

# Recipe for Equity: Hospital/Community Partnership Addresses Local Food Insecurity

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## Learning Objectives

- Discuss implementation steps for a food pantry at a large academic medical institution.
- Apply shared knowledge of how an institution can address a basic need (food insecurity) for its patient populations.
- Identify at least one solution for addressing food insecurity in the community your health care organization serves.

## Background:

Food insecurity is a **reality** for many Finger Lakes region residents, including UR Medicine patients

## Overarching Goals

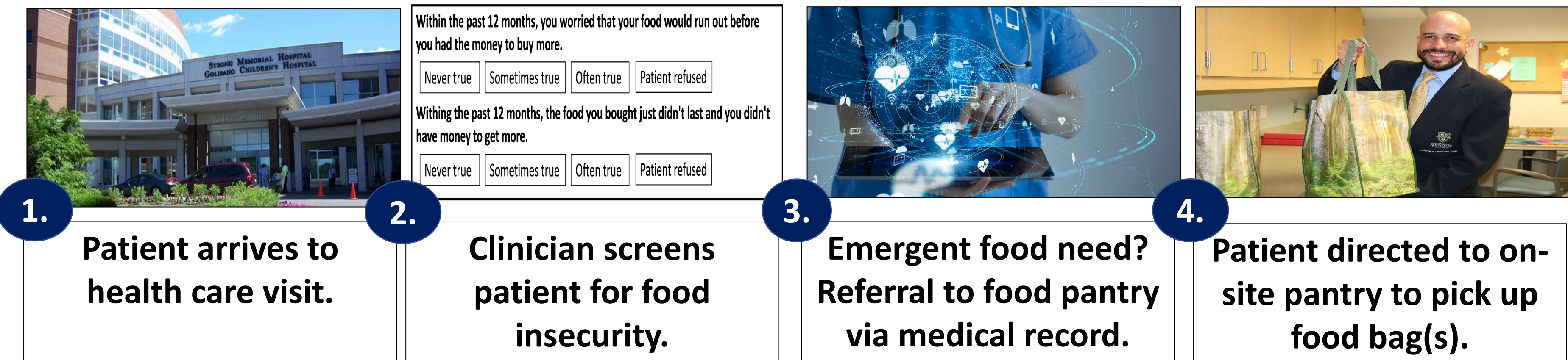
1. Preserve patient dignity and agency
2. Offer nutritious, shelf-stable food items
3. Develop a sustainable/scalable process
4. Provide immediate connection to food **and** address longer term needs
5. Serve the intended population

## Implementation Plan

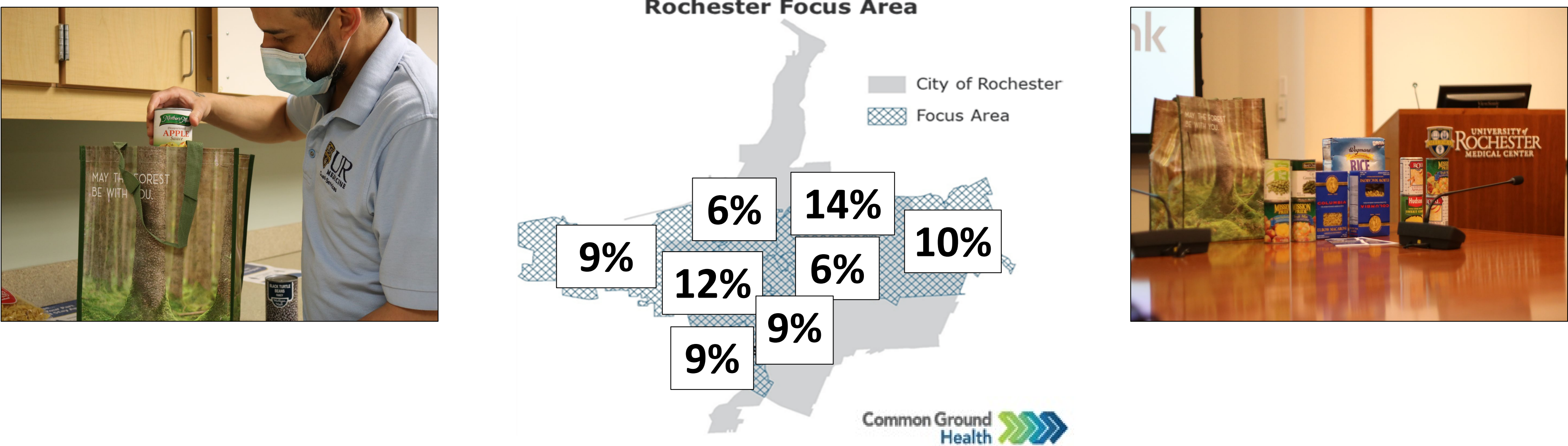
- Recruit multidisciplinary team
- Location, location, location!
- Leverage the medical record
- Communicate strategically
- Start **small & keep it simple**

## UR Medicine Food Pantry: Nourish today for a healthier tomorrow

### Workflow Developed



### Pantry Impact



*75% of pantry visits were by people from zip codes in the city of Rochester known to have a high index of need as defined by the African American Health Coalition.*

## Recent Developments

- Inpatient expansion, with ability to deliver!
- Local, off-site practice expansion
- Fully electronic process
- eCheck-in screening

## Future Growth

- Enterprise-wide expansion
- Longer term programming for patients experiencing food insecurity
- Pantry Manager
- Community garden

## Lessons Learned

- Community partnership
- Clinical champions
- Enthusiastic faculty & staff
- Bag weight
- Bag type offered
- Can openers

## Questions?

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