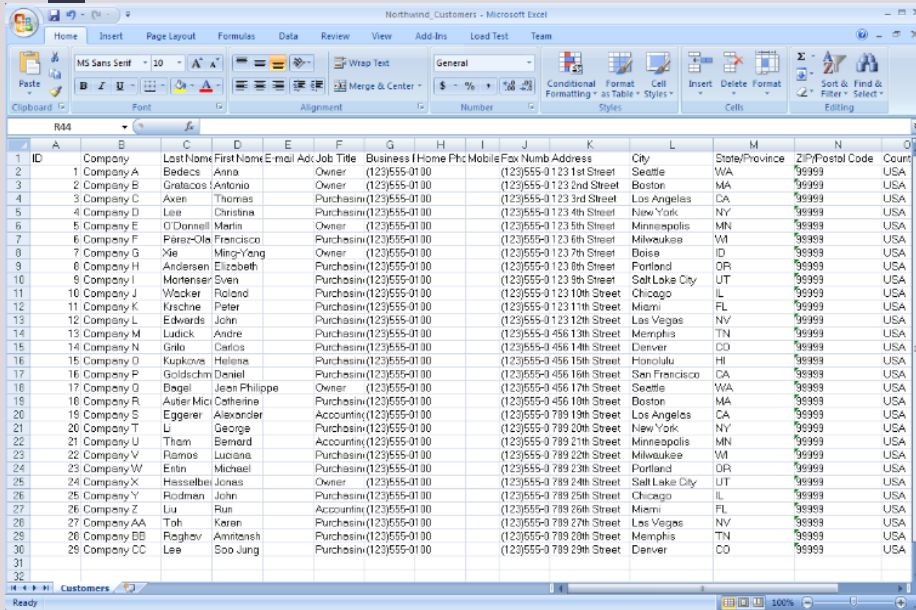
**Health System Projects Will Be Completed Across Weeks 4-11**



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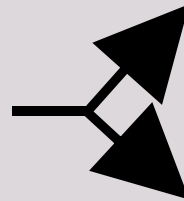


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ID	Company	Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address	Job Title	Business Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Fax Number	Address	City	State/Province	ZIP/Postal Code	Country
1	Company A	Biedeck	Anna		Owner	(123)555-0100			123 1st Street	Seattle	WA	98999	USA
2	Company B	Grullacos	Antonio		Owner	(123)555-0100			123 2nd Street	Boston	MA	98999	USA
3	Company C	Axen	Thomas		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 3rd Street	Los Angeles	CA	98999	USA
4	Company D	Lee	Christina		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 4th Street	New York	NY	98999	USA
5	Company E	O'Donnell	Marin		Owner	(123)555-0100			123 5th Street	Minneapolis	MN	98999	USA
6	Company F	Pérez-Ola	Francisco		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 6th Street	Milwaukee	WI	98999	USA
7	Company G	Xie	Ming-Yang		Owner	(123)555-0100			123 7th Street	Boise	ID	98999	USA
8	Company H	Andersen	Elizabeth		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 8th Street	Portland	OR	98999	USA
9	Company I	Mortensen	Evan		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 9th Street	Salt Lake City	UT	98999	USA
10	Company J	Wacker	Roland		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 10th Street	Chicago	IL	98999	USA
11	Company K	Kirschner	Peter		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			123 11th Street	Miami	FL	98999	USA
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13	Company M	Ludick	Andre		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			456 13th Street	Memphis	TN	98999	USA
14	Company N	Gillo	Carlos		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			456 14th Street	Denver	CO	98999	USA
15	Company O	Rappkove	Helena		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			456 15th Street	Honolulu	HI	98999	USA
16	Company P	Goldschm	Deniel		Purchasing	(123)555-0100			456 16th Street	San Francisco	CA	98999	USA
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**STORY**





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What are we trying to accomplish?



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# The Challenge

- Problem statement: Concerns have been raised that delays in morning lab completion are leading to delays in patient care and discharges.
- Your assignment: Understand the current state of morning lab timeliness and, if appropriate, improve the timeliness. You and your team will have 3 months to complete your work.

# Team Formation

Phlebotomy manager  
Phlebotomy team member  
Lab tech  
Physician



# A3 - A Lean Tool

Prepared By: Jess Fixit

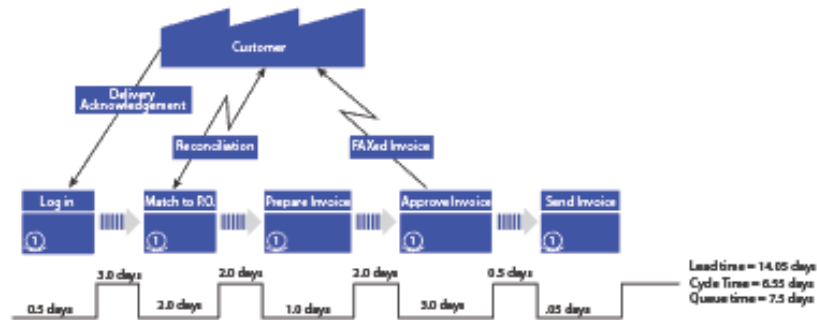
Invoice Creation Lead Time Improvement - A3 Report

January 28, 2018

## Background

The time between product delivery and invoicing our customers averages 1405 days with a max of 25 days. Our customers pay their invoices on time (<30days) 99.95% of the time. The invoicing process has, on average, \$22.3 million in invoices in process.

## Current Situation



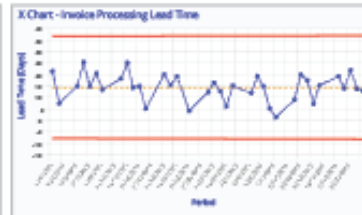
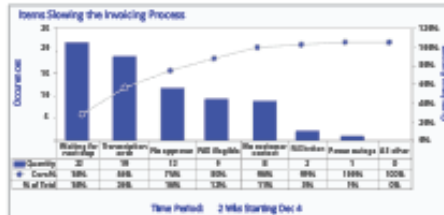
## Recommendations

- Eliminate external approval, invoice preparer is responsible for making sure invoice is correct
- Eliminate logging delivery acknowledgement into the system; system has capability to generate invoices on user authority
- Use electronic delivery acknowledgement which returns our original information, thereby eliminating the need for re-entry of information and minimizing the need for P.O. matching and reconciliation
- Use electronic (EDI) transmittal of invoice to eliminate FAX problems

## Implementation Plan

#	Description	Week								Who	% Comp	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
1	Process design	█									MK	100%
2	Simulation		█	█	█						MK	100%
3	Capital approval			█							DH	100%
4	Customer Input	█	█								GF	100%
5	Set up EDI		█	█	█	█	█	█			GF	100%
6	Pilot Runs				█	█	█	█	█		MK	80%
7	Launch								█	█	TJ	50%

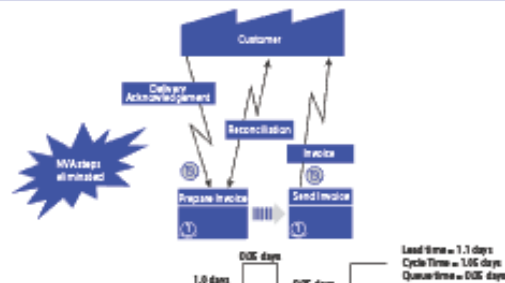
## Analysis



## Follow Up

- Include section in next 6 customer surveys to determine any negative impact; MK, 03/01.
- Review back-up procedures with IS to ensure data continuity; DH, 03/01.

## Goal



## Results Report



# Background Investigation

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# Background Investigation

## Important things to understand:

1. Is this a problem reported elsewhere?
2. How have others have solved this problem?
3. Is there alignment with local quality priorities?



# Background Investigation

Question: What is the scope of the problem you are investigating?

1. Is this a problem reported elsewhere?

- *Yes, report from 367 institutions recognized late lab reporting may delay patient care.*

2. How have others have solved this problem?

- *Single institution report showed improvement in collection time of morning labs using Lean improvement tools.*

3. Is there alignment with local quality priorities?

- *Yes, discharge before 10 AM identified as top priority and lab timeliness could affect this goal.*

# Current State

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# CURRENT STATE INTERVIEWS

Physician



## Question:

1. What information did you gather from the physician interview?
2. What step might you take next as a QI team to confirm this problem?

# Current State Data

- Based off the concern raised by the physician interview about lab timeliness, a data pull is performed looking at what time AM labs result.
- It is reported out that the average result time over 3 months is **7:40 AM**.

## Question:

1. Is the average results time of 7:40 AM an accurate representation of lab timeliness?

This displays the count (number) of labs that resulted during each 30 minute time window over three months.

Time lab results	July	Aug	Sep	Total
<4:30am	7	1	5	13
4:30-5:00	103	48	76	227
5:00-5:30	210	209	151	570
5:30-6:00	124	145	112	381
6:00-6:30	65	35	54	154
6:30-7:00	176	111	81	368
7:00-7:30	352	374	222	948
7:30-8:00	538	549	658	1745
8:00-8:30	513	587	579	1679
8:30-9:00	371	325	288	984
9:00-9:30	81	127	218	426
>9:30	155	178	198	531
	2695	2689	2642	

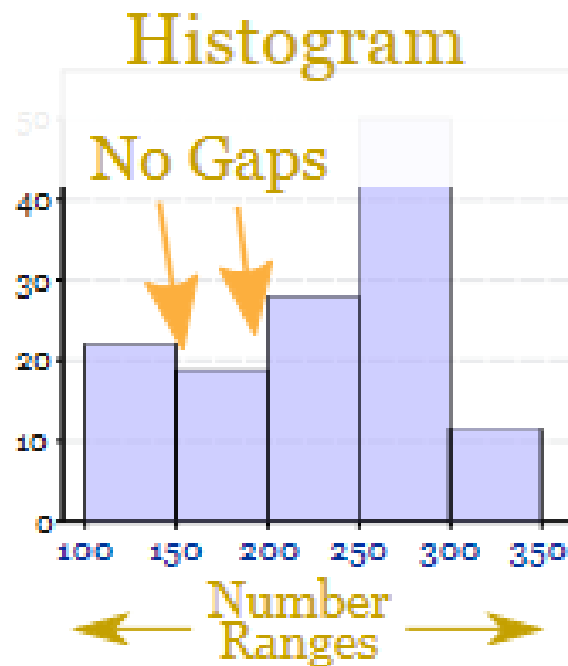
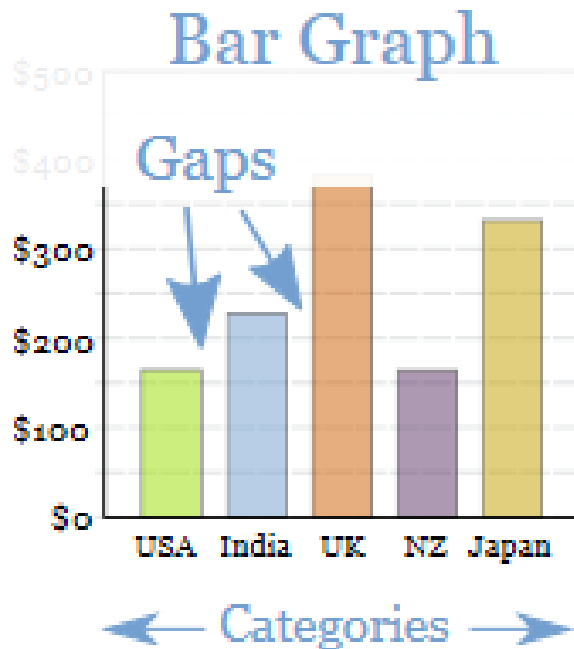
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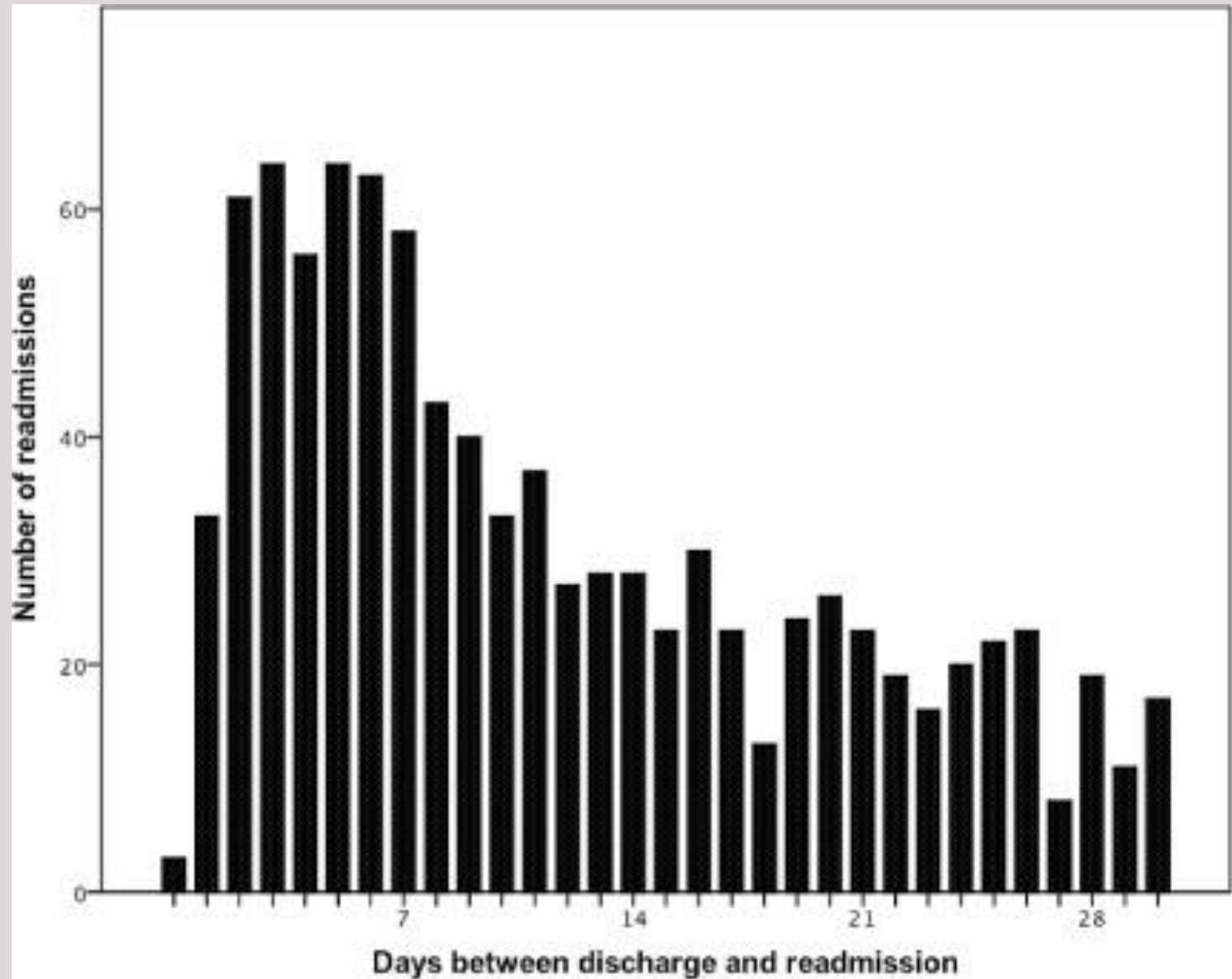
1. Do you think a problem exists?
2. How can you display this data to help your boss understand that there is a problem despite a relatively good average results time of 7:40 AM?



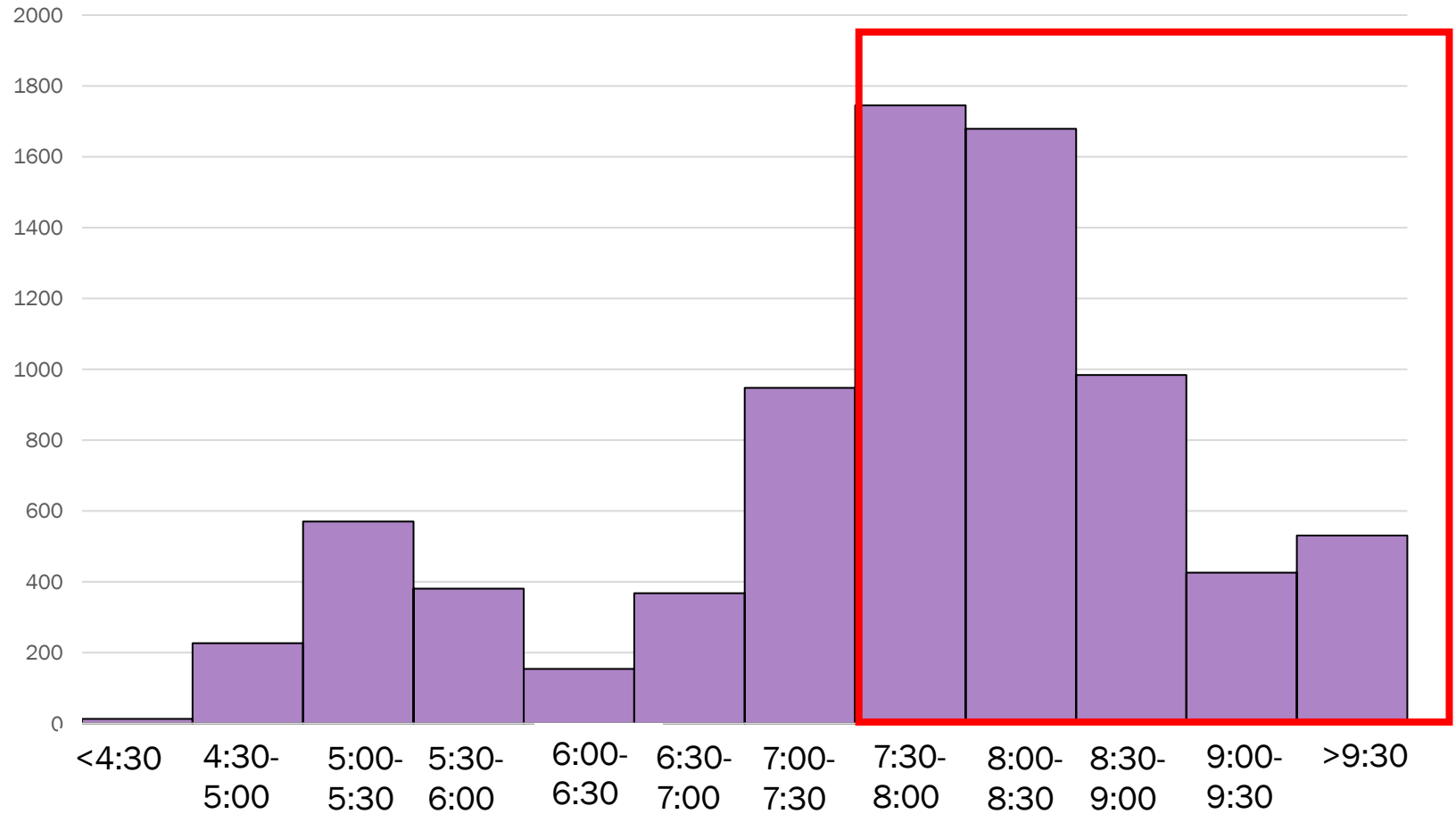
# Histogram

- Shows frequency distribution
- Bars represent different events
  - *numbers grouped into ranges*
  - *Height=frequency of occurrence*
- Useful to understand the spread of data for a process

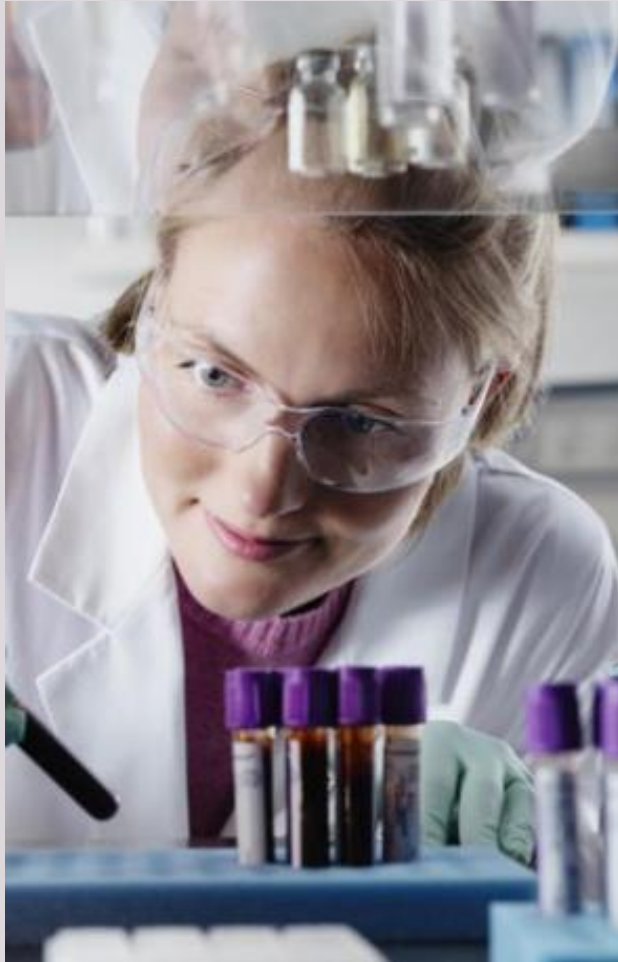




# Histogram of lab draws by time resulted







# CURRENT STATE INTERVIEWS

Lab Tech

## Question:

1. What information did you gather from the lab tech interview?

# CURRENT STATE INTERVIEWS

Phlebotomist

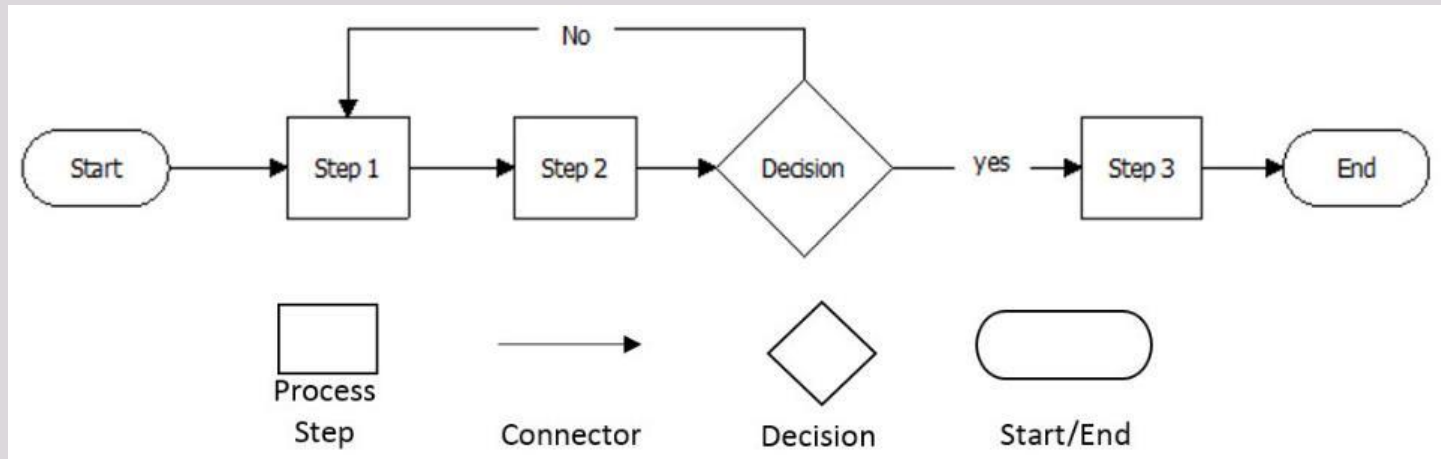


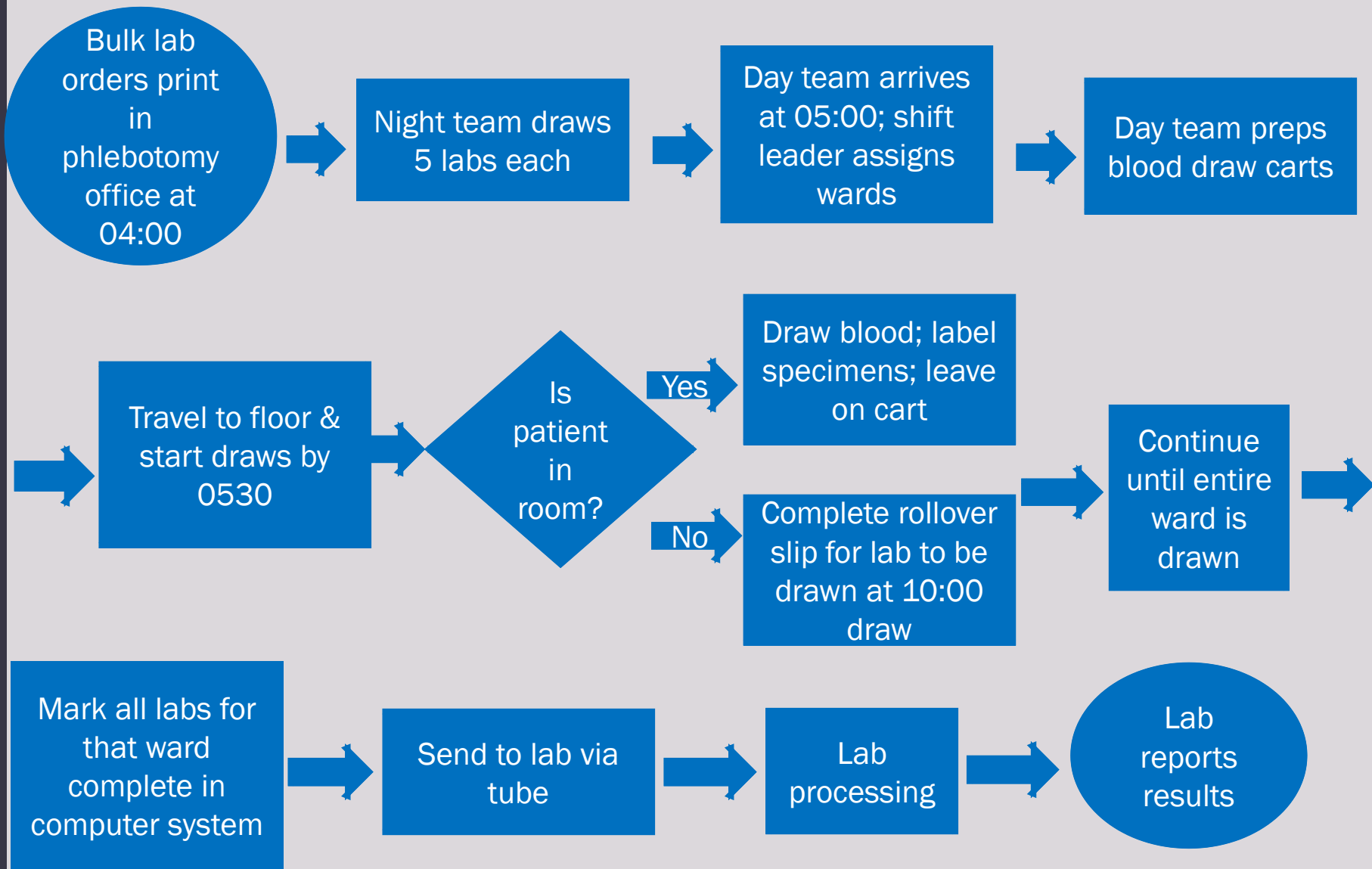
## Question:

1. What information did you gather from the phlebotomist interview?

# Process Mapping

**Process mapping** is the graphic display of steps, events and operations that constitute a **process**.





# CURRENT STATE INTERVIEWS

Phlebotomy Manager



## Question:

1. What information did you gather from the phlebotomy manager interview?

# Observations of how where phlebotomists are spending time

**LPN # 1:**



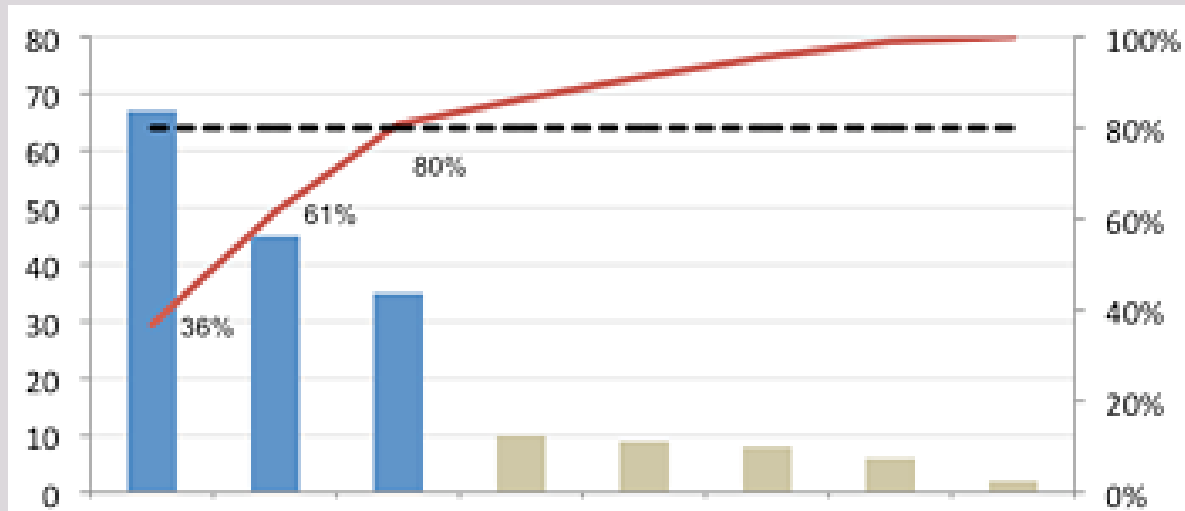
First 2 columns includes time in motion between rooms, prep outside of room and time in room

Floor 6D START 5:24 END 7:40

## Minutes spent per task

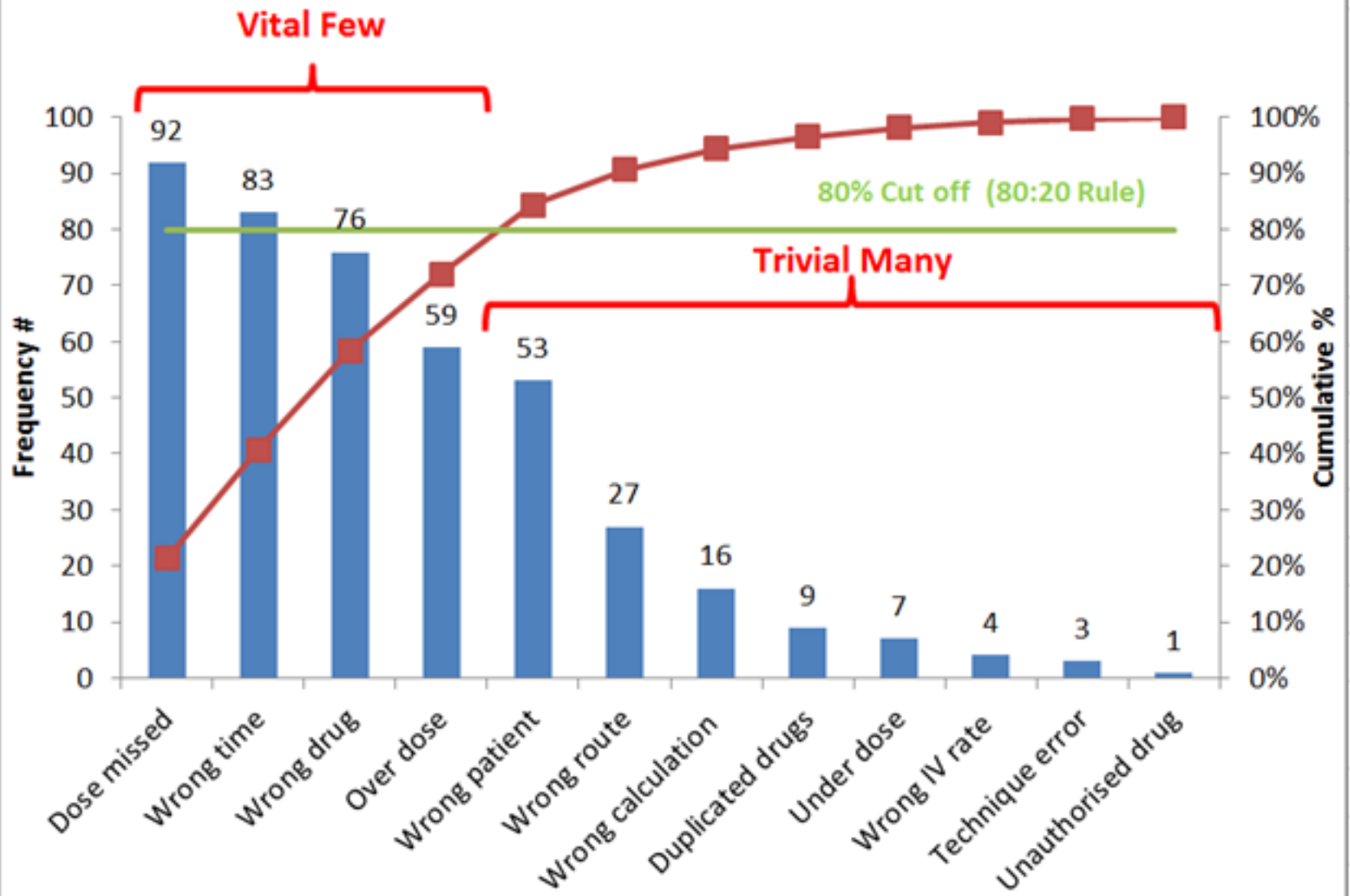
	Routine blood draw	Stat blood draw	surveillance Blood cx	special handling labs (name)	Gowning for contact precautions	Searching for computer	Tubing blood to lab	IV placement	Total mins for patient
Patient 1	8		4						12
Patient 2	6				1				7
Patient 3	5							3	8
Patient 4	6			2 (ACTH)					6
Patient 5		5				3	2		12
Patient 6	5				1			2	8
Patient 7	6				1				7
Patient 8	6								6
Patient 9	8		4					3	15
Patient 10		5				3	2		10
Patient 11	5				1				6
Patient 12	5				1			3	10
Patient 13	5			2 (D-Dimer)					7
Patient 14	6				1				7
Patient 15	7					4	3		14

# Pareto Chart



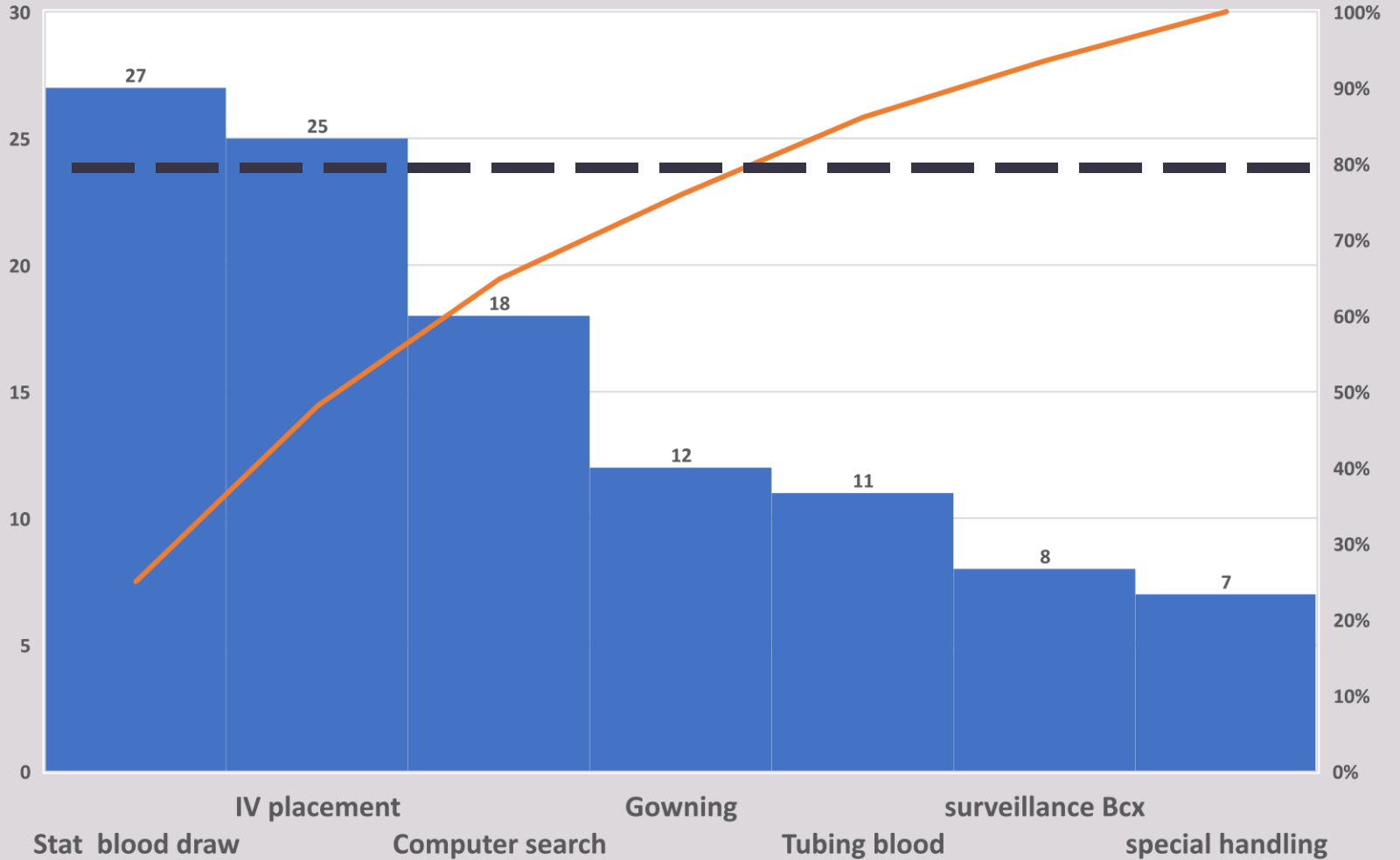
- Powerful for showing relative importance of factors
- Combines bar & line graph
  - *Aka: sorted bar graph*
- Individual factors in descending order, cumulative total represented by the line
- 80% cutoff line indicates where 80/20 rule applies, i.e., the few key (vital) factors that warrant attention

# Pareto Chart - Types of Medication Errors (n=430)

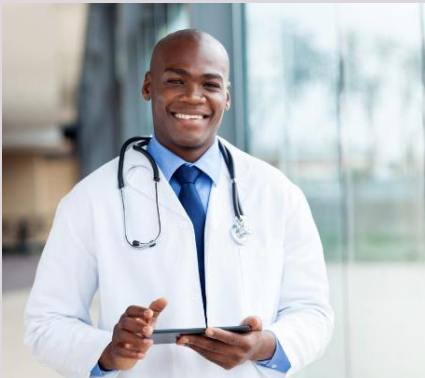
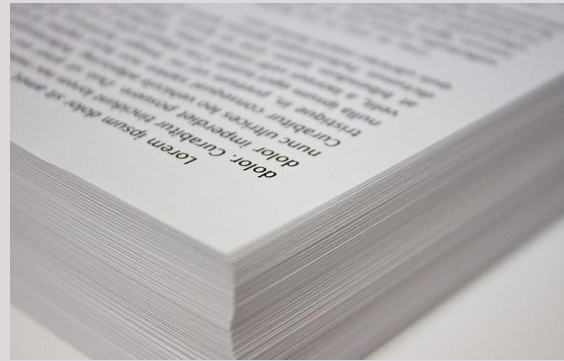




# Pareto of interruptions by minutes



# So where are we?



# Root Causes

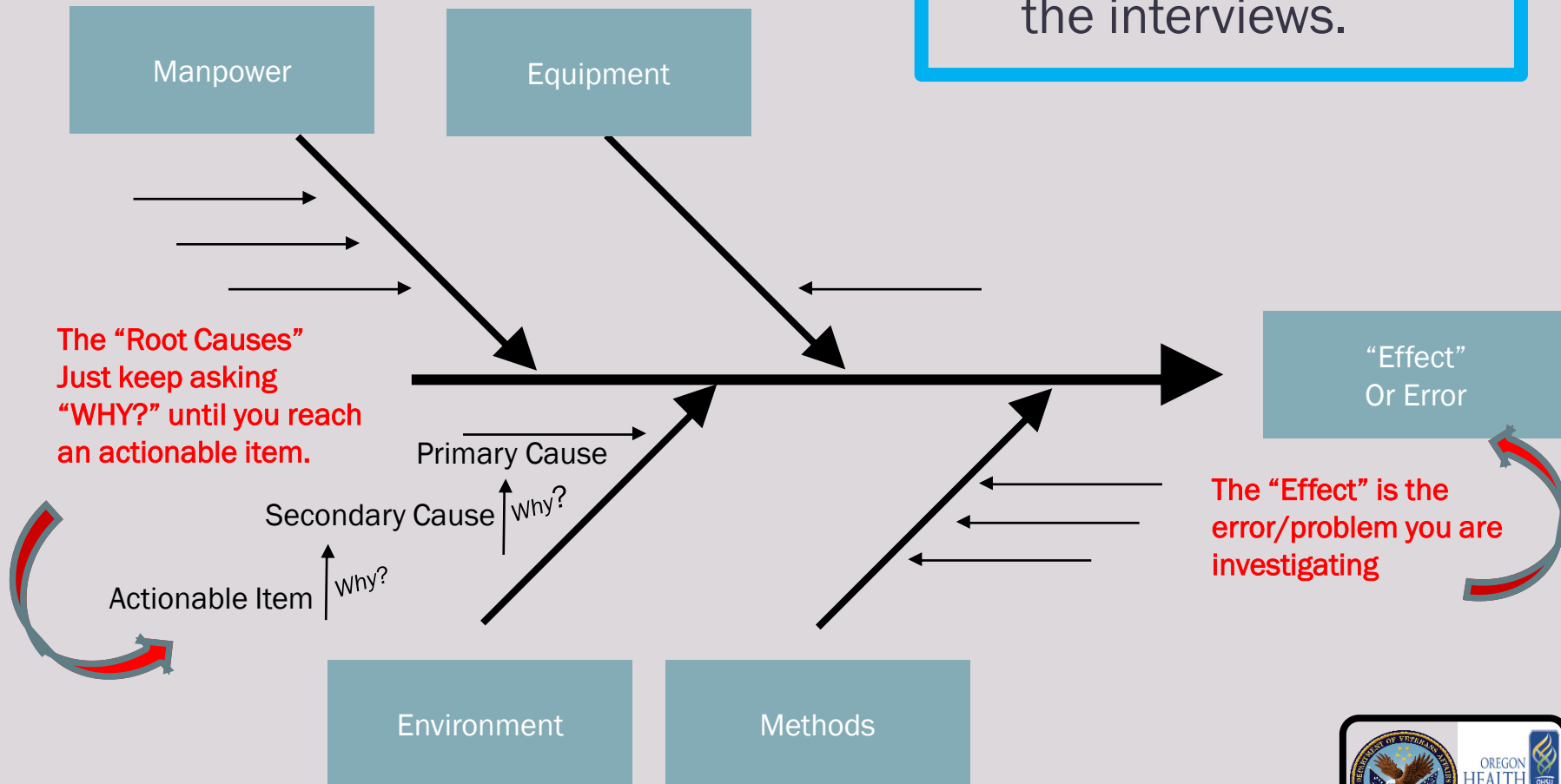
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# Fishbone Diagram

## Activity:

1. Fill out the fishbone diagram on the website of potential root causes based on the interviews.



## Methods

1. Morning lab draws start at 4:00am
  - Time chosen for bulk orders labels to print
2. IV starts and blood cultures need additional time
  - These are done during the morning draw
    - No standard operating procedure saying when to perform IV starts
3. Stat labs are ordered for routine purposes
  - Providers forget to enter orders for bulk draw and order stat instead
    - Providers are unaware of the impact of stat labs on the bulk draw

## People

1. Night phlebotomists pick 5 easy to draw patients
  - There are no “rules” or standard operating procedures
2. Nurses do not help with blood draws
  - Union Contract says labs to be drawn by phlebotomy
3. Short staffed
  - 4 phlebotomists retired
    - Long hiring process

Delays in morning labs results

1. Multiple people take vacation simultaneously
  - No limits on how vacation time is scheduled
    - Union contract allows overlapping vacation hours
2. Manager feels ineffective at managing
  - Manager doesn't have proper training

## Environment

1. Carts take first 15 minutes of shift to stock
  - Carts are not pre-stocked at the end of shift
    - No standard operating procedure instructing night team to stock the day team carts
2. All specimens sent to the lab at once after an entire ward (up to 20 patients) blood is drawn
  - Easier to mark as collected all at same time
    - Current computer technology is archaic

## Materials/equipment





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# Targets & Metrics

**Activity:** Come up with an AIM statement, outcome, process and balancing measure for this project and put it into the website.

## AIM statement

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Relevant
- Timebound

## Outcome measures:

- What we are trying to improve
- What the end-user cares about

## Process measures:

- Key steps and processes that influence the outcomes
- What we do proximal to outcomes

## Balancing measures:

- The undesirable effects on a system because of your interventions

## Target State:

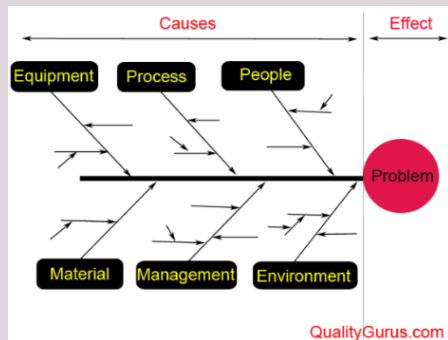
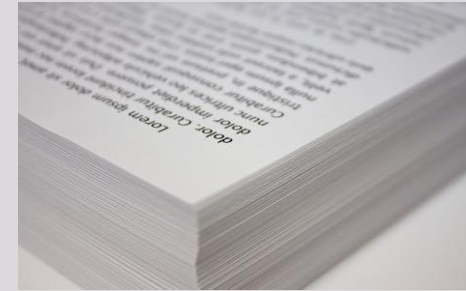
### *AIM Statement:*

Increase the percentage of labs reported by 7:30 AM by 50% over a period of 3 months

### *Measures:*

Outcome measure: % of labs reported by 7:30 AM  
Process measure – *Staff attendance, average accession time*  
Balancing measure - *Minutes processing in the lab*

# So where are we?



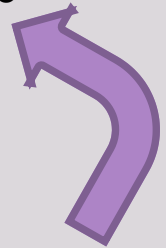
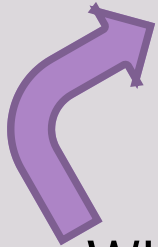
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# Develop Countermeasures

**Outcome Measure:** Increase the percentage of labs reported by 7:30 AM by 50% over a period of 3 months



What change do you want to make to accomplish this?

**Activity:** Based on your root causes & AIM statement develop a plan of a single change what you would like to make to fix the system.

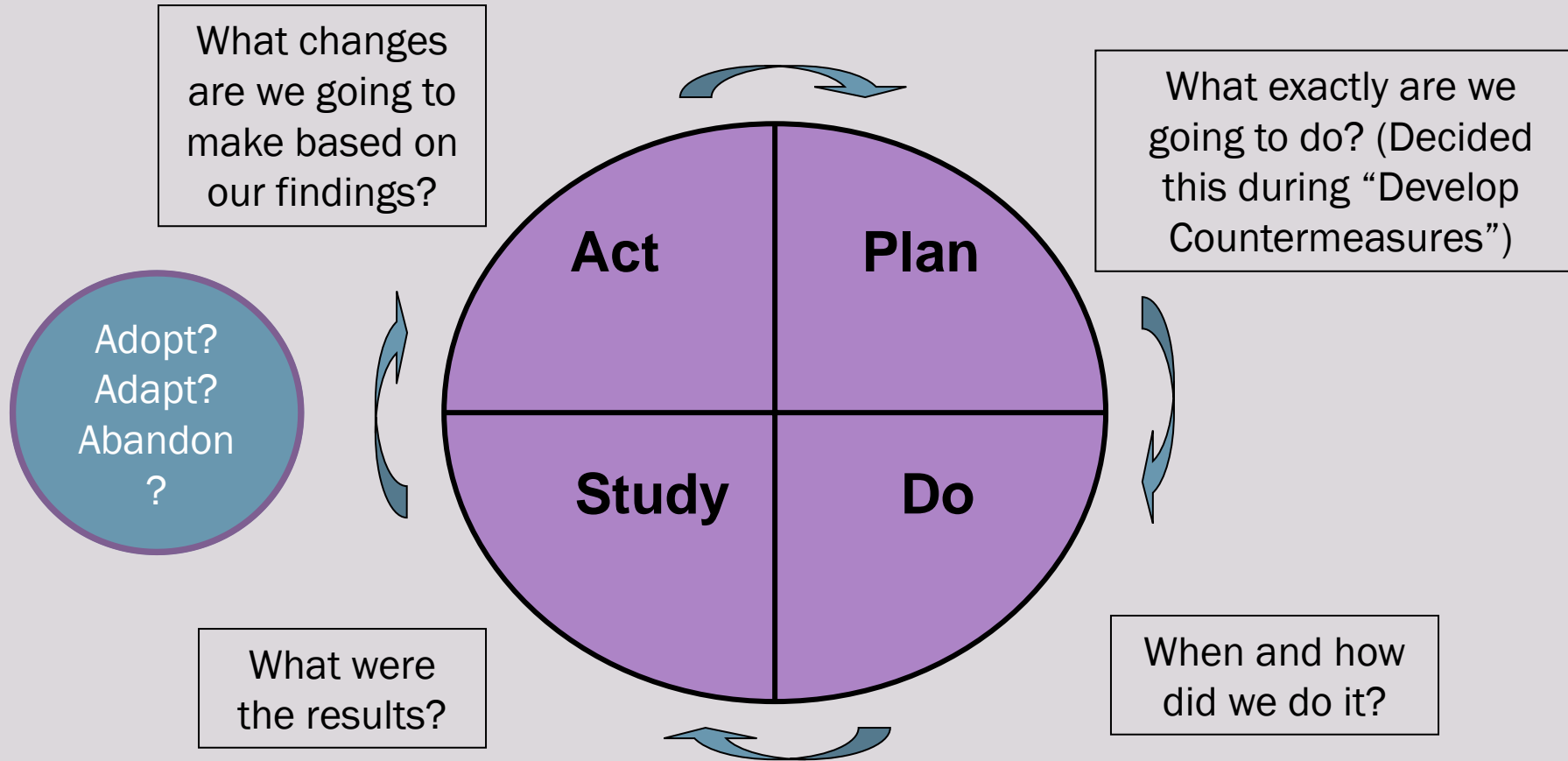
- *Remember you have a 3-month timeline to make improvement!*
- *Refer back to the pareto chart & fishbone diagram for ideas*
- *Write down your plan in the website*

# Implement Countermeasures

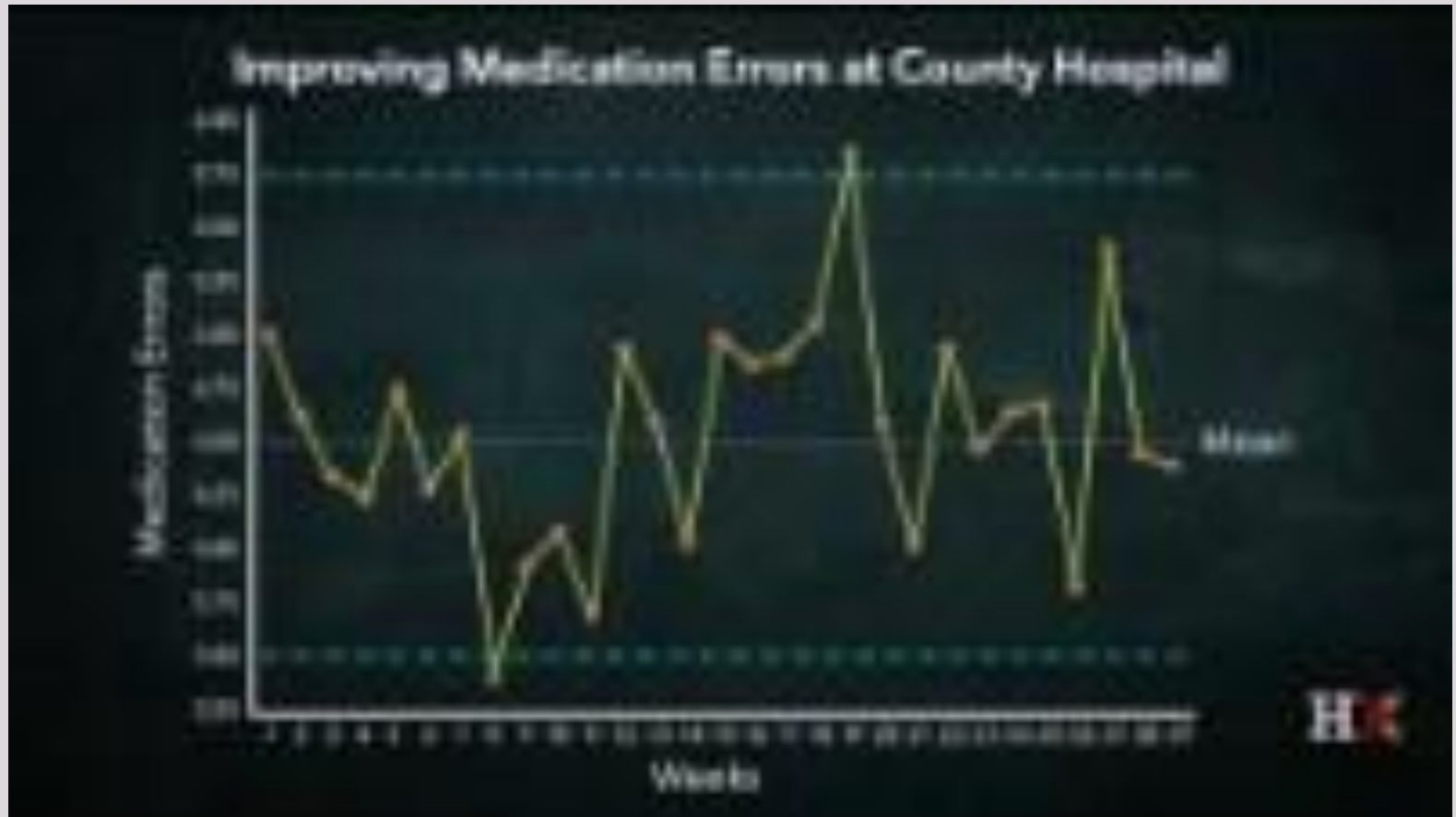
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# PDSA

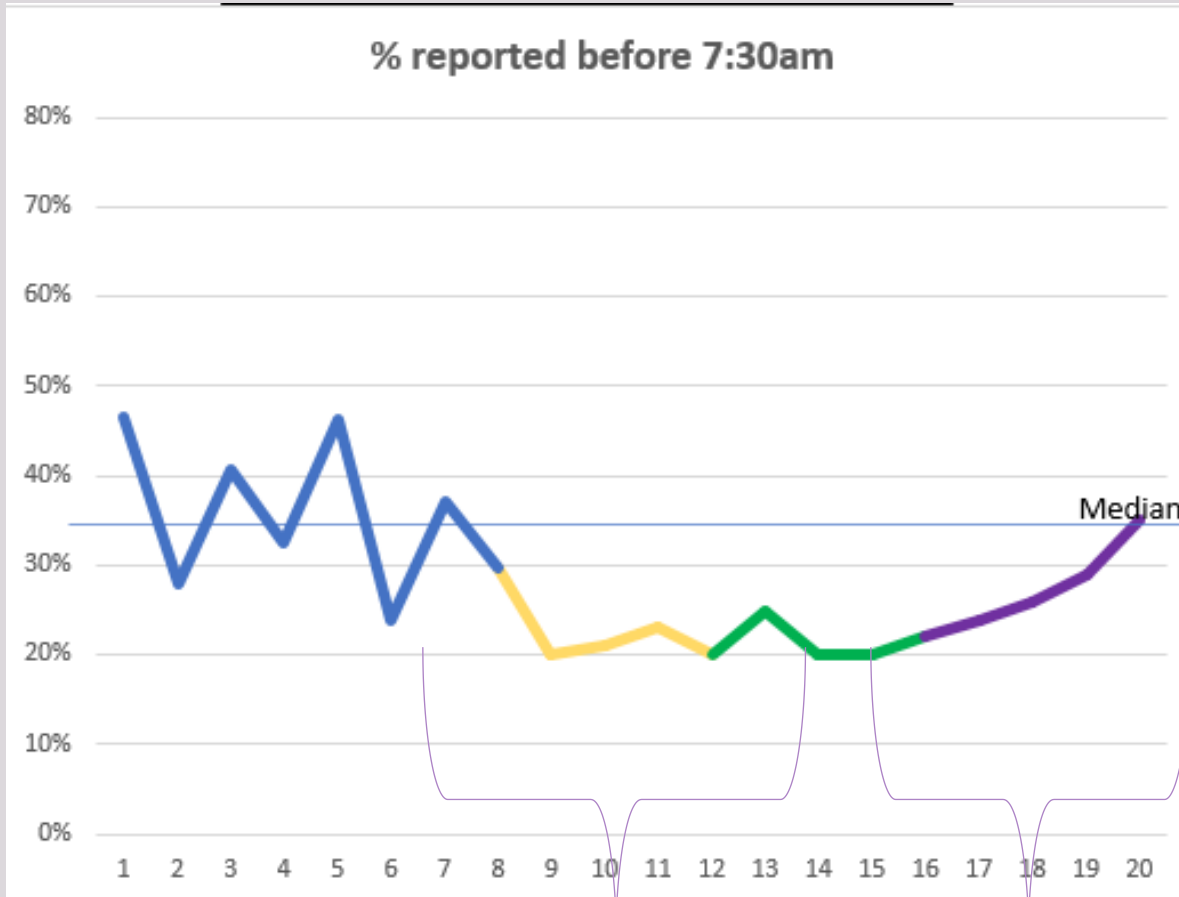


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**Shift:** 6 or more consecutive points above or below median

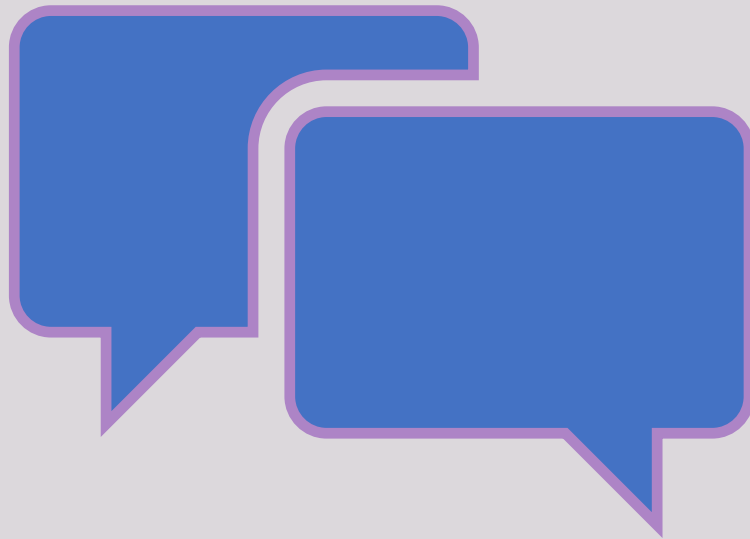
**Trend:** 5 or more increasing or decreasing points

# Implement Countermeasures

Activity: Return to the website and begin your PDSA cycle. Choose the link to the data that best represents the type of change you want to implement.

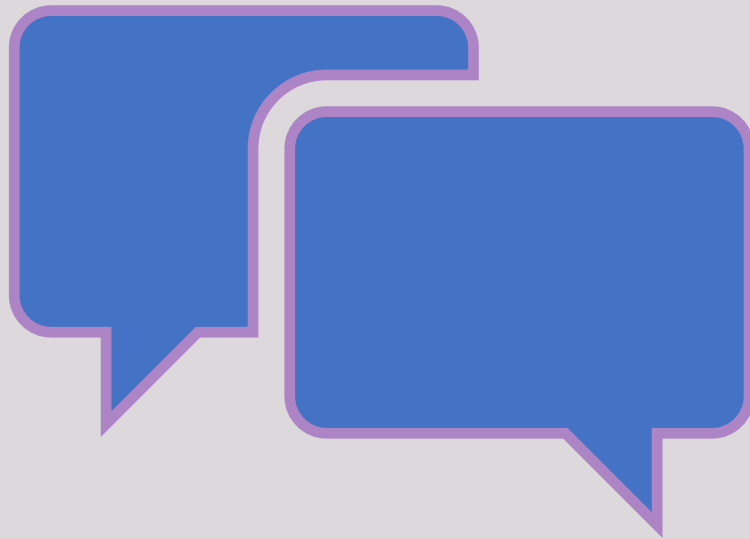
When you click on the link (Blue, Green, Orange) this will open a new window with data that you can graph into website.

## PDSA Cycle 1



# DEBRIEF PSDA MONTH 1

# Complete PDSA Month 2 & 3



## DEBRIEF PDSA MONTH 2-3

# Follow Up Plan

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Background:	Root Causes:	Develop Countermeasures:
		Implement Countermeasures (PDSA):
Current State:	Targets & Metrics:	Follow Up Plan:

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# Follow up plan

Things to consider:

- Publicize the agreed upon best way to do the work (“standard work”).
- Who will monitor data?
- What thresholds will you use to re-convene improvement team?





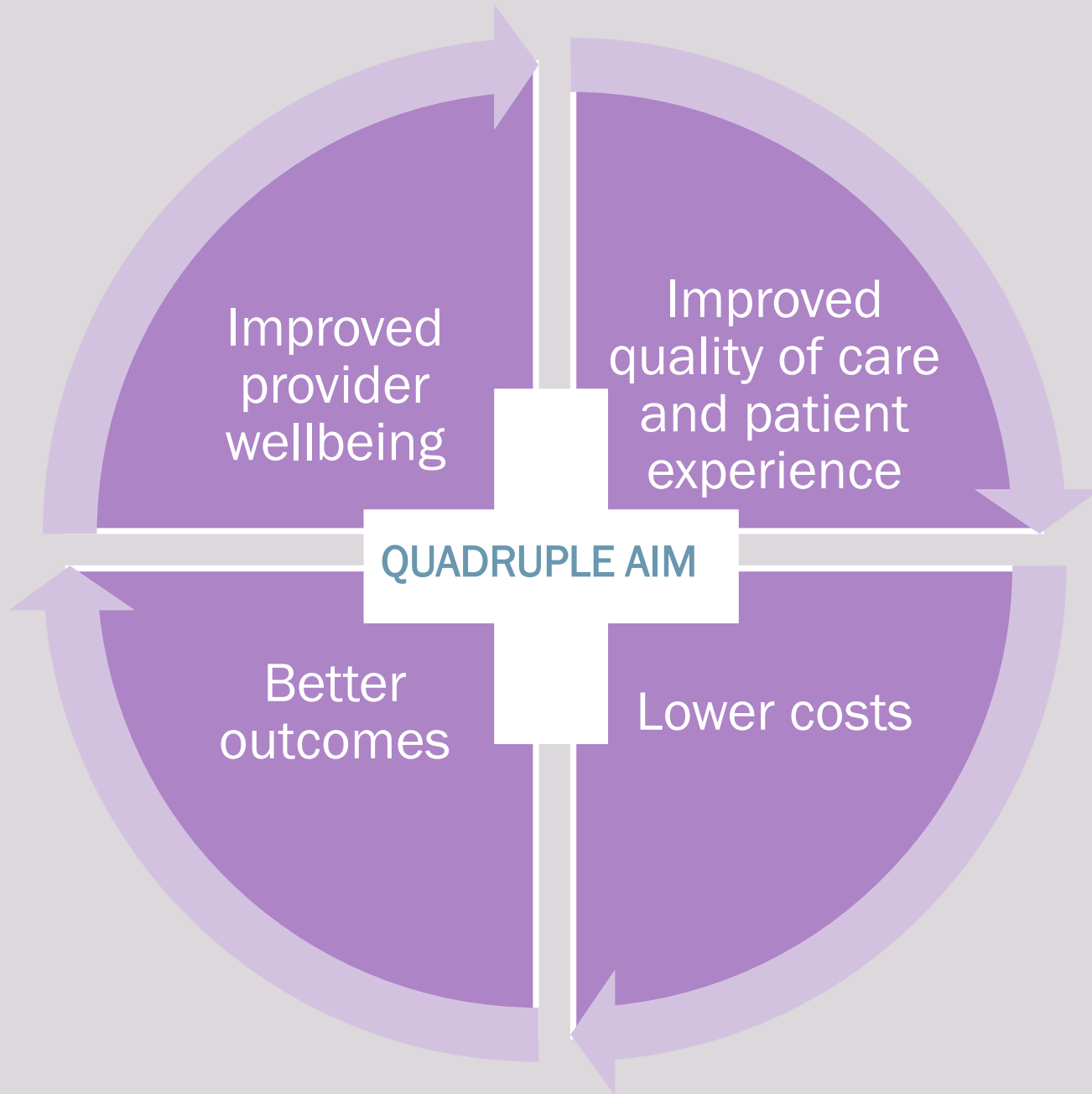
## Today's Agenda

- Recap Week 5
- Intro to Week 4
- Iterative Improvement Activity Part 1
- Break
- Iterative Improvement Activity Part 2
- **Wrap Up/HSPs**






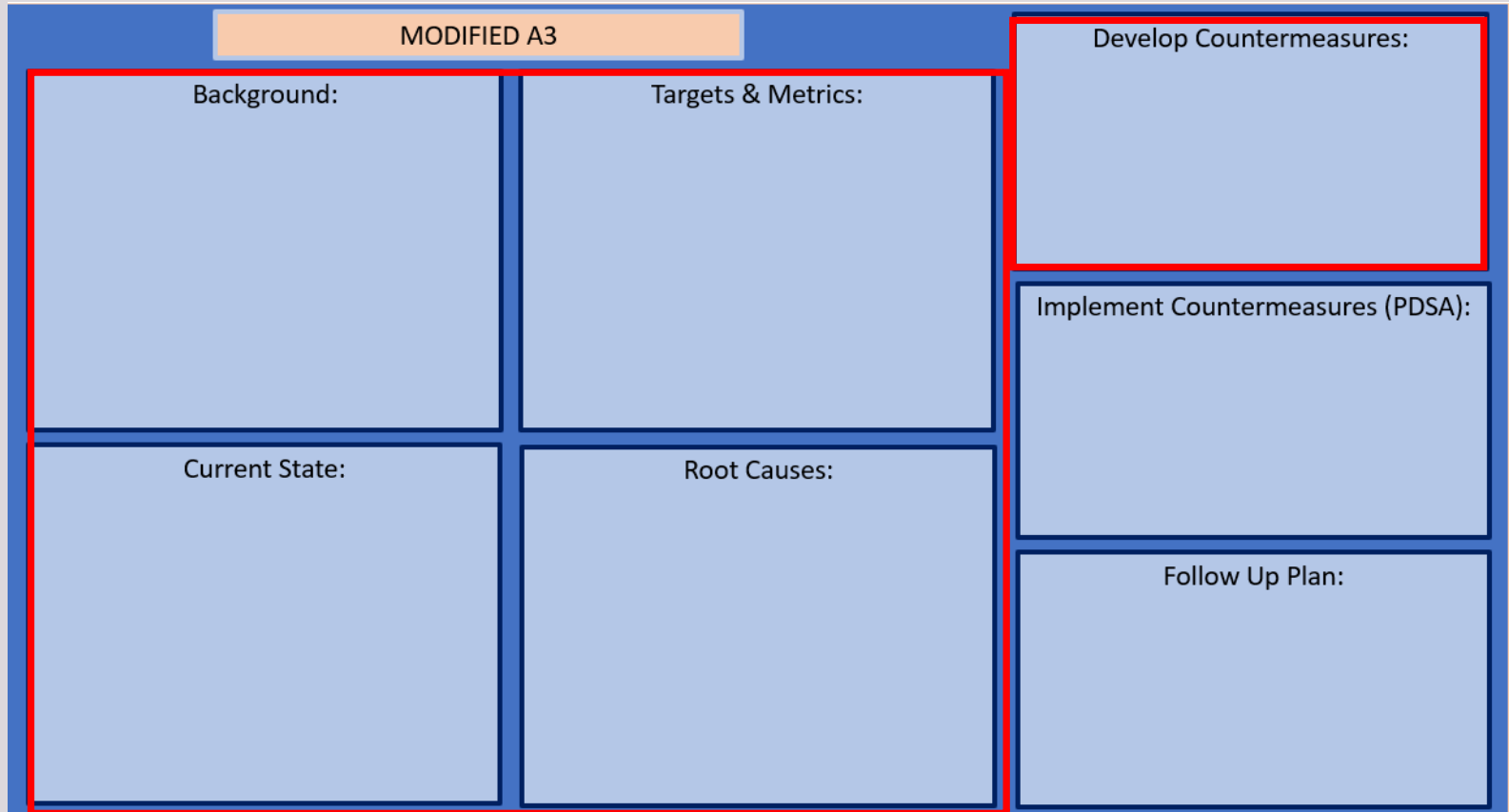
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**WRAP**  
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# Health System Project (HSP) Timeline:

11/2-11/23	11/30-12/21	1/11-2/1	2/8-3/1	3/8-3/29	4/5-4/26	5/3-5/24	5/31-6/21
Introduction to HSPs	Team & project selection, planning	Background & current state	Targets & metrics	Fishbone & root cause statements	Develop counter-measures	Finalizing PPT	Presentations! 

# Structuring the HSP



# Next steps:

- Team selection: 1-3 people. Recommend groups of 2 with similar interests.
- Check out IMRESPDX:
  - Full outline for the project and presentation.
  - Currently available list of faculty projects.
- Brainstorm a topic (either from the list or dream up your own).
- Project selection will be due by January 2023.
- If you plan on carrying a project forward for scholarship, please email Anne Smeraglio [smeraglio@ohsu.edu](mailto:smeraglio@ohsu.edu) by January 1.
- The top 4 project presentations from the end of TIS will win a DOM award and be given the opportunity present at a DOM wide noon conference in July 2023.

# Selecting a project:

- **Existing Projects:** You can choose between existing projects (see IMRESPDX for list), or again, you can use your own idea. These come with mentors and will be much easier to launch.
- **Passion:** Care about the problem. An error you witnessed, a policy you care about, a systems issue that bothers you.
- **Bite-sized:** Projects should be small enough to be completed with limited time.
- **Feasible Interventions:** Actions that can be carried out by your team to fix the issue.
- **Mentorship:** You will be either assigned a mentor or if you have a mentor in mind, you can self select a mentor.
- **Scholarship:** If you plan on doing this for scholarship purposes let us know up front so your project can be appropriately designed/supported for this.
- **Future Careers Goals:** Consider selecting a project in a domain you plan to practice. For instance, if you are fellowship bound for Cardiology consider a project around a topic that will build your application (i.e. daily weights, diuretic dosing errors etc.).



# PSI REPORTING

THE WINNER IS...

**Yellow Firm**  
**(carried by Clint Kolseth)**

# Feedback

