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**Breaking Down Silos to Decrease Advanced Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries (HAPI) in a Community Hospital**

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**Background**

- Hospital Acquired Pressure Injuries (HAPI)
  - United States 2.5 million cases<sup>1</sup>
  - Cost \$26.8 Billion!!<sup>1</sup>
  - Estimated over \$10,000 per patient<sup>1</sup>
    - Mortality 1.5%<sup>1</sup>
    - Increases LOS by 2.2 days on average<sup>1</sup>
- 30% increase in pressure injuries from 2015-2017<sup>2</sup>
  - PRE-PANDEMIC

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### Incentives to Improve

- CMS Star Ratings \$\$
- Maryland CMS Waiver Quality-Based Reimbursement(QBR) \$\$
- Maryland Healthcare Commission
- Leapfrog Ratings
  - “Never Event” <sup>1</sup>
- Reporting to the Office of Healthcare Quality (OHCQ) Maryland



<sup>1</sup>) National Quality Forum Never Events. Accessed April 21, 2024  
[https://www.qualityforum.org/Topics/SREs/List\\_of\\_SREs.aspx#sre4](https://www.qualityforum.org/Topics/SREs/List_of_SREs.aspx#sre4)  
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### Introduction

- MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (MFSMC)
  - Baltimore, Maryland
  - MedStar is a 10-hospital system Maryland/DC area
- Community Teaching Hospital
  - Comprehensive Stroke Center
  - 338 licensed beds
  - Avg 61,000 ED visits per year
  - Avg 18,000 Annual Admissions



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### Our Focus

- AHRQ Patient Safety Indicators (PSI 90)
  - PSI 3 = Advanced HAPI = Stage III and IV, unstageable
- AHRQ guidelines exclusion criteria <sup>1</sup>
  - × Less than 3 days Inpatient
  - × **Present on Admission- same site** Deep Tissue Injury (DTI) or Stage III/IV
  - × Severe Burns or exfoliative disorders, OB
  - × Age 18 years and older
  - × End of Life



<sup>1</sup>) Patient Safety Indicator 3 (PSI 03) Updated August 2023. Accessed April 18, 2024.  
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### Objective

PSI03 Ratio Previous Fiscal Years		
FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
1.67	4.48	4.92

- **Executive Leadership**
  - PSI 3 rates significantly higher than state and national standards
    - 2021 Benchmarking PSI 3 rate 0.62 per 1000 discharges <sup>1</sup>
  - Millions of dollars lost in QBR
  - Requested a team be assembled to Improve HAPI rates down to less than 1/1000 cases
- **Quality Improvement Process- Lean Six Sigma**
  - *Multidisciplinary Team- PA Led*
    - Fishbone/Ishikawa Diagram

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### Team

- Process Identification/Fishbone**

  - QI project Lead: Hospital Medicine PA\*
  - Wound Care Team/Wound Care Nursing Leaders
  - Quality and Safety MD and RN
  - Geriatrician
  - Nurse Leaders
    - ICU/IMC/Med/Surg
    - Surgery/Informatics
  - Supply Chain Team/Warehouse
  - Physical Therapy
  - Nutrition
  - Respiratory Therapy
  - Pharmacy
  - Clinical Documentation Team
  - Corporate Data team

**Presidents Goal - Steering Committee**

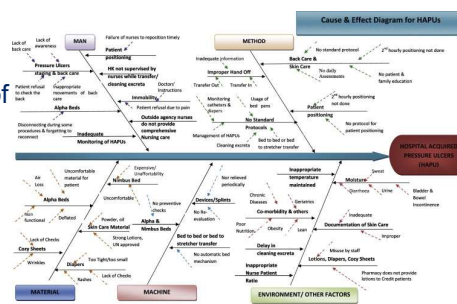
  - Executive Leaders
    - CNO and AVP Nursing
    - VPMA
    - Senior VP Operations-Supply and Logistics
  - Quality and Safety Medical Director
  - Nursing Quality Manager
  - QI Leader- Hospital Med PA
    - Physician Champion
  - Nursing Leaders
    - ICU Nursing Director
    - IMC Educator
    - Wound Care Nurse
    - Nursing Educator Leader
  - Corporate Data Team
  - Ad Hoc
    - Supply Chain Team
    - Pharmacy
    - Clinical Documentation

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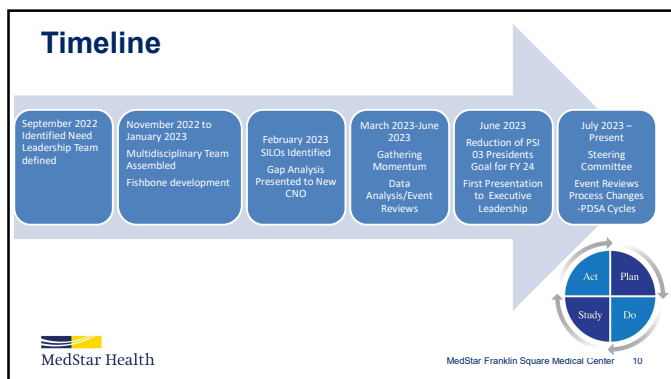
### Fishbone

- Example of fishbone
- Ours
  - Not as pretty



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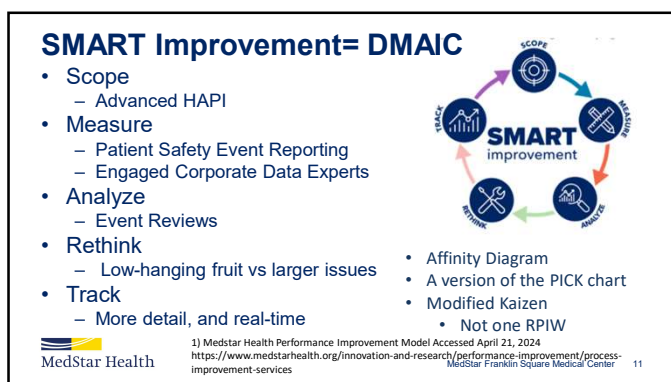
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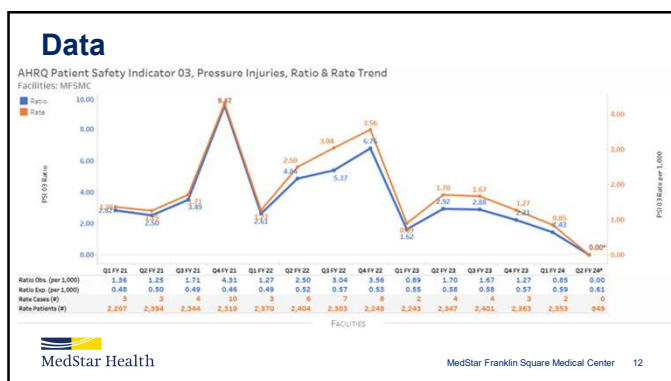
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**WOW! But How?**

**Breaking Down Silos**



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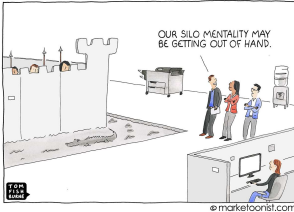
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**Breaking Down Silos**



- Nursing and Wound Team
  - PIPS
  - Staging
- RN and Provider (MD/PA/NP)
  - Communication
  - Documentation
- Clinical Documentation and Providers
  - Post D/C
- Policy vs reality
  - Four eyes/eight hours
- Ownership
  - Nursing Leaders and Educators
  - Physician and Nursing Leaders



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**How We Broke Down Silos**

- All HAPIs (all stages)
  - Patient Safety Event (PSE)
  - Event reviews
    - Multidisciplinary with exec leaders
    - Share learnings
- System Level Education
  - RN/Providers
  - Staging and management
  - 4 Eyes Policy
  - How to use Camera Capture
- VPMA/CNO
  - Camera Capture required BEFORE placing wound care consult
  - Virtual triage/assessment
- WOC RN
  - PIPS
  - staging advanced HAPIs
  - WOC Rounding
    - Tushy Tuesdays
    - Wound Wednesdays



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### Ownership

- Nursing/Physician Leaders accountable
- Reporting to the OHCQ became a team effort
- Interdisciplinary Rounds
  - RN/Provider discussion daily
- DNP projects
  - Turning/reminders in ICU
  - Camera Capture for Boarding Patients (POA)



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### Documentation

- POA
  - Camera Capture
    - RN for all wounds noted
    - Before ANY consult
  - Chart Review/CRISP
  - Site Identification
    - Ischium/buttock/sacrum
  - Deep Tissue Injuries
- Clinical Documentation Team (CDI)
  - Real time review of any possible HAPI
  - Query Provider
  - Link Wound care and Provider documentation
    - OK to document "POA status clinically unable to determine"



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### Silos - Prevention

- Capital Expenses
  - New Beds- SAVED \$\$
    - Renting vs purchasing
    - Heel Boots
- Everyone out of bed!!!!
  - LPN/RN Model
  - Physician Externs
  - Physician Leaders at Rounds
- Border Foam Dressing
  - All ICU/IMC
  - At risk based on Braden Scores 18 or less
- Barrier Creams
  - Wound care recs vs stock



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### Conclusions

- Reduced stage III/IV/unstageable HAPIs from 4.92 per 1000 patient days to less than 1.0 within 2 years!
- Identified Barriers and broke down silos
- Process Ongoing!



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### Thank you!

### Questions?

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