

## THE TRAUMA SERVICE LINE

*Financial, Performance &  
Operational Indicators*

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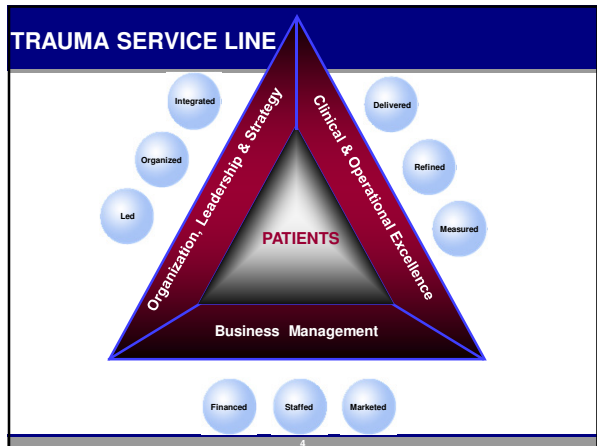
## Objectives

- Review components and maturity phases of a trauma program.
- Understand healthcare economics and costs.
- Discuss the challenges & opportunities associated with creating a trauma service line dashboard.
- Review business strategies for the trauma service line.

## The Clinical Program

A program is a group of clinicians and staff committing their own and their institutions' resources toward a focused, integrated, and comprehensive effort to treat a specific disease, disorder, or clinical domain.

- Shared mission/vision
- Integration not just of care, but also functional disciplines:
  - i) operations, ii) finances, iii) marketing, iv) strategy, v) planning, vi) human resources, vii) governance



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**Trauma Service Line: 9 Essentials**

How quality health care is ...		Drivers
Clinical	1. Organized	→ Mission and Vision
	2. Integrated	→ Multi-Disciplinary/Multi-System Focus
	3. Delivered	→ Access and Operational Excellence
	4. Refined	→ Quality Assurance/Process Improvement
	5. Led	→ Leadership, Governance, & Accountability
Business	6. Financed	→ Business Modeling, Planning, & Budgeting
	7. Staffed	→ Human Resources & Relationship-Building
	8. Measured	→ Performance Measurement & Reporting
	9. Marketed	→ Strategy, Marketing, Outreach, & Education

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**9 Essentials:  
Stage of Program Development & Associated Time Horizon**

	New Program (1-2 years)	Intermediate (3-4 Years)	Mature (≥5 yrs)
1. Organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mission and Vision</li><li>Define meaning of Trauma service line to the institution.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ID pt demographics/pt analysis time days.</li><li>Who does the Trauma want to be/serve?</li><li>Strategy to change? (EMS, Case Manager, referrals, Trauma Service Liaison)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue to monitor demographics and refine vision as required by the changing market landscape.</li></ul>
2. Integrated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess stakeholder relationships</li><li>Identify key players and multidisciplinary team members</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Buy-in &amp; organized as team and</li><li>Approach issues as a group rather than individual players</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members outside Trauma realize strength of group and bring issues/ideas to table</li></ul>
3. Delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Process problems – low hanging fruit (unit/clinical care/operations focus)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Programmatic service line</li><li>Complex issues, multiple services/dept</li><li>Work together across departments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Systems view</li><li>Affects on health system as whole</li></ul>
4. Refined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess/ID protocols</li><li>Trauma Quality of Care group</li><li>Communicate purpose, expectations and attendance</li><li>Develop process to ID issues/loop closure</li><li>Filters – Clinical focus</li><li>Stakeholders WIPM</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>QA and improve protocols, data driven</li><li>Refine filters- Clinical, Operational, Financial</li><li>Continuous feedback loop closure</li><li>Stakeholder involvement, give &amp; take</li><li>Trauma Management Group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All staff understand process for making changes</li><li>Auto report - feedback loop closure</li><li>Close relationships with other departments</li><li>Systems thinking</li><li>Communication with C-suite, resources</li></ul>

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A Venn diagram with three overlapping circles. The top-left circle is green and labeled 'Information'. The top-right circle is yellow and labeled 'Decision Rights'. The bottom circle is orange and labeled 'Budget'. The circles overlap in various combinations, representing the intersection of these three factors.

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- Need to have resources available.
- Track data from disparate areas.
  - Finance
  - Registry
  - Merge clinical & financial pictures
  - Dashboards  
(Not easy!)
- Team/Process in place...

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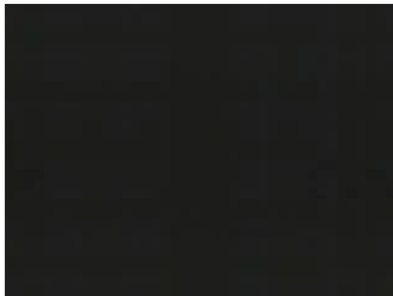
## Review Healthcare Costs

But let's make sure we are on the same page...

What does it cost to deliver health care?

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## Healthcare Finance



## Accounting Provides Information To Decision-Makers

### Three types of accounting systems

- 1) Financial accounting
  - Create a summary view of operations
    - Balance Sheet (snapshot of given day)
    - Income Statement and Cash Flows (snapshot of period)

- 2) Tax accounting
  - Calculate cash flows due to government

- 3) Managerial (cost) accounting
  - Create analyses for a specific decision

Underlying data are the same, difference is in detail and reporting



## The Core Issues

- We have a very difficult time measuring the financial success or failure of individual programs.
- This is not unique to health care.
- Our accounting systems are not designed for "horizontal care".
- Difficult to change as this type of change is seen as a zero sum game. We all want to claim the revenue, but then fight over the expenses.



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## Costs

$$\text{Total Cost} = \text{Fixed Cost} + \text{Indirect Costs} + \text{Variable Costs}$$

Fixed costs: Do not vary with activity levels

Variable costs: Rise/fall directly with activity levels

Marginal cost: The incremental cost of the next unit.

Opportunity cost: ...

Sunk cost: ...

Avoidable cost: ...



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## Variable Direct, Fixed Direct, And Indirect Costs

### Variable Direct Costs

- These are expenses that vary directly with the level of patient care.
- These are the costs that clinicians most immediately affect, and that they are most often asked to control.

### Fixed Direct Costs

- "Unit" overhead.
- Ask, "How much would it cost to keep my service open over the next month even if no patients were admitted?" This is your unit's overhead.
- Cost accountants take a portion of this overhead and allocate it to each transaction within your service.



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## Variable Direct, Fixed Direct, And Indirect Costs

### Indirect Costs

- "Hospital" overhead.
- Expenditures that do not reside within any service.
- Examples: Administrative salaries and subsidies to the parking structure.
- The cost accountants take a portion of this overhead and allocate it to each transaction within every service.

This explains why a Tylenol that costs 5 cents per dose at CVS cost \$10.49 in a hospital setting.

It's not waste or bureaucracy; it's simply fixed costs.



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## Total Cost Is The Sum Of 3 Components

VDC =  
\$3.98

### Variable direct cost

- Patient-specific costs
- Example: The Tylenol itself

FDC =  
\$1.47

### Fixed direct cost

- Allocated *unit* overhead
- Example: Charge nurse -- allocate a portion of the cost to each Tylenol

IC =  
\$5.04

### Indirect cost

- Allocated hospital overhead
- Example: The CEO's salary -- a portion of the cost is allocated to each Tylenol.

**Total Cost  
=\$10.49**

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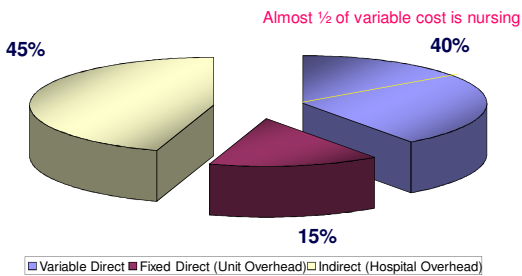
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## Inpatient Costs? An Educated Guess...



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Let's next see how overhead is set ...

FY 2002 Inpatient Costs by Clinical Group	Sum of Variable Direct Cost	Sum of Fixed Direct Cost	FDC/ VDC	Sum of Indirect Cost	IC / VDC	Sum of Total Cost
Nursing-Routine	\$32,682,030	\$12,419,172	0.38	\$59,154,475	1.81	\$104,255,677
Nursing-icu	\$21,282,500	\$9,384,300	0.44	\$30,646,801	1.44	\$61,293,601
Pharmacy	\$28,778,720	\$4,029,021	0.14	\$11,511,488	0.40	\$44,319,229
Operating Room	\$21,810,636	\$2,617,276	0.12	\$9,814,786	0.45	\$34,242,698
Laboratory	\$11,696,881	\$6,901,160	0.59	\$10,644,162	0.91	\$29,242,203
Imaging Services	\$5,325,369	\$2,715,938	0.51	\$8,041,306	1.51	\$16,082,613
Ob/Gyn-Matrn/Baby	\$5,440,863	\$3,373,335	0.62	\$5,994,949	1.10	\$14,799,148
Respir/Pulmonary	\$5,808,738	\$2,555,845	0.44	\$5,924,912	1.02	\$14,289,494
Cardiac Svcs	\$6,737,122	\$673,712	0.10	\$5,052,842	0.75	\$12,463,676
Emergency Svcs	\$3,268,827	\$3,072,697	0.94	\$2,516,997	0.77	\$8,858,520
Rehab Services	\$2,669,916	\$1,762,144	0.66	\$3,844,678	1.44	\$8,276,738
Organ Txp	\$2,921,840	\$204,529	0.07	\$2,162,161	0.74	\$5,288,530
Anesthesia	\$1,850,711	\$740,284	0.40	\$2,369,910	1.28	\$4,559,905
Other Ancillary	\$1,957,678	\$646,034	0.33	\$1,370,375	0.70	\$3,974,087
Recovery Room	\$1,703,302	\$715,387	0.42	\$1,498,905	0.88	\$3,917,594
Nephrology	\$1,179,881	\$719,728	0.61	\$1,663,633	1.41	\$3,563,242
Supplies	\$1,021,457	\$408,583	0.40	\$1,317,680	1.29	\$2,747,721
Oncology	\$235,716	\$702,433	2.98	\$914,577	3.88	\$1,852,726
Med Procedure Unit	\$443,332	\$292,599	0.66	\$833,464	1.88	\$1,569,394
Neuro/Neurosurg	\$355,528	\$433,745	1.22	\$607,954	1.71	\$1,397,227
Clinic Surgery	\$247,639	\$222,785	0.90	\$658,453	2.66	\$1,128,776
Psychiatry	\$30,147	\$428,692	14.22	\$344,883	11.44	\$803,722
Clinic-Medicine	\$245,102	\$161,768	0.66	\$196,082	0.80	\$602,952
ObGyn-Other Svcs	\$18,975	\$27,324	1.44	\$55,217	2.91	\$101,517
	\$157,712,811	\$55,188,490		\$167,129,691		\$380,030,991
	41.50%	14.52%		43.98%		

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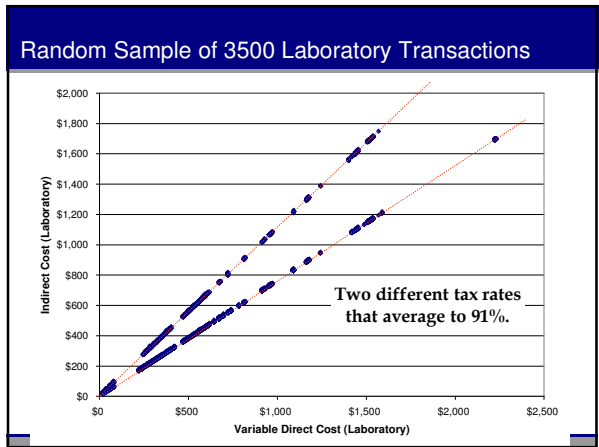
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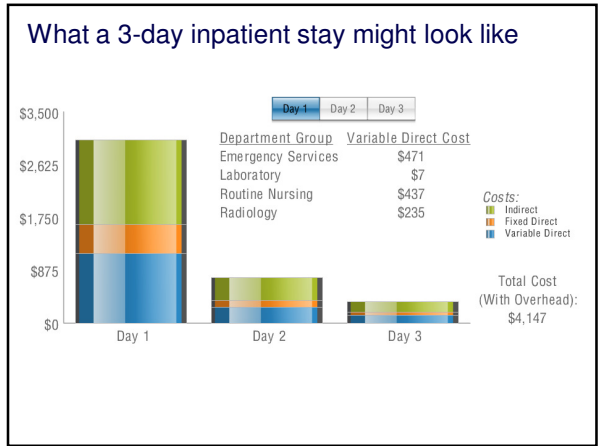
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**Underlying Cost Structure Is No Different...**

- For a clinic
- For an ambulatory surgery center
- For specific clinical domains within any of these settings ...
  - The ICU
  - The ED
  - The pharmacy
  - Dialysis

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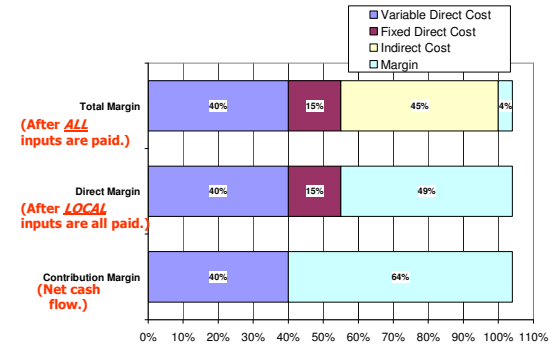
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**Short/Medium Run: Total Margin Is Not What Matters**



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**Physician Finances (Mean) By ISS (Trauma)\***

Level of severity (ISS)	Charges	Payments	Adjustments	% Collection
Critical (>24)	\$16,903	\$8,217	\$7,317	~ 49
Major (15-23)	\$10,838	\$5,003	\$4,340	~ 46
Moderate (9-14)	\$8,316	\$3,535	\$4,007	~ 42
Minor (<9)	\$4,187	\$1,454	\$1,984	~ 35

\*This includes all physicians (i.e. Ortho, NS, GS...)

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## Financial Impact: Hospital - Trauma

Level (ISS)	Patient count	LOS (days)	Revenue (mean)	Total cost (mean)	Contribution margin (mean)	Margin (mean)
Critical (>24)	580	12.7	\$58,246	\$48,483	\$38,272	<b>\$9,763</b>
Major (15-23)	567	8.7	\$30,916	\$26,636	\$20,401	<b>\$4,279</b>
Moderate (9-14)	1358	6.3	\$18,781	\$16,576	\$12,073	<b>\$2,205</b>
Minor (<9)	918	2.9	\$8,570	\$7,160	\$5,915	<b>\$1,409</b>

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## Burn Margins

% TBSA	Patient count	LOS (days)	Revenue (mean)	Total cost (mean)	Contribution margin (mean)	Margin (mean)
0-10	260	5.6	\$13,779	\$13,898	\$8,107	<b>-\$119</b>
10-20	86	11.6	\$32,295	\$32,486	\$18,829	<b>-\$191</b>
20-40	62	26	\$95,004	\$115,131	\$45,879	\$20,126
>40	29	24	\$184,301	\$160,533	\$90,554	\$23,844

In the long, run you must cover your total costs (they are real). In the short run, just the variable costs.

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## Drill Down

- NIS data, 3 years, >10,000 burn pts
  - High volume hospitals >100 pts per year
  - Low Volume hospitals <20 pts per year
- Outcomes and clinical trends

- Published

*Referral Patterns and Severity Distribution of Burn Care: Implications for Burn Centers and Surgical Training. Annals of Plastic Surgery. 54(4):412-419, April 2005.*



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In the “with complications” DRGs, high-volume hospitals have mortality 2x – 3x greater than low-volume hospitals.

DRG	Hospital Volume Type	Home Without Care	Requiring Home Health	Transfer to Another Institution	Expired	Total Admit Count
506	High	63.1%	16.1%	16.1%	4.8%	610
	Low	54.5%	21.1%	22.8%	1.7%	413
507	High	85.2%	11.6%	3.1%	0.1%	748
	Low	79.6%	13.4%	6.9%	0.0%	476
508	High	69.5%	12.7%	13.6%	4.2%	118
	Low	51.4%	18.1%	28.7%	1.8%	387
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511	High	91.9%	6.1%	1.9%	0.1%	1661
	Low	82.1%	11.7%	6.2%	0.1%	1900

DRG	DRG Description
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And yet, in all groups, high-volume hospitals are also much more likely to have routine discharges.

DRG	Hospital Volume Type	Disposition				
		Home Without Care	Requiring Home Health	Transfer to Another Institution	Expired	Total Admit Count
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As such, high-volume hospitals have lower rates of home health care and transfers.

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# Down Stream Revenue

- All TB service patients: 3,679 (2002-2004)
  - Initial admissions: \$103M net revenue
    - \$44M direct margin (43% of revenues)
  - 17,000 outpatient visits
    - Outpatient revenue \$14M
  - 1,566 admitted later
    - Inpatient revenue \$26M
- Stickiness.....

*Trauma Center Downstream Revenue: Impact of Incremental Patients within a Health System. J Trauma, 2007;62:615-621*



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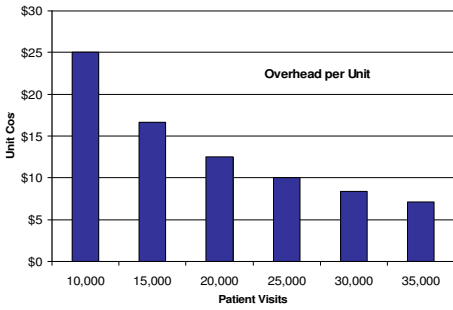
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A new \_\_\_\_\_ has fixed costs of \$250,000.  
This can be amortized ...



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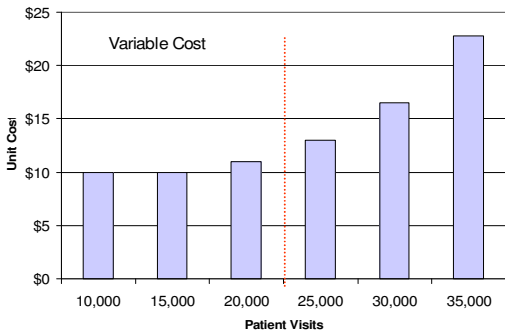
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# Congestion Rises With Volume Especially > 20,000 Visits



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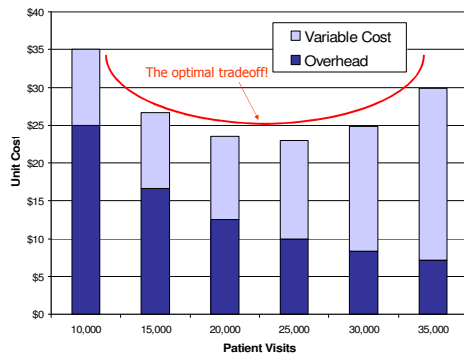
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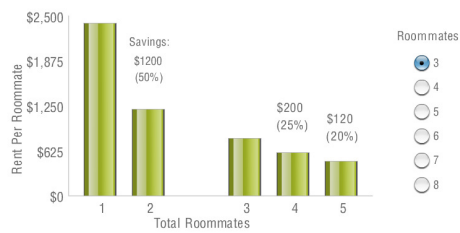
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## Giving Rise To A U-shaped Unit Cost



## Fixed Costs: College Senior Rents 3br Apt: \$2400

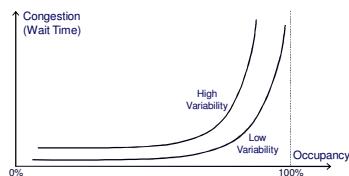


When is the line to the bathroom too long?

## Occupancy → Reduce variability

(A free lunch: Higher utilization and less congestion)

- Consider three variables: occupancy, congestion, and variability. They are related –



- One way to improve operational efficiency is to reduce variability, thereby enabling higher average occupancy. Also – break bottlenecks, expedite critical pathways....Lean!
- Ex: Auto assembly lines maintain higher utilization (& thus, greater throughput) than auto body repair shops.

*How is a hospital like an airplane?*  
**For hospitals & airlines, most costs are fixed.**



- Like hospitals, airlines have high up front costs and modest marginal costs.
- So do universities, oil refineries, internet companies, publishers, restaurants, manufacturers, & most other businesses.

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**Airline Capacity Rationalization**

- Erect airports and other infrastructure
- Invest in the right fleet of planes (not merely size but also configurations, interoperability, etc)
- Develop the appropriate route structure, with hubs & spokes, direct & indirect, maintenance schedules, etc
- Schedule flights
- Provide passengers with strong & ever-changing incentives
- Pool with other airlines ... or not.
- And much more ...

**The cost of airline travel is nearly 100% fixed.**

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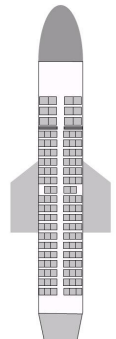
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**How is a hospital like an airline?**



This aircraft is a valuable asset, and nearly all costs are overhead. Once the flight is deployed, those costs are fixed and "sunk." They are expended whether one passenger boards or 118.

Marginal cost is the expense of adding one more passenger ( $\approx \$0$ ).

Opportunity cost is the value of the next best opportunity foregone.

Once the airline decides, the goal is to "segment" its customers and then to **fill the plane!**

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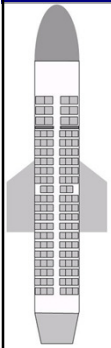
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## An Airline Analogy: A Hypothetical



Suppose flight & airline overhead = \$24,000

Suppose marginal cost is ...

Coach = \$10/passenger

1<sup>st</sup> class = \$25/passenger

Suppose the expected load is ...

74 coach passengers

6 -1<sup>st</sup> class passengers

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## What is the total cost of each ticket?

- Let \$x = overhead assigned each coach passenger.
- Just suppose \$3x = overhead assigned to each first class passenger.
- Then  $74(x) + 6(3x) = \$24,000 \rightarrow x = \$261$ .
- The total cost of coach =  $\$261 + 10 = \$271$ .
- The total cost of 1<sup>st</sup> class =  $\$783 + 25 = \$808$ .
- Note: 74 tix @ \$271 and 6 tix @ \$808 means that the flight just breaks even.
- These are targets for quantities & average prices.

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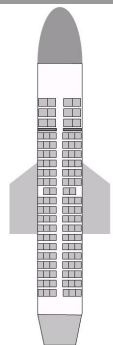
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## Internet Discounts



- Delta sells as many advance tickets as it can at prices exceeding total cost, but a few days beforehand it forecasts how many seats will be empty, and it offers them at very low prices.

- If price exceeds marginal cost, the cyberfares are profitable.

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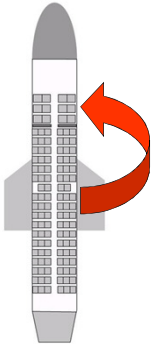
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## If the flight is overbooked?



Even before the airline bribes passengers to take later flights, it typically permits some coach passengers to pay a relatively small fee to upgrade to first class.

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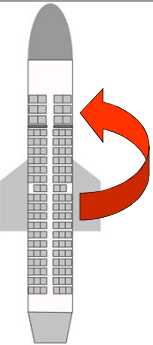
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## An Airline Analogy



- Recall: the total cost of a coach passenger is \$271 and the total cost of a first class passenger is \$808.
- How can it be profitable to allow coach passengers to upgrade for a mere \$50?

A "Flex" ICU operates on the same principle.

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## The "Flex" ICU

- The problem with Trauma Burn ICU
  - Idiosyncratic admissions
  - Highly variable – both in terms of acuity and volume
- Makes staffing highly variable
  - Scheduling of road trips, PT, labs and the like more variable.

Financially costly

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### “Flexing” an ICU $\equiv$ the airline’s 1<sup>st</sup> class upgrade

- **Rule #1:** Retain all ICU patients in the unit until they are discharged from the hospital, or until the ICU reaches capacity.
- **Rule #2:** Change patients’ billing from ICU to floor status at the same point in their care as we always have.
- **Rule #3:** Adjust ICU staffing downward to reflect the care that patients would receive on the floor, but do not actually move them (unless the ICU becomes full).

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### Payoffs To “Flexing” Our ICU ...

- Patient satisfaction higher
  - Continuity of care, proximity to care
- Opens floor beds - which are often in short supply
- Modest savings to payers (e.g., no transfer cost)
- Higher bed utilization in the ICU and on the floor
  - ➔ increased revenues and better fixed cost amortization
- Reduced nurse staffing variation
  - ➔ Nursing turnover declined from 44% To 12%/year
  - ➔ Budget variance reduced from 18% to <3%
- Enhanced communication between nursing and MD’s
- Large amounts of political capital

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### Next Steps

TRAUMA MANAGEMENT GROUP OPERATIONAL METRICS				
Trauma Burn Critical Care				
Fourth Quarter 2008				
Level 1 Trauma Verified		100	ending	
Quality Assurance				
Outgoing doctors counts up to date		100		
Attendance at QOC meetings (>95% required)		% Attendance		
		Fourth Quarter FY 2008	FY 2008	
IRE	100%	100%	100%	
Ortho	100%	100%	100%	
Neuro	100%	95%	95%	
Attendance at Trauma Conference meetings (>90% required)		% Attendance		
		Fourth Quarter FY 2008	FY 2008	
IRE	100%	100%	100%	
Ortho	77%	92%	92%	
Neuro	85%	75%	75%	
Service Integration				
Call schedules provided		100		
Coordinated approach to patient care		100		
Internal transfers coordinated appropriately at attending level		100		
Adequate response to ED consults		100		

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- Build strategy
- Tell the story
- Credible
- Transparent
- Trauma Mgmt Grp
  - Ortho, Neuro, Finance, COO, Trauma, Admin
- Garner resources
  - HR & Financial
- MD leadership is key!



## Next Up.... How To Make It Happen

- ❑ Health Systems are large fixed cost enterprises.
- ❑ Need to understand financial metrics and tell the story.
- ❑ Managing clinical processes and throughput is the key to efficient delivery.
- ❑ Next.....more on the how to!!
  - Betsy Seislove



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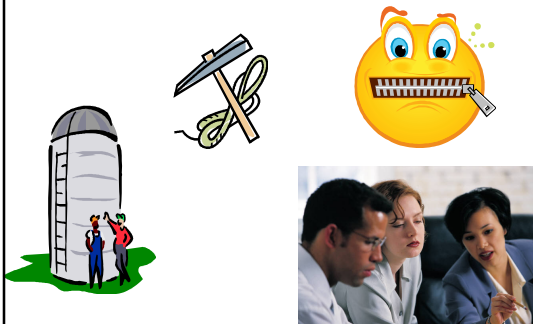
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## Trauma Service Line: What is it? Why do we need one? What do they do?



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## Trauma Service Line: Mission

To provide superior trauma and burn services to patients of all ages and their families, focusing on preventive, acute and continuing care.

This mission will be accomplished by integrating clinical excellence, advocacy, research and education into our care delivery model.

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## Why a Service Line?

- “the service line model allows community hospital administrators to focus simultaneously on financial, operational and patient satisfaction objectives.”
- “best strategy is to maintain open communication and support.”
- “ensure that service line directors and affiliated physicians do not come entrenched in a “silo mentality””

The Advisory Board Company (Washington D.C.) May, 2003

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## Some of our Initiatives as a Service Line

- Development of a Dashboard
- Multidisciplinary Rounds with the use of a “Checklist”
  - ▢ Evidence of Cost Savings
- Crew Resource Management
  - ▢ Enhance communication, increase efficiency, decrease cost and increase satisfaction (All customers and staff)

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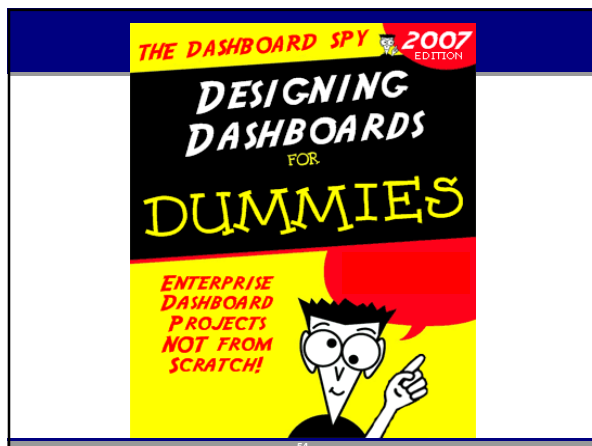
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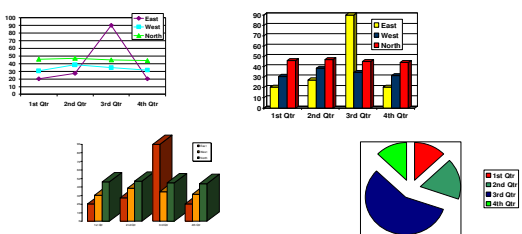
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### Do these look familiar?



Most of us use these types of graphs to track individual occurrences

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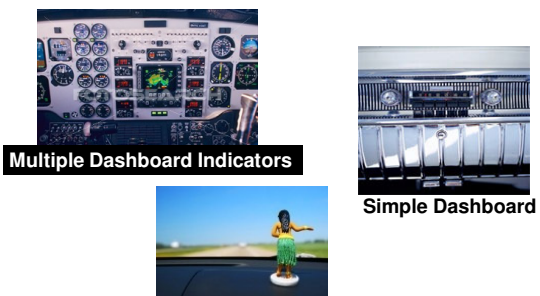
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### What is a Dashboard?



Multiple Dashboard Indicators

Simple Dashboard

The Ultimate Dashboard

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### Dashboard Definition:

Distills performance data into a few key metrics, giving user friendly snapshots of service line's performance

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### Four Key Elements of a Dashboard

- 1) **Financial** (ex: Profit margins)
- 2) **Operational** (ex: average daily census)
- 3) **Clinical Quality** (ex: Mortality)
- 4) **Satisfaction** (ex: Patient/Family, Physician, staff)

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### Elements of an EFFECTIVE Dashboard

- **Metric Balance** (balance financial and operational indicators with physician satisfaction)
- **Metric Austerity** (limit number of metrics 15-30)
- **Graphic Display** (bar graphs, control chart, spider diagram)
- **Action Triggers** (target or thresholds that trigger action)

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### So what did we know?

- We had a Trauma Burn Service Line
  - Meeting every 2 weeks to make specific decisions regarding our service
- Annual goals that needed to be set as well as tracked
- Measure outcomes
- How could we do this in the most efficient and seamless manner?

#### A DASHBOARD DESIGN



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## Stakeholders

- Trauma Burn Service Line
  - Trauma Burn Council
- Senior Management
- Trauma Service
  - Trauma Attendings
  - Mid Level providers
  - Coordinators
  - Trauma office
- Outreach staff

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## Who comprised the team?

- Clinical Services
  - Nursing administration
    - Nurse administrator for the ED and trauma units
  - Directors from:
    - Trauma/Neuro ICU
    - Trauma Med/Surg
    - Burn
    - Aeromedical
- Finance
- Patient Representative
- IS analyst
- Trauma Registry Data Analyst
- VP of the service line



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## Best Practice in Dashboard Development

- Select Indicators
- Select Format
- Select Targets
- Seek Computerized Solutions

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Metrics: Indicators			
	Metric Source	Frequency	Sponsor
<b>Financial</b>	Finance	Q 6 months	Dave Freedman
Trauma: Net Rev/discharge Direct Expense per discharge			
Burn: Net Rev/discharge Direct Expense per discharge			
Direct Dpt. Contribution Margin/Trauma discharge Direct Dpt. Contribution Margin/Burn discharge			
<b>Volume: Track by D/C</b>			
Volume for: Adults, Pediatric Trauma Adults, Pediatric Burn	Collector –HPM (HBI)	Monthly	Judy Schultz
Transfer Ins	Collector –HPM (HBI)	Monthly	Judy Schultz
MedEvac	Collector –HPM (HBI)	Monthly	Keith Micucci
Outreach	Goldmine	Quarterly	Nancy Heacock
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Metrics: Indicators			
	Metric Source	Frequency	Sponsor
<b>Operational</b>			
LOS	Collector HPM (HBI)	Weekly	Judith Schultz
<b>Quality</b>			
Trauma: VAPs Failed Extubations UTI	Burn: VAP Graft Loss UTI	ID/Collector HPM POPIMS/Collector ID/Collector	Monthly Monthly Monthly
<b>Satisfaction</b>			
Physician Patient Staff	Physician Survey Patient Satisfaction (Press Ganey) Staff Survey's	Annually Monthly vs. Quarterly Every 2 years	
Family presence during resuscitation	Press Ganey	Monthly	
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Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spider Diagram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Current Period Information</li> <li>□ Target</li> <li>□ Variance</li> <li>□ Achievement</li> <li>□ Prior year</li> <li>□ Actuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Year to date</li> <li>▪ Target year to date</li> <li>▪ Year to date variance</li> <li>▪ Achievement year to date</li> <li>▪ Actual ALL year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Computerized System**

- McKesson
  - Horizon Business Insight (HBI)
    - Tool that provides secure access to timely and accurate information from virtually any system
    - Point of access information in an instant

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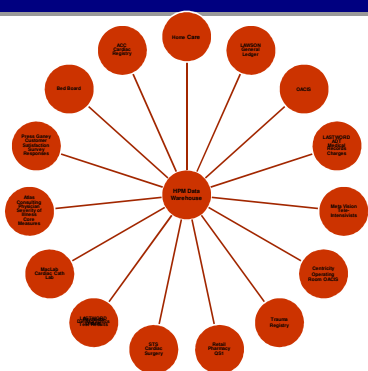
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**HPM Data Warehouse Resources**



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**HBI**

- Building and Maintaining
  - Data Definitions
  - Data Downloads
    - When, how, who
  - Test-Test-Test
    - Can we add?
    - Can we see?
    - Can we drill down?
  - Highlights
- Instructor Manual

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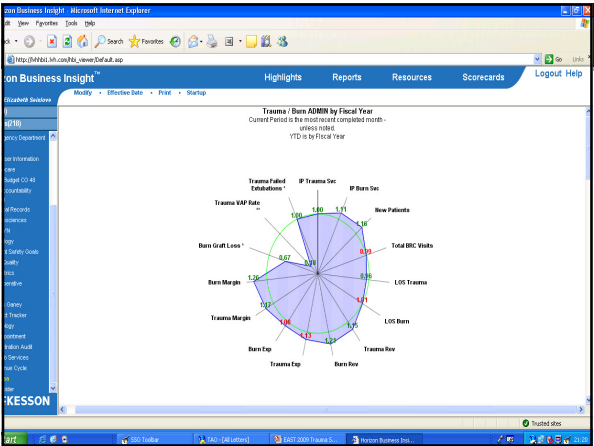
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Trauma Service Line



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This table provides a detailed breakdown of financial and quality indicators for the Trauma / Burn service line. It includes data for LOS Trauma, LOS Burn, Revenue, Expense, Margin, Burn Rates, and Burn Events, comparing current performance against targets and historical data.

Category	Item	4.49	4.70	-0.21	0.96	4.54	4.94	4.70	0.14	1.03
LOS Trauma	LOS Trauma	4.49	4.70	-0.21	0.96	4.54	4.94	4.70	0.14	1.03
	LOS Burn	7.04	7.00	0.04	1.01	10.42	6.47	7.00	-0.53	0.92
Revenue	Trauma Rev	25,202	21,828	3,374.00	1.15	25,202	21,828	3,374.00	1.15	1.00
	Burn Rev	70,128	58,049	12,079.00	1.21	70,128	58,049	12,079.00	1.21	1.00
Expense	Trauma Exp	10,066	8,913	1,153.00	1.13	10,066	8,913	1,153.00	1.13	1.00
	Burn Exp	18,272	16,877	1,395.00	1.08	18,272	16,877	1,395.00	1.08	1.00
Margin	Trauma Margin	15,136	12,915	2,221.00	1.17	15,136	12,915	2,221.00	1.17	1.00
	Burn Margin	51,853	41,172	10,681.00	1.26	51,853	41,172	10,681.00	1.26	1.00
Burn Rates	Burn VAP Rate	0.0	12.30	-12.30	0.00	2.3	2.7	12.30	-9.63	0.22
	Burn CAUTI Rate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Burn Events	Burn Events	2	3	-1.00	0.67	2	16	1	1	1
	Burn Total	2	3	-1.00	0.67	2	16	1	1	1

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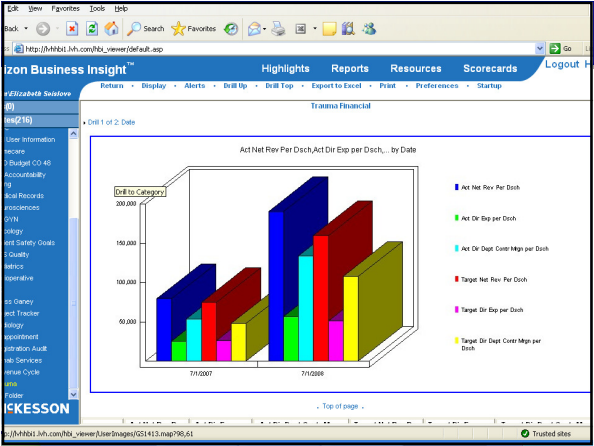
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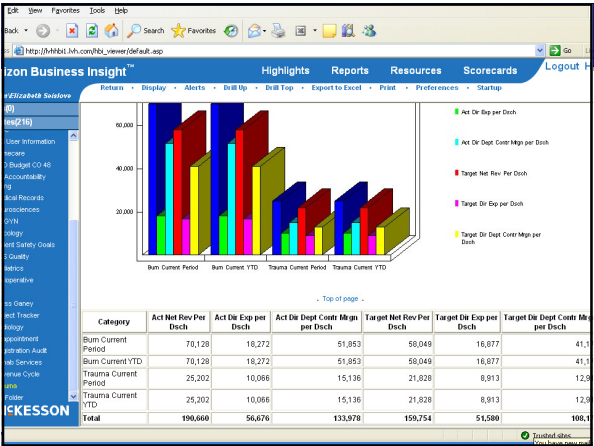
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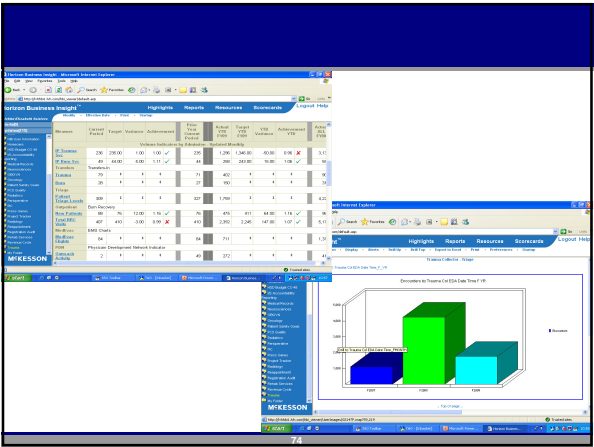
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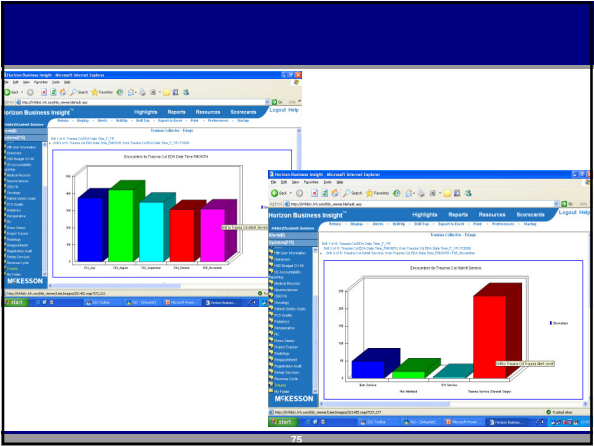
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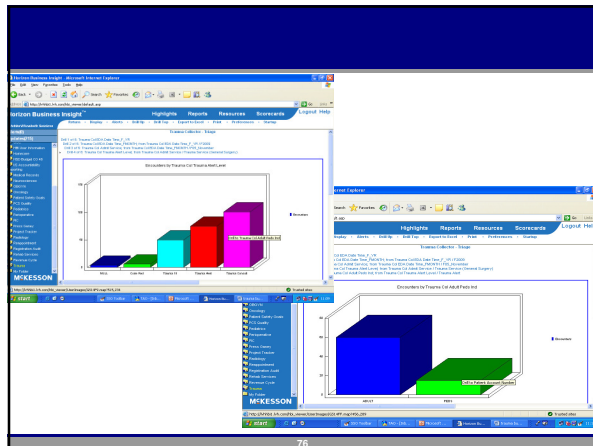
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## Trauma Service Line



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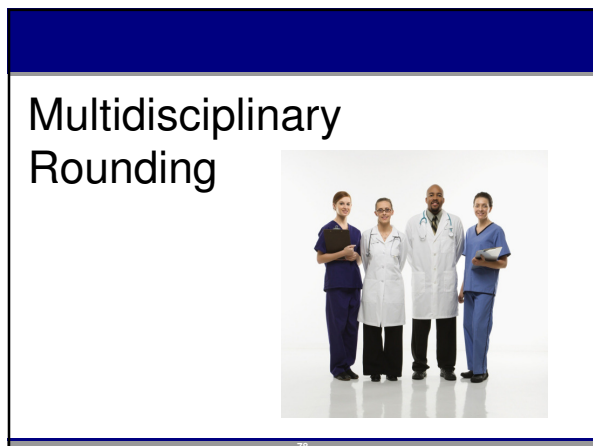
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### Old School of Rounding PITFALLS

- New Residents
  - ❑ Do they know how to present?
  - ❑ What to present?
  - ❑ Did they actually assess the patient or did they ask the nurse?
- Psycho-social issues? What are they?
- Family? Why include them?
- Daily Labs? Diagnostics? "They're in the ICU, right?"
- Cost savings, what is that?
- Because I want to or that's the way I have always done things
- Aren't we supposed to have the most expensive "stuff"?

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### New Rounding Concepts: PEARLS

- Resident Orientation and expectations
- Rounding Check List
  - ❑ Why do we need labs today
  - ❑ Do we need that diagnostic study?
  - ❑ Did we consult the right sub-specialties and right ancillary specialties?
  - ❑ Did we talk with family today?
  - ❑ Does the patient still need a foley? Central Line?

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### Who Does this Check List?

- Nursing
- Mid-Level Practitioners
- Surgical Chief
- Fellow



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<b>Does the patient need?</b>			
IVF Type and total fid order			
Foley Catheter			
Arterial Line			
Central Line			
Daily Labs			
Daily CXR			
<b>Protocol Assessment</b>			
Stress ulcer prophylaxis			
VTE Prophylaxis			
Electrolyte protocol			
Agitation/Sedation/Pain			
Bowel regimen			
Nutritional Support			
Tight Glycemic control			
<b>Consult Assessment</b>			
Trauma Rehab			
SAC			
Geriatrics			
Pediatrics (<=14yrs)			
Case management assessment			
Sedation/Paralytic weaning			
Mobility orders and actual			
Restraints ordered			
C-T-L Spines cleared			
VAP Bundle (chlorhexidine)			
Wearing Ventilator settings			
Home meds reconciled			

<b>Family Update (Was note written)</b>			
Which family member			
Which member of team			
<b>Documentation</b>			
Attending Signed H&P in chart			
Daily Note in chart (signed)			
Procedure log updated			
<b>Performed by (Initials): Nurse:</b>			
Resident/Mid-Level:			
Attending:			

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<b>Morbidities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Decrease in UTI Rate</li><li>▪ Decrease in VAP's</li><li>▪ Decrease in ICU LOS</li><li>▪ Decrease in vent days</li><li>▪ Decrease in total hospital LOS</li><li>▪ Mortality Rate</li></ul>

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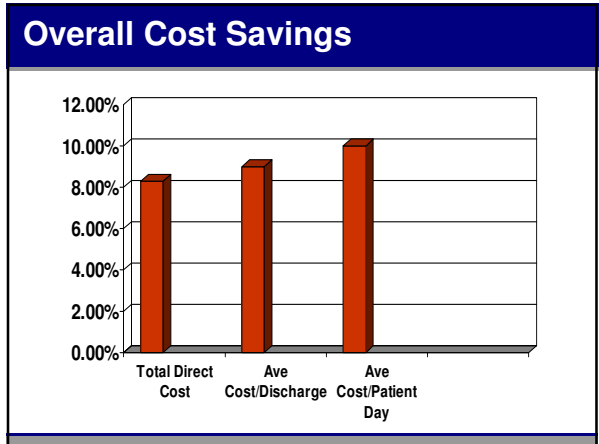
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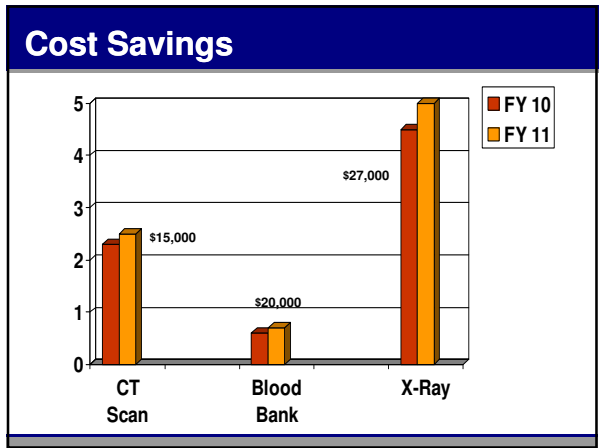
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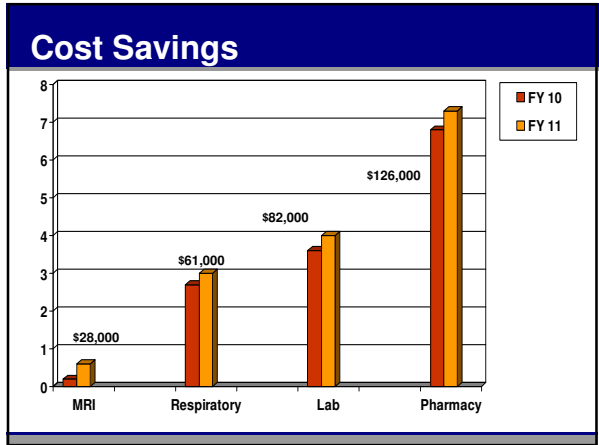
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Communication:  
Crew Resource Management

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## Institute of Medicine

### *Recommendation*

“Healthcare Organizations....establish interdisciplinary team training programs for providers to incorporate proven methods of team training.....as exemplified in aviation”

Adapted from WellSpan Health

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## Need for Teams

- Complexity beyond individual vigilance
- Flexible highly trained teams manage unexpected events well
- Good teams communicate well
  - Common mental models
  - Clear situational awareness
  - Expected communication patterns

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## Need for Teams (cont'd)

- Team members must be accountable
  - to the patient
  - to each other
  - to themselves
- Not simply independent individuals making a contribution, but interdependent individuals depending on each other

Adapted from Donald Moorman, MD ACS Course on Safe OR Practices

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## Essential Team Elements

- Common purpose and shared goals
- Interdependent actions
- Accountability
- Collective effort
- Clear and defined leadership

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## Questions to Ask

- Who were all those people?
- Who was in charge?
- Where was there PPD?
- Where was the patient?
  
- The unfortunate thing is.....this is all too common.

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### Is this Better?



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### Better?

- Where was the crowd of people?
- There was a patient
- Appears to be communication
- Organized
- Calm

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### History at LVHN

- Core Trauma Nursing
  - "Fix" the problem
- Service Line
  - "Break Down" the silo's?
  - Pre-Hospital/Hospital Liaison's
    - "Break Down" the walls?
    - We knew that EMS was not happy
    - Surveys and Observations



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### The Survey Tells it All

- Adopted Survey from our colleagues but we added a few more questions
  - ▢ Survey Monkey
  - ▢ WOW!!!
    - But not surprised
  - ▢ Next Steps
    - Narrowed down to the “themes”
      - No defined leader
      - No organization
      - Listening skills

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### History

- Performance Improvement
  - ▢ Hotline
    - Dysfunction
  - ▢ 3 page Checklist
    - Non Compliance
  - ▢ Sub-Committees
    - Meet frequently.....outcome??
    - Next Survey going out NEXT week during EMS week

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### Communication Elements

GOOD	BAD
<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks assertiveness
<input type="checkbox"/> Active listening	<input type="checkbox"/> Disengaged team
<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Disrespectful language
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm understanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Omission of important information
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear and Concise information	

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We are human and not perfect.

Errors happen...

...but effective teams operating in a safety conscious environment can prevent the error from reaching the patient.

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### Healthcare and Human Error

Inherent Risks	Human Error
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technologically complex</li> <li>• Constantly changing medications and equipment technology</li> <li>• Time pressures</li> <li>• Variable individual competence</li> <li>• Every patient is different</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At point of care</li> <li>• Involve human issues                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Knowledge</li> <li>• Reliance on personal <b>PERFECTION</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Humans are not perfect</li> </ul>

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### How Does Effective Communication Assist Teams?

- Mutual understanding of
  - Problem
  - Goal
  - Strategies
- Foster communication
- Provides context for action
- Assists team members predict behavior or needs of other team members
- Assists team members to identify problems
- Lack of effective communication is a common source of trauma resuscitation conflict

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## Summary

- A commitment to teamwork
- Mutual Accountability
- Acknowledgement of human fallibility
- Professional respect

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## Summary

- Create a plan, implement, update
  - Tell your story, leverage across institution
  - Need to continually improve and look for competitive edge
  - Think above and beyond the day to day, higher level strategic thinking
- The name of the game in a fixed cost business is throughput.
  - You need real process improvement to make it happen!

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## Summary

- There are many components of trauma that must work in concert for the program to enjoy success and growth.
- Collectively, we need to begin functioning as a multidisciplinary administrative team to get it right.
  - We owe it to ourselves, patients, and institution.

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**The truth of the matter is that you  
always know the right thing to do.  
The hard part is doing it.”**

**Schwarzkopf  
Norman Schwarzkopf**

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