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## *Performance Improvement and Cultural Strategies for Reducing HAIs*

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## *Infection Preventionist – Advanced Competencies*

✓ *Advanced facilitation, group process, team building  
and performance improvement skills*

✓ Looking outside of healthcare (engineering) to understand how  
to hardwire process improvements

✓ Enhanced abilities to collaborate, negotiate and influence  
others at all levels of the organization

➤ *Influence front line staff to see patient experience vs. task list!*

*Source: Excerpts from the Proceedings of APIC Future Summit 2007*

## Proposed Key Strategies for Eliminating HAIs

1. Reduce Device Use
2. Increase vaccination of healthcare personnel
3. Aggressive Antimicrobial Stewardship
4. **Culture change** – moving towards a culture of safety that includes patients and families as members of the healthcare team
5. **C-Suite Engagement** - Strong role for leadership to support improvements
6. System-based approaches/protocols/checklists
7. Better use of technology
8. Public reporting of validated data
9. Partnerships, traditional and non-traditional
10. Handwashing

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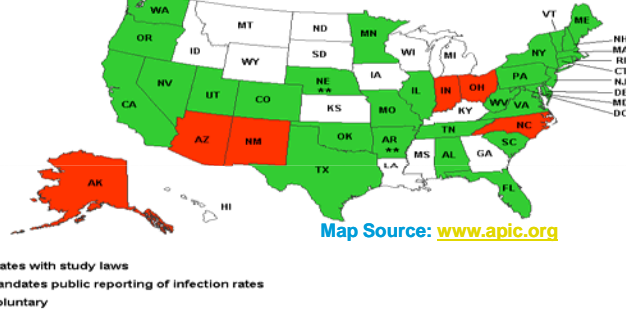
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## Transparency

- Public reporting requires transparency; accuracy and validation of data
- ***Demand for transparency driving legislation***

### HAI Reporting Laws and Regulations

States That Have Enacted Laws Relating to Reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infections



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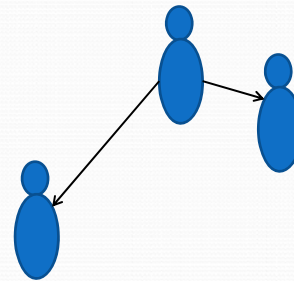
## What is the role of *culture* in improving performance (safety)?

- Culture is the set of beliefs , values and “norms” that shape the way organizations think and act...it’s the “way we do things around here.”
- Culture trumps strategy every time...so you must understand it before successful prevention measures can reduce harm.

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**Power Distance** is the extent to which the less powerful expect and accept that power is distributed unequally. PD is a measure of interpersonal power or influence superior-to-subordinate *as perceived by the subordinate.*



### **Healthcare Perspective:**

- **Surgeons & anesthesiologists view low**
- **Nurses view as significantly higher**

Source: from \* Weick & Sutcliffe attribute of HRO's:5. Deference to expertise.

### **Actions:**

**Use organizational culture to reduce power distance found in professional cultures.**

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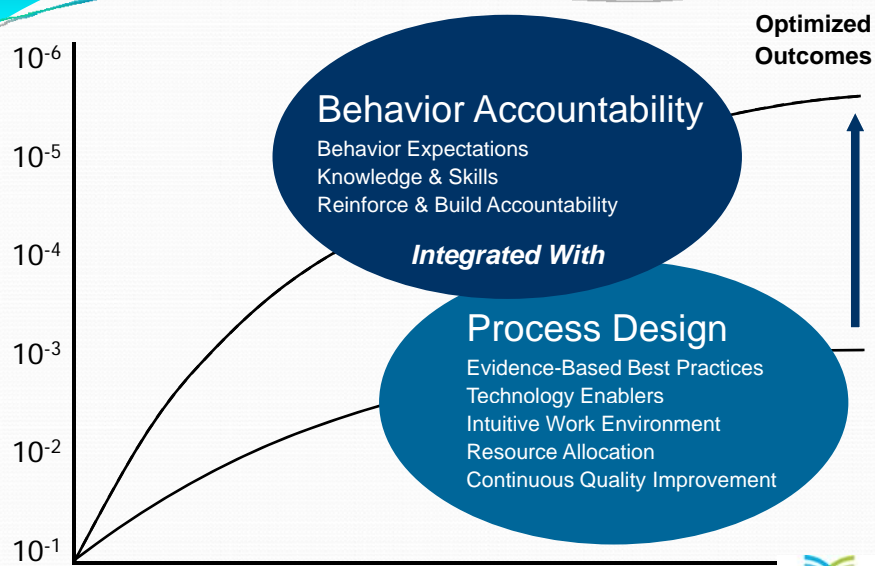
## Creating a reliable culture means 3 things

1. Set clear expectations (about safety behaviors)
2. Educate and provide tools/skills needed to meet expectations
3. Hold everyone accountable  
*to work as a team focused on safety*

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## Reliability: *Not By Process Design Alone*



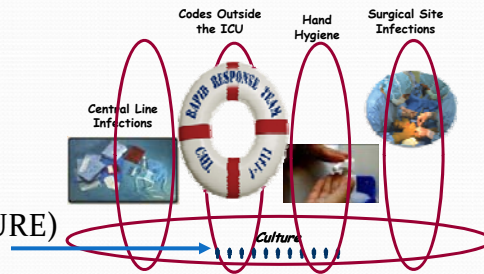
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Focus on Implementation of and Compliance with Infection Prevention bundles\* with behavioral or "people" bundle

- CLABSI
- CAUTI
- VAP
- SSI
- PEOPLE BUNDLE (CULTURE)



"Bundles" are a group of evidence-based clinical measures or best practices proven to prevent harm.

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**Process Design + Behavioral Accountability**

- VAP Prevention**
1. Elevation of the head of the bed to between 30 and 45 degrees
  2. Daily "sedation vacation" and assessment of readiness to extubate
  3. Peptic ulcer disease (PUD) prophylaxis
  4. Deep venous thrombosis (DVT) prophylaxis (unless contraindicated)

**"Clinical Bundle"**



**"People Bundle"**

I commit to... (Our Safety Behaviors)	By practicing... (Our Error Prevention Tools)
Support the Team	Peer Checking & Peer Coaching Speak Up Using ARCC
Attention on Task	Self-Checking Using STAR
Focus on Best Practice	Reflect & Verify Know & Comply With Red Rules, Protocols, Policies, & Procedures
Effective Communication	3-Way Repeat Back & Read Back Clarifying Questions Phonetic & Numeric Clarifications 6C Handoff Format SBAR Communication Format

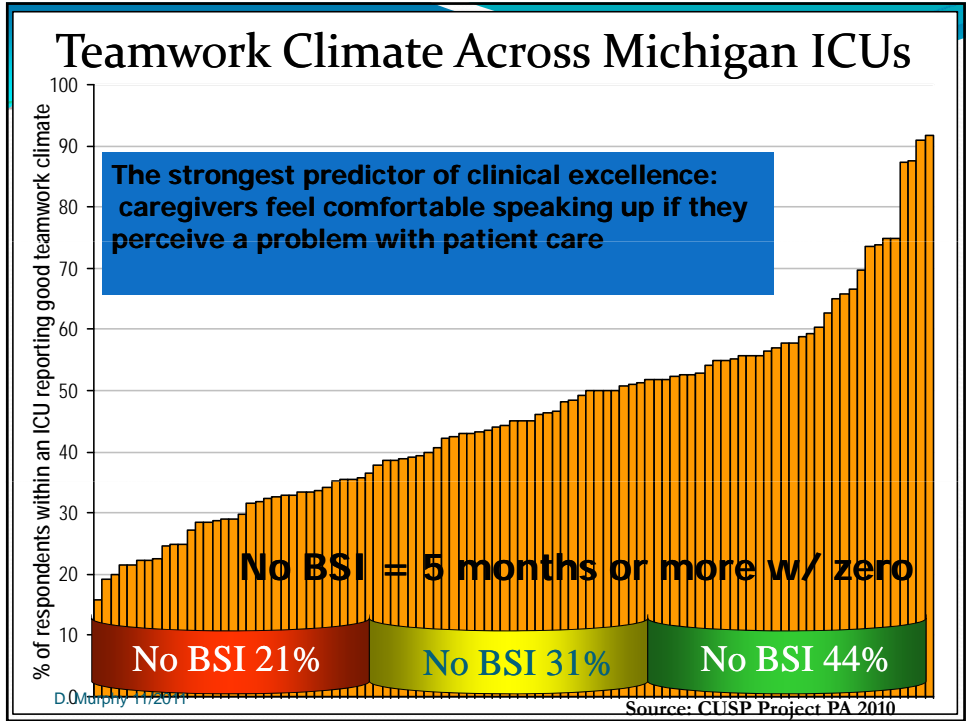
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# PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

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## Choosing your PI Initiatives

- Required Measures
  - ✓ For accreditation: CMS Core Measures; Nat'l PS Goals
- Organizational Annual Operating Goals –
  - ✓ PI Initiatives for clinical effectiveness, efficiency
- Departmental Goals and Objectives

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## Goals

- Must be SMART
  - Specific
  - Measurable
  - Attainable
  - Realistic
  - Timely

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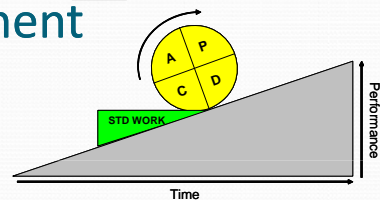
## Team Roles

- **Champion/Executive Sponsor:** person who can remove barriers for team
- **Leader:** Process owner
- **Facilitator:** IP or person driving the improvement effort
- **Member:** key stakeholders, customers, front-line staff
- **PI mentor:** Assists the team in applying PI methodologies

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## Performance Improvement Methodology



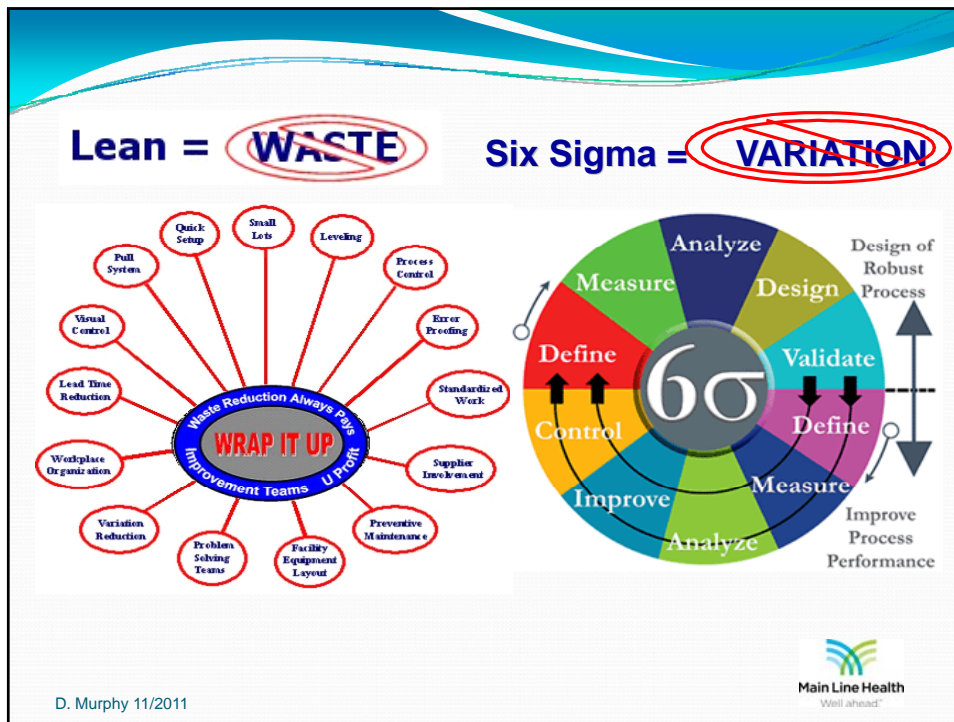
### FOCUS PDCA (PDSA) Model

- Find a process to improve
- Organize a team (that knows the process)
- Clarify current knowledge of the process
- Understand sources of process variation
- Select the process improvement (solution)
- Plan the improvement and continue data collection
- Do: implement the improvement, collect data
- Check and study the results or impact of interventions
- Act to hold the gain and continue to improve the process

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## What is Lean/Six Sigma?

- Combination of Lean and Six Sigma methodologies for quality improvement
- A tool box of quality and performance improvement techniques
  - Includes familiar tools such as
    - Process mapping
    - Voting on improvements
    - FMEA: Failure Modes Effects Analysis
    - Outcome & process measurement

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## Six Sigma Basics

- Understanding the current process
  - Inputs>Activity>Outputs
- Identifying any variation in the process
  - Standard Deviation (Sigma)
- Identifying what is critical to quality of the product
  - As determined by customers
- Measuring the current process
  - Capability of the process to create a positive outcome
  - Identify where defects lie
- Re-defining the process to reduce defects and variation while meeting the customer's expectations

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## Methodology: DMAIC

- **Define:** Scope and align your project
- **Measure:** Establish the baseline
- **Analyze:** Determine the inputs that create your result  
 $Y = f(x)$
- **Improve:** Optimize the process & input
- **Control:** Sustain the results

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## • $Y=f(x)$

- Understanding the function (f) of the combined inputs (x) creates the output/result (Y)
  - Inputs = steps in the process or process measures
  - Y = the product/service the customer requires
- Example: Sterile technique ( $x_1$ ) + skin disinfection ( $x_2$ ) + hand hygiene ( $x_3$ ) = (Y)  
Infection free placement of a central venous catheter

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## Introduction to Lean

- Lean is a business system devoted to continuous improvement.
- Lean focuses on managing processes and leading people in the workplace rather than traditional techniques of managing the business and leading from the back office.

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## Lean' Customer Focus

- Value is defined by the customer
- Value-add activities directly “transform” the service or product into what the customer’s willing to pay for; everything else is Waste (non-value)
- There are two general categories of waste:
  - 1) Pure Waste
    - completely useless activity (ex. searching for supplies, sending orders to Lab or Pharmacy without required information—creating rework or defects, calling to check order status)
  - 2) Necessary Waste
    - required by today’s process but not by the customer (ex. excessive patient transport & high supply inventories)

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## The 8 Operational Wastes

1. **DEFECTS:** (Wrong info. / Rework / Inaccurate information).
2. **OVERPRODUCTION:** (Duplication / Extra information).
3. **WAITING:** (Patients / Providers / Material).
4. **NEGLECT OF HUMAN TALENT:** (Unused Skills / Injuries / Unsafe Environment / Disrespect).
5. **TRANSPORTATION:** (Transactions / Transfer Moving)
6. **INVENTORY:** (Incomplete / Piles).
7. **MOTION:** (Finding Information / Double entry).
8. **EXCESS PROCESSING:** (Extra Steps / Quality Checks / Workarounds / Over processing / Inspection / Oversight) .

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## Basic Lean Principles

- **Flow:** The continuous creation or delivery of value without interruption
- **5S:** A complete system for workplace organization, including the process for sustainment
- **Visual Management:** Using visual signals for more effective communication
- **Pull:** Working or producing to downstream demand only
- **Standard Work:** Identifying the “best practice” and standardizing to it, stabilizing the process (predictability)
- **1 by 1:** Reducing batch size to one whenever possible to support flow
- **Zero Defects:** Not sending product/service to downstream customer without meeting all requirements

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## Gap Analysis



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# Process Mapping

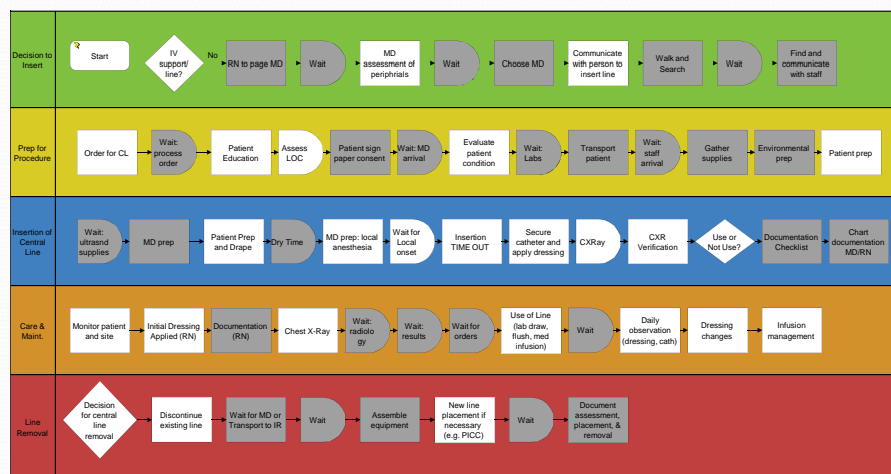
- What is a process?
  - A series of steps or activities that transforms inputs into outputs (desired result)
- Illustrates how steps and activities are linked
- Keeps focus on facts and actual process steps
- Assists with identifying waste, non-value added work

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## Improve the Experience of a Patient with a Central Venous Catheter

### High Level Current State



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White = value added; Grey = non-value added

# Current State to Future State

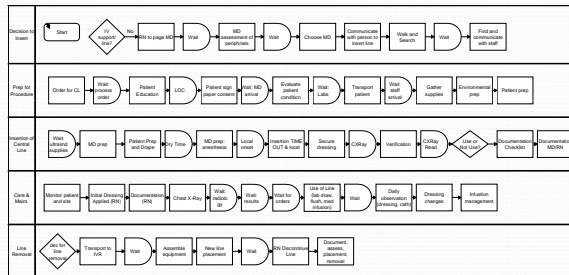


**47% Decrease in Steps!**

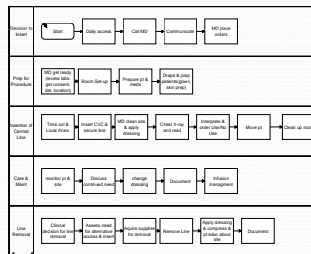
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## Current State



## Future State



6 fewer steps

11 fewer steps

7 fewer steps...

# Gap Analysis for Central Line VSA

- Lack of RN competency with peripheral sticks
- Lack of dedicated vascular access experts
- Lack of standard process for decision to insert and remove
- Lack of staff to assist physician with insertion
- Lack of standard work (SW) for line insertion/care
  - No SW for preparation/set up/break down
  - No procedure checklist for line insertion
  - No SW for documentation of line insertion, care and maintenance
- Supplies/Equipment not available as needed
  - Kits not standardized to contain what is needed
  - Supplies not available at point of care
  - Equipment (e.g. ultrasound) not readily available

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## Observations



## Gemba Walk



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## Selecting Appropriate Goals (Targets)

- Start by evaluating how close you are to the chosen benchmark
- Targeting Zero:
  - Early on, may be *theoretical* goal to drive organization's commitment
  - If at NHSN's top quartile, aim for top decile (0.00)
- The decrease you select depends on your current rates
  - If worse than pooled mean a 50% decrease is reasonable
  - If at top decile a 20% decrease is a real stretch
- Select a Realistic goal that stretches the team but is not completely unattainable

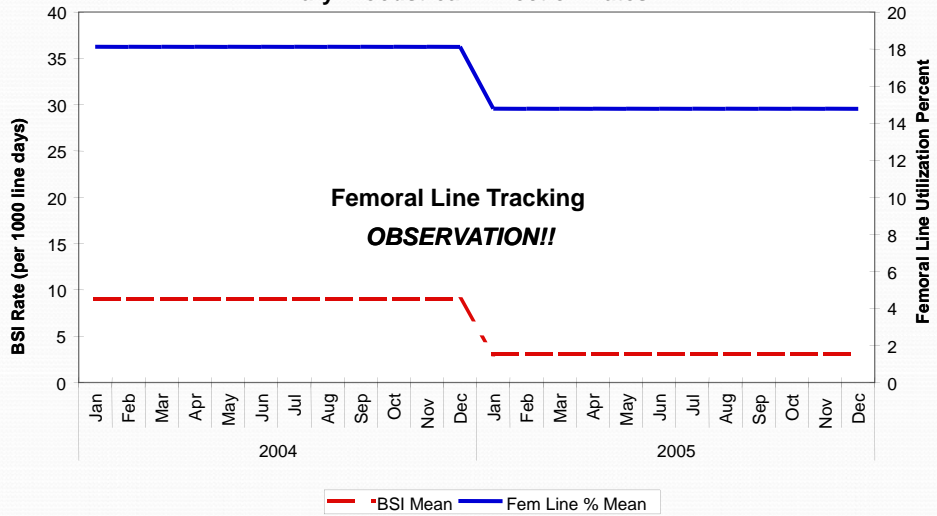
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Use your data to tell a story...demonstrate the need for process change...

Medical ICU  
Femoral Line Utilization % and  
Primary Bloodstream Infection Rates (2004-2005)



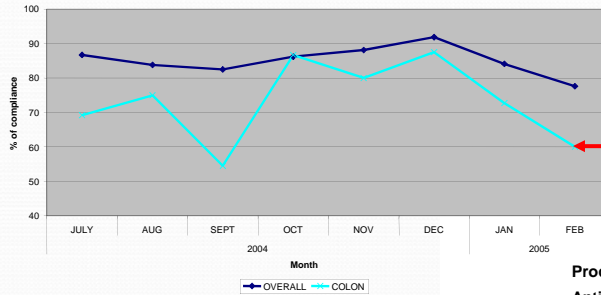
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SCIP: Pre-intervention state: *colorectal* service

Prophylactic antibiotic received within one hour prior to surgical incision

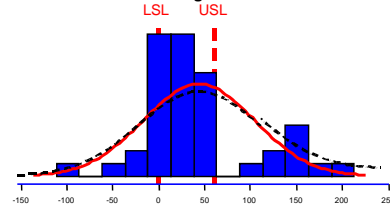
BJH SIP Colorectal Procedures vs. BJH Overall SIP Procedures



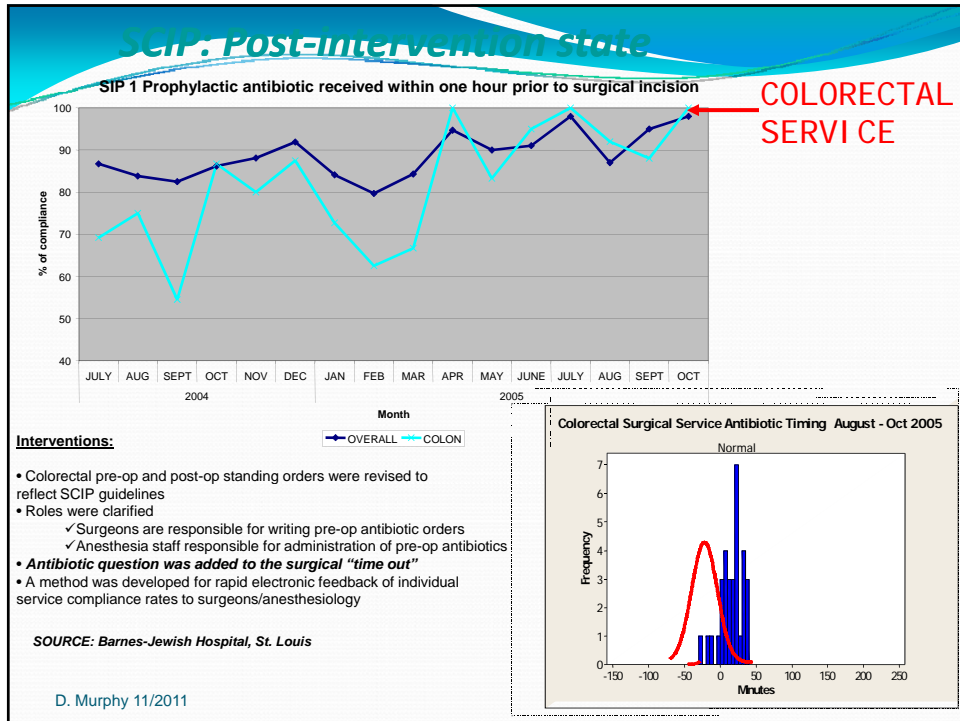
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Six Sigma: reducing variation

Process Capability Analysis for Antibiotic Timing in Minutes



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## What about HUMAN FACTORS?

- People
- Tools
- Work
- Environment



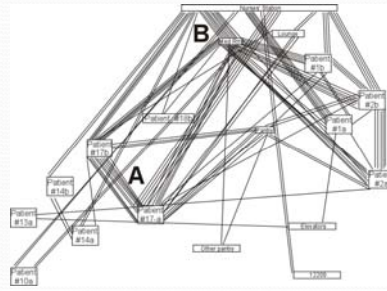
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## A Typical Patient Care Unit

ENVIRONMENT  
Noise, Lighting,  
Workflow, Equipment



**Solution: Noise Reduction**



**Solution: Workflow redesign**



**Solution: Visual Management**



## Visual Management and Workflow Redesign



**ORANGE = CVC supplies and equipment  
in all storerooms, carts, and bins!**

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# STOP INTERRUPTIONS DURING CVC INSERTION!



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**HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING!**

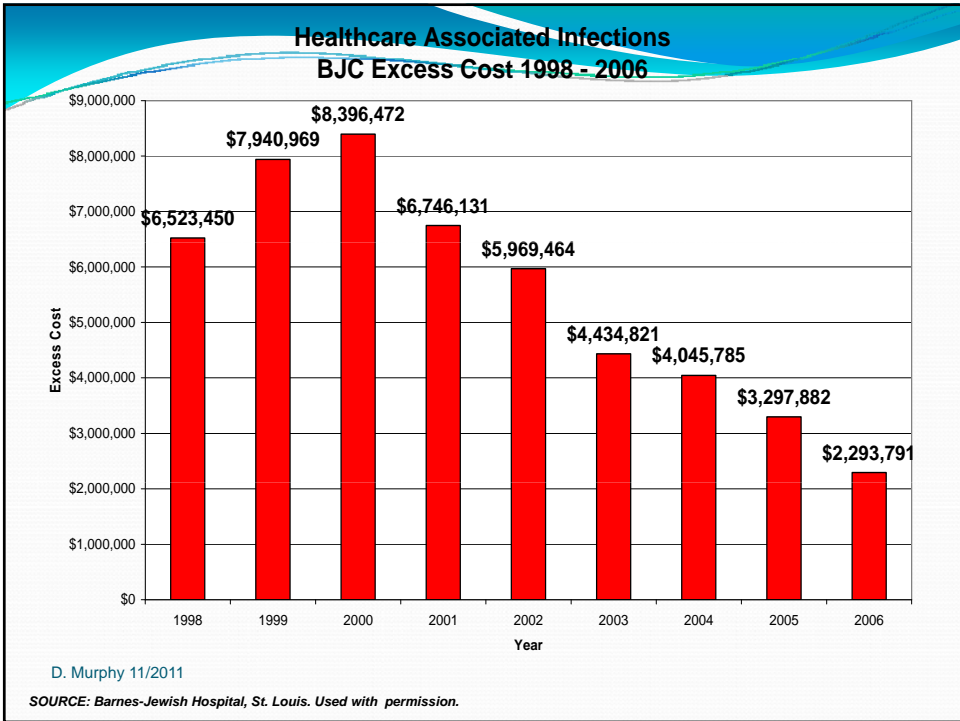
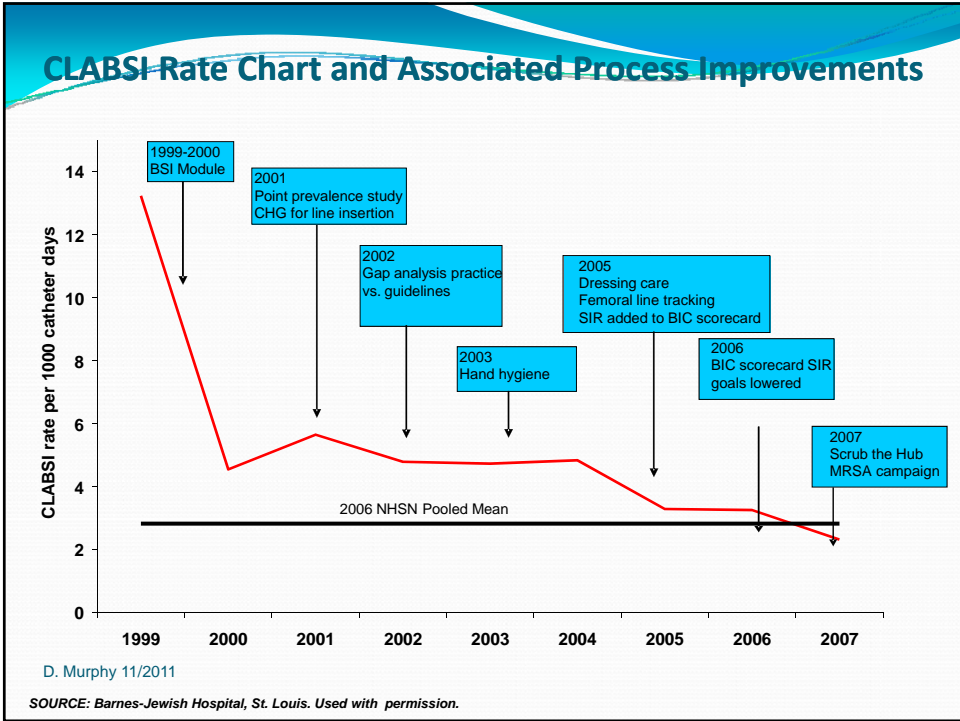


*So, what's my  
real return on  
investment?*



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## Process Improvement Project Results

Item	Current annual cost	Estimated annual future cost
CL catheter	\$14,938	\$14,938*
CL Kit	\$15,732.64 + (single supplies \$25.54 ea)	\$21,560
CL Carts	N/A	\$39,521.88
Ultrasound	N/A	\$92,000
Cost of CA-BSI	\$2,088,000 (58 BSIs over 12 mos)	\$1,368,000 (38 BSIs, 1/3 reduction)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,118,670</b>	<b>\$1,536,019</b>
<b>Savings of \$582,651</b>		

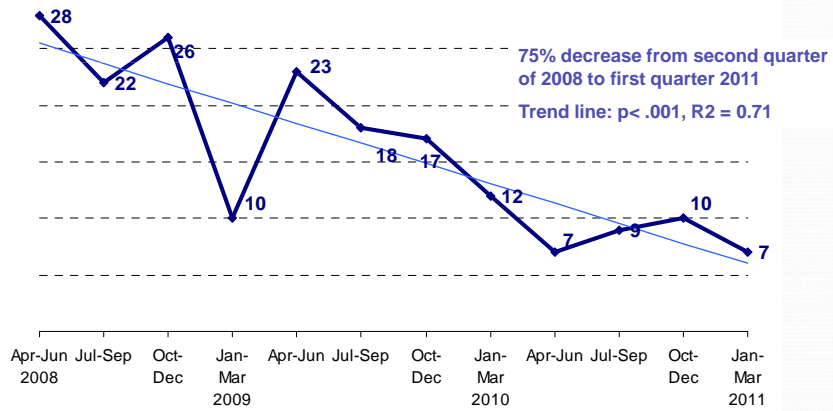
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## Metrics for CVC Rapid Improvement Event

Metric	Baseline	Post Experiment	Target
Standardized CL Kits	ICU 0% Nursing Division 0%	100%	100%
POC CL Supplies – Procedure Cart	ICU = 100% Nursing Division = 4.5%	100%	100%
# Types of CL kits	>3	1	1
Motion (ft) to Gather Supplies	Nursing Division = 3810 ft (.72 mi)	283 Ft	Decrease by 25%
Time to Gather Supplies	Nursing Division = 30-45 min (~.5 FTE/year)	2.2 min (8 min to restock cart)	5 min
# Items to Gather	17	2	Decrease by 50%

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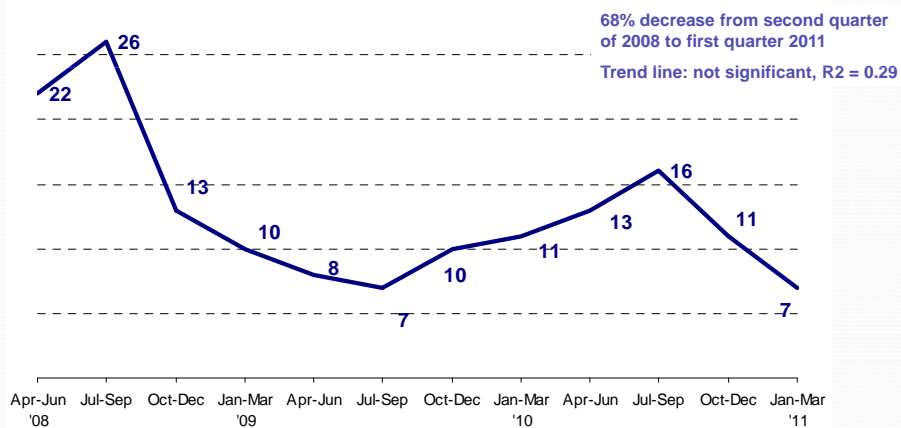
\*All Patients = all patients in house with central line

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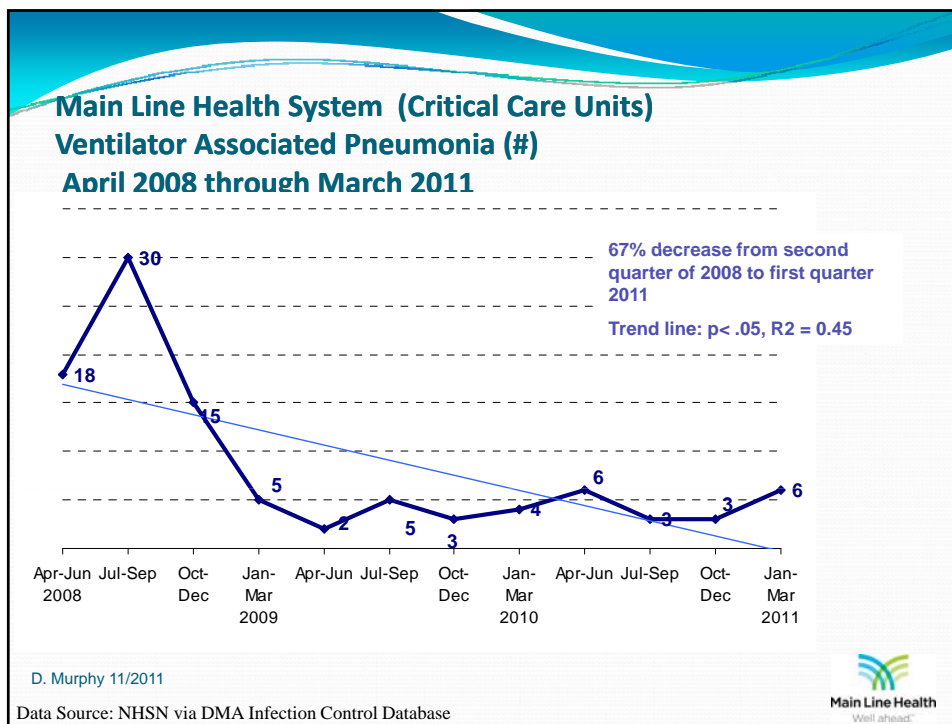
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**In summary.....**

### Performance Improvement and Cultural Solutions:

- Performance is improved through good process design *and* behavioral accountability
- Understand role of PROCESS DESIGN and BEHAVIORAL ACCOUNTABILITY: there are different solution approaches
- Promote transparency and continuous learning; this allows for mistakes to be openly discussed without fear of penalty (culture of safety).
- Select process improvement tools and methods easy for teams to embrace
- View problems and solutions from a cultural and human factors perspective (People, Tools, Work, Environment).
- Provide real time data to leaders and front-line staff for the purpose of driving improvement.
- Demonstrate return on investment – ROI!

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