



# Disrupting the Present: Designing Your Practice to Impact Patient Safety

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# Session Objectives

- ▶ Compare and contrast narrow and expanded views of nurse's patient advocacy role and identify key basic nursing care that prevent harm
- ▶ Understand and integrate the components of the mnemonic SAFETY into your practice
- ▶ Design your practice using the SAFETY concepts to impact one nurse sensitive indicator where sustainable outcomes have not occurred





**Reboot/Reset**



# Life Coming Out of a Crisis

*Life is about how much you can take and keep fighting, how much you can suffer and keep moving forward.~ Anderson Silva*

*Don't dwell on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next. Spend your energies on moving forward toward finding the answer. ~Denis Waitley*

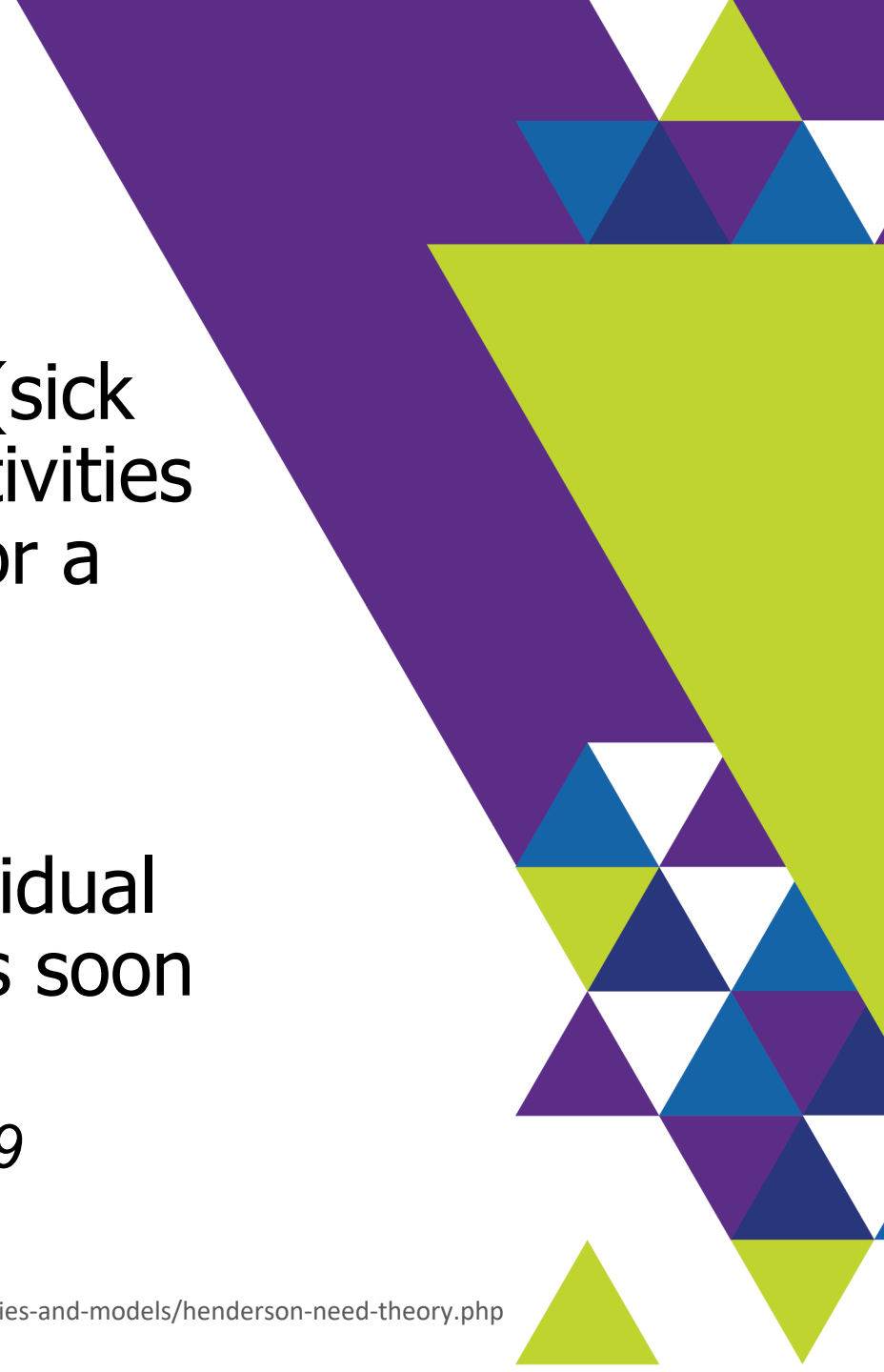
*If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. ~Henry Ford*

*One day? Or day one. You decide.*

## Capturing the Essence of Nursing

“Nurses primarily assists the individual (sick or well) in the performance of those activities contributing to health, or its recovery (or a peaceful death) that he would perform unaided if he had the strength, will or knowledge. It is likewise the unique contribution of nursing to help the individual to be independent of such assistance as soon as possible.

*Henderson 1969*











S Self

Respected Profession

# Nursing

Gallup Poll: 82% Honesty &  
Ethical Rating



So Why Don't We Feel Respected?



# Reclaiming Professional Respect



Work Environment



Quality of Care You  
Provide to Patient &  
Families

What Behaviors or Communications Make You Feel  
the Recipient of Respect?



# Feeling of Respect or Not being Respected



## Respected

- △ Feeling listened to
- △ Feeling revered for their knowledge
- △ Feeling trusted
- △ Feel part of the group
- △ Being acknowledged
- △ Sense of belonging/contributing
- △ Persons look out for each other and their support
- △ Fairness
- △ Free to speak
- △ Opportunities to excel

## Not Being Respected

- △ Disregarded
- △ Not revered
- △ Not trusted
- △ Not supported
- △ Not recognized
- △ Closed conversation
- △ Speaking in a tone that is demeaning
- △ Ideas and opinions not considered a value priority
- △ Unsafe, guarded, pressured, put down



Respect



Self Respect



# Self Respect



Internal Dialogue



External Dialogue

# The Road to Respect

I spoke.

You listened.

I felt valued and honored.

You shared your opinion.

I trusted your wisdom.

The circle of respect was complete.

We saw in each other's eyes are common humanity.

Now, moving to a zone of mutual affirmation, we felt safe to trust and learn and nurture in the give-and-take of life.

Yasmin Morais 2006





# Advocacy





# Advocacy



- Advocacy can be seen as a deliberate process of speaking out on issues of concern in order to exert some influence on behalf of ideas or persons.



# Advocacy Starts with Us



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## Broaden the Definition of Advocacy

“It may seem a strange principle to enunciate as the very first requirement in a Hospital that it should do the sick no harm.”

Florence Nightingale

Advocacy = Safety



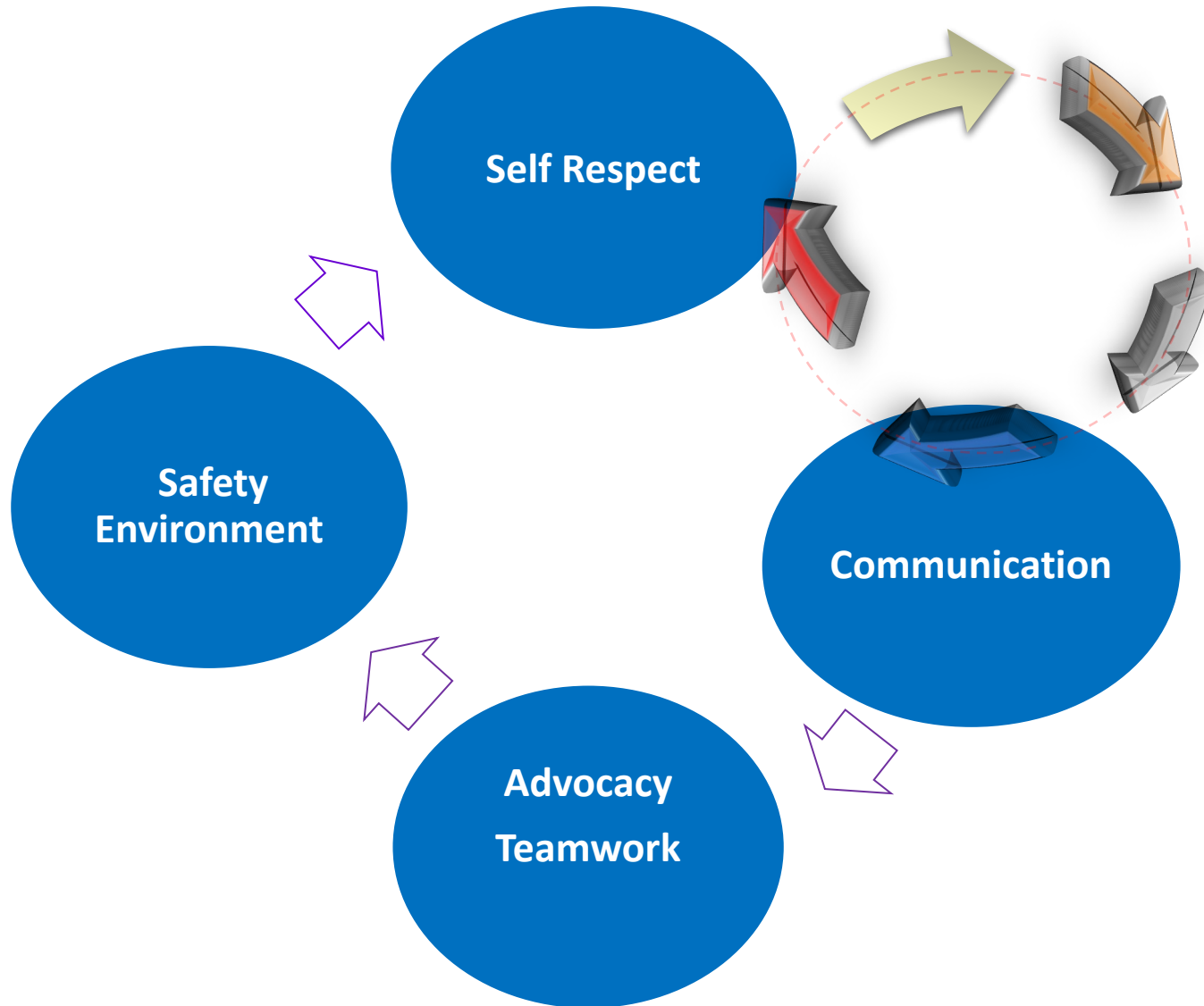
# Patient Advocacy/Safety Related to Clinical Practice



- 🔗 Nurses knowledge of the Evidence based care
- 🔗 Ability to deliver the care to the right patient at the right time, every time it is needed
- 🔗 The ability to communicate patient concerns in a concise, data driven manner and take appropriate action
- 🔗 Understanding that I am the voice of the patient



# Why Effective Communication May Be Challenging for Nursing



# The Silent Treatment: April 2011



- 85% of workers reported a safety tool warned them of a problem that may have been otherwise missed & could harm a patient
- Safety tools include: handoff protocols, checklists, COPE, automated medication dispensing machines.
- 58% said they got the warning, but failed to effectively speak up & solve the problem
- 3 “undiscussable” issues: dangerous short cuts, incompetence & disrespect (4/5 nurses)
- 1/2 say shortcuts lead to near misses
- 1/3 say incompetence leads to near misses
- 1/2 say disrespect prevented them from getting others to listen or respect their opinion
- Only 16% confronted the disrespectful behavior



# What Happens When You Speak Up!!

- 16% of healthcare workers who raise these crucial concerns observe better patient outcomes, work harder, are more satisfied and are more committed to staying in their jobs.



# Definition of Workplace Violence

Any physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse occurring in the workplace”



- Most literature reported from western countries however workplace violence happens to nurses everywhere
- On Average 57 nurses are assaulted each day in the US (Pressy Ganey Report 2022)<sup>1</sup>
- 44% experience physical violence and 67.8% experienced verbal abuse in one study during the pandemic & often went unreported<sup>2</sup>
- Healthcare workers are at high-risk for being targets of workplace violence. 4x > than private industry.

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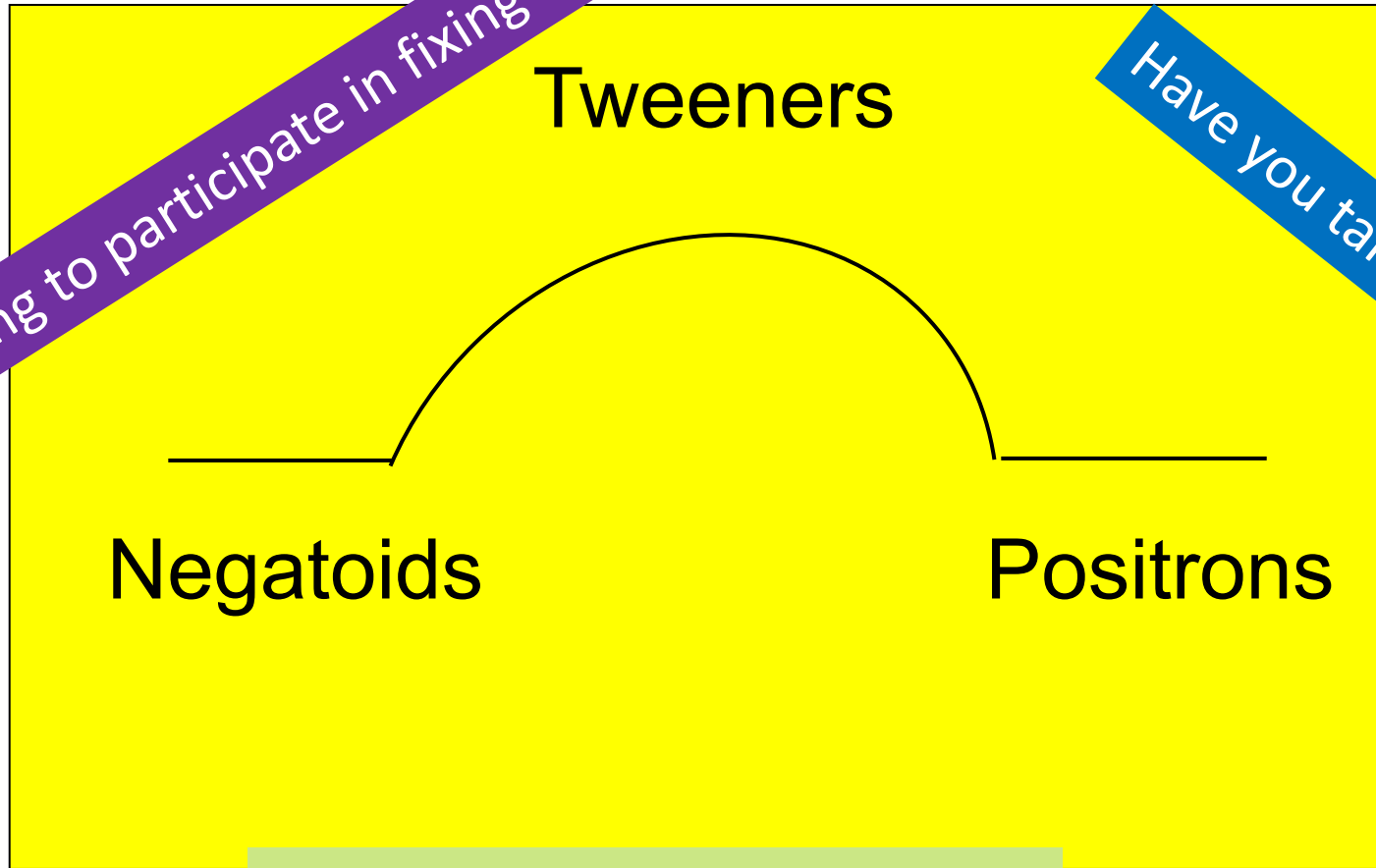


“Our lives begin to end  
the day we become silent  
about things that matter.”

Martin Luther King Jr.



# Understanding Your Culture & Communication Strategies



How are you going to participate in fixing it?

Have you talked to.....

If you Permit it you Promote it





## Bullying & Incivility

- ▲ Increases when nurses experience more burnout, stress and anxiety
- ▲ How to recognize
  - △ Breaking confidence
  - △ Demonstrating lack of patience
  - △ Describing a colleague as very old or technically inept
  - △ Hanging up phone before a conversation is finished
  - △ Making snide, abrupt remarks
  - △ Refusing to be available when a colleague needs assistance
  - △ Talking behind a colleague's back

Reestablishing  
social glue

A good word is an easy  
obligation; but not to speak  
ill requires only our silence;  
which costs us nothing.

John Tillotson



# Courage



“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

Winston Churchill

# What to Work Towards to Have a Good Culture



- ▲ Sense of purpose and pride in the work
- ▲ Provision of team backup when others need it
- ▲ Tolerance of diverse opinions
- ▲ Refusal to talk about others when they're not in the room
- ▲ A welcoming attitude towards new team members
- ▲ Accountability and responsibility for assignments engagement in their work speaking up without fear of retribution
- ▲ Respect and fairness towards others
- ▲ Open communication



“You Can Choose Comfort or You Can  
Choose Courage

“You Can’t Have Both”

Brene Brown

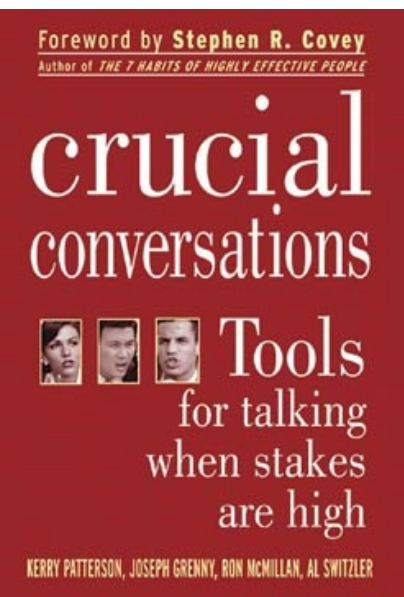


# What to Do Individually?

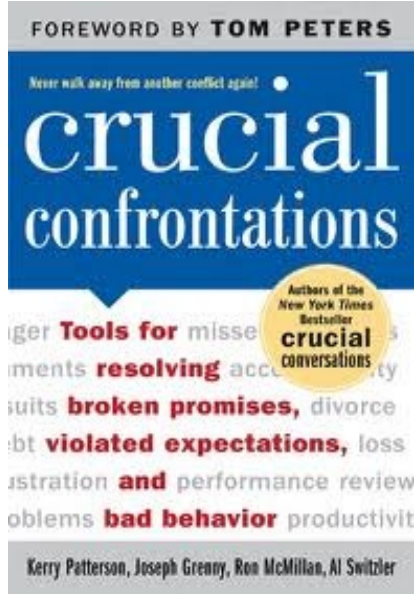
- ▶ Prevent from occurring through training on effective communication
- ▶ Deal in real time to prevent staff or patient harm
- ▶ Initiate post event reviews, action and follow-up
- ▶ Make it as transparent as possible
- ▶ Zero-tolerance policy and procedure
- ▶ Intervention strategy: code white







# Communication Training



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# Communication Strategies

## 🔗 Tools to help structure communication

- △ SBAR for communication with Doctors: **S**ituation, **B**ackground, **A**ssessment and **R**ecommendation
- △ CUS Words: I am **C**oncerned, I am **U**ncomfortable, This is not **S**afe

Use CUS words when assertion of your communication fails...things go wrong...concern expressed but mutual decision not reached or proposed action doesn't happen in time frame agreed upon



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# Healthy Work Culture Standards

- 🔗 Skilled communication
- 🔗 True collaboration
- 🔗 Effective shared decision making
- 🔗 Appropriate staffing
- 🔗 Meaningful recognition
- 🔗 Authentic leadership

A healthy culture begins with each person & is enhanced by self work, healthy relationships & system supports

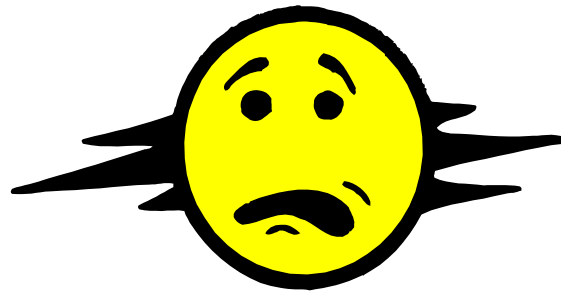


# Fundamentals



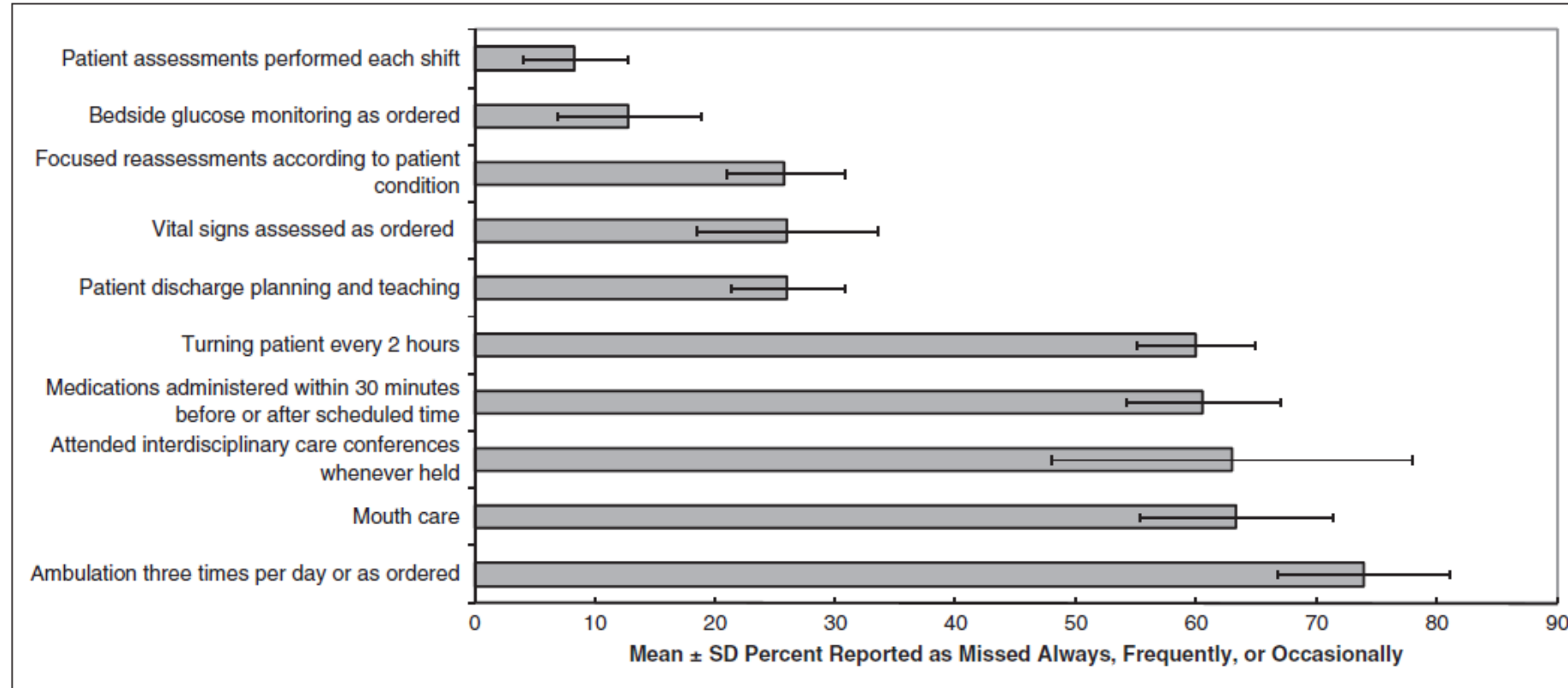
# Missed Nursing Care

- Any aspect of required patient care that is omitted (either in part or whole) or significantly delayed.
- A predictor of patient outcomes
- Measures the process of nursing care



**SORRY WE  
MISSED YOU!**

# Hospital Variation in Missed Nursing Care



**Figure 2.** Elements of care most and least frequently missed. The solid bars represent the means across all 10 hospitals, and the range lines indicate the standard deviations.



# Patient Perceptions of Missed Nursing Care



**Table 2. Elements of Nursing Care by Ability of Patient to Report and Extent Missed\***

	Fully Reportable	Partially Reportable	Not Reportable
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Patient assessment</li> <li>■ Surveillance</li> <li>■ IV site care</li> </ul>
Frequently Missed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mouth care</li> <li>■ Listening</li> <li>■ Being kept informed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Ambulation</li> <li>■ Discharge planning</li> <li>■ Patient education</li> </ul>	
Sometimes Missed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Response to call lights</li> <li>■ Response to alarms</li> <li>■ Meal assistance</li> <li>■ Pain medication and follow-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Medication administration</li> <li>■ Repositioning</li> </ul>	
Rarely Missed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bathing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vital signs</li> <li>■ Hand washing</li> </ul>	

\* IV, intravenous.



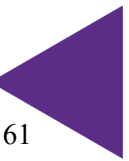


# Rationing Care-How we Prioritize

- Highest priority activities for nurses
  - △ Those which are likely to have an immediate negative impact
    - Administering meds
    - Medical directed treatments
    - Procedures-wound dressings, labs
- Lower priority activities for nurses
  - △ Those which show no immediate negative harm
    - Ambulation
    - Oral hygiene
    - Emotional support
    - Teaching



Rationing contributes to functional and cognitive decline



Protect The Patient From Bad Things  
Happening on Your Watch



Implement  
Interventional Patient Hygiene



**Hand Hygiene**

# INTERVENTIONAL PATIENT HYGIENE

- Hygiene...the science and practice of the establishment and maintenance of health
- Interventional Patient Hygiene....nursing action plan directly focused on fortifying the patients host defense through proactive use of evidence-based hygiene care strategies

**Comprehensive Oral Care Plan**

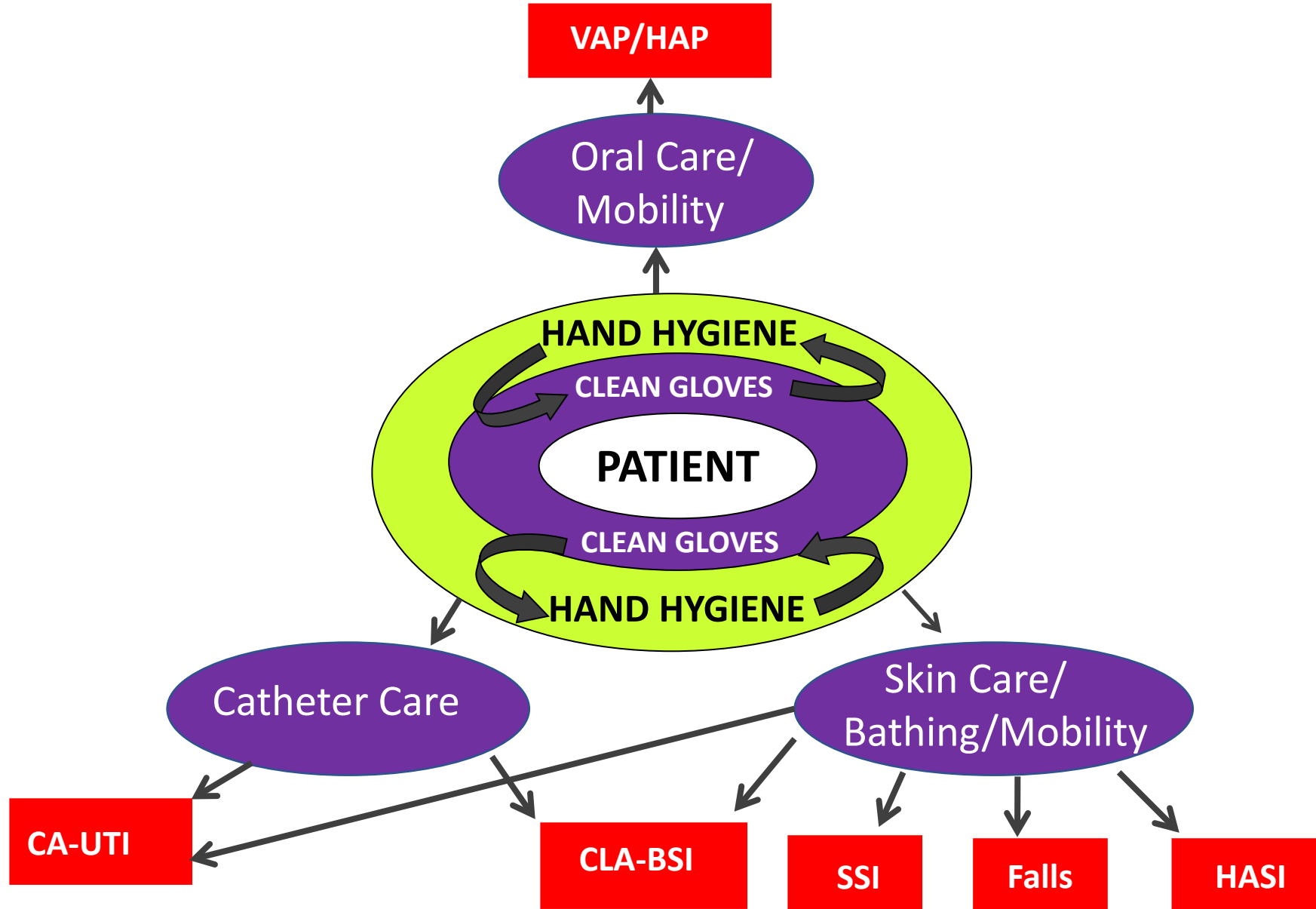
**Incontinence Associated Dermatitis Prevention Program**

**Pressure Ulcer Prevention**

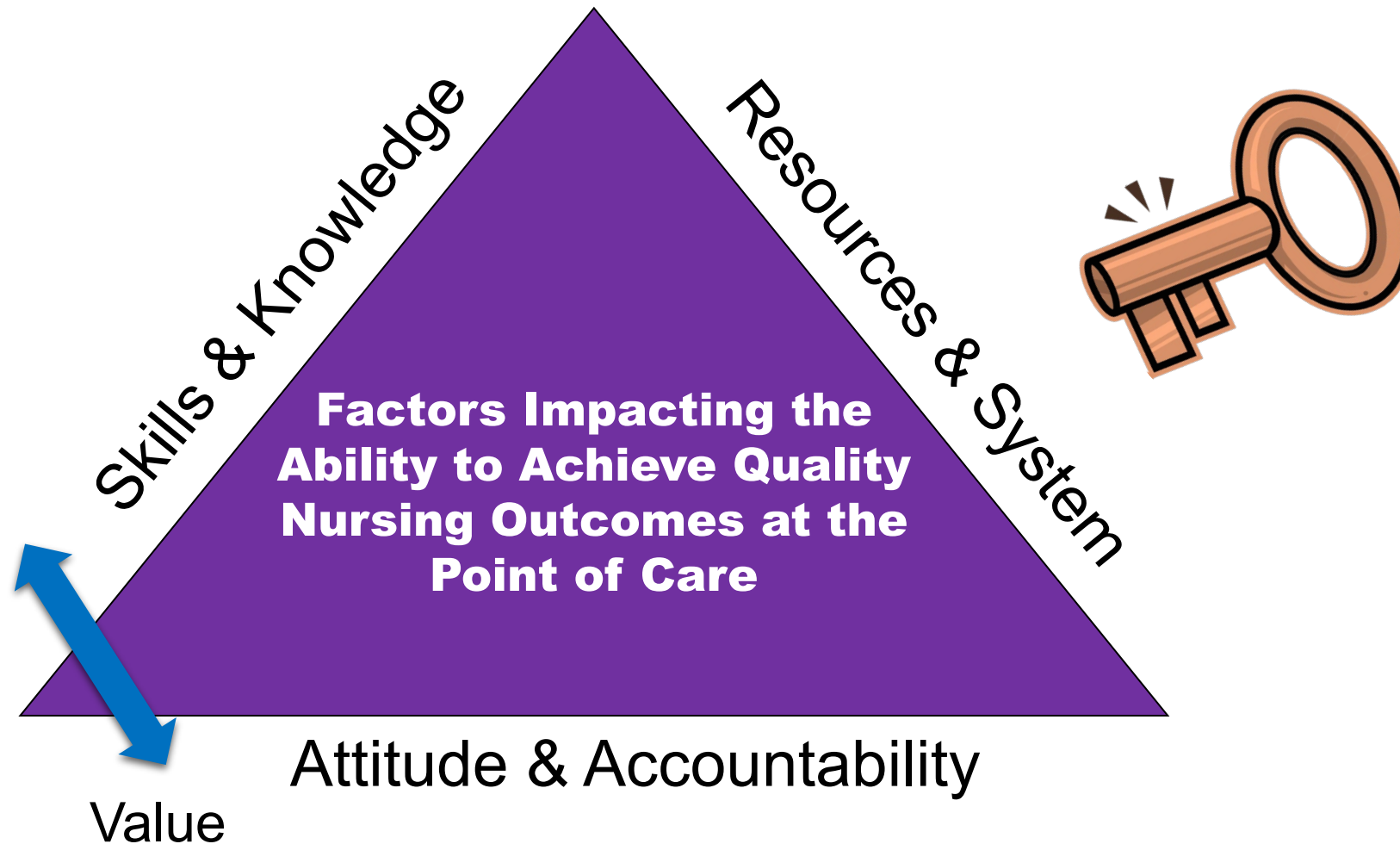
**Catheter Care**

**Bathing & Assessment**

# INTERVENTIONAL PATIENT HYGIENE(IPH)



# Achieving the Use of the Evidence



Preventing NV-HAP  
Through Evidence Based  
Fundamental Nursing Care



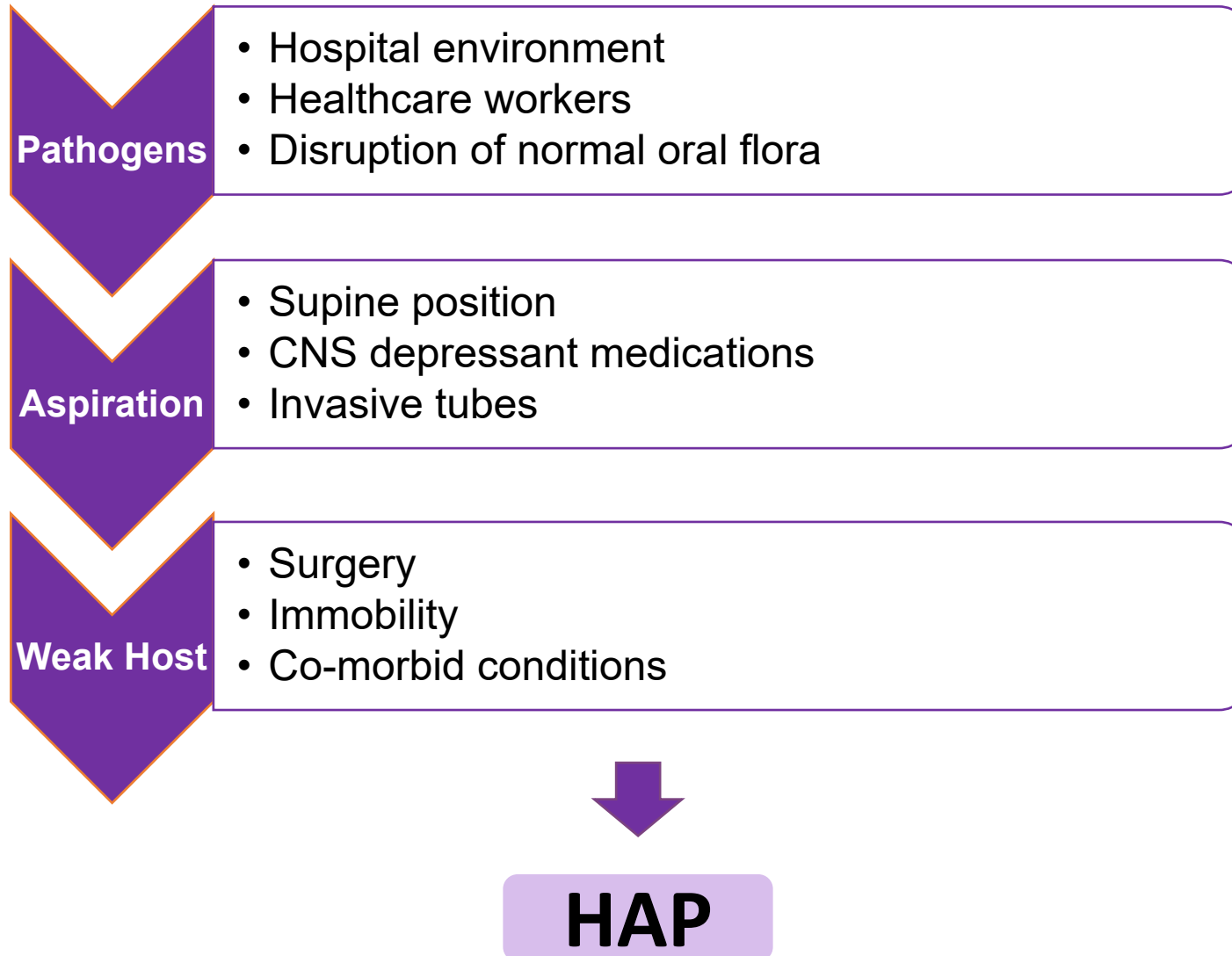
# Build the Will: NV-HAP Causes Harm

- ▲ HAP 1st most common HAI in U.S.<sup>1,2</sup>
- ▲ 1 in every 4 hospital infections are pneumonia<sup>1</sup>
  - △ 60% non-ventilator
- ▲ Increased mortality → 15.5%-30.9%<sup>3</sup>
  - △ 8 ½ x more likely to die than equally sick patients who did not get non-vent HAP<sup>4</sup>
- ▲ Increased morbidity → 50% are not discharged home<sup>5,6,7</sup>
  - △ Extended LOS → 7-9 days<sup>5,6,7</sup>
  - △ Increased Cost → \$36K to \$54K per case<sup>6</sup>
  - △ 2x likely for readmission <30 day<sup>5,6</sup>
  - △ 46% ↑ ICU utilization<sup>5,6</sup>
  - △ Increase antibiotic utilization<sup>8</sup>

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# Risk Factors for Pneumonia





# Where does Pneumonia Start: Oral Bacteria during Hospitalization & Illness

## ▲ Oral cavity

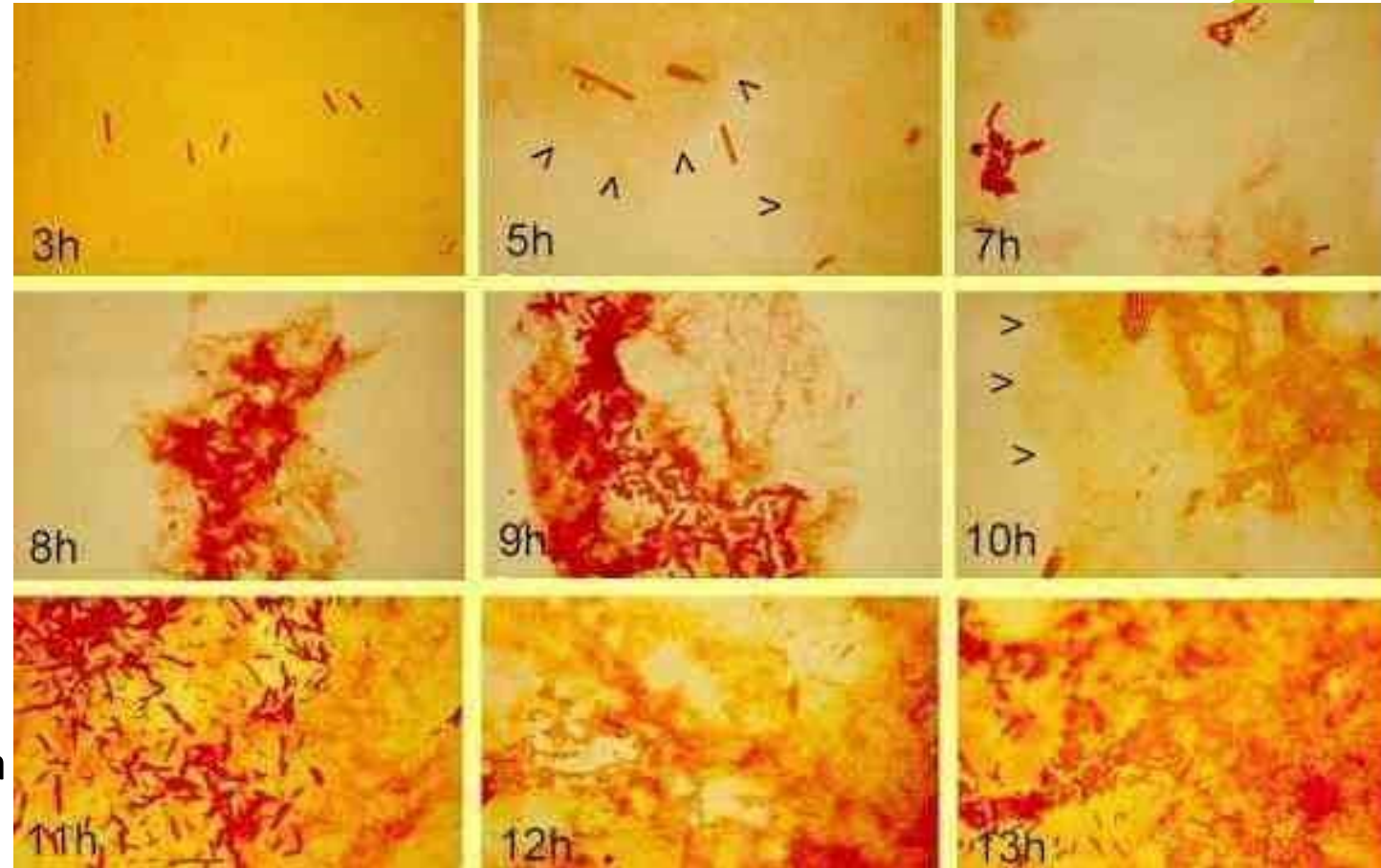
- △ > 1 billion oral microbes
- △ 700-1000 species
- △ Replicate's 5 x in 24hr period

## ▲ Disruption of Microbiome

- △ Plaque, gingivitis, tooth decay
- △ Reduced salivary flow/change in pH

## ▲ 24-48 hours for HAP pathogens in mouth

## ▲ If aspirated =100,000,000 bacteria/ml saliva into lungs



# Oral Cavity & VAP



- ▲ 89 critically ill patients
- ▲ Examined microbial colonization of the oropharynx through out ICU stay
- ▲ Used pulse field gel electrophoresis to compare chromosomal DNA
- ▲ Results:
  - △ Diagnosed 31 VAPs
  - △ 28 of 31 VAPs the causative organism was identical via DNA analysis

- ▲ 49 elderly nursing home residents admitted to the hospital
- ▲ Examined baseline dental plaque scores & microorganism within dental plaque
- ▲ Used pulse field gel electrophoresis to compare chromosomal DNA
- ▲ Results
  - △ 14/49 adults developed pneumonia
  - △ 10 of 14 pneumonias, the causative organism was identical via DNA analysis

# NV-HAP SMCS Research Findings: 2010

## Incidence:

- ▲ 115 adults
- ▲ 62% non-ICU
- ▲ 50% surgical
- ▲ Average age 66
- ▲ Common comorbidities:
  - CAD, COPD, DM, GERD
- ▲ Common Risk Factors:
  - Dependent for ADLs (80%)
  - CNS depressant meds (79%)

24,482 patients and 94,247 pt days

## Cost:

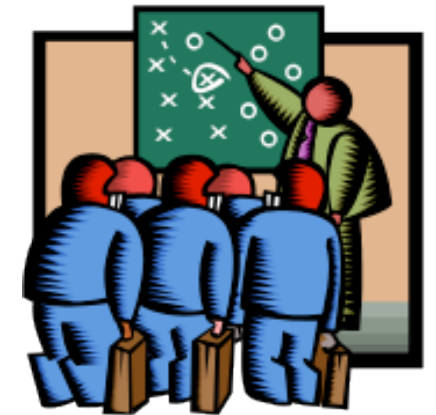
- ▲ \$4.6 million
- ▲ 23 deaths
- ▲ Mean Extended LOS 9 days
- ▲ 1,035 extra days



# SMCS HAP Prevention Plan

## Phase 1: Oral Care

- ▲ Formation of new quality team: Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia Prevention Initiative (HAPPI)
- ▲ New oral care protocol to include non-ventilated patients
- ▲ New oral care products and equipment for all patients
- ▲ Staff education and in-services on products
- ▲ Ongoing monitoring and measurement
  - △ Monthly audits



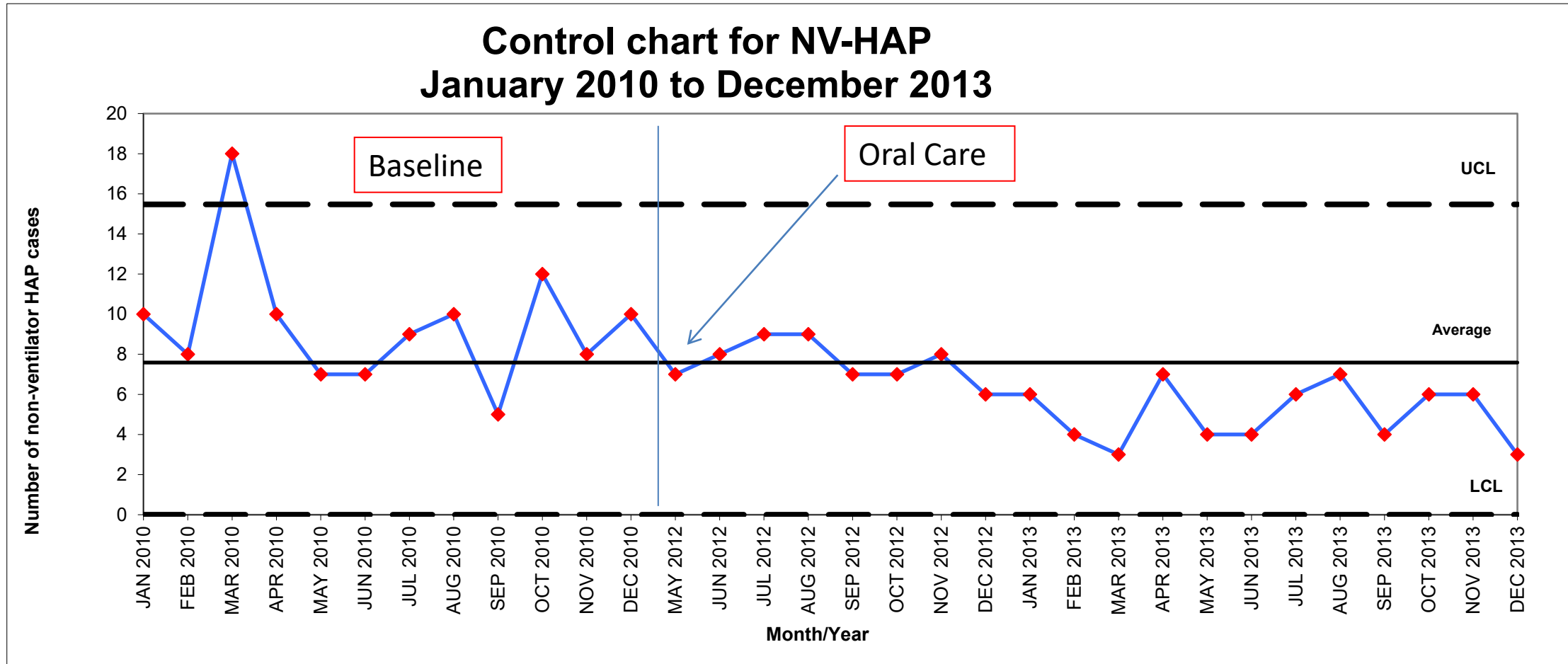
# Protocol – Plain & Simple



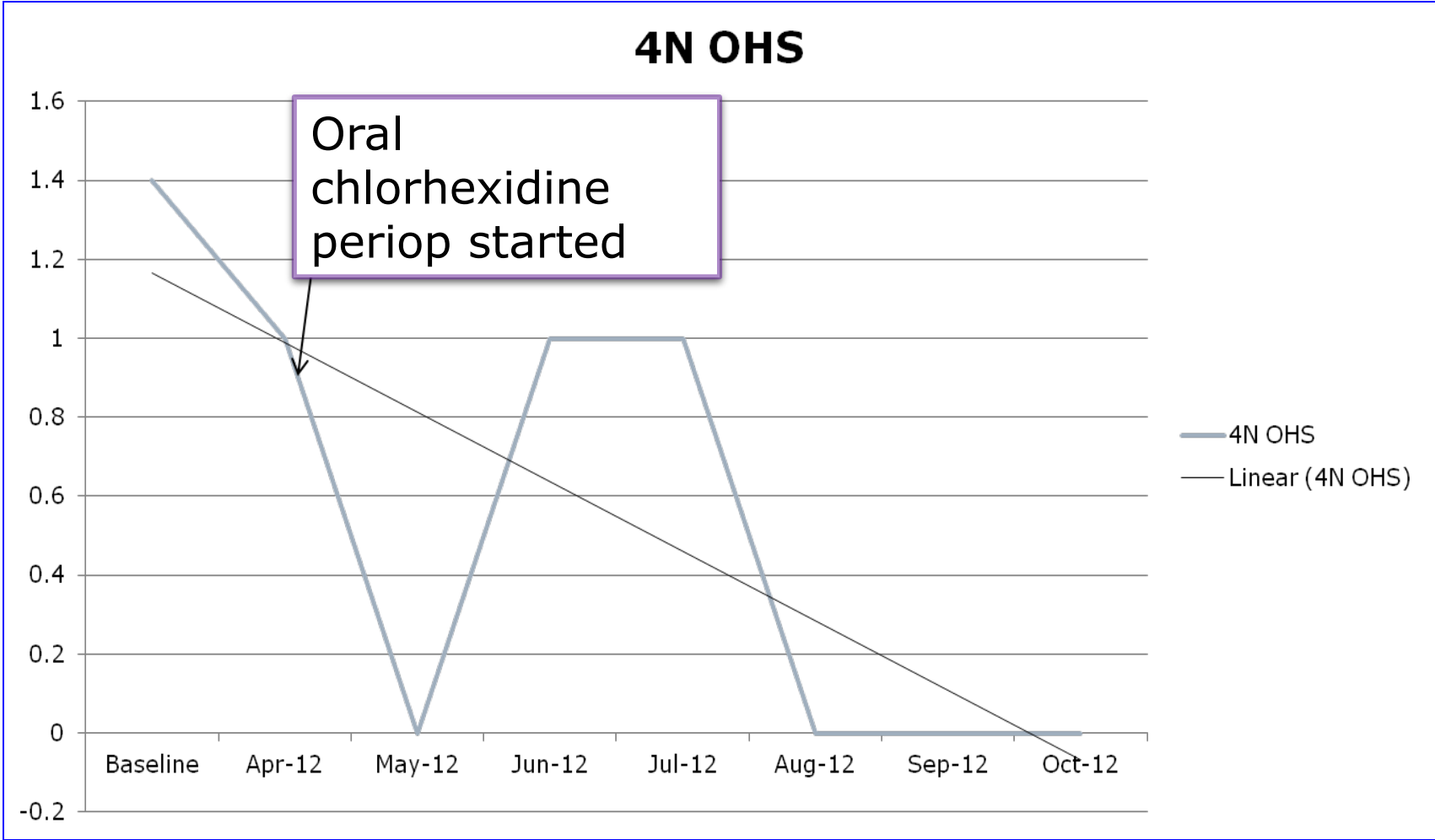
Patient Type	Tools	Procedure	Frequency
Self Care / Assist	Brush, paste, rinse, moisturizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft-bristled toothbrush</li> <li>• Toothpaste with dentifrice</li> <li>• Antiseptic mouth rinse (alcohol-free)</li> <li>• Moisturizer (Petroleum-free)</li> </ul>	Provide tools Brush 1-2 minutes Rinse	4X / day
Dependent / Aspiration Risk	Suction toothbrush kit (4)	Package instructions	4X / day
Dependent / Vent	ICU Suction toothbrush kit (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHG for vent &amp; cardiac surgery patients</li> </ul>	Package instructions	6X / day
Dentures	Denture cup, brush Cleanser Adhesive	Remove dentures & soak Brush gums, mouth Rinse	4X / day

# NV-HAP Incidence

## 50 % Decrease from Baseline



# Open Heart Surgery Patients: NV-HAP Reduced 75%





# Return on Investment

- ▲ 60 NV-HAP avoided Jan 1 – Dec. 31 2013
- ▲ \$2,400,000 cost avoided
- ▲ - 117,600 cost increase for supplies
- ▲ \$2,282,400 return on investment

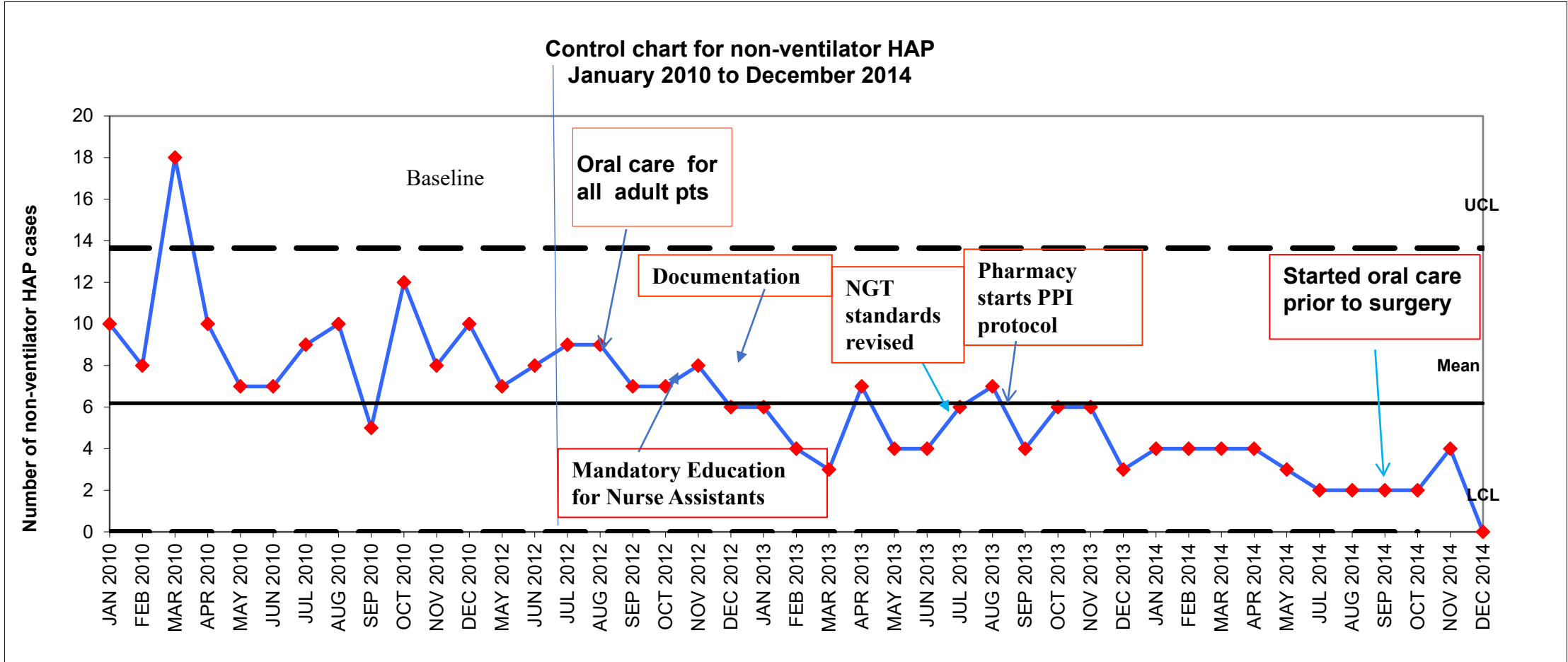
**8 lives saved**

**PRICELESS**

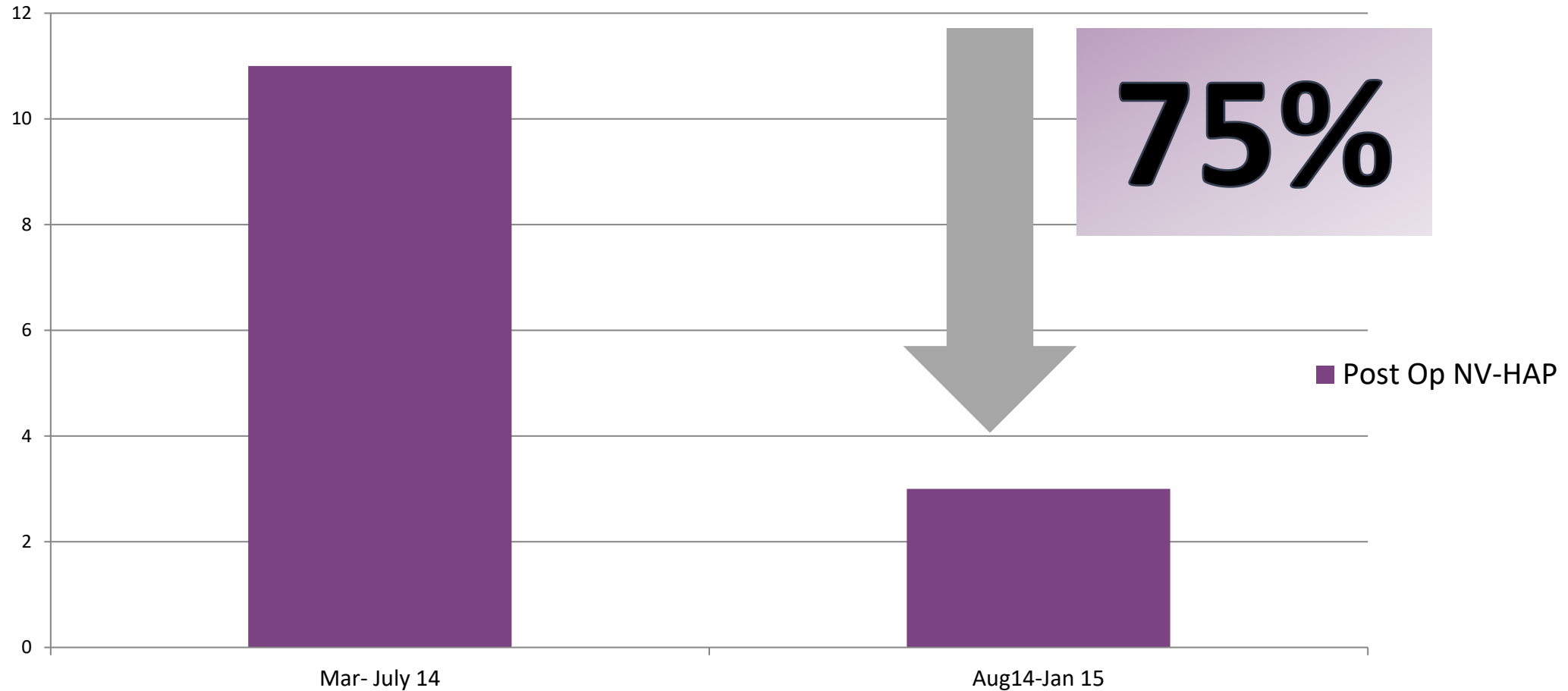




# NV-HAP ↓ 70% from baseline!



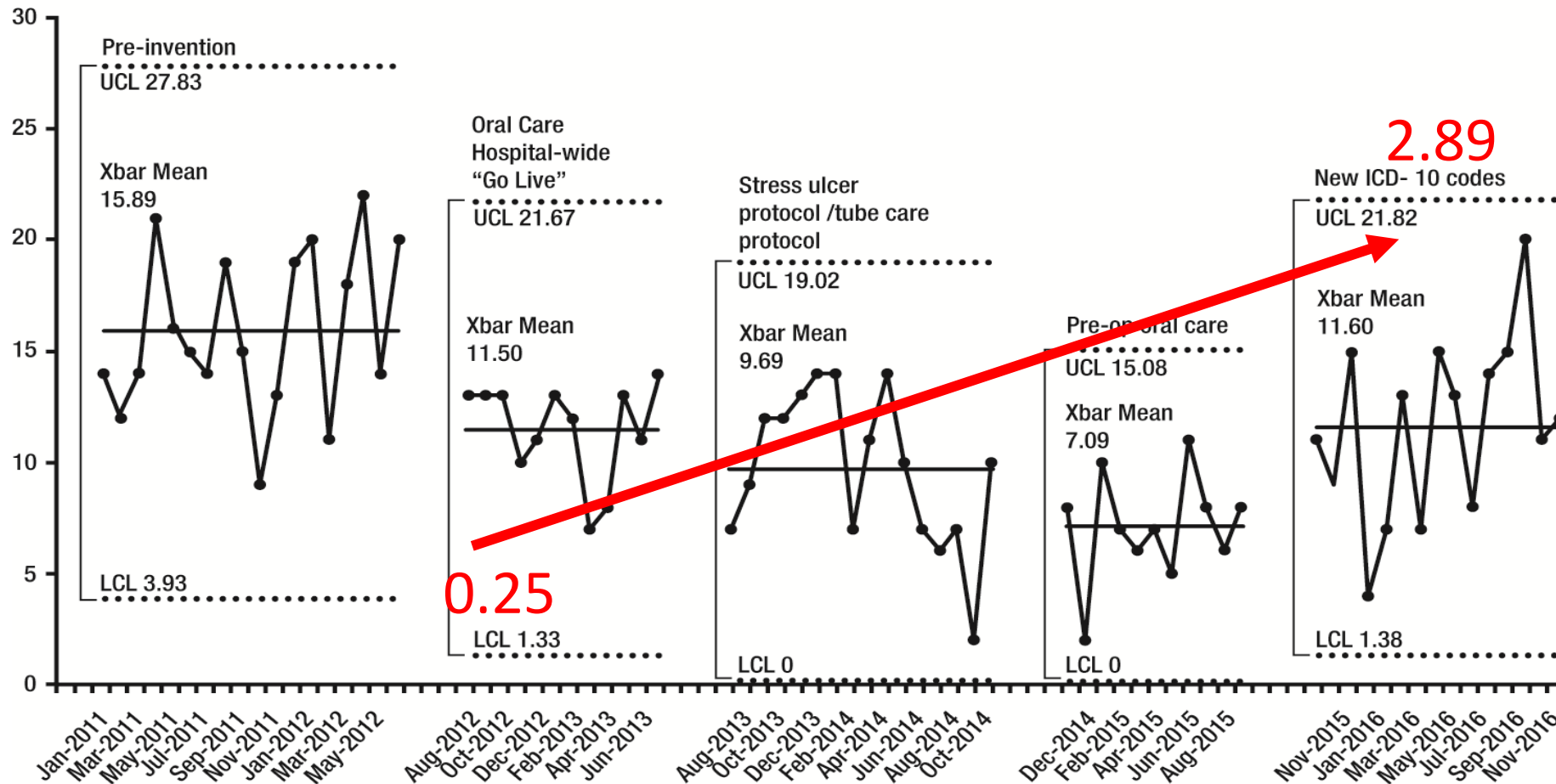
# Post-Operative NV-HAP (all adult inpatient surgery) Incidence 6 months Pre-Oral Care vs. 6 Months After



# Sustainability Hospital Wide Oral Care from .25 to 2.89 (almost 3x a day)



Figure 1: Statistical process control R and X-bar-charts:  
International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) codes (3 standard deviations)





Evidence



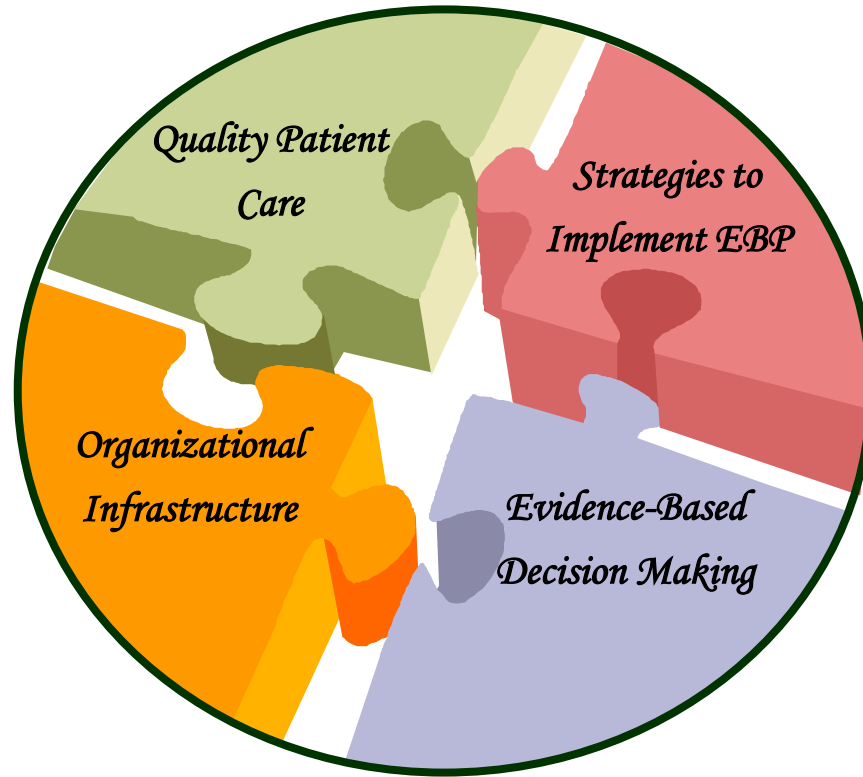
# Time Lag—Research into Practice

17 Years



# Examples of Dated Practices

- ▶ Recording vital signs every four hours at night on stable patients, despite their need for on disrupted sleep for recovery
- ▶ Removing urinary catheters only upon a physician's order to do so although the removal of catheters according to a nurse driven protocol is more efficient may prevent CAUTI's
- ▶ Not performing delirium screening on patients in the ICU. This failure cost 4 to 6 18 billion annually because delirium affects up to 80% of ICU patients.
- ▶ Valuing the role of family members: Knowing that the recognition of family involvement may lead to more efficient and effective care, as family members may significantly influence how a patient presents symptoms to healthcare providers.



# *Evidence-Based Practice*



# What is Good About EBP!!!

- ▲ Firm foundation to do the right thing
- ▲ Improved patient outcomes
- ▲ Basis for interventions
- ▲ Basis for evaluation
- ▲ Ability to talk in a similar language with other disciplines
- ▲ Methods allow correct and more expedient movement of evidence into practice





**Activity without purpose is  
the drain of your resources**



# We Make a Difference in Quality & Safety



- ▲ Increase nurse staffing was associated with; lower hospital related mortality, lower cardiac arrest, lower hospital acquired pneumonia in the surgical population, lower episodes of failure to rescue, lower UTIs, lower G.I. bleed/shock, lower falls & rates in hospital acquired pressure ulcers
- ▲ The risk of hospital deaths would increase by 31% or roughly 20,000 avoidable deaths each year if all hospitals had 8 patients per nurse instead of 4 (JAMA 2002)
- ▲ When nurses case managed children with asthma there were fewer absences from school
- ▲ 11% improvement in failure to rescue (HealthGrades 2009 Report)



# We Make a Difference in Quality & Safety



- 🔗 Home care/discharge planning/APRN's; lower length of stay, lower healthcare costs, fewer hysterectomies
- 🔗 Patients in CCU with better nurse work environment experienced a 11% lower odds of 30-day mortality (Kelly DM Crit Care Med 2014)
- 🔗 Patient satisfaction directly correlated to registered nurse satisfaction (HCAHPS)
- 🔗 10% ↑ in the # of RNs ↓ lung collapsed by 1.5%, pressure ulcers 2%, Falls 3%, UTI < 1% (Urich Med Care 2003, 41(1):142-152)
- 🔗 Nurse's effect explained 7.9% of variance in patients' clinical condition during their hospital stay (Yakusheva O, et al, HSR, 2014)



# Patient Safety Strategies Strongly Encouraged for Adoption with Moderate to High Evidence



- ▲ Preoperative and anesthesia checklists to prevent perioperative events
- ▲ Bundles with a checklist to prevent CLA-BSI
- ▲ Interventions to reduce use of urinary catheters; stop orders, reminders or removal protocols
- ▲ Bundle to prevent ventilator associated pneumonia
- ▲ Hand hygiene
- ▲ Multiple component initiative to prevent pressure ulcers
- ▲ Prophylaxis intervention for venous thromboembolism
- ▲ Using real-time ultrasonography for placement of central catheters



# Patient Safety Strategies Encouraged for Adoption with Moderate to High Evidence

- 🔗 Interventions to reduce patient falls
- 🔗 Using clinical pharmacist to reduce adverse drug events
- 🔗 Documenting patient preference for life-sustaining treatment
- 🔗 Obtaining informed consent prior to medical procedures
- 🔗 Team training
- 🔗 Medication reconciliation
- 🔗 Using surgical outcome report cards
- 🔗 Rapid response systems
- 🔗 Computerized provider order entry
- 🔗 Using simulation training and patient safety efforts



Quality is never an accident. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives.”

Willa Foster

Sepsis Bundle

Bundles Do Make A Difference

CAUTI Bundle

CLABSI Bundle

A-F Bundle





# WHEN WOULD NOW BE A GOOD TIME TO DO THIS?

**It is not enough to do your best; you  
must know what to do, and THEN  
do your best.**

*~ W. Edwards Deming*





Team





**There is no “I” in  
TEAM...but there  
is a “ME”**



# Path to High Performing Teams



- Team Leadership
- Mutual performance monitoring
- Backup behavior
- Adaptability
- Team orientation

- The leader directs & coordinates team activities
- Team members monitor each other performance
- Team members anticipate & respond to one another's needs
- Team adjust strategies based on new information
- Prioritize team goals over individual goals

Shared Mental Model

Mutual Trust

Closed Looped Communication

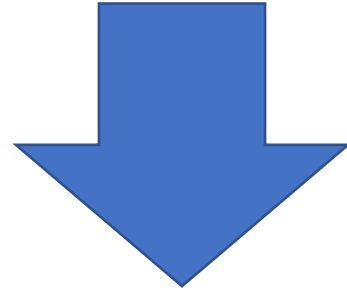


# Tools and Strategies to Improve Communication and Teamwork

- ▲ Structured Handoff
- ▲ Huddles
- ▲ Daily rounds/goals
- ▲ Pre-procedure briefing
- ▲ Checklists



# Hospitals With High Teamwork Ratings



- 🔗 Higher patient satisfaction
- 🔗 Higher nurse retention rates
- 🔗 Lower hospital costs





Tools Don't Create  
Safety



People Do!!!



**The Most Powerful Force of Human Behavior is Social Influence**





*“Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others....It is the only means.”*

*Albert Einstein*



Yes, I Will





# Yes, I Will

Focus on Achieving Nurse Sensitive Outcomes &  
Commit to a Culture of Safety & Accountability



Yes, I Will

## Be the Power of One

“ I am only one, but still I am one.

I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.

I will not refuse to do the something I can do.”

Helen Keller



# Yes, I Will

*“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.”*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*



# Yes, I Will

“Change and growth take place when a person has risked himself & dares to become involved with experimenting with his own life.”

Herbert Otto





Leap!....  
And the Net  
will appear

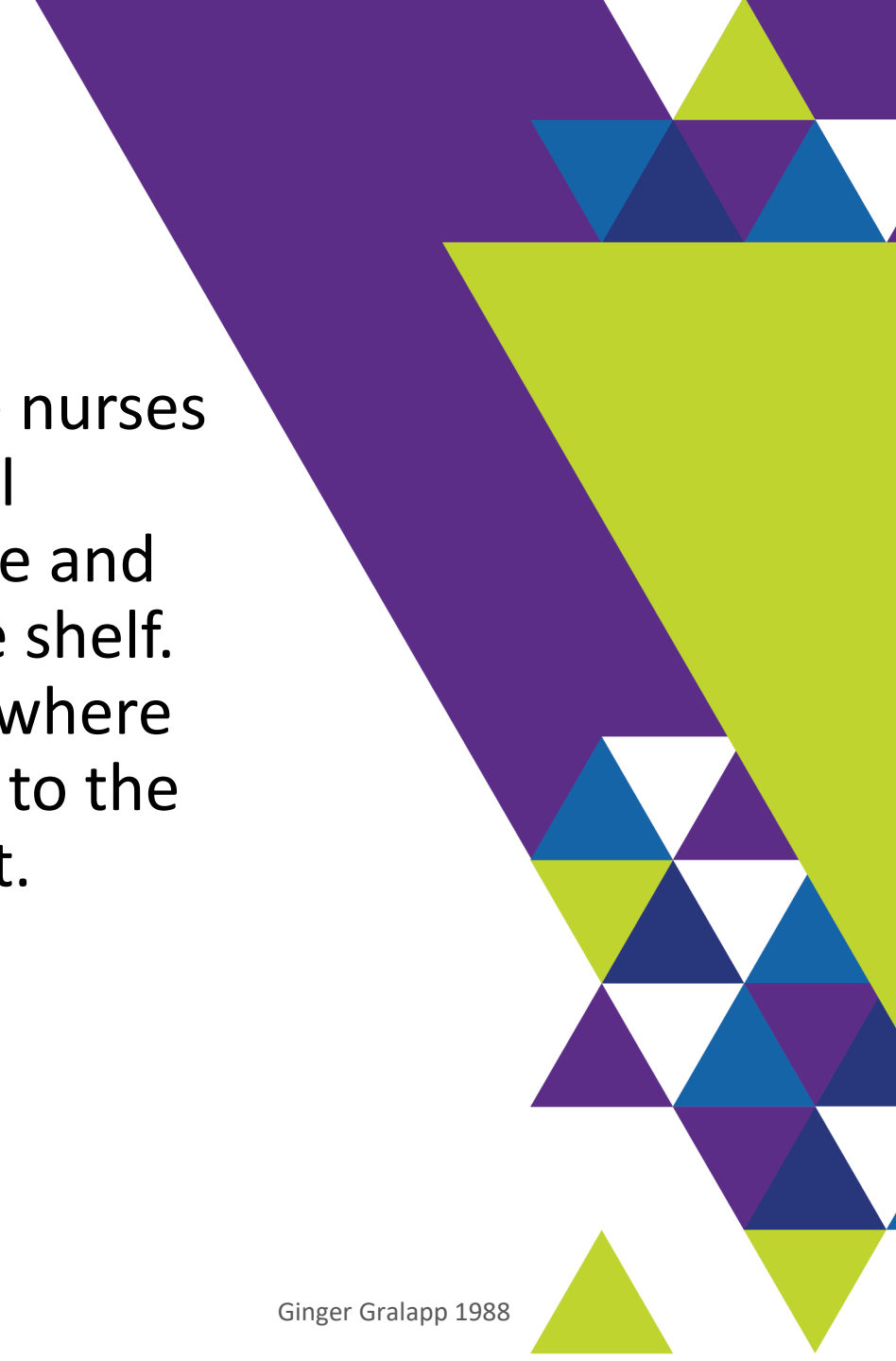
# The Front Line

We as tattered nurses stand on the front line, taking care of others dealing with the body and mind. Attempting to heal patient's wounds and help them go on with life..lending an ear when in need, listening to their pain & strife. Teaching some to deal with illness, telling them what the future holds...good, bad, indifferent we nurses help patients be bold. We're always on the front line dealing with a never-ending fight....



## The Front Line (cont'd)

health, healing and wellness...sometimes we nurses need to take flight. For we need time to heal emotionally within ourselves...outlets to cope and learn we can't always put our feelings on the shelf. Somewhere there must be a middle ground where we can all go and rest, and soon we'll return to the front line whereas nurses we can be our best.





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