Problem Statement for Hospital Flow

Addressing vexing issues of timely access and patient flow throughout the hospital is essential to ensure safe, high quality, patient-centered care. Delays in treatment and failure to provide the right care, in the right place, at the right time, puts patients at risk for potential harm and sub-optimal care.

Poorly managed patient flow in hospital settings also adds to the already taxing burden on clinicians and accelerates burnout. Improved timely access to appropriate care and hospital flow are critical levers to increase value, for patients, clinicians and health care systems.
Many health care professionals today realize that diversions and long waits and delays in the emergency department (ED) are a hospital-wide issue, not just an emergency department issue. The waits are often the result of emergency department beds being occupied by patients waiting for admission to the hospital.

Lack of inpatient capacity also results in patients being “boarded” in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) and often managed on “off service” units. Unfortunately, understanding the problem is one thing, but actually improving hospital-wide patient flow is another.
Effects of High Utilization and Variability in Demand

- When the Emergency Department is overcrowded –
  - Patients may be diverted to other hospitals (external diversion)
  - Patients leave without being seen
  - Patients with acute illnesses experience delays in treatment
  - Physicians, nurses and staff are overloaded (which often leads to medical errors and burnout of clinicians and staff)
  - Throughput and utilization is decreased
Effects of High Utilization and Variability in Demand (2)

- When hospital census is high –
  - Patients are “boarded” in the ED, waiting to be admitted to a hospital bed
  - Patients have overnight stays in the Post-op Recovery Rooms
  - Patients are admitted to alternative units or ICUs (internal diversions or “off-service patients”)
  - Patients may experience delays in treatment or delays or cancelations of surgery
  - Physicians, nurses and staff are overloaded (which often leads to medical errors and burnout of clinicians and staff)
  - Throughput is decreased (there are delays in transferring patients to appropriate units based on their clinical conditions and in discharging patients)
Hospital Flow: Key Learning To-Date

- Most hospitals are engaged in individual projects throughout the hospital to improve efficiencies and flow, but few have hospital-wide oversight systems to manage overall operations and patient flow throughout the hospital; there is a need for system-wide metrics to assess and manage patient flow at the macro level and in Microsystems (OR, ED, ICUs, Med/Surg Units)

- Most hospitals are engaged in multiple efforts to improve flow, but few have shown quantitative results (looking for “bright spots”); need to develop design targets for “ideal” hospital operations and flow

- Few seem to be linking the “shaping demand” concept of decreasing overutilization of hospital services as a concurrent strategy to improve patient flow through the hospital [decreasing readmissions; proactive palliative care; reducing admissions for patient with complex needs; reducing low acuity ED visits]
There is a definitive need to simplify, standardize and sequence various matching capacity and demand strategies (variability management and daily real-time capacity and demand strategies).

Current problems of patient flow in hospitals cannot be solved solely by efforts within the walls of the hospital (need partnerships with primary care, specialty practices, mental health services, community-based care settings and resources, SNFs and nursing homes);

Demonstrating a ROI for the systems moving to value-based payment models (or ACOs) should help to build will for improvement; avoiding capital expenditures is another incentive.
What are your performance goals? What would success look like?

Type into the chat box your high level performance goals for your hospital flow initiatives
What are your performance goals?

- Decrease overutilization of hospital services?
  - Relocate care to more appropriate care settings
  - Reducing delays in treatment, surgery, transfers, discharge, etc.?
  - Decreasing related medical errors and harm to patients?
  - Manage LOS “outliers”?

- Optimize patient placement to insure the right care, in the right place, at the right time?
  - Decrease external diversions?
  - Decrease internal diversions (“off-service” patients)?

- Maintain adequate staffing levels to maintain quality and safety?

- Increase clinician and staff satisfaction with hospital operations?

- Demonstrate a ROI for the hospital or the health system?
  - Is your goal to have a high utilization of your hospital resources (procedures, beds and staff)? What is the right goal?
  - What are the quality and safety balancing measures?
  - When do you consider adding more bed capacity?
Hospital Occupancy Rates in MA (2012)

A hospital’s average occupancy rate measures the percent of the hospital’s inpatient staffed beds that have been occupied over the course of a year. Statewide, the median acute hospital occupancy rate is equal to the national average—both at 65%. However, both the academic medical center and teaching hospital cohorts have higher occupancy rates than other cohorts, as shown in Table 4:

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A national average occupancy of 78% applies to hospitals with 1,000 beds in the USA
Average Occupancy Rates (at hospital or unit levels) and the Day-to-Day Realities of Managing Patient Flow

![Graph showing the number of patients over time](image)
Hospital Occupancy Rates

Based on AHA data, overall nationwide hospital inpatient occupancy was 67.8% (AHA 1991–2011); range was from 33.6% to 74%)

Once managed efficiently, US hospitals, on average, could achieve an 80–90 percent bed occupancy rate—without adding beds at capital costs of approximately $1 million per bed.

As a result of “smoothing” the scheduling of elective surgeries, improving discharge efficiencies and other interventions to improve flow at CCHMC, the hospital’s quality of care improved even as the occupancy rate grew from 76 percent to 91 percent. Hospital officials also report improved overall safety for patients and reduction in stress on the doctors and nurses who treat them.

Strategies

1. **Shape the Demand** (reduce bed days; reduce ED visits and admissions; smooth elective surgeries and downstream bed utilization)

2. **Match Capacity to Demand** (reduce delays in moving patients to appropriate units throughout hospital; ensure patients are admitted to the appropriate unit)

3. **Redesign the System** (increase throughput; reduce bed days, manage LOS outliers, and reduce delays and waiting times)
Strategies to Achieve System-Wide Hospital Flow

### Outcomes

- Decrease overutilization of hospital services
- Optimize patient placement to insure the right care, in the right place, at the right time
- Increase clinician and staff satisfaction
- Demonstrate a ROI for the systems moving to bundled payment arrangements

### Strategies

#### Will

- Delivering the Right Care, at the Right Time and in the Right Place is a Strategic Priority
- Integrated Health Care Systems and/or ACOs (shifting from volume to value-based strategies and payment reform)
- Patient Flow Improvements Result in an Avoidance of Capital Expenditures

#### Ideas

- Flow Improvements Result in a Positive ROI and Ensure Financial Viability
- Shape the Demand
- Match Capacity and Demand
- Redesign the System

#### Execution

- Accountable Executive Leadership Providing Oversight of System-Level Performance
- Utilization of Hospital-wide Metrics to Guide Learning Within and Across Projects for Achieving Results
- Data Analytics to Provide Real-time Capacity and Demand Management and Forecasting
- Cooperation Across Organizational Boundaries and Clinical Settings Across the Continuum of Care
- Micro-system Quality Improvement Capability and Empowerment of Clinicians and Staff
• Decrease overutilization of hospital services
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Driver Diagram: **Ideas to Improve Hospital Flow**

**Outcomes**

- Shape or Reduce Demand
- Match Capacity and Demand
- Redesign the System

**Primary Drivers**

- **Decrease overutilization of hospital services**
- **Optimize patient placement to insure the right care, in the right place, at the right time**
- **Increase clinician and staff satisfaction**
- **Demonstrate a ROI for the systems moving to bundled payment arrangements**

**Secondary Drivers**

- **Redesign the System**
- **Shape or Reduce Demand**
- **Match Capacity and Demand**

**Specific Change Ideas**

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## Draft Hospital Flow Metrics

### Hospital Macro

- **Average Occupancy Rate**
- **Readmissions within 1 week of discharge**
- **Readmissions within 30 days after discharge**
- **Patient experience (HCAHPS measures related to waits & delays)**
- **Clinician and staff satisfaction related to workload (ex. NDNQI)**
- **Number of “off-service” patients**
- **Number of HACs (ex. falls with injury, VAPs, etc.)**

### Emergency Department

- **ED diversions**
  - # of diversions
  - hours per month
- **Patients who “left without being seen”**
- **Visits per day**
- **Average length of stay**
  - for patients who are discharged
  - for patients who are admitted
- **Door to provider time**
- **Time from decision to admit to transfer to inpatient unit**
- **Number of “ED boarders” waiting to be admitted to a hospital bed**
- **Time from decision to have emergency surgery to OR**
- **Percentage of ESI level 4 & 5 patients (low acuity)**
- **Percentage of patients who were admitted**
## Draft Hospital Flow Metrics

### Critical Care Units
- Average Census
- Average Length of Stay
- Number of “LOS outliers” per month
- Number of decedents spending 7 or more days in the ICU in the last 6 months of life
- Number of ICU diversions due to lack of capacity (# of “off-service patients”)
- Nursing Overtime
- Number of HACs
- Delays in Transferring Patients to Med/Surg Units

### Med/Surg Units
- Average Census
- Average Length of Stay
- Number of “LOS outliers” per month
- Nursing Overtime
- Number of HACs
- Median discharge time (or discharge profile)

### Operating Rooms
- Number of emergency cases by day
- Number of scheduled cases by day
- Percentage of OR utilization
- Number of changes from schedule for Elective Surgical Cases
- Actual and Scheduled Start Times for Elective Surgical Cases
- Nursing Overtime
  - OR
  - PACU
- Number of overnight PACU patients
Shape or Reduce Demand

S1 Relocate care in ICUs and Medical and Surgical Units in accordance with patients EOL wishes

S2 Decrease demand for Med/Surg beds by preventing avoidable readmissions

S3 Relocate low-acuity care in EDs to community-based care settings

S4 Prevent ED visits and acute care hospital admissions

S5 Decrease artificial variation in surgical scheduling

S6 Decrease demand for hospital beds by reducing harm and hospital acquired conditions

S7 Reduce demand for ED visits and hospital admissions through delivering appropriate care

Delivering safe and reliable evidence-based care
### Respecting Choices controls the per capita cost of care

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<td>Reduces unwanted hospitalizations—percent hospitalized at least once during last six months of life&lt;sup&gt;29&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>22.7% (well below 10th percentile)</td>
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<td>Reduces percent of decedents spending seven or more days in ICU/CCU during last six months of life&lt;sup&gt;29&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>3.8% (well below 10th percentile)</td>
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<td>Reduces percent of decedents admitted to ICU/CCU in which death occurred&lt;sup&gt;29&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>9.5% (well below 10th percentile)</td>
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Reduces healthcare costs: for each dollar spent on ACP the cost of healthcare is reduced by $2. The ROI is $1 for every dollar spent.<sup>12,30</sup>

30 Day Readmissions: Primary & Secondary Heart Failure 65+

30 Day Readmissions
Primary & Secondary Heart Failure
UCSF Medical Center Heart Failure Program

Annual Averages
2009 = 24%
2010 = 19%
2011 = 13%
2012 = 12%

Goal Line:
Reducing Non-Urgent Emergency ED Services

- Use of Telemedicine in Emergency Departments
- Urgent Care Centers (many now part of health care systems)
- Retails Clinics
- Paramedics and Emergency Medical Services managing non-emergency calls*
- Community Health Workers connecting frequent ED users with community-based services*
- Coordinated, Intensive Medical, Social, and Behavioral Health Services*

Atrius Health ACO: Reducing ED Visits & Admissions

Utilization of emergency rooms, hospitals and drugs tends to be lower than average:

- With Medicaid, demonstrated 39% fewer admits/1000 on hospital (medical) admissions and 37% fewer Emergency Room visits/1000 as compared with the health plan's network.

- With Medicare Advantage, demonstrated 12% fewer Emergency Room visits/1000 and 5% fewer SNF admits/1000 as compared with the plan's network.

- For a commercial PPO product, 30-day readmission rate that is half of the plan's network rate, and 25% fewer Emergency Room visits/1000.

- For a commercial HMO, demonstrated 8% fewer inpatient admits/1000 and 9.5% less Rx scripts/1000.
Separate Flows for Elective and Non-Elective Surgical Cases

Mayo Clinic Florida

- Surgical volume and surgical minutes increased by 4% and 5%, respectively;
- Prime time use increased by 5%;
- Overtime staffing decreased by 27%;
- Day-to-day variability decreased by 20%;
- The number of elective schedule same day changes decreased by 70%;
- Staff turnover rate decreased by 41%. Net operating income and margin improved by 38% and 28%, respectively

ICU Bed Admission Smoothing

Maximum Daily Allowance Based on Simulation Model
Controlled at Scheduling

Long: 11% cases, 36% days

Short: 61% cases, 27% days

Medium: 28% cases, 37% days
Match Capacity Demand

- S8 Oversight system for hospital-wide operations to optimize patient flow
- S9 Flex capacity to meet hourly, daily and seasonal variations in demand
- S10 Real-time demand and capacity management processes
- S11 Early recognition for high census and surge planning
Flex Capacity to Meet Seasonal, Day of the Week and Hourly Variations in Demand

- Can you predict a surge in admissions for patients with medical conditions in the winter months?
  - Use seasonal flex units to manage increases in medical patients during the winter months

- Can you anticipate which units need more bed capacity? (clue – which services consistently have a large number of “off-service patients”)
  - Use data analytics to quantify needs of each service

- Do you have a regular surge of activity mid-week with the hospital census regularly reaching >95% occupancy?
  - Smooth elective surgical schedules (particularly for patients who will require ICU care post-op)
Demand/Capacity Management

What nurse staffing is needed to consistently provide safe and quality care?

Staffing for >95% census/occupancy

Staffing for > average census/occupancy

Eugene Litvak, PhD, Institute for Healthcare Optimization
Nurse Staffing, Hospital Operations, Care Quality, and Common Sense

1. Staff hospitals 24/7 according to the peaks in both bed occupancy and admissions.

2. Be "creative" by introducing dynamic PNRs that will fluctuate in a synchronous manner with census and admissions.

3. Legislate PNRs

4. Preserve the status quo and do nothing.

5. Change hospital patient flow management.

Litvak E, Laskowski-Jones L; Nurse staffing, hospital operations, care quality, and common sense; Nursing, August 2011.
Real Time Demand Capacity (RTDC)

4-5PM before CM leaves:
1. Huddle with Charge RN
2. Review today’s predicted d/c’s – who remains, what needs to be done
3. Start tomorrow’s “R” sheet

Day to Night Shift report
Charge RN to Charge RN
Update “R” Sheet if Needed

7:30p – 7:00a:
1. Evening / Night shift to complete tasks for the following day (ie: teaching wound care w/ family, update changes in condition, communicate discharge w/ family)
2. Update “R” sheet (update pending/confirmed discharge list, add approximate time of dc

9:15a – Return to Unit
1. Review assignment of specific tasks for discharges before 2PM
2. If Unit plan needed discuss w/ Charge RN & Unit Secretary and team

8:30-9:00AM - Hospital Wide Bed Meeting
1. Review demand/capacity #’s from each unit
2. Plan for red units with mismatches
3. Review previous day’s plans and successes

7AM-8:30 Unit Based Huddle
1. Review pending discharge list; identify needs
2. Assign responsibility for specific discharge tasks
3. Decide on whether the discharge will occur before 2PM

Night to Day Shift report
Charge RN to Charge RN
Update “R” sheet if needed

Start Here
Results at UPMC

Monthly Accuracy of Discharge Predictions, January 2007–November 2009

Percentage of Patients Who Left Without Being Seen (LWBS), January 2006–September 2010

Cardiothoracic (CT) ICU to 3 Main Transfer Time, January 2006–September 2010

Emergency Department (ED) Median Length of Stay (LOS) for Admitted Patients, July 2005–July 2010

# Surg Plan Concepts

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## STATUS

- **Green**
  Reflects an optimally functioning system, a state of equilibrium, homeostasis. Staff describe it as, a good day.

- **Yellow**
  Reflects the state of early triggers which identifies and allows the system to initiate early interventions.

- **Orange**
  Reflects escalating demand without readily available capacity. In this state aggressive action required to avoid system overload and ultimate gridlock.

- **Red**
  Reflects a state of gridlock as a result of system overload. The system should respond by using its organizational Disaster Plan.
Redesign the System

S12 Improve efficiencies and throughput in the OR, ED, ICUs and Med/Surg Units

S13 Improve efficiencies & coordination of discharge processes

S14 Service Line Optimization (frail elders, SNF residents, stroke patients, etc.)

S15 Reducing unnecessary variations in care and managing LOS “outliers”
Median Total Length of Stay (min)

Cambridge Health Alliance

- New ED Fully Open
- New ED Partially Open
- Patient Partner
- Rapid Assessment


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## KP Sacramento ED Flow

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16-Bed MICU
We need more beds!

Bela Patel, MD and Khalid Almoosa, MD

- Reduced EC – ICU admit time
- Efficient
- Wards
  - RRT team
  - RRT to reduce floor codes
- Timely
- Safe
- Effective
- Safe
- Patient-centered

- Sepsis Management
- Reliable weaning protocol
- VAP, CR-BSI bundles
- Standardize family meetings

- Stabilization
- Weaning
- Complications
- End-of-Life

- Ward
- Home
- Other facility

 Decreased Length of Stay
We have plenty of beds

Thank You!

- VAP/BSI rates Zero - $54,000/$35,000
- EC- ICU 53% to 75% in 4 hrs
  - Hospital LOS decreased 1.5 days $$
- Floor codes decreased 50%
- End of Life – ICU stay – decreased 3.3 days
- Mortality decreased by 13%, CMI up 15%,
- Occupancy decreased from 94.5% to 85.5%
- Monthly admissions: from 89.4 to 104.6
- $5.1 Million saved
# Waste Project: Medicine Service Line

## Financial Implications in the Current System

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| High              | • Sickle Cell management ($450K/yr)  
• Chest Pain management ($400K/yr)  
• To be evaluated: ICU days awaiting consultation, procedures, end of life discussions | | • EC – MICU admits (duplicate tests on MICU admit) |
| Moderate          | ABG testing $15K          | • Confirmatory tests  
• Repeat tests  
• Supplies        | |
What are Your Current Projects to Improve Hospital Operations and Patient Flow?

Type into the chat box your current projects
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Hospital Flow Professional Development Program

Delivering the right care, in the right setting, at the right time

October 31 -- November 3, 2016
Cambridge, MA

Participants will learn from:
- Expert faculty
- Case study presenters
- Other program participants

Participants will have opportunities to engage in:
- Pre-work and data collection
- Working sessions with team members
- Exchange of ideas with other program participants & faculty
- Ad hoc faculty coaching sessions

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Who should attend?
This program is designed for teams who are responsible for implementing and maintaining operational efficiencies, throughput, and optimizing patient flow in acute care hospitals. Team participants may include: Chief Operating Officers, Chief Nurse Executives, Medical Directors, Nursing Directors, Service Line Leaders, Financial Analysts, Quality Improvement Leaders.

While individual participants will gain value from this professional development program, IHI strongly recommends that hospitals and health care systems consider sending teams of 4 or 5 individuals (those who have accountability for outcomes related to delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time) to this program.

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What you will learn
Designed for a team or individuals who are tasked with hospital operations, throughput, and ensuring optimal patient flow in the acute care hospital, this intensive IHI program helps participants:

• Make sense of the variety of approaches needed to achieve timely, efficient person-centered care
• Gain actionable strategies, skills, and tools that help ensure that demand for hospital service matches capacity — daily, weekly, and seasonally
• Prevent diversions and overcrowding in EDs
• Eliminate waits and delays for surgical procedures, treatments, and admissions to inpatient beds
• Increase the number of patients admitted to the appropriate inpatient unit (based on the patient’s clinical condition)
• Identify opportunities to collaborate with expert faculty and successful hospital leaders to develop or refine a detailed, customized plan of action
• Calculate return on investment

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