# The Journey towards zero avoidable pressure ulcers...





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#### It's time...



• A little less conversation a little more action

#### Transformation

#### Metanoia:

- Reorientation of one's way of life (*The New Economics.* Deming, p. 95, 1993)
- Begins with individuals
- More than a change
- Develop new habits of mind









## Getting to Goal

- Will
- Ideas
- Execution



# **Core Principles**

- Transformational Leadership
- Safety and Reliability
- Patient and Family centred care
- Teamwork and Vitality
- Value-added Care



# Fundamental safety principles

- Prevention
- Detection
- Mitigation

#### Methods and Tools



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#### All improvement will require change, but not all change will result in improvement

#### Therefore we need to 'test' change

#### Change vs. Improvement

Of all changes I've observed, about 5% were improvements, the rest, at best, were illusions of progress.

W. Edwards Deming

- We must become masters of improvement
- We must learn how to improve rapidly
- We must learn to discern the difference between improvement and illusions of progress

# S+P=0

- S=Structure
- The environment in which health care is provided
- P=Process
- The method by which health care is provided
- O=Outcome
- The consequence of the health care provided
- Avedis Donabedian Physician

#### Improvement requires a clear aim





#### **Measurement**







#### Driver diagram template

**Definition**: A driver diagram is used to conceptualize an issue and determine its system components which will then create a pathway to get to the goal





#### **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?



Associates in Process Improvement

# What are you trying to accomplish?

- Reduce Pressure Ulcers by 30%, 50%, or get to zero? How much...? By when...?
- Increase the number of days between a hospital acquired pressure ulcer?
- Preventing pressure ulcers isn't difficult!
- It just requires attention to the details and re-establishing good habits.
- Our Premise- use bundles/rounding to implement new habits and ways of thinking can and will ultimately impact outcomes.

# What are we trying to accomplish?

- Well designed targets help to provide focus
- A clear statement of aim with numerical goals
- How much ...? By when...?
- Unambiguous
- To reduce Avoidable Pressure Ulcers by ...% by April 2011
- The difference between data for performance / improvement





# Small Scale Tests of Change on:

- One nurse
- One patient
- One day / shift





### Whose job is it?

This is a story about 4 people named everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody could do it, but nobody realized that everybody wouldn't do it. It ends up that everybody blames somebody when nobody did what anybody could have done

# "Reliability is failure free operation over time."

David Garvin Harvard Business School

# Getting it right, for every patient, every time...!

#### Framework for Reliable Design Reliability occurs by design not by accident



#### The Truth is we all make mistakes !



- System design
- System failures
- Communication failures/styles
- Inherent human limitations
  - Limited short term memory
  - Negative effects of stress
  - Fatigue
  - Multitasking, interruptions, distractions

### **Health Care Processes**



**Desired** - variation based on clinical criteria, no individual autonomy to change the process, process owned from start to finish, can learn from defects before harm occurs, constantly improved by collective wisdom variation

# Variations Occur...

There is little variation when there is a clear consensus about the best way to prevent, treat or manage a condition.
Variations occur where there is not a clear consensus about the best way to prevent, treat or manage a disease

 17 year lag between the discovery of proven effective treatment and incorporation into routine care

#### WOULD YOU BE SATISFIED IF:

Your car started 70% of the time?

You received a paycheck 80% of the time?

The light-switch worked 90% of the time?



Improvement Concepts Associated with < 95% Performance

(intent, vigilance, and hard work)

- Common equipment, multiple choice protocols, and written policies/procedures
- Personal check lists
- Feedback of information on compliance
- Suggestions of working harder next time
- Awareness and training

# Improvement Concepts Associated with 95% or Better Performance

(Uses human factors and reliability science to design sophisticated failure prevention, failure identification, and mitigation)
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- Habits and patterns known and taken advantage of in the design
- Standardisation of process



### **Process Eyes**

- Make the process for preventing Pressure Ulcers visible to ALL
- Measure it -so we can 'see' if it is adhered to and whether it is effective
- Make it easy for others to do the right thing (simple checklists, reminders)
- The right process with high percentage compliance **WILL** influence outcomes





#### "In God we trust.

#### All others bring data."

W. E. Deming

### Research vs Measurement for Improvement





## **Three Types of Measures**

<u>Outcome Measures:</u> Voice of the customer or patient. How is the system performing? What is the result?

<u>Process Measures:</u> Voice of the workings of the system. Are the parts/steps in the system performing as planned?

<u>Balancing Measures:</u> Looking at a system from different directions/dimensions. What happened to the system as we improved the outcome and process measures? (e.g. unanticipated consequences, other factors influencing outcome)

#### We have 2 quarterly data points - is this an improvement?



Measurement for Improvement

#### Data over time



FIGURE 2.1 Annotated time series chart. Note the changes directly on your graph. This will help you identify the changes that made the greatest difference.



### Measures

- Safety Cross
  - Raises awareness at the frontline & is easy to use
- Time between events-
  - Time between chart & safety cross
  - Aim to increase the number of days between events
- Outcome measures
  - Pressure Ulcer rate (per 1000 days)
    - Enables comparison between sites
  - Pressure Ulcer count
    - More meaningful as It relates to people!
    - Aim to reduce the incidence by....?

# **Process Measures**

- Percentage compliance with risk assessment (aim>95%)
- Percentage compliance with ALL elements of the Pressure Ulcers bundle components

(ALL or None Composite measure)

Percentage compliance with 2hourly care rounds



Change 1: Real Time Education Change 2: PURA & SSKIN in Admission Forms



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Change 3: Visual Cues

Change 5: Real Time Education (I element being missed)

Change 6: Visual Cues

#### Real Time Data for improvement –

#### RISK ASSESSMENT AND SSKIN CARE BUNDLE COMPLIANCE

Compliance 😳	Non-compliance	•
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WARD:1 DATE: 01.1.11 TIME: 14.00

Total % Patient 1 Patient 2 Patient 3 Patient 4 Patient 5 **Risk Assessment**  $\sqrt{}$  $\sqrt{}$ V  $\sqrt{}$ 80% Х

	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Total %
Surface	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	х	80%
Skin Inspection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	х	80%
Keep Moving	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	х	80%
Incontinence	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	х	80%
Nutrition	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	Х	40%
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Non- Compliance						
Total %	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%	40%

### **Baseline Assessments**

- Hospital: Pressure ulcer Incidence-13%
- Anglesey Ward: spot audit March '08 Incidence rate - 4.5%
- Anglesey Ward: spot audit March '08 Nutritional assessment – 50% Pressure risk assessment - 80%

## Outcome data

380 days without a pressure ulcer







#### Date

- Recorded on Safety Cross no evidence in notes
- Recorded on safety Cross no evidence in notes
- Patient on Care Pathway for the Dying (PC) G2
- Patient refusing to turn (PC) G1
- Patient not receiving optimal nutritional support (S) G2
  - Reviewed Operational Definition

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# The **PDSA Model** Components

- Plan an activity or improvement test
- **Do** the activity (implement the improvement plan)
- **Study** the Impact of the improvement plan (what was learned)
- Act determine what changes are to be made in light of what you have learned.

# The Sequence for Improvement





#### The approach

- Apply all core themes
- Sole focus on prevention
- Frontline engagement
- Quality Improvement methodology
- Testing of interventions used elsewhere
- Understanding the science of reliability

# Key Take Homes

- We need to think more broadly than the parameters of tissue viability-remove silo mentality
- Quality Improvement skills are skills for live not just for pressure ulcer prevention
- Never "assume" safe care "assure" it!
- See the person in the patient
- SKIN Bundles and intentional rounding will get results ...but don't let fundamental care delivery be about ticking a box...!

# **Team Action Planning**

# What could you do by next Tuesday?

- Think of some changes you believe might enable you to get the results
- Think of 1 change
- Plan your first PDSA





### Report Out

#### The IHI Collaborative Model



### Patients as partners

 " If quality is to be at the heart of everything we do, it must be understood from the perspective of



#### It is the nature of systems that smaller systems are embedded in bigger systems



### You are this Hospital

You are what people see when they arrive here.

Yours are the eyes they look into when they're frightened and lonely.

Yours are the voices people hear when they are in the lifts and when they try to sleep and when they try to forget their problems. You are what they hear on their way to appointments that could affect their destinies and what they hear after they leave those appointments.

Yours are the comments people hear when you think they can't.

Yours is the intelligence and caring that people hope they'll find here. If you're noisy, so is the hospital. If you're rude, so is the hospital. And if you're wonderful – so is the hospital.

No visitors, no patients can ever know the real you, the you that you know is there — unless you let them see it. All they can know is what they see and hear and experience.

And so I have a stake in your attitude and in the collective attitudes of everyone who works at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. We are judged by your performance. It is judged by the care you give, the attention you pay and the courtesies you extend.





# To conclude

- "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around"
- Leo Buscagli



# Thank You! Questions? abartley@ihi.org

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