The IHI/AIAMC Quality Scholars Program: Practical Application of Improvement Science

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My Personal Take on the “Science of Improvement”

• **Scientific** regardless of name:
  - Science of improvement
  - Health care delivery science
  - Implementation science
  - Systems strengthening
  - Systems engineering

• **Scientific methods** include
  - “Model for improvement” promulgated by IHI
  - Lean
  - Six Sigma
  - Lean Six Sigma
    - DMAIC (Design, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control)
    - Value stream maps
The Model for Improvement Simplified

Deming 1900-1993
System of Profound Knowledge

APPRECIATION
OF A SYSTEM

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

UNDERSTANDING VARIATION

PSYCHOLOGY

Langley et al 1997
The Model for Improvement

What are we trying to accomplish?
How will we know that a change is an improvement?
What change can we make that will result in improvement?

Model for Improvement

Act

Plan

Study

Do
In Summary

- Specify a clear, measurable aim and state when you hope to achieve it ("how much by when")
- Understand the system in which you are trying to reach your goal – precisely where it can fail, where there is inefficiency and waste, and where it needs to be improved and monitored
- Be clear about the expected (predicted) impact of the changes you are testing on the outcomes you want to achieve
- Be clear about your implementation plan and the expected outputs of your planned activities
- Learn continuously from testing (experimentation) to determine if the changes you predict will lead to improvement actually do lead to improvement
- Use data to track improvement over time to see if you actually are getting closer to achieving your aim
- Understand how to change human behavior (for example, through behavioral economics)
Why Research Scientists and Academics Should be Comfortable With These Methods

• My ten years working with a PhD scientist to develop a staph vaccine…
  – Mice, PDSAs, and laboratory culture
• Ebola vaccine development
Personal Journey
Personal Improvement Projects

• Sometimes the system needs major change, not tinkering
  – "Watching the tele..."

• PDSA tests made simple – how to grow cucumbers

• Aerobic exercise at the gym
  – 20 minutes on the elliptical and level 10 at least two times per week
  – "balancing measure" – completion of free weights and machine routine
https://youtu.be/MSHO0BiQX2M
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Be Clear about Cause and Effect

- We must have a theory, or prediction, that the change(s) we are testing and implementing will have an impact on the outcome we are trying to improve.
- “Driver diagrams” are very useful in displaying your theory of cause and effect.
Aim: An improved system

Primary Drivers

- P. Driver
- P. Driver

Secondary Drivers

- S. Driver 1
- S. Driver 2
- S. Driver 3
- S. Driver 2
- S. Driver 2

Process Changes

- Change 1
- Change 2
- Change 3
Understanding the System for Losing Weight

AIM: A New ME!

**Primary Drivers**
- Calories In
  - AIM: A New ME!
  - drives

**Secondary Drivers**
- Limit daily intake
- Substitute low calorie foods
- Avoid alcohol
- Work out 5 days
- Walk to errands

**Process Changes**
- Track Calories
- Plan Meals
- Drink H2O Not Soda

"Every system is perfectly designed to achieve the results that it gets" - Donabedian

Outcome = Structure + Process
How Will We Know We Are Improving?
Measurement Framework for Losing Weight

**AIM:**
A New ME!

- Weight
- BMI
- Body Fat
- Waist size

**Primary Drivers**

- Calories In
  - Daily calorie count

- Calories Out
  - Exercise calorie count

**Secondary Drivers**

- Limit daily intake
  - Avg cal/day

- Substitute low calorie foods
  - % of opportunities used

- Avoid alcohol
  - Avg drinks/week

- Work out 5 days
  - Days between workouts

- Walk to errands

**Process Changes**

- Track Calories
  - Running calorie total

- Plan Meals
  - Meals off-plan/week

- Drink H2O
  - Not Soda
  - Sodas/week

**Outcomes**

- Daily calorie count

 Measures let us:
- Monitor progress in improving the system
- Identify effective changes

Etc...
Time Spent on Elliptical Machine

# of visits to gym

# of min.

median

goal

travel
Five Simple Examples of Interprofessional QI Involving Trainees

- Do you know who your doctor is?
- “Tinkering” with a teenagers blood pressure medication
- Understanding drug usage and reducing unnecessary prescriptions
  - A million $ discovery by the medical residents
- Learning how to look for medical errors as part of routine work
- “He’s always late for rounds”
Experiential Learning – Making Rigorous QI Part of Routine Work at the Point of Care
Monitoring Patient Safety

- Voluntary event reporting
- Morbidity and mortality conferences/reports
- Chart auditing
  - IHI Global Trigger Tool
- Automated data mining
  - Patient Safety Indicators (AHRQ PSIs)
  - Automated trigger tools
- Random Safety Audit
Random Safety Audit

- Translated from industry (banking and random process audits via Paul Plesk)
- Real time by the front line
- Data and feedback virtually immediate
  - Reliability of key safety processes evident immediately
  - Motivating, enabling, reinforcing; builds self-efficacy and social norms (key elements of behavioral change theory)
- Combines audit and feedback with iterative PDSAs
  - Even better than “what can I try by next Tuesday”
Random Safety Audit

- Systematically monitors a subset of error-prone points in the system that have the potential to harm patients
- Items selected randomly to be addressed either:
  - On multi-disciplinary rounds (*provider input required*)
  - At any time during the day (*provider input not needed*)
- Deck can be “packed”
- 20 items developed by expert consensus for testing in NICU (21\textsuperscript{st} item added later)
- 4X6 “cards” include yes/no data form; trivia question on back
Staff Perceptions of the Random Safety Audit

- 84% of staff participated in rounds on which audit was performed
- 100% agreed or strongly agreed that this improved quality and safety
- 95% agreed or strongly agreed that it increased knowledge of clinical guidelines and safety goals
- 9% agreed with the statement “asking a safety question of rounds took up too much time”
IMPROVING INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM EFFECTIVENESS BY TEAM TRAINING

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<td>• Physician-patient colocation started on pilot unit</td>
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<td>• Daily patient/family centered rounds (PCR)</td>
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<td>2011-12</td>
<td>• PCR expanded to several units</td>
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<td>• No formal team training</td>
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<td>• Each unit with a different rounds dialogue</td>
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<td>• Inefficient rounding</td>
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<td>• Variable adherence to rounds process</td>
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<td>• Task force established for standardization</td>
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<td>• Need for team training identified</td>
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Preliminary rounds observations

PCR PROCESS WEEKLY TRENDS

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* Percent based on total count of patients during observation periods rounded on during week.
Aim statement

Improve team communication during interdisciplinary rounds

Where: Medicine unit and step down unit

How much: 15% from baseline

What: Improve adherence to three domains of discussion:

- Goals of admission
- Predicted date of discharge
- Task assignment to team members

When: By March 2015
Conceptual theory for change

Hypothesis:
3 domains of interdisciplinary discussion influence Length of Stay (LOS)
- Goals of hospitalization
- Discharge date prediction
- Task assignment/task acceptance
Length of stay driver diagram

Primary drivers
- Personnel factors
- System factors
- Patient factors

Secondary drivers
- Individual factors
- Team factors

Tertiary drivers
- Experience
- Personal style
- Practice type

**Length of stay drivers**

- Staffing ratios
- Equipment availability
- IT systems efficiency
- Ancillary services efficiency
- Services within hospital service area
- Day and time of hospital admission

- Team workload
- Ease of communication
- Team placement
- Team structure
- Team communication effectiveness

Primary and secondary diagnoses
- Social and financial means
- Psychosocial factors and health literacy
Development of education strategies

**Ramp 1 aim**

*Test several mechanisms of training to identify the best mechanism of training IDR teams*

**Cycle 1:** Videotaping IDR on 5D and debriefing with team about performance, pre-post debrief evaluations by Team STEPPS experts

**Cycle 2:** IDR debrief during a pause in IDR with physician alone on 5D and pre-post team evaluation by IDR physician champion

**Cycle 3:** IDR debrief with physician and rounds manager on and pre-post evaluation by IDR physician champion

**Cycle 4:** IDR debriefs as in cycles 2 and 3 on unit 3D with pre-post team evaluations by IDR physician champion

**Cycle 5:** Videotaping IDR on 3D and debriefing with team about performance, pre-post team evaluations by internal Team STEPPS experts
Interdisciplinary Rounds
Team Education Plan

AUDIENCE:
• PCR team members: attending, nurse, PCF, CM/SW, Pharm (clarify who has role of rounds coordinator)

COURSE:
• Team STEPPS Overview as applied to PCR (1.0 hour)
• Video Review & Debrief of PCR process/best practice (15 min) and debrief (30 – 45min) or simulation

DELIVERY:
• Didactic or online, interactive audience discussion, simulation, small group application sessions

PRE REQUISITES:
• IHI Open School Patient Safety: PS 103. Teamwork and Communication recommended.

LEVEL:
• Basic
Interdisciplinary rounds team members

NURSE
PHYSICIAN
PHARMACIST
CASE MANAGER/SOCIAL WORKER
PATIENT CARE FACILITATOR
Team STEPPS education sessions: 5 medicine unit teams

- **Class room based training session for unit based interdisciplinary teams**
  - Concepts of Team STEPPS followed by a team video debrief
  - Video taping of rounds the same day

- **Physician leadership training**
  - Exclusive physician (Hospitalist) training as team leaders in PCR
  - Attended by both hospitalist groups
Process Flow and Content by Role

1. Introduction MD/DO/APN
   - Working diagnosis, clinical status
   - Outline goals of hospitalization & anticipated medical readiness for discharge
   - State today’s plan towards these goals
   - Estimate projected discharge date

2. RN or PCF
   - Overnight events/response to interventions
   - Updates linked to physician’s stated clinical goals
   - New test/pertinent lab results
   - Recent consult visits/notes update
   - Activity, O2, last bowel movement
   - Q/S checklist: lines, catheters, skin, falls, VTE, tele

3. Pharmacist
   - High risk meds (Anticoagulation/Platelets, Antidiabetics, Antibiotics, Pain)
   - Appropriateness/length of therapies/Stop Date Entry
   - Renal function
   - IV to PO conversion

4. Social Work/Case Manager
   - Current status, criteria i.e. OBS/INPT
   - Prior HHC/DME/Services
   - Needs/Equipment at discharge
   - Transportation
   - Barriers to discharge
   - Finances/Insurance
   - Stepdown vs. Floor

5. MD/DO/APN
   - Summarize Patient/family goals
   - One line POC summary, D/C date
   - Task assignment

6. PCF
   - Closing the loop; review tasks, responsibilities, & any missing communication elements

Patient & Family
- Ask questions/offer input
- Participate as partners

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Structured communication creates predictability and agreement as to how team members will communicate.

Use names.

“If anyone has information that is different, please speak up at any time.”

Have all team members spoken?

“I need a little clarity”
Cross Monitoring & Mutual Support

Have I received the information I need?

“Does anyone have anything to add?”

Who will communicate info in the absence of a team member?

Verbalize expected discharge date.

Confirm responsibility for ownership of POC action.

“Let’s take a minute to ensure we all know what we’re doing for this patient today.”

Summarize patient’s goal for the day.
Video debriefs:
Over 20 video debrief sessions to cover rotating staff members

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<td>What went well, what should change, what can improve?</td>
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Debriefing is an essential tool for effective teamwork and an environment of continuous learning and improvement.
Video debrief

- Unit based (in situ) video and direct observation debriefs
  - Direct observation and videotape evaluation also served as feedback, training and data collection tools for measurement.
  - IDR observation tool utilized for debriefing and training
Video debrief

Teams utilized tool to evaluate self performance

**Leadership**

Physician invites team members to speak freely and ask questions
Delegates tasks or assignments, as appropriate

**Situation Monitoring**

Each team member actively shares information about each patient
Establishes plan for communication with patient/family

**Mutual Support**

Respectful, attentive collaboration with team members
Assistance sought or offered

**Communication**

Succinct summary of overnight events provided
Today’s plan of care communicated
Discharge date (anticipated) is discussed
Goals for patient clearly summarized
Process measures - team effectiveness

Medicine unit
### Medicine unit

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Process measures - Team effectiveness - step down unit
**Stepdown unit**

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Measurement - Avg. LOS - Medicine unit

Total N of Patients = 5,860
Measurement - Avg. LOS - Step down unit

Total N of Patients = 1,697
Conclusions

• Team training is effective
• Effect on LOS is unclear
• Sustaining short term gains is key to changing culture
Barriers

- Team members availability
- Defining LOS
Team training lessons learned

• Just in time targeted training in smaller doses
• Self-reflection through in-situ work processes with guided debriefing
• Feedback in a safe environment
QI Lessons learned

- Conceptual models
- Attribution effect
Questions?
The Christiana Care Way

We serve our neighbors as respectful, expert, caring partners in their health. We do this by creating innovative, effective, affordable systems of care that our neighbors value.
PATIENT
Patient needs must always come first.

CAREGIVERS
Empowered and engaged.
Treated with RLC.

VISION
Sparrow will be recognized as a national leader in quality and Patient experience.

MISSION
Improving the health of the people in our communities by providing quality, compassionate care to everyone, every time.

VALUES
Innovation | Compassion | Accountability | Respect | Excellence

PLAN OF EXCELLENCE PILLARS
People | Service | Quality | Resources | Growth

THE SPARROW WAY
Defining, deploying and adhering to Patient-centered, evidence-based, best practices, in a culturally sensitive manner, to reduce non-value added process variation and deliver national benchmark-level outcomes on a consistent and sustainable basis.
AIAMC and IHI are partnering to develop leaders who will have an opportunity to influence quality of care over a long period of time.
Why is QI Education Important to GME

» The right thing to do for our patients

» Prepares our physician learners for independent practice

» Accreditation
ACGME

THE NEXT ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

Continuous Observation

Assess Program Improvements

PROMOTE INNOVATION

Program Makes Improvements

Identify Opportunities for Improvement
CLER PATHWAY 1: Patient Safety

» **PS Pathway 1:** Reporting of adverse events, close calls (near misses)

» **PS Pathway 2:** Education on patient safety

» **PS Pathway 3:** Culture of safety

» **PS Pathway 4:** Resident/fellow experience in patient safety investigations and follow-up

» **PS Pathway 5:** Clinical site monitoring of resident/fellow engagement in patient safety

» **PS Pathway 6:** Clinical site monitoring of faculty member engagement in patient safety
CLER PATHWAY 2: Healthcare Quality

» **HQ Pathway 1:** Education on quality improvement

» **HQ Pathway 2:** Resident/fellow engagement in quality improvement activities

» **HQ Pathway 3:** Residents/fellows receive data on quality metrics

» **HQ Pathway 4:** Resident/fellow engagement in planning for quality improvement
Benefits of IHI Program

» Changes the perspective on QI with the Model for Improvement

» Provides tools needed to be successful in QI endeavors

» Guides you through a real world example to assure classroom comprehension and application of skills of learned
Resident / Faculty Education

- Model for Improvement
- AIM Statements
- Metric Selection
- Simple Test of Change
- Rapid Improvement Cycles
Sparrow Benefits

» Alignment with organizational initiatives to improve patient care
   » Focused effort on reducing readmission rates
   » Medication reconciliation rate compliance in EMR
Sparrow Benefits

» Multiple program level QI projects designed around areas of institutional focus
  » Patient safety event reporting
  » CAUTI rates
  » Time to parenteral pain control in long bone fractures
  » Resource Utilization – Daily CBC Orders
Outcome of IHI Improvement Scholar Investment

» Alignment with the organization in QI efforts
» Residents and faculty engaged in QI/PS
» Multiple ongoing GME QI projects
» Improved outcomes for our patients
» Impressed C Suite
QUESTIONS?