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# Systems Engineering as a Health Care Improvement Strategy

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# Outline

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1. Systems engineering as an improvement strategy
2. Range of examples
  - Simple to advanced
  - Micro to macro
3. Applications in your processes?
4. Getting involved



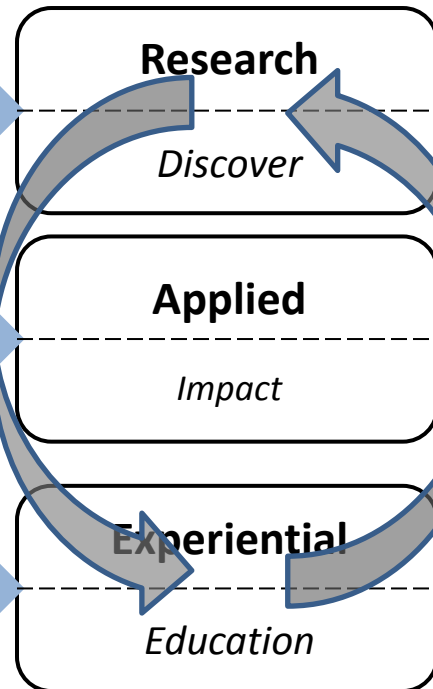
# Healthcare Systems Engineering Institute

**Mission:** Broad measurable impact on healthcare, nationally, through research, education, and application of industrial and systems engineering

## Partnerships



## Project Types



## Criteria

<b>"Developing what we don't know"</b>	<b>1 - 2 years</b>
<b>"Doing what we know"</b>	<b>3 - 9 months</b>
<b>"Teaching others by doing"</b>	<b>2 - 6 months</b>

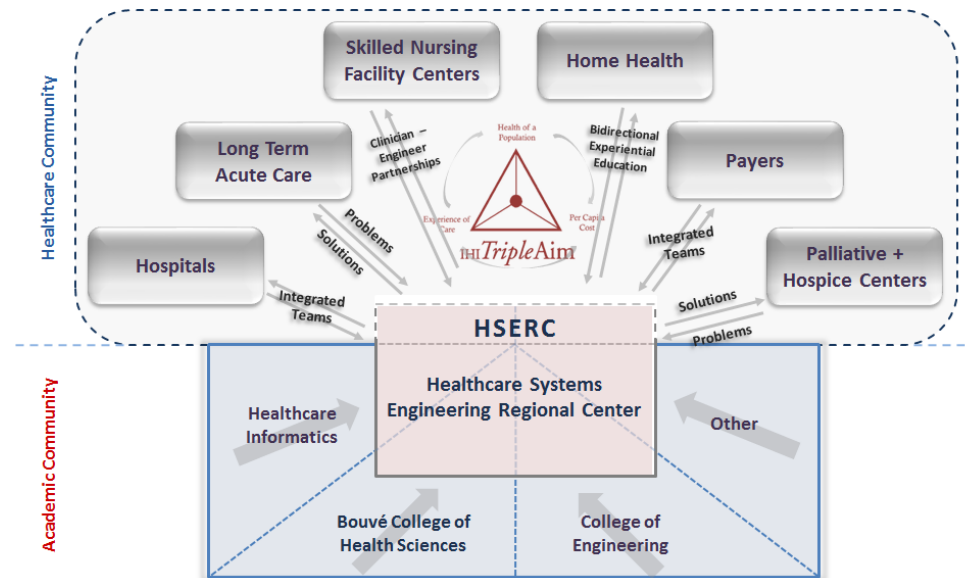
## Primary Mechanism



# Agricultural extension center model

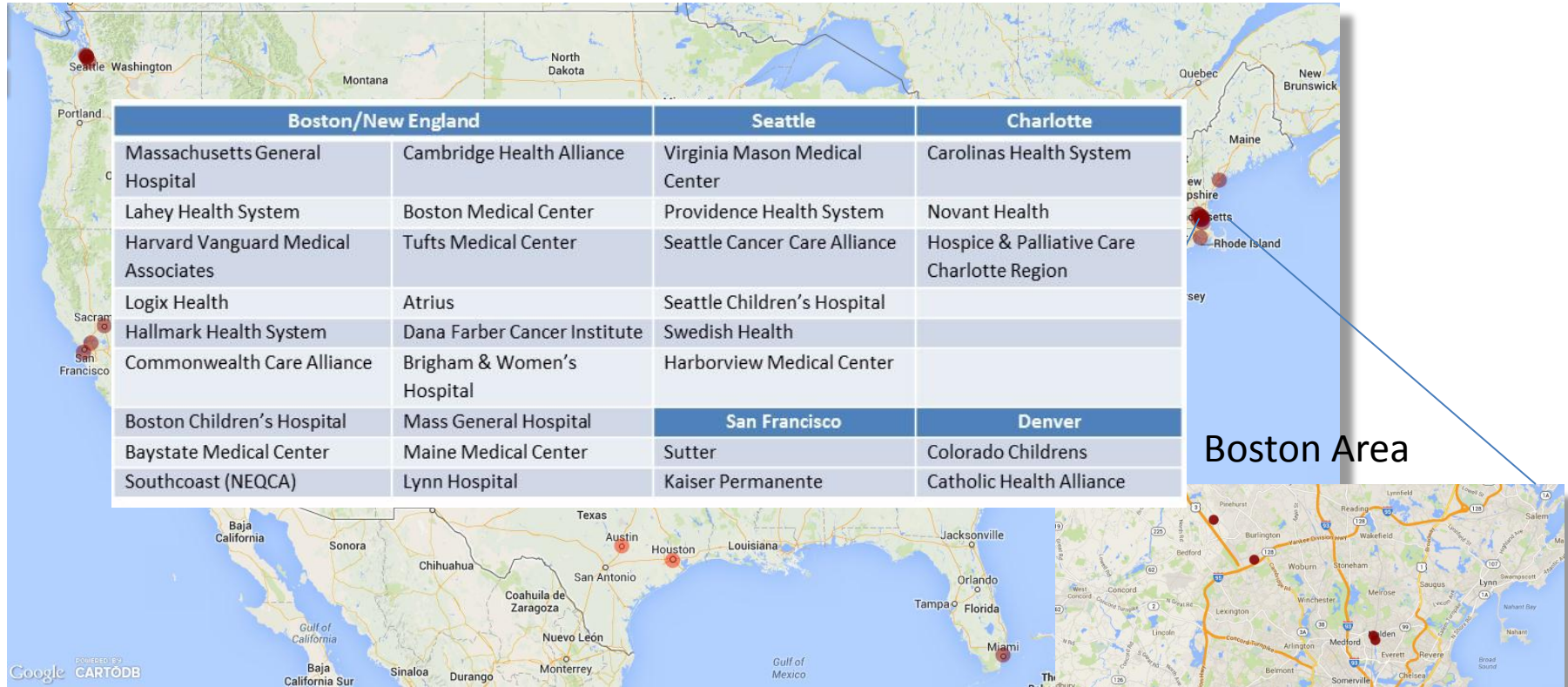


## Center model





# Participating health systems to-date



- Hubs:
- Boston (primary)
  - Seattle, Charlotte (secondary)
  - Denver, San Francisco, TX (tertiary)
  - ...?

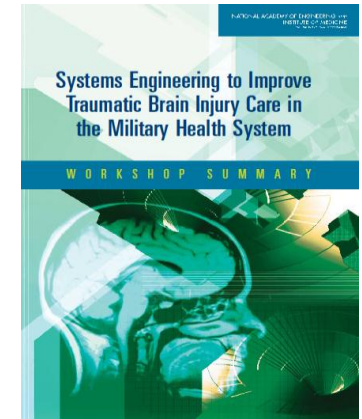
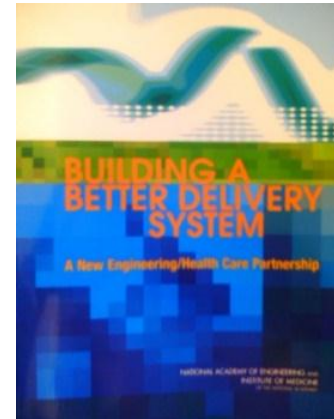
# Why? National interest..... but...

Significant interest (IOM, NAE, AHRQ, NSF, NIH, PCAST, etc)

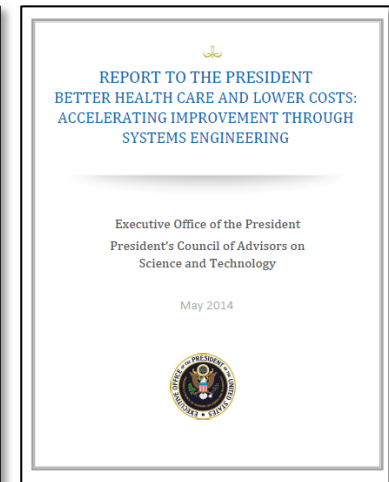
‘Time for science of health care to embrace science of systems engineering... but examples of... impact... are rare’ (JAMA, 2012)

‘Greater use of (IE) principles... widely used in manufacturing and aviation... small number health care organizations... not widespread in U.S. health care’

## Institute of Medicine / NAE reports



## Advisory report to Obama (5-29-14)



# Recent calls for proposals

(2 of  $n$  examples)

NIH      AHRQ →

## Department of Health and Human Services Part 1. Overview Information

<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	National Institutes of Health ( <a href="#">NIH</a> )
<b>Components of Participating Organizations</b>	Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research ( <a href="#">OBSR</a> ) National Cancer Institute ( <a href="#">NCI</a> ) National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute ( <a href="#">NHLBI</a> ) National Institute on Aging ( <a href="#">NIA</a> ) National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism ( <a href="#">NIAAA</a> ) National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering ( <a href="#">NIBIB</a> ) Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development ( <a href="#">NICHD</a> ) National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research ( <a href="#">NIDCR</a> ) National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences ( <a href="#">NIEHS</a> ) National Institute of General Medical Sciences ( <a href="#">NIGMS</a> ) National Institute of Mental Health ( <a href="#">NIMH</a> ) National Institute of Nursing Research ( <a href="#">NINR</a> )
<b>Funding Opportunity Title</b>	<b>Systems Science and Social Sciences (R01)</b>
<b>Activity Code</b>	<a href="#">R01</a> Research Project Grant

Systems science methodologies are specific methodological approaches that have been developed to understand connections between a systems structure and its behavior over time. "Systems science methodologies" is an umbrella term to refer to a variety of such methodologies including (but not limited to), agent-based modeling, microsimulation, system dynamics modeling, network analysis, discrete event analysis, Markov modeling, many operations research and engineering methods, and a variety of other modeling and simulation approaches.

## Department of Health and Human Services

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<b>Funding Opportunity Title</b>	<b>Patient Safety Learning Laboratories: Innovative Design and Development to Improve Healthcare Delivery Systems (P30)</b>
<b>Activity Code</b>	<a href="#">P30</a> Center Core Grants

Despite the eager endorsement about systems thinking by many health care advocates, there has been a scarcity of effort in actually incorporating systems principles, engaging the design and engineering disciplines in patient safety projects, and partnering with progressive sectors of the economy and other hazardous industries to realize new insights, and robust approaches. In 2005, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine drew from the combined talent in the engineering and health care communities to produce a consensus report and collection of papers entitled *Building a Better Delivery System – A New Engineering/Health Care Partnership*. Despite the carefully crafted recommendations and thoughtful papers, its impact has been limited.



# Healthcare systems engineering evidence base?

Observation



Postulation

- Growing use of basic process improvement methods
- Lean, PDSA, Six sigma, Safety, etc
- But what else (other industries)?

- Systems engineering can have significant value
- Basic methods (for all)
  - ‘Systems engineering for common man’
- Advanced methods
  - Regional extension center model
- “By what method?”

# What matters What IE's do



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Safe



Effective



Patient centered



Timely



Efficient



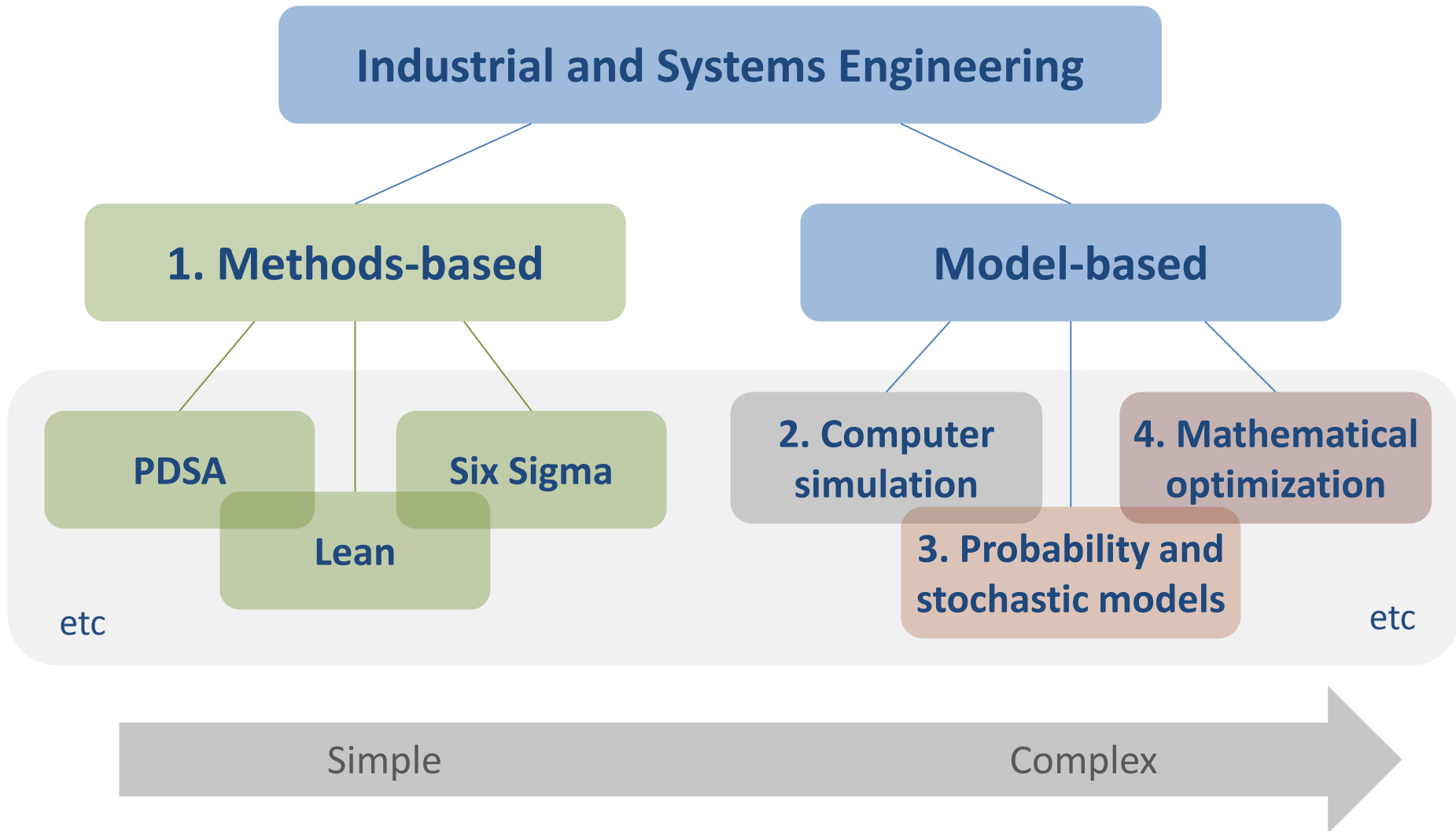
Equitable



Common Applications of  
Systems Engineering

- Flow, waits, delays
- Logistics, capacity
- Quality, lean, six sigma
- Safety, reliability
- Treatment, medical decision making
- Policy

# What is systems engineering?



# Typical applications

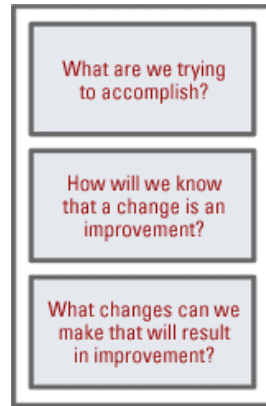
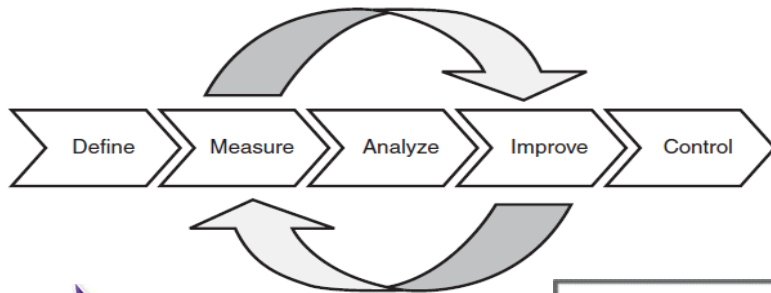
<p><b>Logistics &amp; efficiency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inventory and supply chains</li><li>• OR scheduling and turn-around</li><li>• Academic workforce logistics</li><li>• Regional network design</li><li>• Real time location systems</li></ul>	<p><b>Patient flow &amp; Access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access, waits and delays</li><li>• Patient flow simulation</li><li>• Workflow smoothing</li><li>• Capacity planning, scheduling, and demand management</li></ul>
<p><b>Medical decision making</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treatment optimization</li><li>• Screening and diagnostic tests</li><li>• Radiation therapy optimization</li><li>• Patient shared decision support</li><li>• Palliative and hospice care</li><li>• Medical alternative evaluation</li></ul>	<p><b>Quality &amp; patient safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reliable and consistent care</li><li>• Adverse events reduction</li><li>• Preventable readmissions</li><li>• Care continuity</li><li>• Human factors engineering</li><li>• Quality/improvement science</li></ul>



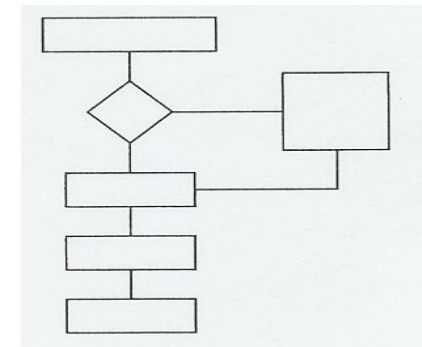
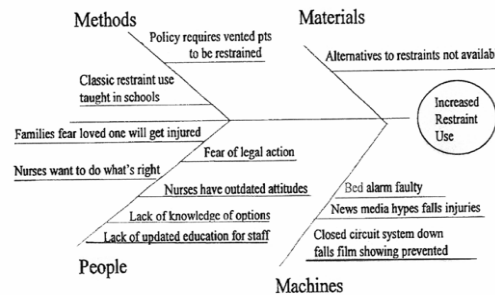
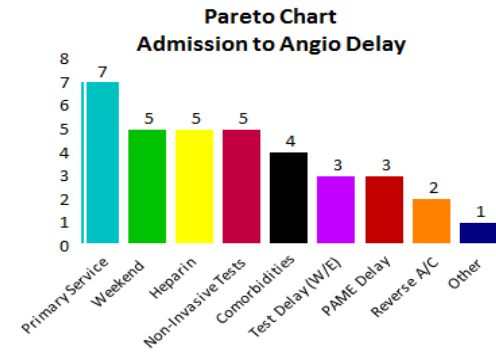
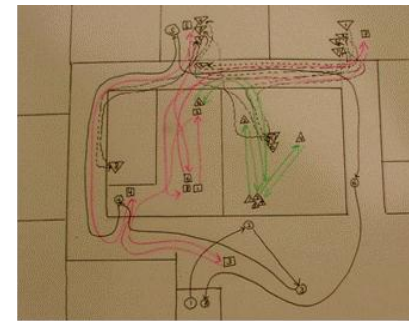
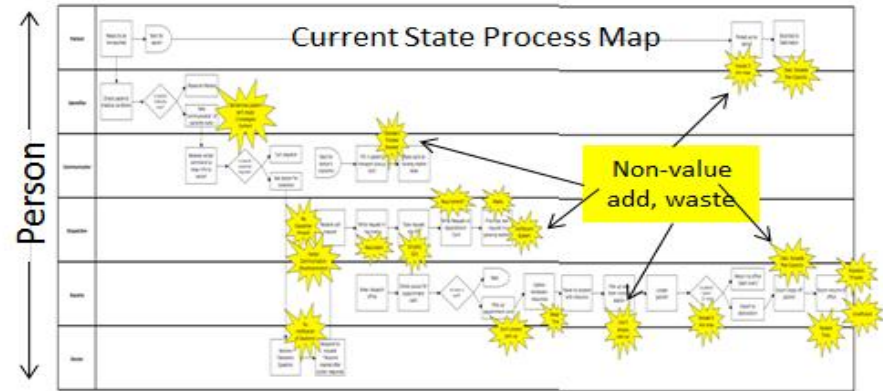
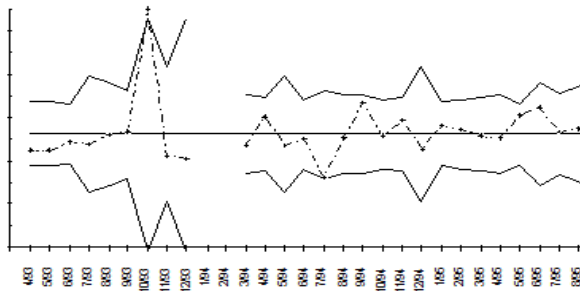
# examples

# We do a LOT of this...

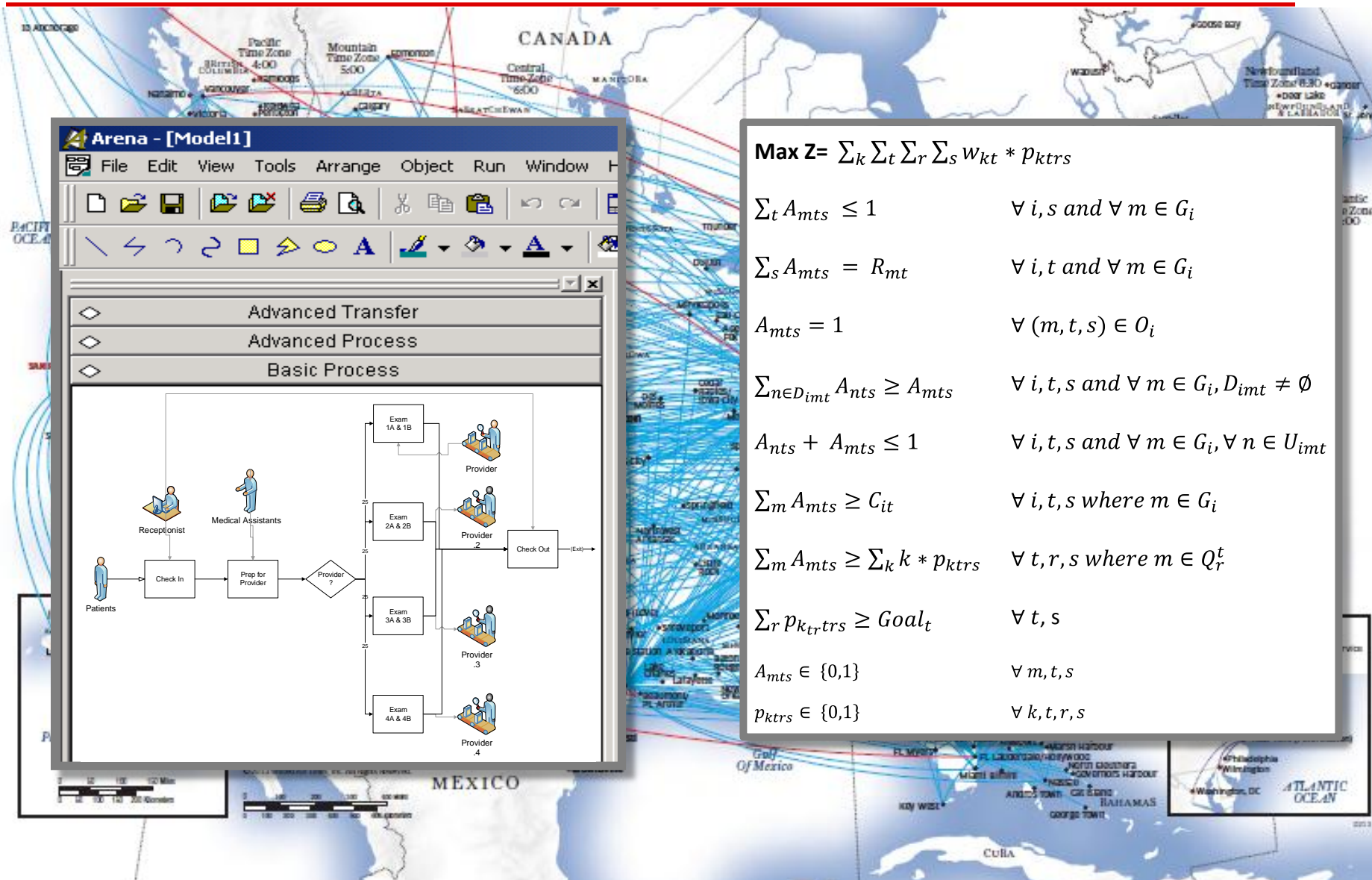
6σ, Lean, CQI, PDSA, ...



Antibiotic Timing X-bar Statistical Process Control Chart (SSI causality)



# ...and we do a lot of this



$$\text{Max } Z = \sum_k \sum_t \sum_r \sum_s w_{kt} * p_{ktrs}$$

$$\sum_t A_{mts} \leq 1 \quad \forall i, s \text{ and } \forall m \in G_i$$

$$\sum_s A_{mts} = R_{mt} \quad \forall i, t \text{ and } \forall m \in G_i$$

$$A_{mts} = 1 \quad \forall (m, t, s) \in O_i$$

$$\sum_{n \in D_{imt}} A_{nts} \geq A_{mts} \quad \forall i, t, s \text{ and } \forall m \in G_i, D_{imt} \neq \emptyset$$

$$A_{nts} + A_{mts} \leq 1 \quad \forall i, t, s \text{ and } \forall m \in G_i, \forall n \in U_{imt}$$

$$\sum_m A_{mts} \geq C_{it} \quad \forall i, t, s \text{ where } m \in G_i$$

$$\sum_m A_{mts} \geq \sum_k k * p_{ktrs} \quad \forall t, r, s \text{ where } m \in Q_r^t$$

$$\sum_r p_{ktr,trs} \geq Goal_t \quad \forall t, s$$

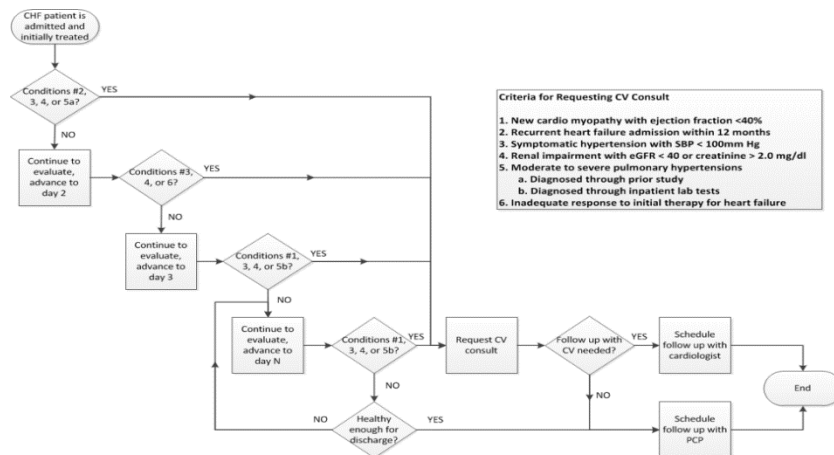
$$A_{mts} \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall m, t, s$$

$$p_{ktrs} \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall k, t, r, s$$

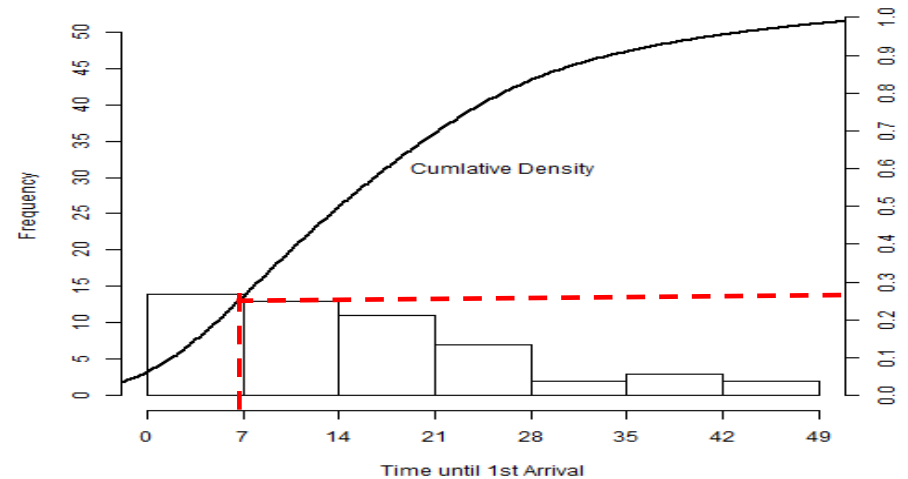
# Congestive heart failure readmissions

**Aim:** Reduce CHF readmission costs 25% by increasing post-discharge follow-up appts  $\leq 7$  days

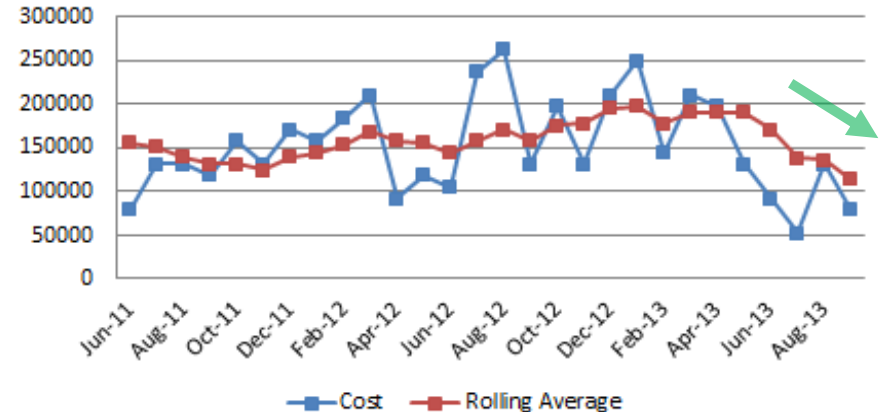
**Approach:** Basic process flow, data analysis, and CQI



Patients with 1+ Arrivals (N=52): 2/1 - 4/21



Cost due to Readmissions





# Central line ICU infections

## Aim

Reduce ICU CLABSI rate and associated costs by 50% within 9 months through implementation of “bundle”

## Approach

- Process flow analysis
- Bundle implementation via reliability science and human factors models

## CLABSI Bundle

1. Insertion technique, hand hygiene
2. Low risk site selection
3. Maintenance (sterile)
4. Daily removal assessment

Reliability tier	Strategies	Measures	
		Process	Outcome
Prevent	•		•
Detect	•		
Mitigate	•		
Redesign	•		





# Room utilization/pooling

## Aim

Consolidate low utilized patient rooms to eliminate ~\$2m/yr overflow space costs by hybrid room pooling

## Approach

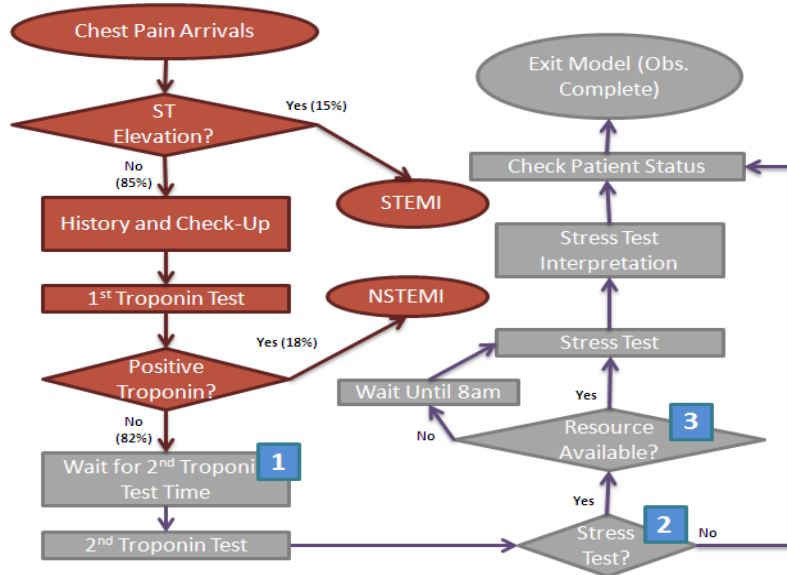
- Room sharing simulation
- Open availability real-time RTLS tool
- Pareto/CQI of reasons new process not followed



Dept	D Indicator	Apt Time	Arrival Time	Pt Name	Provider	P Indicator	P Count
BOC	Green	10:30 AM	10:29 AM	AAA	NAKHLIS	Green	0
		10:30 AM	10:31 AM	BBB	OVERMOYER	Red	2
		10:30 AM	10:36 AM	CCC	BURSTEIN	Red	2
		11:00 AM	10:33 AM	DDD	GOLSHAN	Green	1
		11:15 AM	10:34 AM	EEE	OVERMOYER	Red	2
SAC	Red	10:30 AM	10:38 AM	FFF	MORGAN	Green	1
		11:00 AM	10:44 AM	GGG	RAUT	Green	1

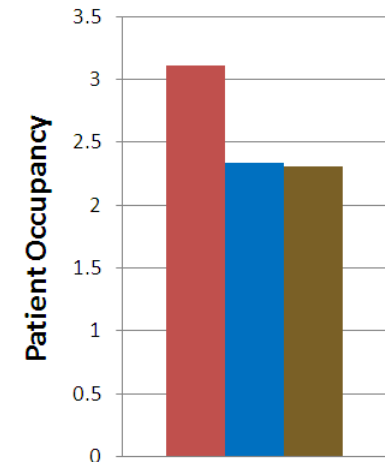
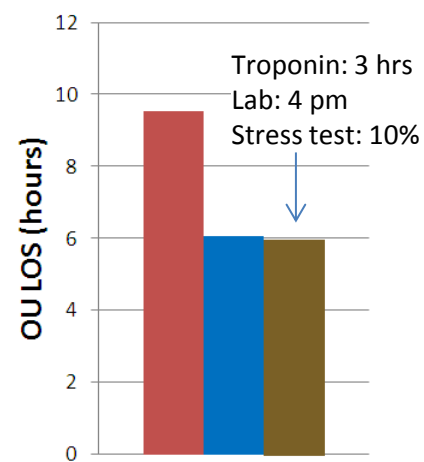
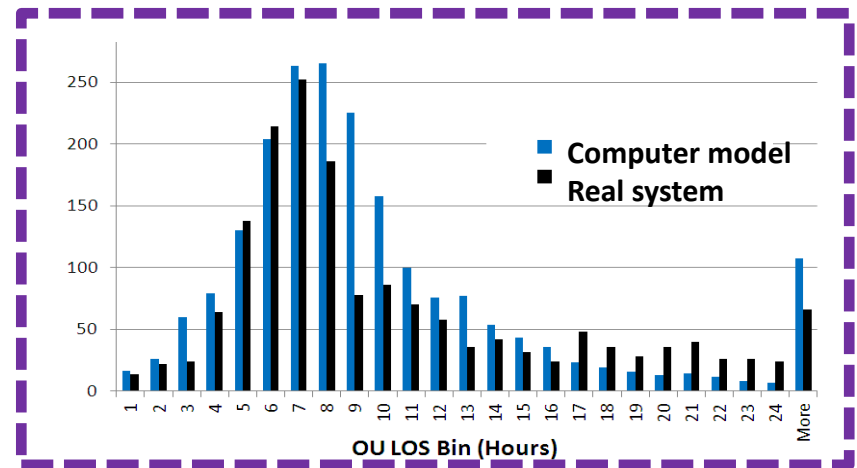
# ED Observation Unit

## Standard Process Improvement



	CTA	ETT Stress	PET/CT	SPECT	SPECT/CT	Stress echo gram
Average wait time	0:09	0:48	11:21	0:31	0:16	2:42
Process ave time	1:35	1:13	1:06	1:31	2:25	1:59
% of all tests	1%	51%	22%	19%	3%	3%

## Computer Simulation Analysis



■ Current State ■ Trop Delay, ST Fraction ■ All 3 Improvements



# Predictive models



## Logistics applications

- Patient flow (ED admits)
- System-wide flow (bed huddle forecaster)
- ICU or OU bed demand (7 day ahead forecast)

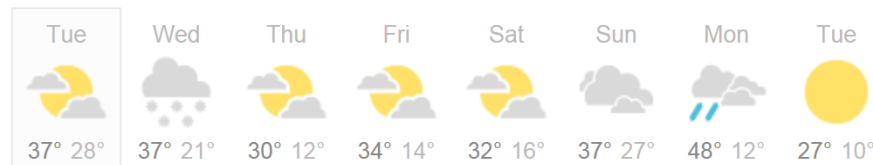
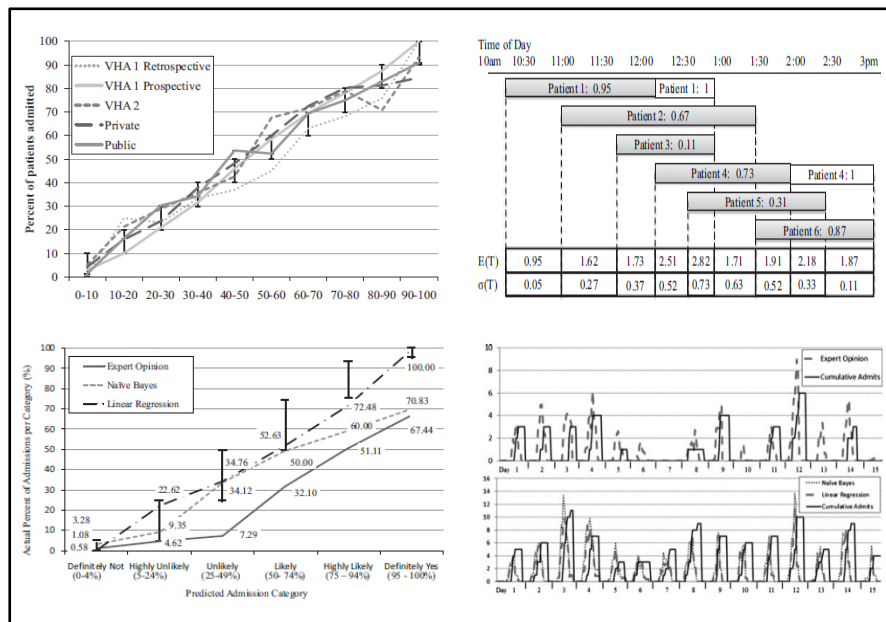
## Clinical applications

- Patient decline
- High annual total TCC
- Outlier long LOS

### ORIGINAL RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

## Predicting Emergency Department Inpatient Admissions to Improve Same-day Patient Flow

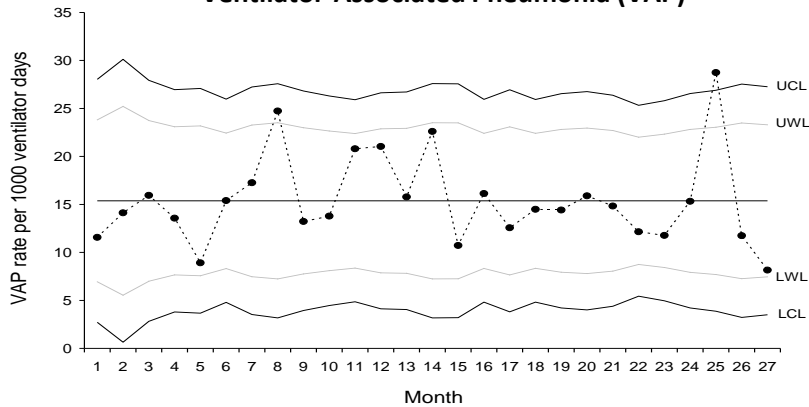
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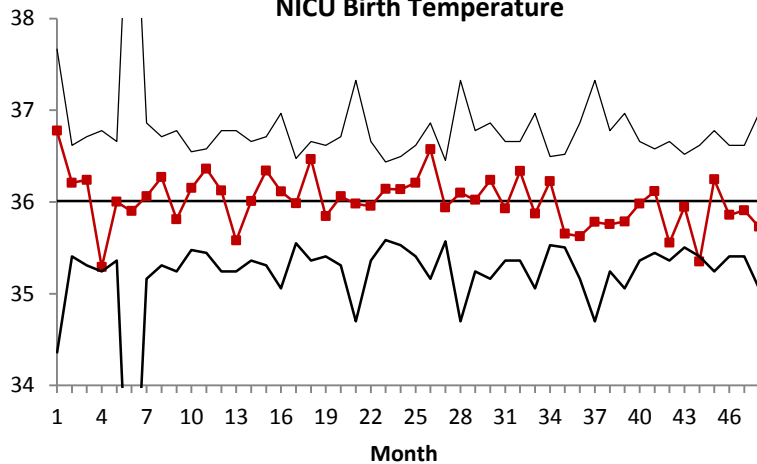
# SPC methods

## 'Simple' Methods

Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

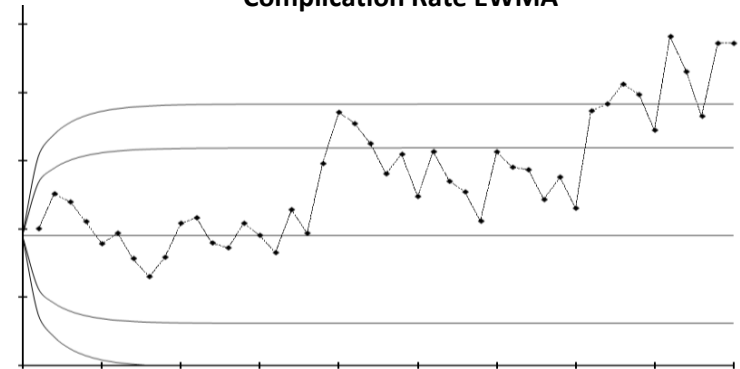


NICU Birth Temperature

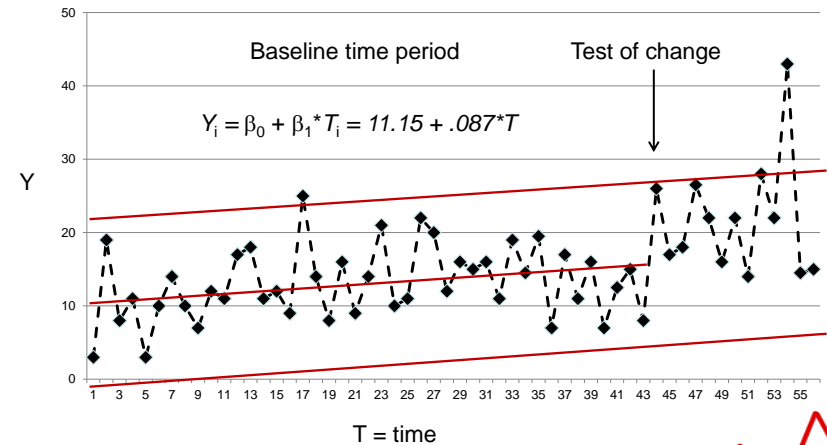


## Advanced Methods

Complication Rate EWMA



Background Improvement Trend



# Primary care team continuity

## Primary care continuity coverage

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CHA Malden Family Medicine Clinic Scheduling Model

**Objective function**

Maximize  $\sum_{n \in S_{prim}} \sum_w X_{nsw}$

**Constraints**

$X_{nsw} \leq \sum_{i \in I} A_{i1sw} + \sum_{j \in I} B_{j1sw} \quad \forall n, w, s \in S_{prim}$

$X_{n1s_{prim}w} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if any provider from teamlet } n \text{ is in } FMC \text{ during session } s \text{ of week } w \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\sum_j B_{j2sw} = 1 \quad \forall j, s, w \in FMC_j$

$\sum_j B_{j1sw} + \sum_i A_{i1sw} \geq 7 \quad \forall s \in S_{prim}$

$\sum_j B_{j1sw} = 3 \quad \forall s \in S_{non}$

$\sum_{j \in I} B_{j1sw} \geq 1 \quad \forall s \in S_{non}, w$

$\sum_{i \in I} \sum_w B_{i2sw} = 1 \quad \forall j, w \in FMC_j$

$\sum_{i \in I} B_{i1sw} = 1 \quad \forall j, w \in FMC_j$

$B_{j1113w} = 0 \quad \forall j, w$

$\sum_{i \in I} B_{i10sw} = 1 \quad \forall j, w \in FMC_j$

$\sum_j B_{j1sw} = 6 \quad \forall j \in \{chief5\}, w \in FMC_j$

$\sum_j B_{j1sw} = 5 \quad \forall j \in \{chief5\}, w \in FMC_j$

$\sum_j B_{j1sw} + \sum_j B_{j77w} = 6 \quad \forall j, w \in FMC_j$

$\sum_{i=1}^7 \sum_{s=1}^7 B_{i1sw} + \sum_{i=1}^{11} \sum_{s=1}^{11} B_{i2sw} = 11 \quad \forall j, w \in FMC_j$

$B_{j95w} = 1 \quad \forall j \in R2$

$B_{j96w} = 1 \quad \forall j \in R3$

$$\sum_w (B_{j311w} + B_{j34w}) = 9 \quad \forall j \in \{1:8R2\}$$

$$\sum_j (B_{j311w} + B_{j34w}) = 2 \quad \forall w$$

$$\sum_{w \in S_{prim}} B_{j25w} = 13 \quad \forall j$$

$$B_{j213w} = 0 \quad \forall j$$

$$\sum_w \sum_{s \in S_{prim}} B_{j25w} = 13 \quad \forall j$$

$$B_{j213w} = 0 \quad \forall j$$

$$\sum_w \sum_j B_{j32w} = 0 \quad \forall s \in \{4,11\}$$

$$3 \leq \sum_w (B_{j311w} + B_{j34w}) \leq 4 \quad \forall j \in \{R3\}$$

$$B_{j47w} = 1 \quad \forall w$$

$$\left( \sum_j B_{j413w} = 1 \quad \forall w \right)$$

$$\sum_w \sum_j B_{j42w} = 0 \quad \forall s \in \{4,7\}$$

$$B_{j47w} + \left( \sum_w B_{j413w} \right) = 9 \quad \forall j \in \{R2\}$$

$$3 \leq \sum_w B_{j47w} + \left( \sum_w B_{j413w} \right) \leq 4 \quad \forall j \in \{R3\}$$

$$\sum_w B_{j37w} = 2 \quad \forall j$$

$$B_{j37w} = 1 \quad \forall w$$

$$\sum_w \sum_j B_{j32w} = 0 \quad \forall s \in \{7\}$$

$$\sum_w (B_{j82w} + B_{j84w} + B_{j810w}) = 12 \quad \forall j \in \{R3\}$$

$$\sum_{j=9}^{16} B_{j81w} \leq 1 \quad \forall w_{oct}$$

$$\sum_{j=9}^{16} B_{j84w} \leq 1 \quad \forall w$$

$$\sum_{j=9}^{16} B_{j810w} \leq 1 \quad \forall w$$

$$\sum_w \sum_j B_{j42w} = 0 \quad \forall s \in \{2,4,10\} \quad \sum_j B_{j77w} = 1 \quad \forall w_{oct}$$

$$\sum_w \sum_j B_{j72w} = 0 \quad \forall s \in \{7\}$$

$$2 \leq \sum_{w_{oct}} B_{j77w} \leq 3 \quad \forall j \in \{R2\}$$

$$2 \leq \sum_{w_{oct}} B_{j77w} \leq 3 \quad \forall j \in \{R3\}$$

$$\sum_j B_{j86w} = 1 \quad \forall w$$

$$\sum_w \sum_j B_{j25w} = 0 \quad \forall s \in \{6\}$$

$$3 \leq \sum_{w \in I}^{52} B_{j86w} \leq 4 \quad \forall j \in \{R2\}$$

$$3 \leq \sum_{w \in I}^{52} B_{j86w} \leq 4 \quad \forall j \in \{R3\}$$

$$\sum_j B_{j1w1} + \sum_j B_{j1w2} + \sum_j B_{j1w3} \leq 2$$

$$\sum_j B_{j1w4} + \sum_j B_{j1w5} + \sum_j B_{j1w6} \leq 2$$

$$B_{j2w6} + B_{j8(w+1)6} + B_{j8(w+2)6} + B_{j8(w+3)6} \leq 1 \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w1} + B_{j1w2} + B_{j1w3} \leq 2 \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w4} + B_{j1w5} + B_{j1w6} \leq 2 \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w3} + B_{j8w6} \leq 1 + \gamma_{1jw} \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w4} + B_{j8w6} \leq 1 + \gamma_{2jw} \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w5} + B_{j1w3} \leq 1 + \gamma_{3jw} \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w6} + B_{j1w4} \leq 1 + \gamma_{4jw} \quad \forall j, w$$

$$B_{j1w3} + B_{j1w6} \leq 1 + \gamma_{5jw} \quad \forall j, w$$

$$\sum_{w=0}^1 \gamma_{ojw} \leq 1 \quad \forall j$$

$$\sum_w \gamma_{5jw} \leq 2 \quad \forall j$$

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**PM**

**Total teams**

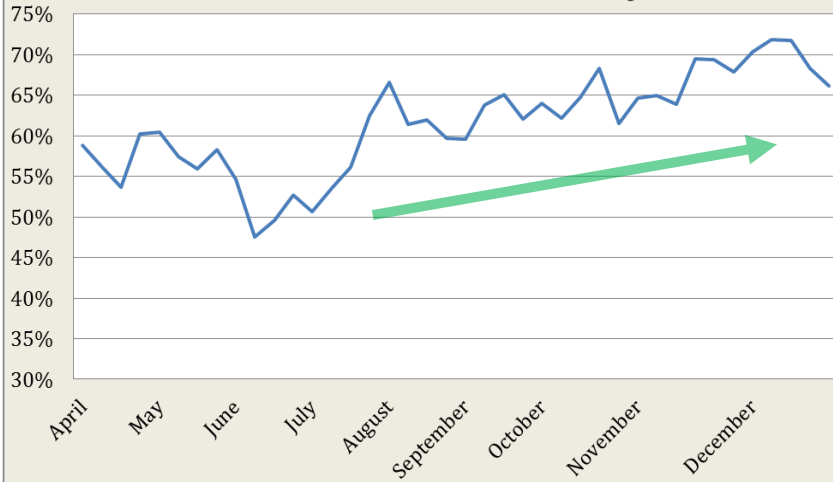
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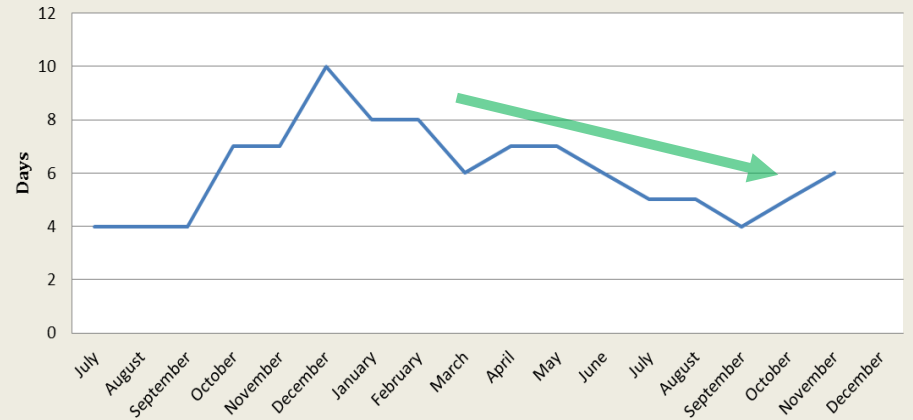
- Better continuity → Better prevention, outcomes, re-visits

# Results

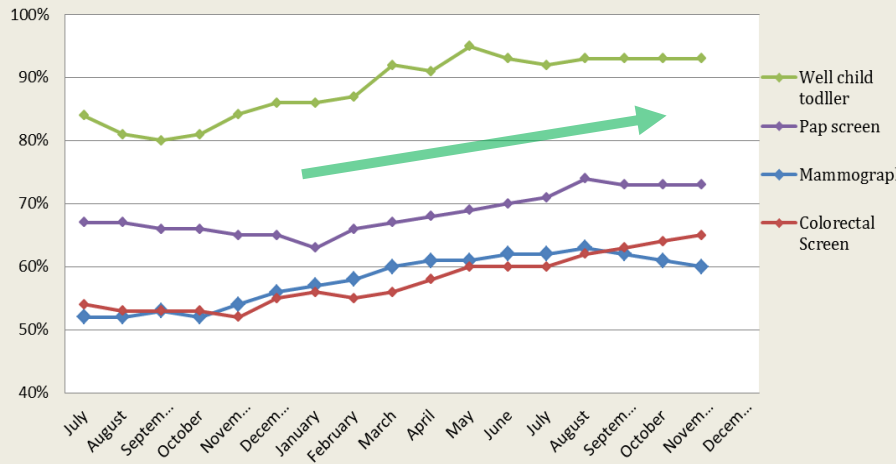
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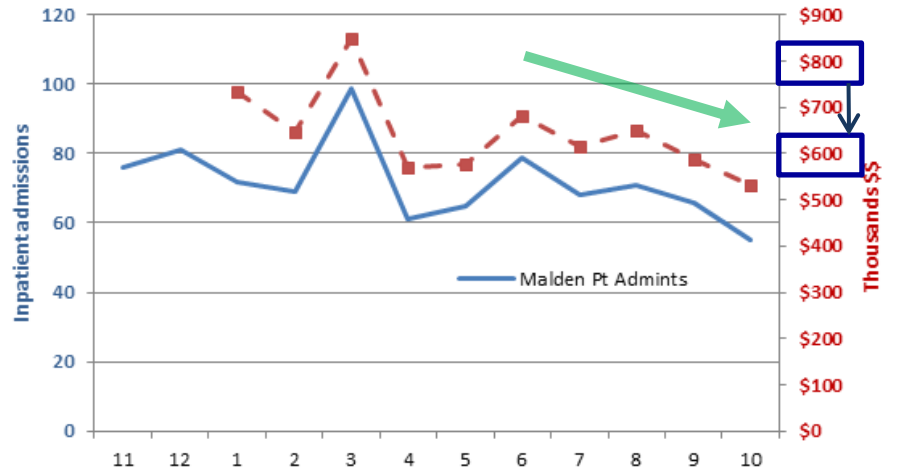
## Access Third next available appt



## Compliance measures



## Inpatient Admissions



# Summary

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1. Industrial and systems engineering under used in health care
2. National CMS large demonstration project
  - Impact, visibility, workforce development
3. Regional extension center as one model
4. Open to any health system
  - How can we help you?
  - How can you help us?



# Thank you

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# Project proposal process



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**CMS Triple Aim Project Definition (1-pager)**

Project	System	Date	
Lead engineer	<input type="checkbox"/> CB <input type="checkbox"/> JB <input type="checkbox"/> VS <input type="checkbox"/> SG <input type="checkbox"/> BN <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> SB <input type="checkbox"/> KB	<input type="checkbox"/> Aim statement <input type="checkbox"/> Driver diagram <input type="checkbox"/> Measure def.	<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 50% baseline <input type="checkbox"/> Implement plan <input type="checkbox"/> Good standing
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/> Further scope		

Project aim statement (Accomplish what, by how much, by when, by what method)	Estimated impact						
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Cost</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Care</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Health</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Cost		Care		Health	
Cost							
Care							
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Aim	Process Measures	Outcome Measures
Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard measure <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline runchart <input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard measure <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline runchart <input type="checkbox"/> Approved
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Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard measure <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline runchart <input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard measure <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline runchart <input type="checkbox"/> Approved

Approach (key steps, completion dates)  Approved

Implementation plan Project end date:   Approved


How:   
 Whoc:   
 When:   
 Where:

Spread potential:  None  Little (1-5 systems)  Many (≥ 12 systems)  Very broad


Timeline:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Scope/define/approve (1month)												
Conduct (phase1)												
Conduct (phase2)												
Implement, refine												
Evaluate, finalize docs												

O : Planned ✓ : Completed XX : Project done

James Benneyan, HSyE Director Date \_\_\_\_\_

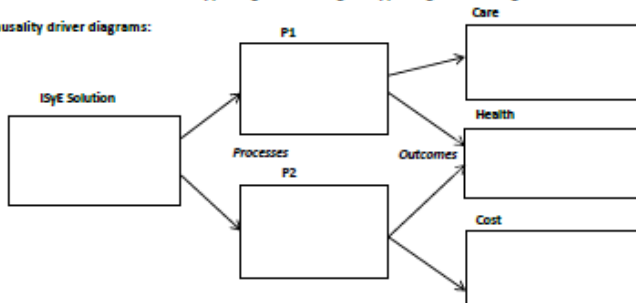


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**Supporting Details – Page 2**

**Causality driver diagrams:**



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    graph LR
      ISyE[ISyE Solution] --> P1[P1]
      ISyE --> P2[P2]
      P1 --> Care[Care]
      P1 --> Health[Health]
      P2 --> Health
      P2 --> Cost[Cost]
  
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**Operational definitions:**

Name	Calculation	Name	Calculation

**Baseline run charts: (≥50% of measures)**

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