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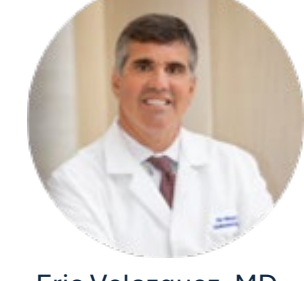
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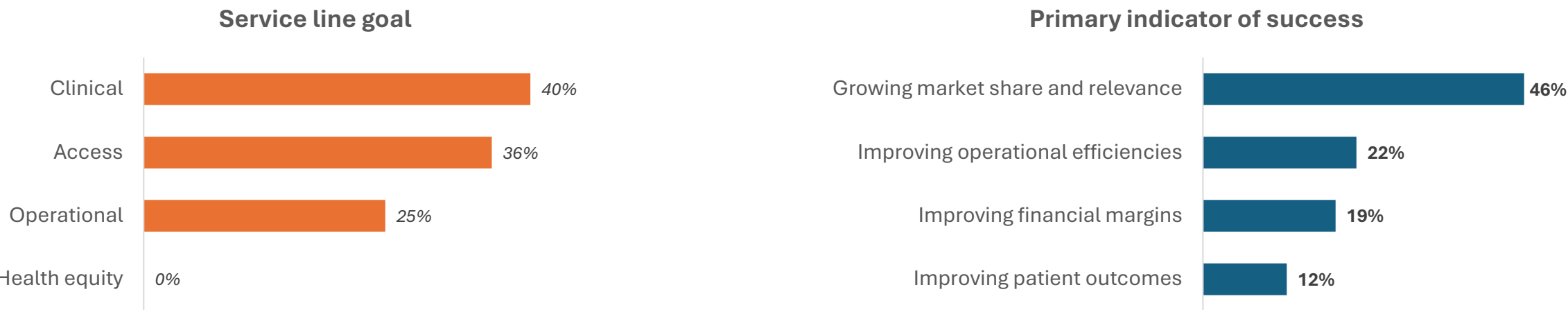
*Cancer and cardiovascular service line executives face ongoing pressures to meet patient demand and grow programs in competitive markets.*

# Context: Why focus on access and capacity for our Service Line Executives meeting?



## What is *success* for your service lines?

In our 2023 survey, most respondents indicated the *goal* for their service lines is *clinical* (enhancing management of patients with related conditions) or *access* (including coordinating care across the continuum). The primary *measure of success* for service lines is *market share and relevance*.



Source: Vizient Service Line Structure Survey, Feb 2023



How do you grow?

Are you constrained in growth?

*We heard: it's not for lack of demand; it's hard to get patients in for care.*

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# What did we hear from our 2024 network surveys?



**95%** of survey respondents  
have challenges with  
facility (inpatient) access



## **Facility access challenges are:**

Cancer: throughput issue

- LOS and ED bottlenecks

CV: a space and volume issue

- Rising demand for procedural space
- Increasing patient days

**96%** of survey respondents  
have challenges with clinic  
access



## **Clinic access challenges are:**

Workforce

- Providers & APPs
- Clinical staff including nurses and techs

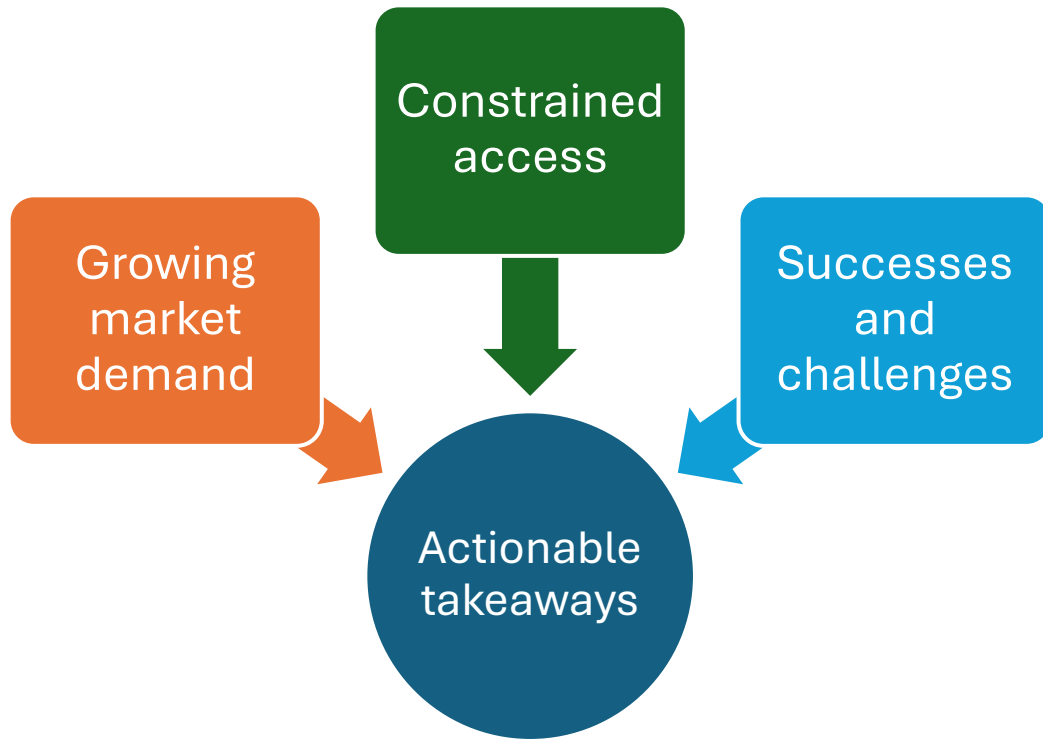
Space

- Exam rooms
- Infusion chairs/procedural space

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# Connecting the dots: A preview of today's session



- Market demand for cancer and CV services continues to grow.
- Key areas of focus to improve: inpatient, emergency department, procedural, clinics.
- Hear from your peers who have had success. Share your ongoing challenges.
- ***Take action at your organization.*** Meet the demand in your market.

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# Today's agenda (8 a.m. – noon)



- Setting the Stage: 2024 Cancer and Cardiovascular Landscapes
- Creating Integrated Service Lines: Aligning Teams for Success
- Optimize Length of Stay: Create Inpatient Capacity and Enable Growth
- *Break*
- Rapid Access Clinics: Reduce ED Patient Returns and Improve Efficiency
- Unlocking Capacity: Optimizing Sites for Ambulatory Surgery
- Roundtable Discussion: Access, Capacity and Throughput
- *Wrap up and Closing*

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# Overall Learning Objectives



- Identify key trends that will impact future utilization of cancer and cardiovascular services.
- Explain the benefits of integrated service lines.
- Describe successful models shown to improve operational efficiency in cancer and cardiovascular service lines.
- Discuss strategies to increase capacity in specific locations within your system to meet future patient demand.

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# **Setting the Stage: 2024 Cancer and Cardiovascular Landscapes**

## **Growing Demand and Program Integration**

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# Silver Tsunami is Here




**4.1 million Americans will turn 65 this year.**

—US Census Bureau

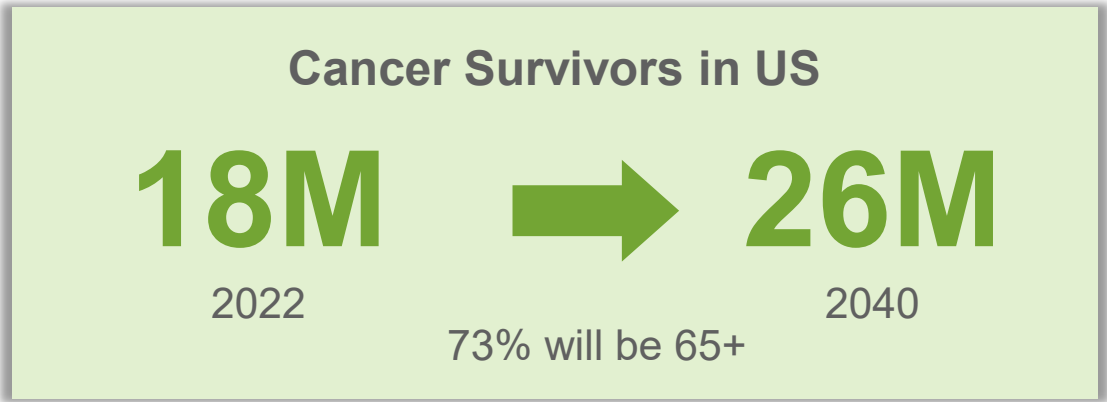
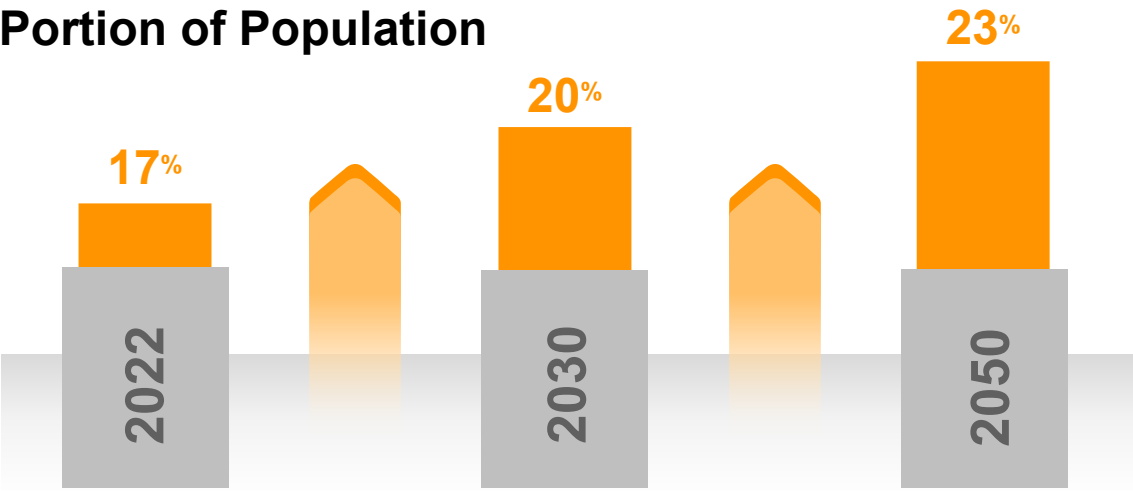


**Rate of cancer among <50 increased 13% from 2000 to 2019**

—American Cancer Society



## Americans 65 and Older as Portion of Population



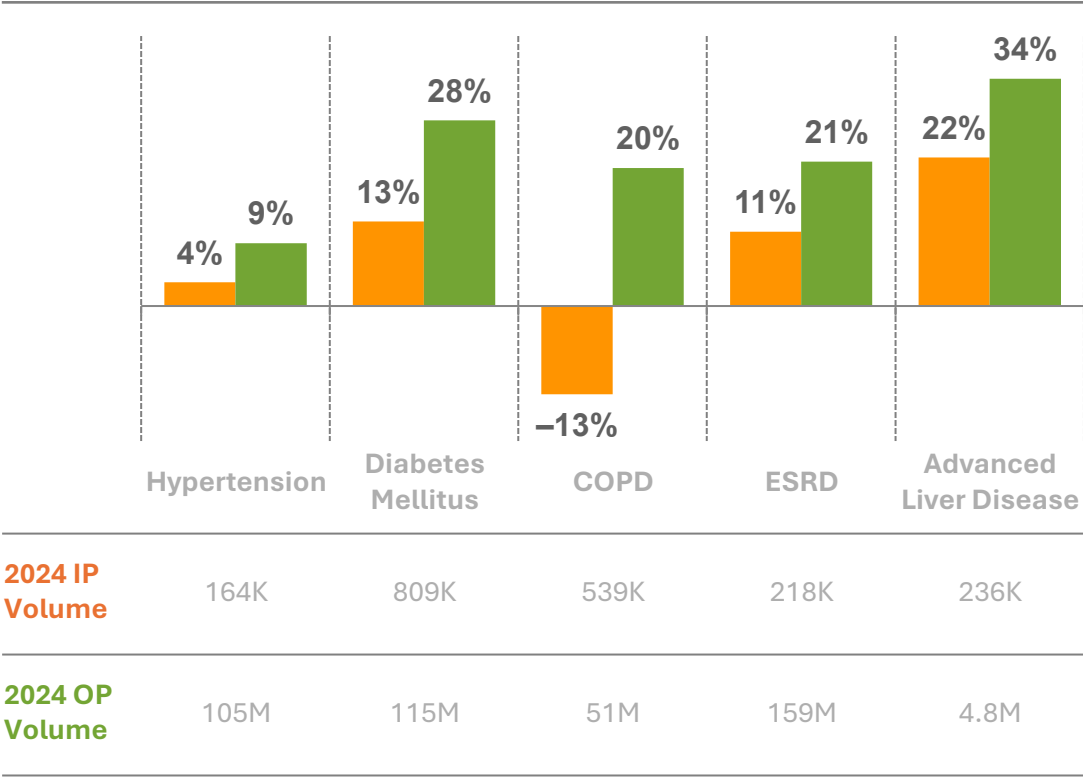
**Sources:** US Census Bureau. 2023 National Population Projections Tables: Main Series. Accessed May 2024; 1. Abbott B. Cancer is striking more young people, and doctors are alarmed and baffled. WSJ. January 11, 2024. Accessed July 2024; 1. “Silver Tsunami” of Cancer Survivors. NCI. July 8, 2016. Accessed July 2024; Claritas Pop-Facts®, 2024; Sg2 Analysis, 2024.



# The Tide Has Turned: Growth in Chronic Care Populations Demands Decisions Now



## Inpatient and Outpatient Chronic Disease CARE Family Volumes



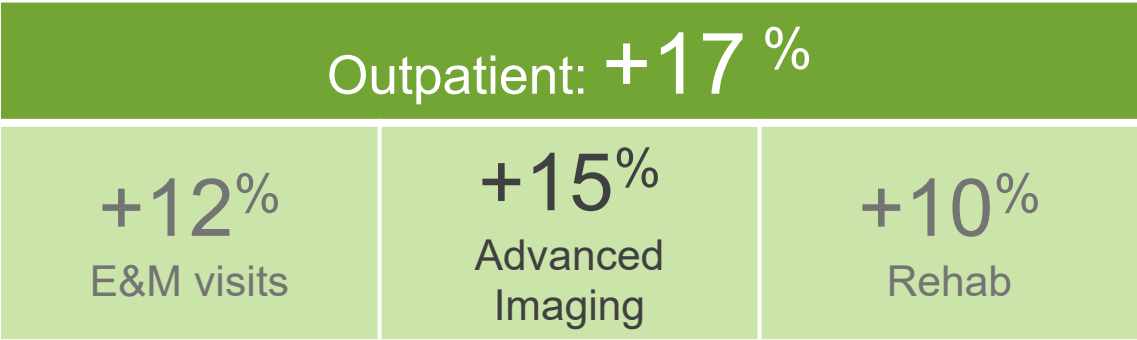
COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ESRD = end-stage renal disease.  
**Sources:** Sayed A et al. JAMA Cardiol. April 24, 2024. Impact of Change<sup>®</sup>, 2024; HCUP National Inpatient Sample (NIS). Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) 2019. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD; Proprietary Sg2 All-Payer Claims Data Set, 2022; The following 2022 CMS Limited Data Sets (LDS): Carrier, Denominator, Home Health Agency, Hospice, Outpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility; Claritas Pop-Facts<sup>®</sup>, 2024; Sg2 Analysis, 2024.

## CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE (CHF)

**IP +12%** **OP +33%**  
DAYS +19% ALOS +6%

More Americans are dying from CHF today than 25 years ago. Mortality rate for those under 45 years of age increased from 1.76 in 1999 to 3.05 in 2021.

## CHRONIC CARE DRIVES OUTPATIENT CANCER GROWTH





# Key Trends Disrupting Comprehensive Care Delivery

- ▶ Clinical Trials: One in five patients (22%) participate in cancer **clinical research studies**.
- ▶ VBC: **>\$600M OCM net losses** for Medicare.
- ▶ Channel Management: 56% of patients **did not choose their oncologist**.
- ▶ Pharmacy: 5%–20% increases in pharmacy budgets due to **drug shortages**.
- ▶ Specialty Access: 89 days—**average wait time** to see specialist.
- ▶ Screening: Nearly two-thirds (65%) say that they definitely would or probably would want **AI to be used for their skin cancer screening**.

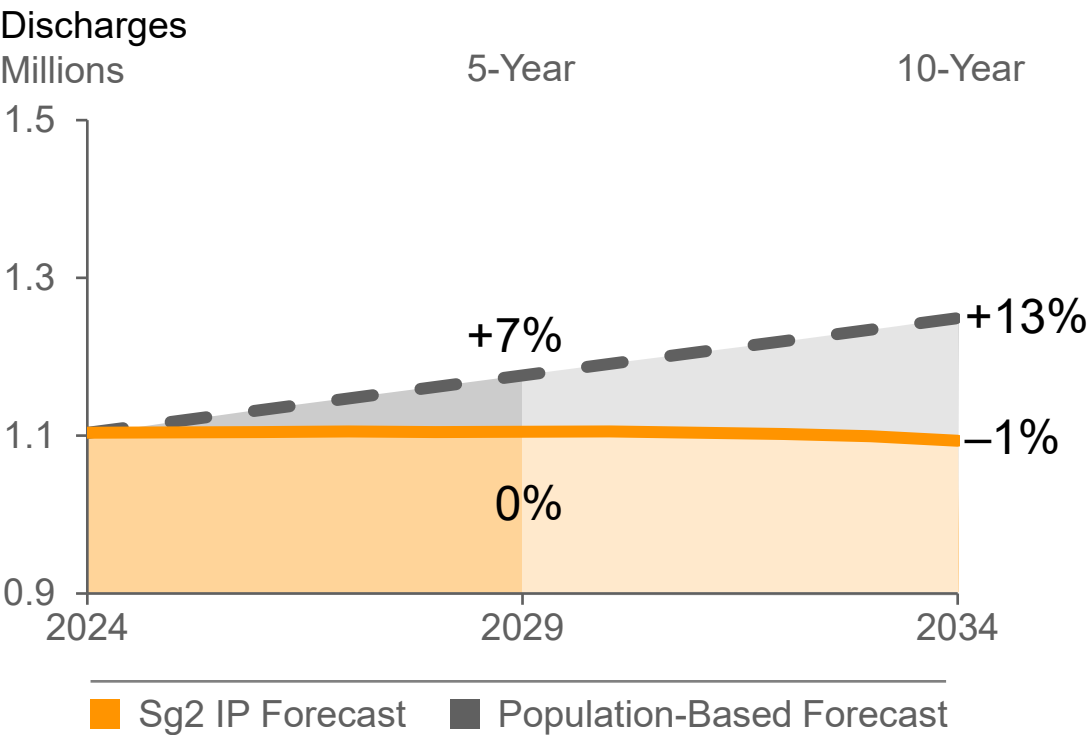
OCM = Oncology Care Model; VBC = value-based care.

**Sources:** Fred Hutch Cancer Center. One in five people with cancer participate in medical research studies [press release]. April 2, 2024; Trombley M et al. Evaluation of the Oncology Care Model. CMS. 2024 Bogdan B et al. The experience report—cancer patient issue. Accenture. March 15, 2022; National Comprehensive Cancer Network. NCN Best Practices Committee—new information and survey results from June 2024. June 26, 2024; Drug shortages in community oncology: ensuring access to chemotherapy. Pharmacy Times. June 17, 2024; Shariff A. Citrus oncology: revolutionizing cancer care by addressing side effects. Association of Cancer Care Centers. June 13, 2024; Tyson A et al. 60% of Americans would be uncomfortable with provider relying on AI in their own health care. Pew Research Center. February 22, 2023.

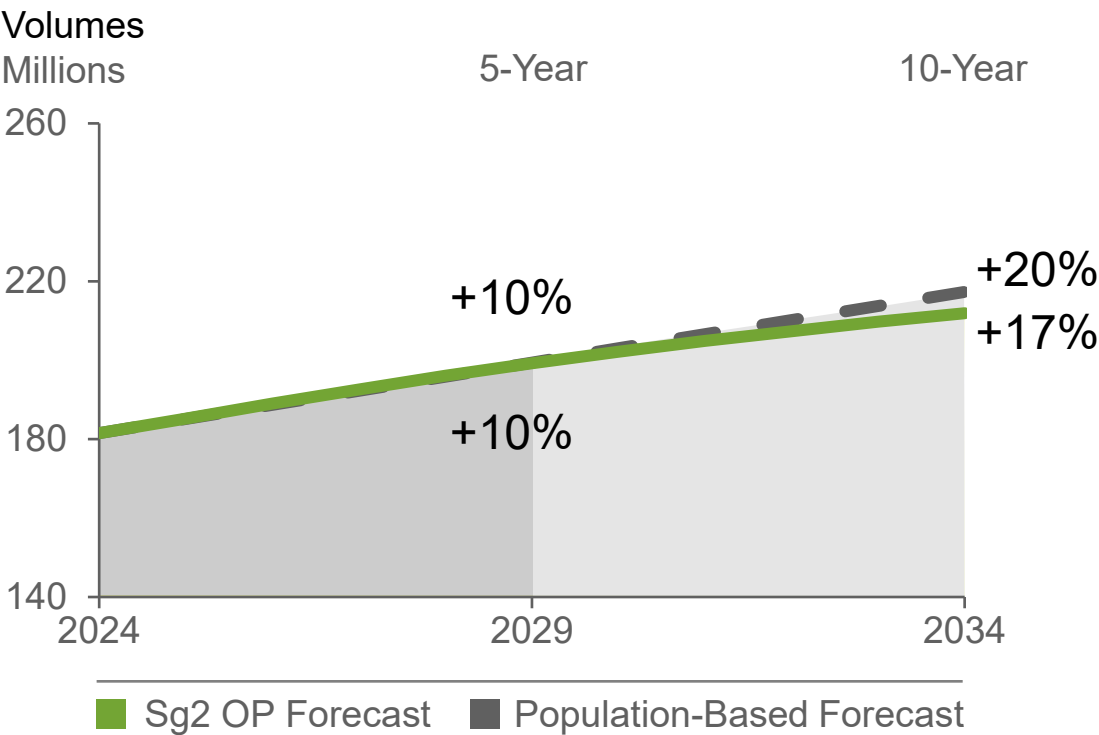
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# High-Acuity Surgical and Complex Care Contribute to IP Volumes; Target Therapies, Minimally Invasive Procedures Drive OP Growth

**Inpatient Cancer Forecast**  
US Market, 2024–2034



**Outpatient Cancer Forecast**  
US Market, 2024–2034

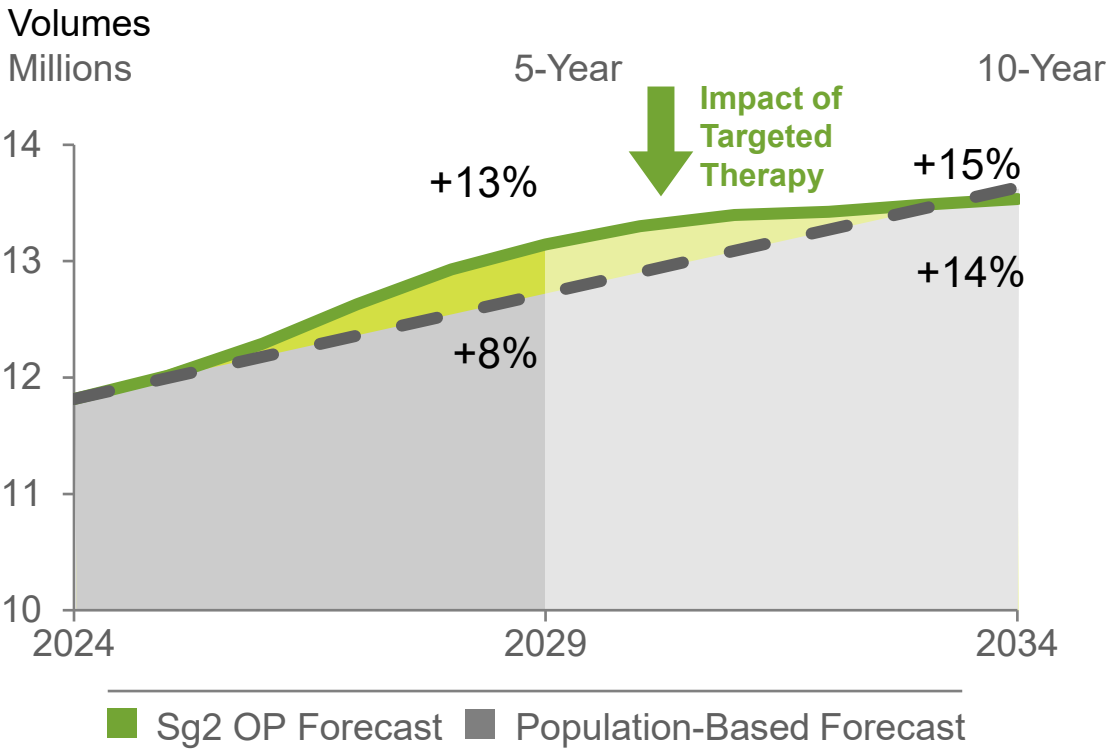


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# Combination and Targeted Therapies Influence Infusion Clinical Pathways

## Oncology Chemotherapy Forecast US Market, 2024–2034



The ratio of monotherapy trials continues to decrease, while the number of combination studies is on the rise.

222 FDA-approved oncology therapies → 84% (186) are targeted therapies

>120 OAMs used in clinical practice represent > 1/3 of cancer medications in pipeline

	Darzalex IV	Darzalex Faspro Injection
2020	95%	5%
2024	7%	93%

**Note:** Analysis excludes 0–17 age group and includes the cancer service line. OAM = oral anticancer medication.

**Sources:** OncoKB. FDA-approved oncology therapies. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Accessed June 2024; Saez-Ibanez AR et al. Immuno-oncology clinical trials take a turn beyond PD1/PDL1 inhibitors.

Nature. April 20, 2023; Pharmacy Quality Alliance. Recommendations to Improve the Quality of Oral Anticancer Medication Use. 2023; IQVIA’s SMART – US Edition. Accessed June 28, 2024.

<https://smart.imshealth.com/UI/default.aspx>; Impact of Change\*, 2024; Proprietary Sg2 All-Payer Claims Data Set, 2022; The following 2022 CMS Limited Data Sets (LDS): Carrier, Denominator, Home Health Agency, Hospice, Outpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility; Claritas Pop-Facts\*, 2024; Sg2 Analysis, 2024.

# Case Study | Expanding Advanced Therapy Access Requires Coordinated and Comprehensive Approach



## MUNSON HEALTHCARE, COWELL FAMILY CANCER CENTER TRAVERSE CITY, MI

**GOAL:** Offer bispecific therapy close to home

**PROCESS:**

- Develop comprehensive program
  - Policy development—create patient and staff education documents
  - Toxicity management—create clinician tools, like a toxicity scoring and charting tool
  - Electronic order set that segregates treatment options
  - Monitoring system to safely transition patients from IP to OP care
- Communicate and roll out in main ED and regional hospital EDs

**RESULTS:** 133 referrals in region through program

**FUTURE:** Expand to hospitals outside the hub and PCP clinics within system

“The epitome of our innovation is equity.

Working together across departments to manage these patients is what allowed us to move forward with this innovation.”

—**Courtney VanHouzen**, PharmD,  
Oncology Pharmacy Resident, Munson  
Healthcare, Cowell Family Cancer Center

PCP = primary care physician.

Sources: Association of Cancer Care Centers. Munson Healthcare. Accessed June 2024; Association of Cancer Care Centers. Implementation of a bispecific T-cell engager therapy program at a community cancer center [blog]. May 15, 2024.

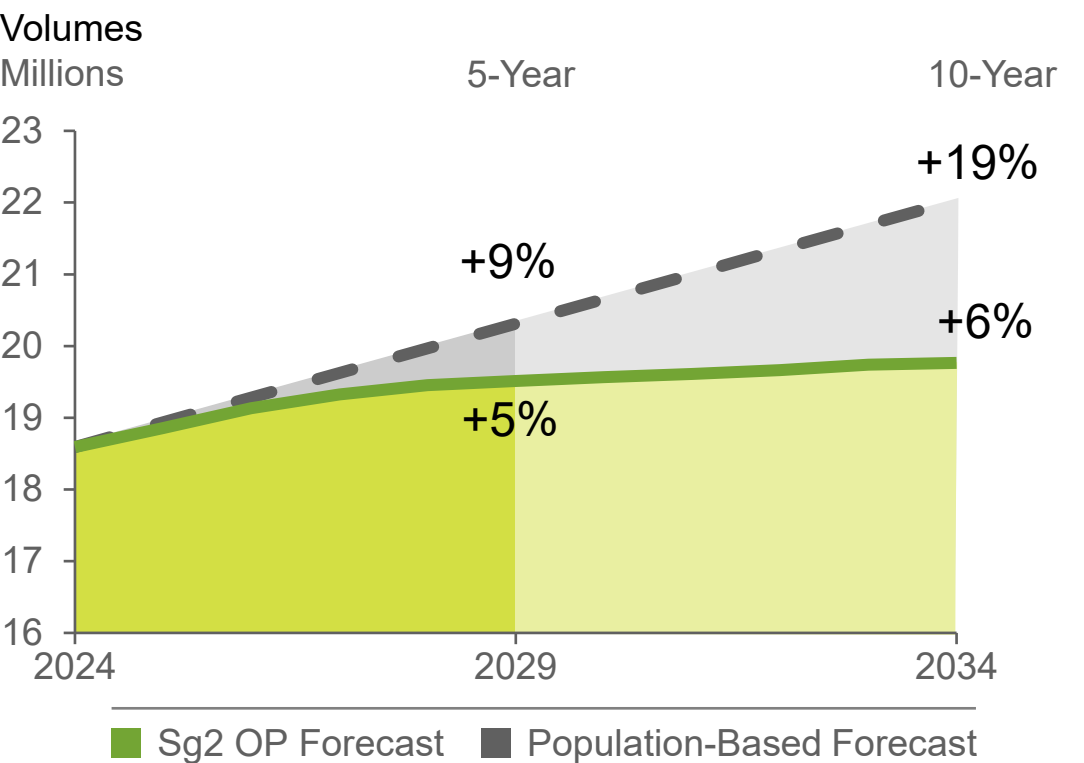
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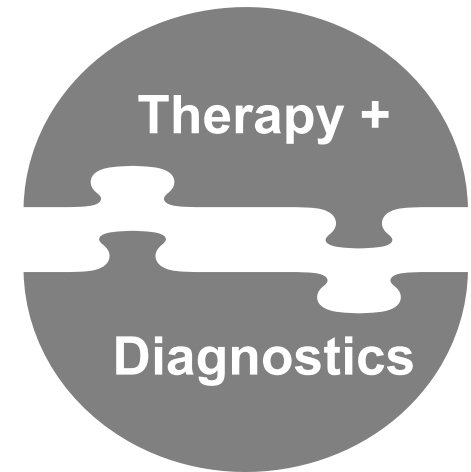
# Clinical Precision, Technological Progression and Remerging Indications Direct Future Growth Opportunity for Radiation Therapy



## Outpatient Radiation Therapy Forecast US Market, 2024–2034



Modality	IMRT	SRS/SBRT	RPT
2024 Distribution	49%	3%	0.4%
5-Year Forecast	7%	9%	10%



(IORT, IGRT, ART, theranostics)

**5%–15%**  
Underutilization of  
RT services for  
eligible patients

Management of  
nonmalignant conditions  
represents up to **30%**  
of patient volume.

Note: Analysis excludes 0–17 age group and includes the cancer service line. Radiation therapy forecast is based on fractions. ART = adaptive radiation therapy; IGRT = image-guided radiation therapy; IMRT = intensity-modulated radiation therapy; IORT = intraoperative radiation therapy; RPT = radiopharmaceutical therapy; RT = radiation therapy; SBRT = stereotactic body radiation therapy; SRS = stereotactic radiosurgery.

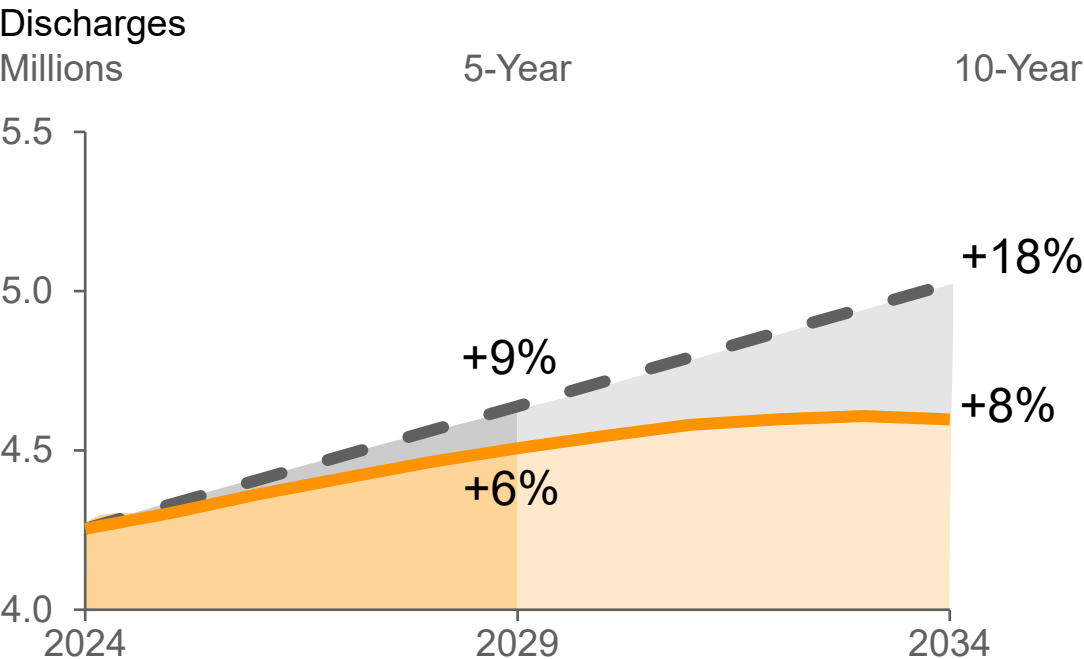
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# Demand for Inpatient Discharges and Outpatient Volumes Expected to Grow Due to Rising Patient Acuity, Population

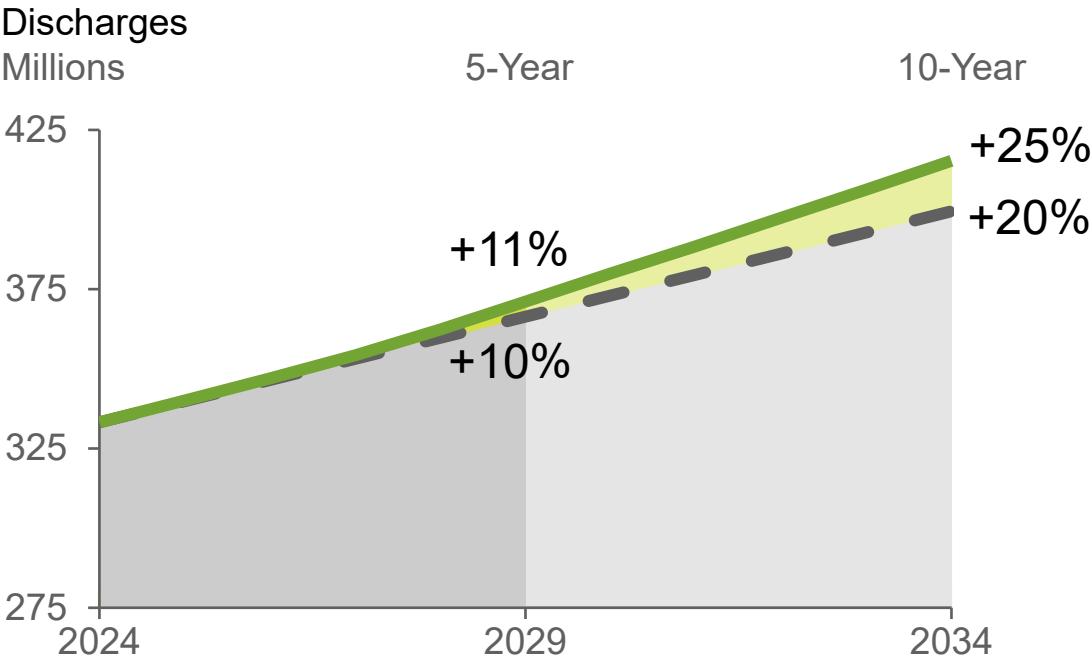


**Inpatient Cardiovascular Forecast**  
US Market, 2024–2034



■ Sg2 IP Forecast ■ Population-Based Forecast

**Outpatient Cardiovascular Forecast**  
US Market, 2024–2034



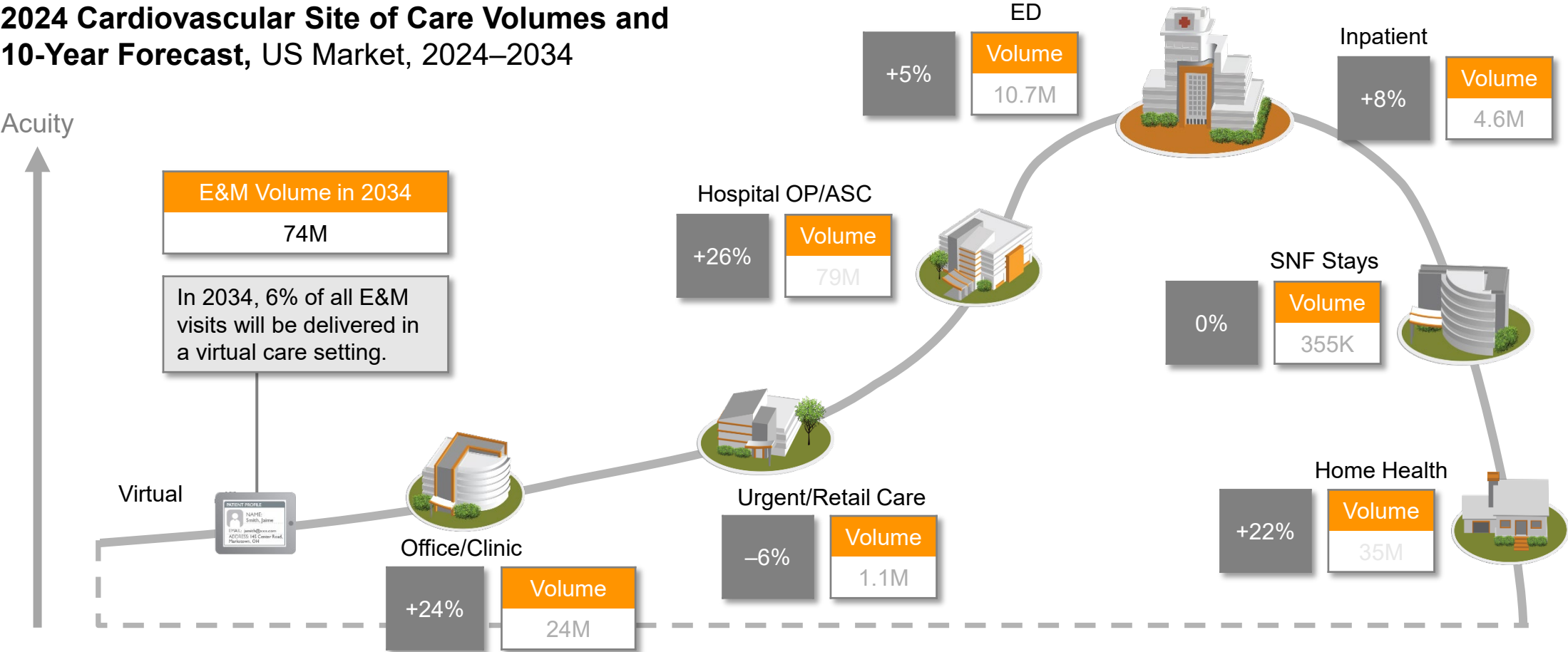
■ Sg2 OP Forecast ■ Population-Based Forecast

**Note:** Analysis excludes 0–17 age group. CARE = Clinical Alignment and Resource Effectiveness; eco & consum = economy and consumerism; epi/soc = epidemiology/sociocultural changes; innov & tech = innovation and technology; pop = population; SoC = System of CARE.  
**Sources:** Impact of Change®, 2024; HCUP National Inpatient Sample (NIS). Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) 2019. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD; Proprietary Sg2 All-Payer Claims Data Set, 2022; The following 2022 CMS Limited Data Sets (LDS): Carrier, Denominator, Home Health Agency, Hospice, Outpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility; Claritas Pop-Facts®, 2024; Sg2 Analysis, 2024.



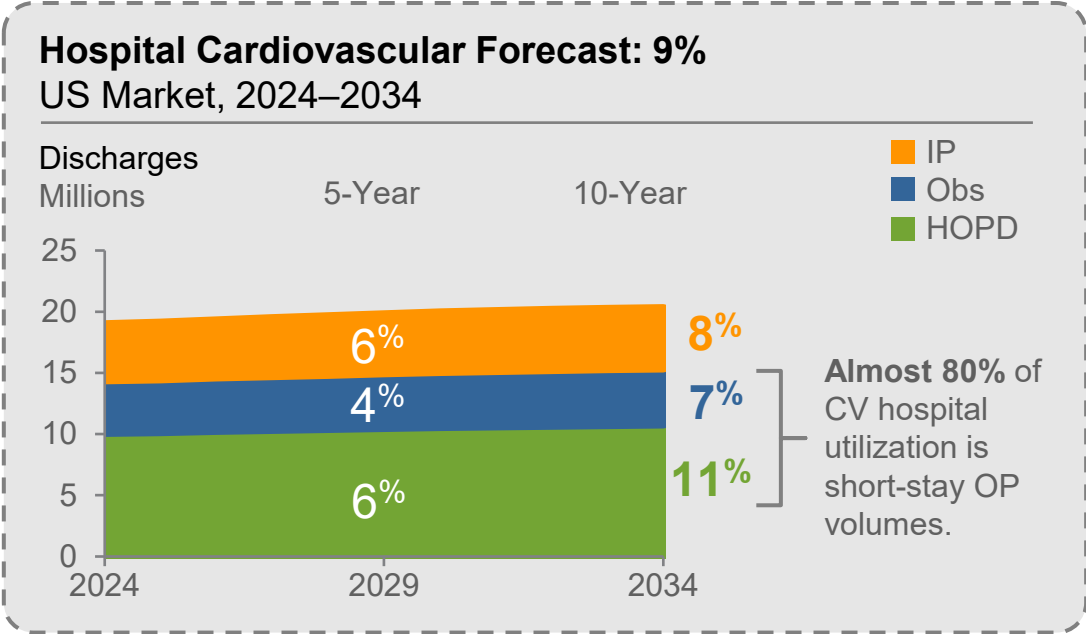
# Demand Is Increasing Across the CV System of CARE; How Will You Decide to Meet It?

## 2024 Cardiovascular Site of Care Volumes and 10-Year Forecast, US Market, 2024–2034



Note: ED forecast defined as urgent and emergent visits. E&M Visits defined as procedures visits—evaluation and management, established patient visits—in person, established patient visits—virtual, new patient visits—in person, new patient visits—virtual. Home Health defined as procedures home nurse visits and home visits other. Analysis excludes 0–17 age group. SNF = skilled nursing facility.  
Sources: Impact of Change®, 2024; HCUP National Inpatient Sample (NIS). Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) 2019. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD; Proprietary Sg2 All-Payer Claims Data Set, 2022; The following 2022 CMS Limited Data Sets (LDS): Carrier, Denominator, Home Health Agency, Hospice, Outpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility; Claritas Pop-Facts®, 2024; Sg2 Analysis, 2024.

# The Hospital Remains Central for the CV System of CARE—Capacity Is Constrained



**Note:** Analysis excludes 0–17 age group. Hospital forecast includes the following: IP discharges; visits—observation in HOPD; HOPD procedures—major/minor and select diagnostics in the HOPD including diagnostic catheterization, CV stress testing, EP studies and implantable loop recorders. MI = myocardial infarction; obs = observation; valve surgery = transcatheter valve procedure and surgical valve procedure; VTE = venous thromboembolism.

**Sources:** Impact of Change®, 2024; HCUP National Inpatient Sample (NIS). Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) 2019. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD; Proprietary Sg2 All-Payer Claims Data Set, 2022; The following 2022 CMS Limited Data Sets (LDS): Carrier, Denominator, Home Health Agency, Hospice, Outpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility; Claritas Pop-Facts®, 2024; Sg2 Analysis, 2024.



# Case Study | Distributed Care Can Leverage Centralized Programs



## MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM, BOSTON

**Time:** Oct 2021–June 2022 | **Study sites:** AMC and two community-based teaching hospitals

**GOAL:** Getting to GDMT for CHF patients yields better outcomes but can be difficult and resource-intensive.

**SOLUTION:** Assembled a **virtual care team** with a centralized **physician**, study staff and local **pharmacist** who placed **progress notes in the EHR (ie, asynchronous)**.



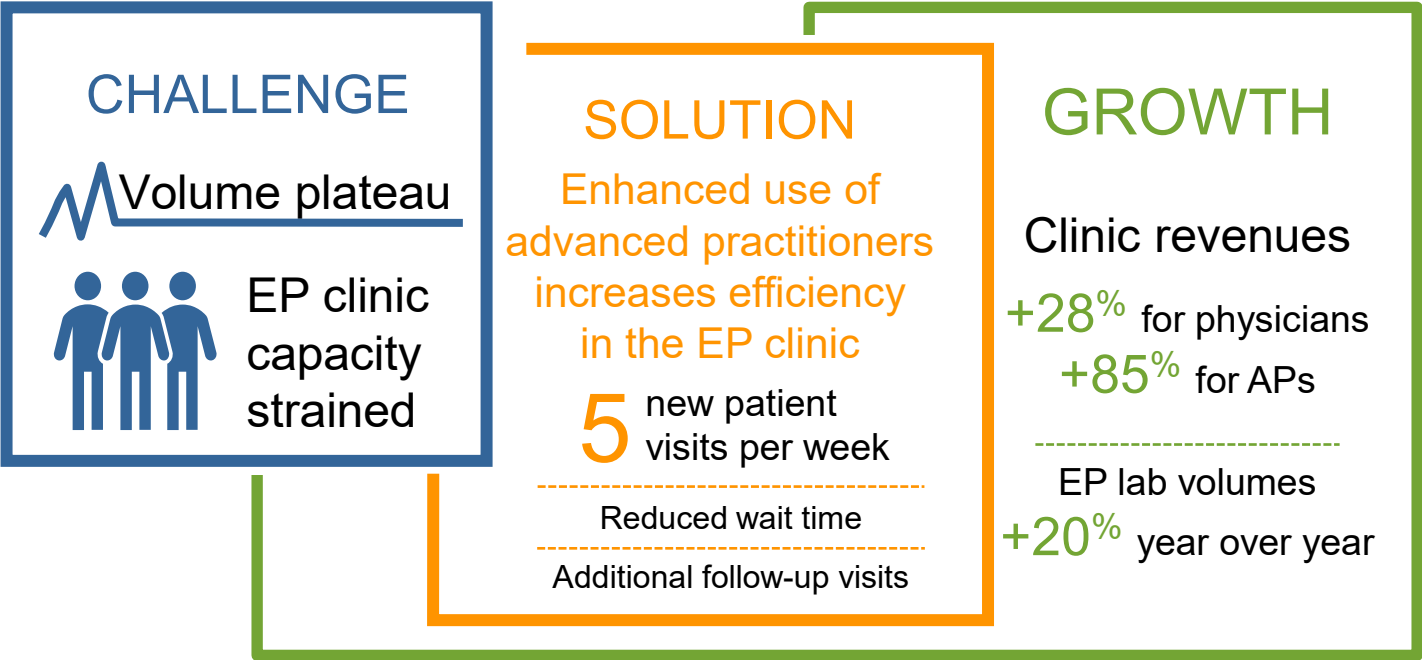
### RESULTS:

- **Nearly doubled  $\beta$ -blocker prescriptions** and **nearly tripled MRA prescriptions** in patients not previously on these treatments at hospital admission.
- **20%** absolute improvement in net in-hospital optimization (ie, new initiations/intensifications).

# Case Study | AFib Clinic Models Are Varied Yet Yield Results



## MCLEOD HEALTH, FLORENCE, SC



East Carolina University Brody SOM Greenville, NC and Cone Health, Greensboro, NC

A nurse practitioner–led AFib clinic helped reduce the number of patients with ≥1 hospitalization by 78% and the number of patients with ≥1 ER visit by 79%. ~23% of patients avoided at least one ER visit.

## OhioHealth, Columbus, OH

Dedicated AFib clinic reduced diagnosis-to-ablation time by almost 60% compared to an electrophysiology clinic—faster if they were referred to an AFib clinic first.



AP = advanced practitioner; SOM = school of medicine.  
Sources: Sg2 Interviews With McLeod Health, 2017 and 2018; Robinson A et al. Heart Rhythm O2. 2022;3(6Part A):639–646; Meyer DB et al. J Am Assoc Nurse Pract. 2022;34:1139–1148; Sg2 analysis 2024.

# Quality and Cost Data

## Inform Service Distribution

### Volume to Outcomes Comparison, National Benchmarks, DRG 219

Hospital Volume Category	Mortality Rate	ALOS	Related Readmits	Transfers In	ICU Usage
<10	8.0%	10.5	2.0%	6%	89%
10–24	6.2%	10.3	2.6%	10%	96%
25–49	6.6%	11.3	2.5%	13%	92%
50–74	4.2%	10.9	2.7%	12%	89%
75–124	4.7%	10.9	3.1%	21%	87%
125–174	3.6%	10.9	2.6%	22%	85%
175–249	3.5%	10.6	2.2%	18%	93%
250+	2.0%	10.5	3.0%	19%	95%

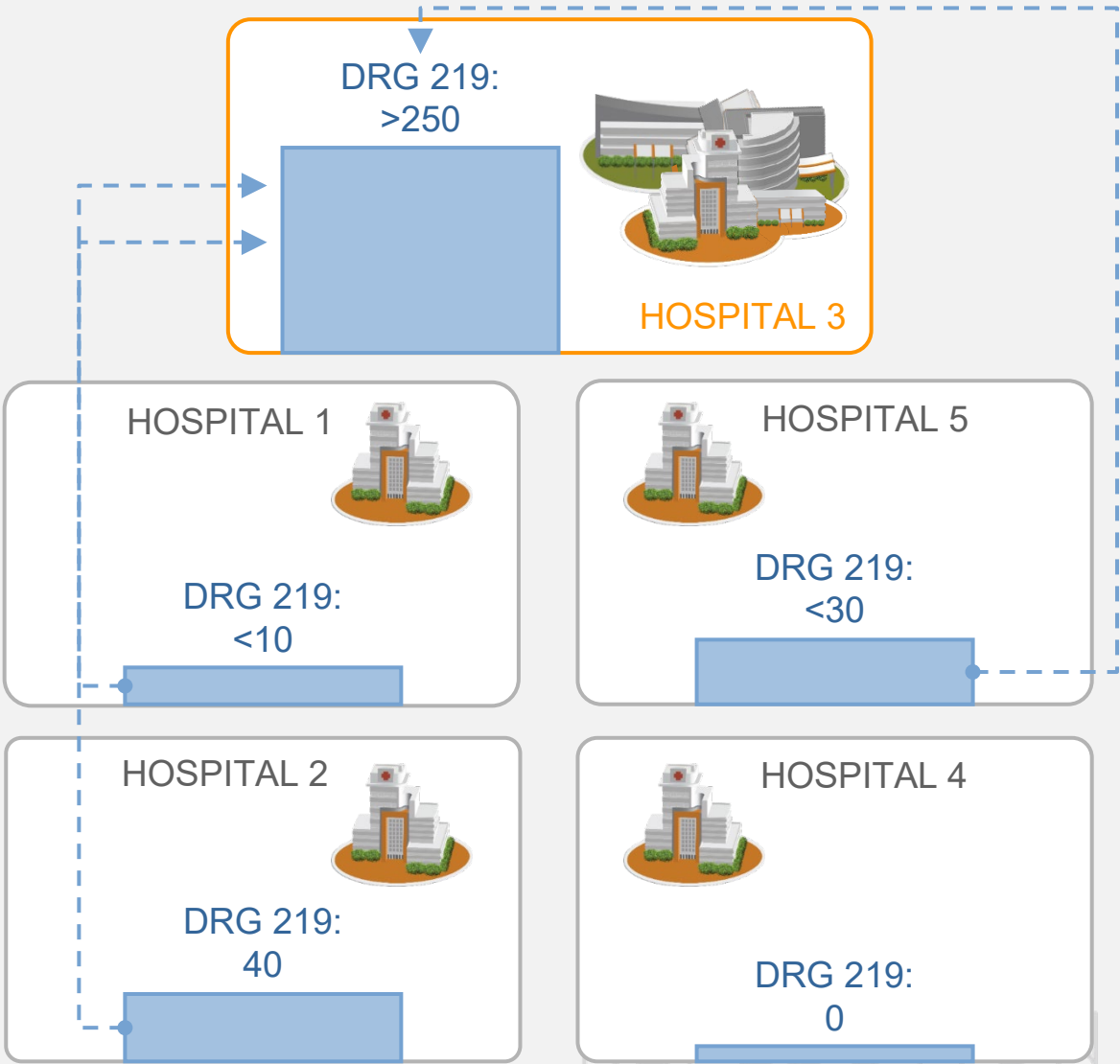
Change as volume decreases

**Note:** DRG 219 = cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures without cardiac catheterization with major complication or comorbidity. Analysis based on 2023 annual data.

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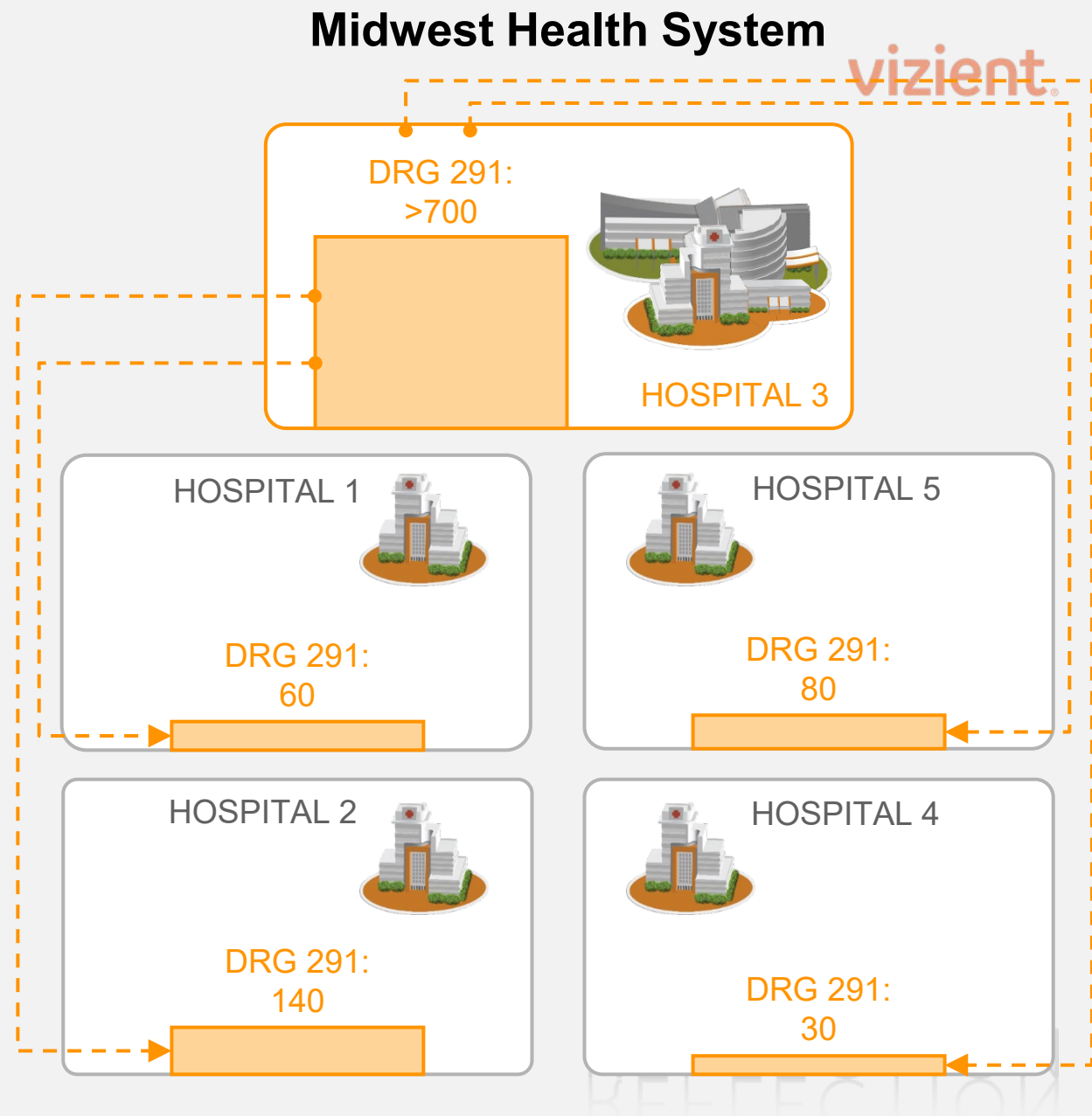
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### Volume to Outcomes Comparison, National Benchmarks, DRG 291

Hospital Volume Category	Mortality Rate	ALOS	Related Readmits
<10	N/A	N/A	N/A
10–24	2.1%	4.1	7.1%
25–49	1.9%	4.1	6.3%
50–74	2.0%	4.3	7.6%
75–124	2.1%	4.7	7.8%
125–174	2.1%	4.9	9.3%
175–249	2.3%	5.2	9.5%
250–499	2.3%	5.5	10.7%
500–749	2.1%	5.6	10.8%
750–999	2.2%	6.1	11.0%
1,000+	2.1%	4.1	7.1%

Change as volume decreases

**Note:** DRG 291 = Heart failure and shock with MCC with major complication or comorbidity. Analysis based on 2023 annual data.  
**Source:** Vizient® Clinical Data Base/Resource Manager™. Irving, TX: Vizient, Inc.; 2024. <https://www.vizientinc.com>



Cancer: Complex Surgical and Medical Admissions Contribute to IP Utilization; Volume/Quality Drives Care Delivery

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Inpatient Distribution and 10-Year Forecast by Subspecialty, US Market, Adults, 2024–2034

	% Medical vs Surgical		10-Year Forecast
Overall	52% SURGICAL	48% MEDICAL	−1%
Breast	75% SURGICAL	25% MEDICAL	−4%
Hematologic	16% SURGICAL	84% MEDICAL	0%
Lung	51% SURGICAL	49% MEDICAL	+4%

Volume to Outcomes Comparison, National Benchmarks, Lung Cancer IP Surgeries

Hospital Volume Category	Observed Mortality Rate	Mortality O/E Index	Total Cases
<15	1.20%	0.70	913
15-29	0.72%	0.57	1,397
30-59	0.82%	0.81	2,683
60-119	0.83%	0.85	6,268
120+	0.44%	0.46	5,224

**Note:** Analysis excludes 0–17 age group. 0% indicates the forecast is flat (less than ±1%). National benchmarks based on 2022 annual data.  
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# Key Takeaways:

## Growing Demand Requires Decisions

Growing population, epidemiological forecasts and increasing acuity will require thoughtful decision-making from leaders.

Data-driven decisions help guide planning, alleviate capacity and open access. Scalable partnerships will be critical for expanding access and services.

Think broadly about your decisions—innovation, research, multidisciplinary care and care redesign will be critical in designing your future strategies.



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# Creating Integrated Service Lines: Aligning Teams for Success

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# Journey to Creating Heart and Vascular Center (“HVC”)



## Prove value of creating an HVC with early actions

- Map patient care continuum with points of leakage + friction
- Define what departments and teams are “in” or “out” of scope
- Review of volumes + identify high \$ opportunities / gaps

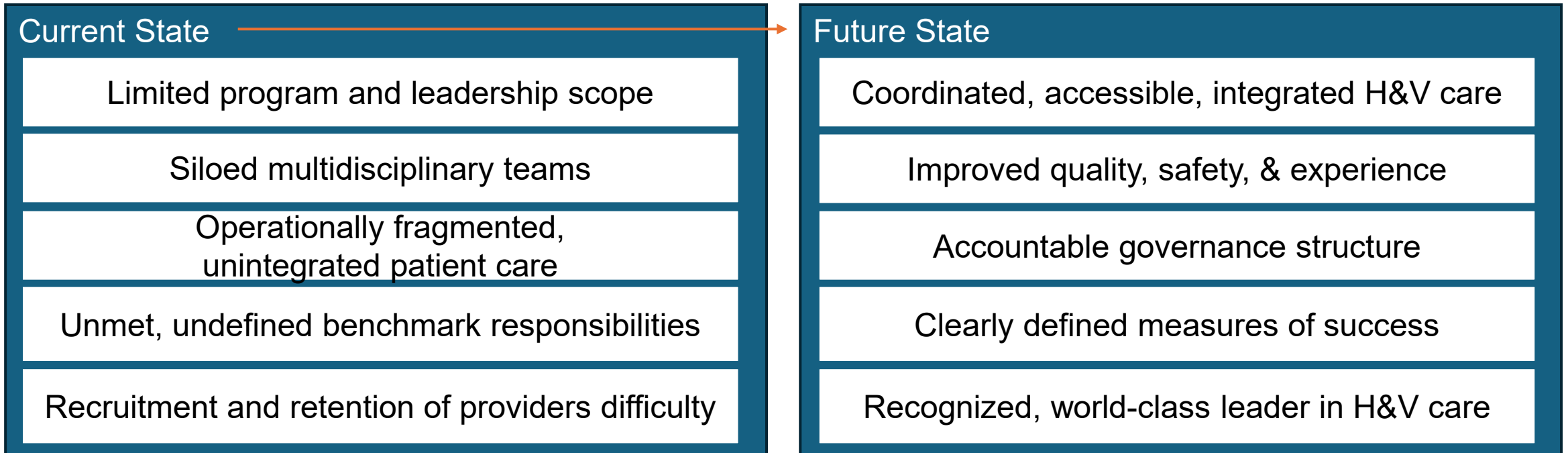
## Demonstrate ability to evolve within existing structure

- Focus tactics and strategies with clear data outcomes
- Define KPIs (Utilization, Turnaround Time, Volume, Access)
- Celebrate recognitions + achievements + awards

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# Identifying the Need

- UC Davis C-Suite Leadership recognized the need to create an integrated Heart and Vascular Center structure.



# What is an Integrated Service Line?

- An Integrated Service Line (“ISL”) is the organization of **multidisciplinary clinical programs into an integrated care continuum around a population or disease state.**
- Service lines reach beyond the transitional departmental structure in that the **accountability and responsibility** for optimizing clinical services, non-clinical operations, and capital and operational budgets reside with service line leadership (may be matrixed with clinical departments and operations).



# Why build an Integrated Service Line?



- A service line structure is intended to provide a more **integrated and focused patient experience** while contributing to clinical efficiencies, clinical research, performance improvement, and expansion and integration of clinical areas with high market demand.

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# Moving from Current to Future State - Partnership



- Integrated Service Lines (“ISL”) team partnered with clinical and administrative heart and vascular leaders to outline their mission and vision for the Heart and Vascular Center (“HVC”) at UC Davis Health.

*Align and cohesively focus on patient needs (experience, quality & safety outcomes, access, care transitions), create timely and appropriate care along the continuum, minimize system outflow, foster operational efficiencies, and advance and promote research and education.*

- To achieve these outcomes, the ISL & HVC leadership team designed a committee governance structure to achieve vision.

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# Committee Governance Structure



## Executive Committee

Chair: Chief Clinical Officer

Executives & C-Suite Level Leadership from Following Areas: Medical Group, Ambulatory Care, Strategy, Hospital Administration, Medicine, Finance, Integrated Service Lines, School of Medicine Divisions, Heart and Vascular Leadership

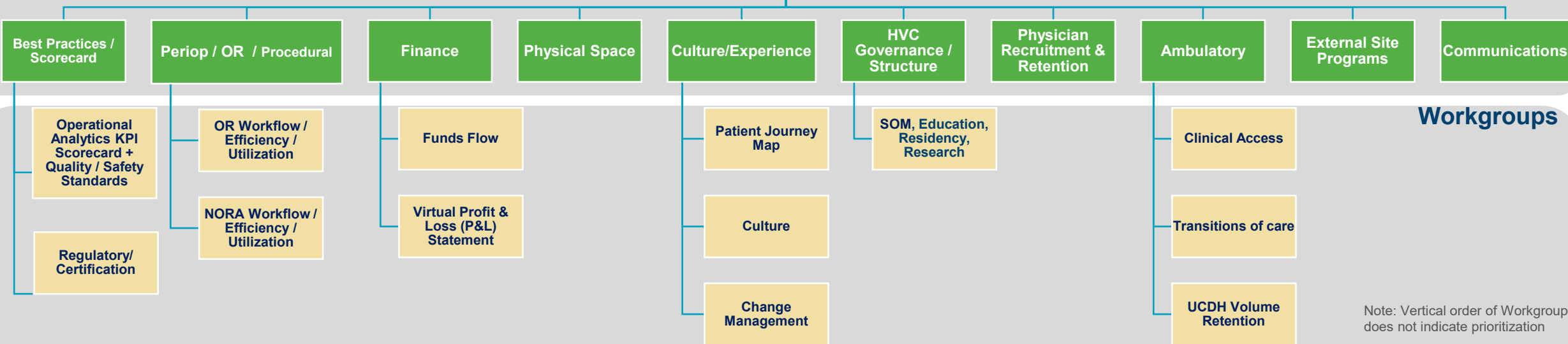
## Activation Oversight Committee

Leadership: HVC Executive Director, Medical Director, Surgical Director

Facilitation: Integrated Service Lines

Partners: Patient Experience, Change Management, Finance, Strategy

### Activation Priority Areas



### Workgroups

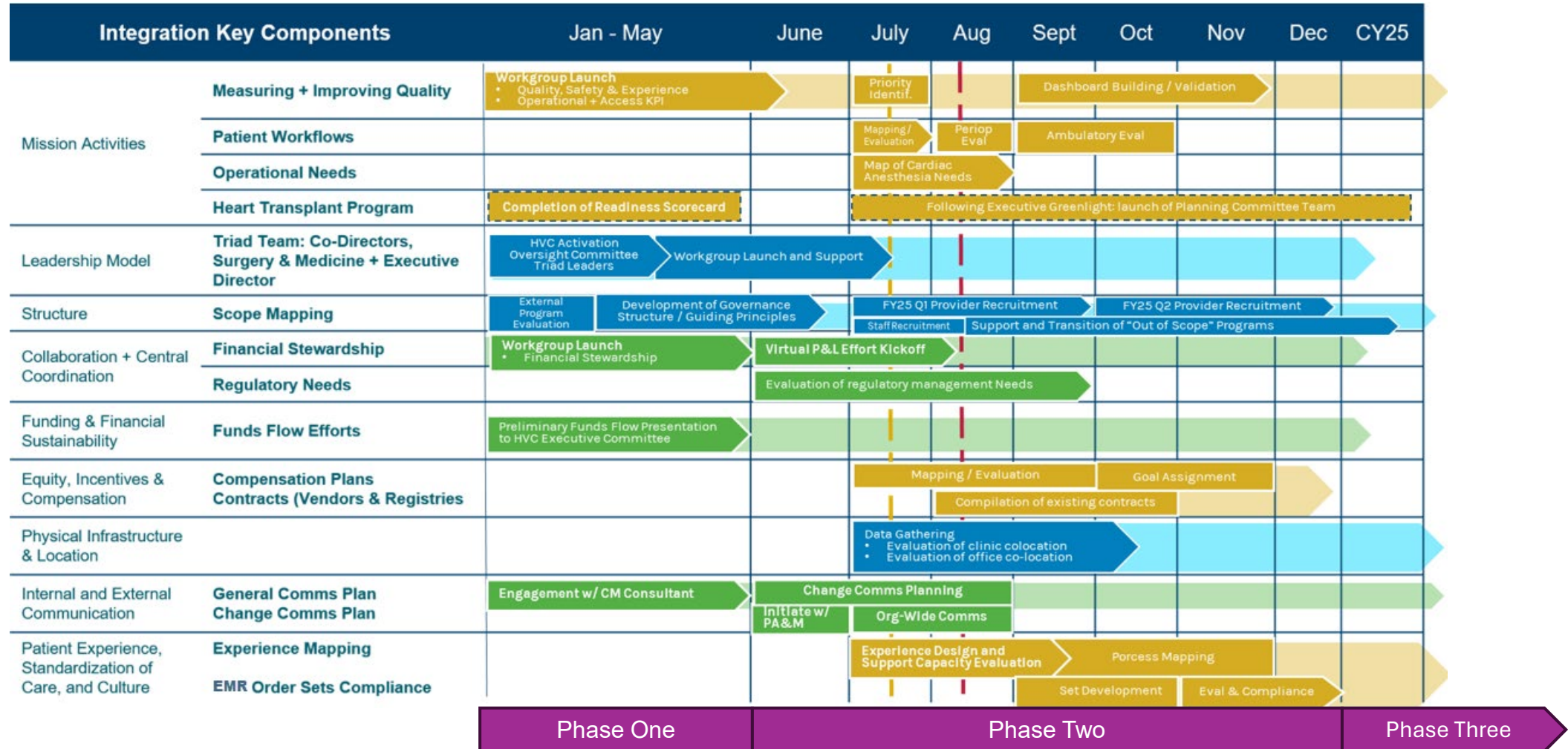
Note: Vertical order of Workgroups does not indicate prioritization

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# A Phased Approach

- Phase One (3 - 6 months)
  - Define Leadership + Scope of the Heart and Vascular Center
  - Identify Areas of Focus, Measures for Improvement, Launch of Workgroups
  - Map Timeline and Short-, Mid-, and Long-Term Priority Action Items
- Phase Two (6 - 12 months)
  - Execute Short- and Mid- Term Priority Action Items
  - Stabilize opportunity areas along care continuum and measure improvement
- Phase Three (1 – 3 years)
  - Establish a fully integrated, independent, autonomous Heart and Vascular governance structure to encompass operational, research, and teaching responsibilities.

# A Phased Approach – Project Timeline



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# Interventions

## Early, High Level Impact Actions

Identify leaders to define scope + drive initiative

Define “in” & “out” areas + functions\*

Interview external program leaders

Identify demonstrated results of achieved vision

Set short-, mid-, and long-term goals

## Early Focused Actions

Engage with Change Management,  
evaluate readiness

High-Priority Workgroup Launches

Metric and benchmark identification

Focused Strategy Sessions with  
discipline-specific teams

Virtual Profit and Loss statement creation

**\*Governance and Structure:** Defining what is “out” of scope is equally as important as defining what is “in”. Buy-in is necessary.

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# Learning from Fellow Vizient Institutions



Key Component	Component Attributes	UCDH Current Integration Level	UCDH 18mo. Integration Level	Prog A	Prog B	Prog C	Prog D	Prog E
<b>Integrated Services</b>	Example: Heart and Vascular = CV Med, Cardiac Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Nursing, CV Anesthesia, CV Imaging	Limited	Majority	✓	✓	×	×	✓
<b>Mission Activities</b>	Clinical: Quality	Limited focus / ad hoc	Full alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Clinical: Cost	Limited focus / ad hoc	Full alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Clinical: Patient Satisfaction	Limited focus / ad hoc	Full alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Clinical: Access	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Clinical: Volume	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Education: Teaching	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Education: CME	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Research: Sponsored Research	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Research: Clinical Trails	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Research: Publications	Limited focus / ad hoc	Majority alignment with institutional goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Leadership Model</b>	1. Single Leader 2. Dyad Model (Co-Leaders) 3. Triad Model or Multi-Leader	Unaligned Model	Aligned Model	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Structure</b>	1. An overlay of services 2. Parts of the existing silo structure 3. Independent governing body	Partial Overlay	Matrixed and aligned structure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Collaboration and Central Coordination</b>	Clinical: Care teams	Limited admin support and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Clinical: Quality Review	Limited admin support and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Clinical: Service portfolio decisions	Limited admin support and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Marketing	Limited admin support and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Development	Lacking admin structure and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Access Center	Lacking admin structure and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Networking	Lacking admin structure and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Finance	Limited admin support and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Management of external influences (Regulation / Policy / etc.)	Lacking admin structure and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Administration: Information Technology	Limited admin support and resources	Empowered Admin support and control over resource base	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Funding &amp; Financial Sustainability</b>	1. No backstop 2. Institutional backstop 3. Institutional + departmental backstop 4. Self-Sustaining Model	Reliance on backstop / partial visibility into funding	Independent / defined financial sustainability model / visible financial health	×	✓	✓	×	✓
<b>Equity, Incentives, and Compensation</b>	1. Department based compensation 2. Salary + Department incentives 3. Salary + Center incentives	Variable department-based compensation	Aligned and Center determined salary and incentives	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Physical Infrastructure &amp; Location</b>	1. Virtual 2. Co-located 3. Standalone building	Virtual / Limited	Co-located	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Internal and External Communication</b>	1. Ad hoc basis 2. Frequent communication 3. Defined bi-directional communication	Ad hoc	Defined bi-directional communication	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Patient Experience and Standardization of Care</b>	Standardized patient pathways Centralized protocol development Integrated reporting / dashboards Patient Communication / Education Consistent metric tracking	One-off efforts	Cultural adoption of vision and practices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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		One-off efforts	Centrally coordinated efforts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Integrated Multidisciplinary Scorecard Provided by Jim Andrews, MHL – Senior Vice President, Heart & Vascular and Neurosciences | RWJBarnabas

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"The Pursuit of the Integrated Multidisciplinary Service Line"

Leading Strategic Change in an Era of Healthcare Transformation. edited by Austin, Bentkover, and Chait, Springer Publishing, 2016 pg. 93-106

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Abbreviations: CME = Continuing medical education; CV = Cardiovascular

# Phase One Outcomes



- HVC Executive Leadership Team Defined: HVC Executive Director, Medical Director, Surgical Director – Triad Team
- Governance Structure “in” and “out” approved by Executive Committee
- Development of Profit and Loss Statements + Funds Flow Model
- Development of Key Performance Indicator Reports for: Operational and Access Metrics; Financial Stewardship; Quality, Safety, and Experience
- Analysis of revenue charge capture and billing cycle
- Optimization and stabilization of surgical teams
- Provider recruitment

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- Establish ongoing touchpoints and processes to evaluate progress against project timeline and adjust as needed
  - Be prepared for other organizational priorities to overlap with or delay progress
  - Routinely evaluate progress
- Define pillars of success and repeat often
  - Frequently share what success looks and how teams fit into that vision
  - Celebrate widely when progress is made
- Change is often challenging – be prepared to guide stakeholders through programmatic adjustments

# Key Takeaways

- Define the “why” – why the change and why now
- Obtain leadership and key stakeholder buy in
- Identify Heart and Vascular Center leaders to oversee and shepherd efforts towards future state
- Measure current state integration levels and performance and be realistic with teams with what it will take to achieve vision

Questions?



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# Optimize Length of Stay: Create Inpatient Capacity and Enable Growth

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# The Ask



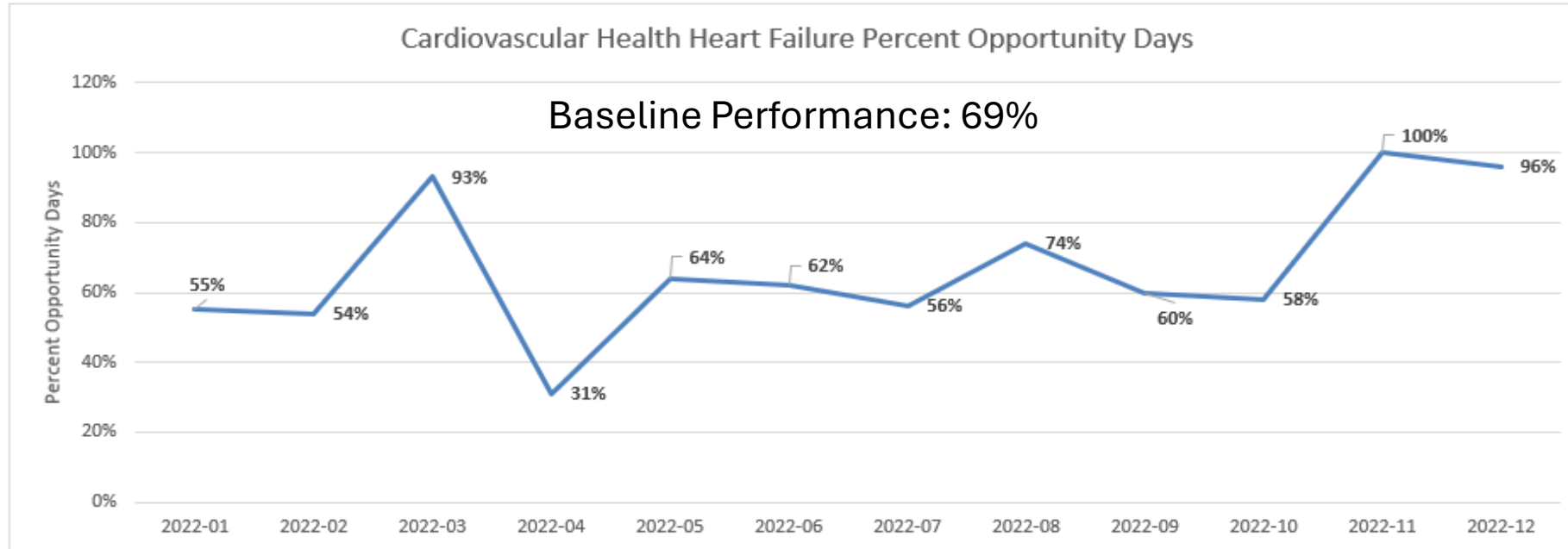
**In early 2023, CHW had been asked to reduce LOS by 150 opportunity days per week, including 50 days for CHF reduction split evenly between the Hospitalist and Cardiovascular teams.**



**This translated to a CV goal of improving CV Attending CHF YTD LOS opportunity days from a rolling 12- month average of 69% to 35% by December 31, 2023.**

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# Cardiovascular Health Heart Failure Opportunity Days



## Geometric Length of Stay (GMLOS):

Average length of time a patient should stay in the hospital for a specific diagnosis or procedure, determined by CMS.

## Opportunity Days:

Time the patient spends hospitalized over their GMLOS. GMLOS is 1 day, LOS is 2 days = 100% opportunity days.

$(\text{LOS} - \text{GMLOS}) / \text{GMLOS}$

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“Every system is perfectly designed to get the results it gets”

Susan Carr

“INSANITY: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Albert Einstein

# Rapid Improvement Event



All day, multi-disciplinary team approach



New process defined

Multidisciplinary team

Continuous rounding

Documentation

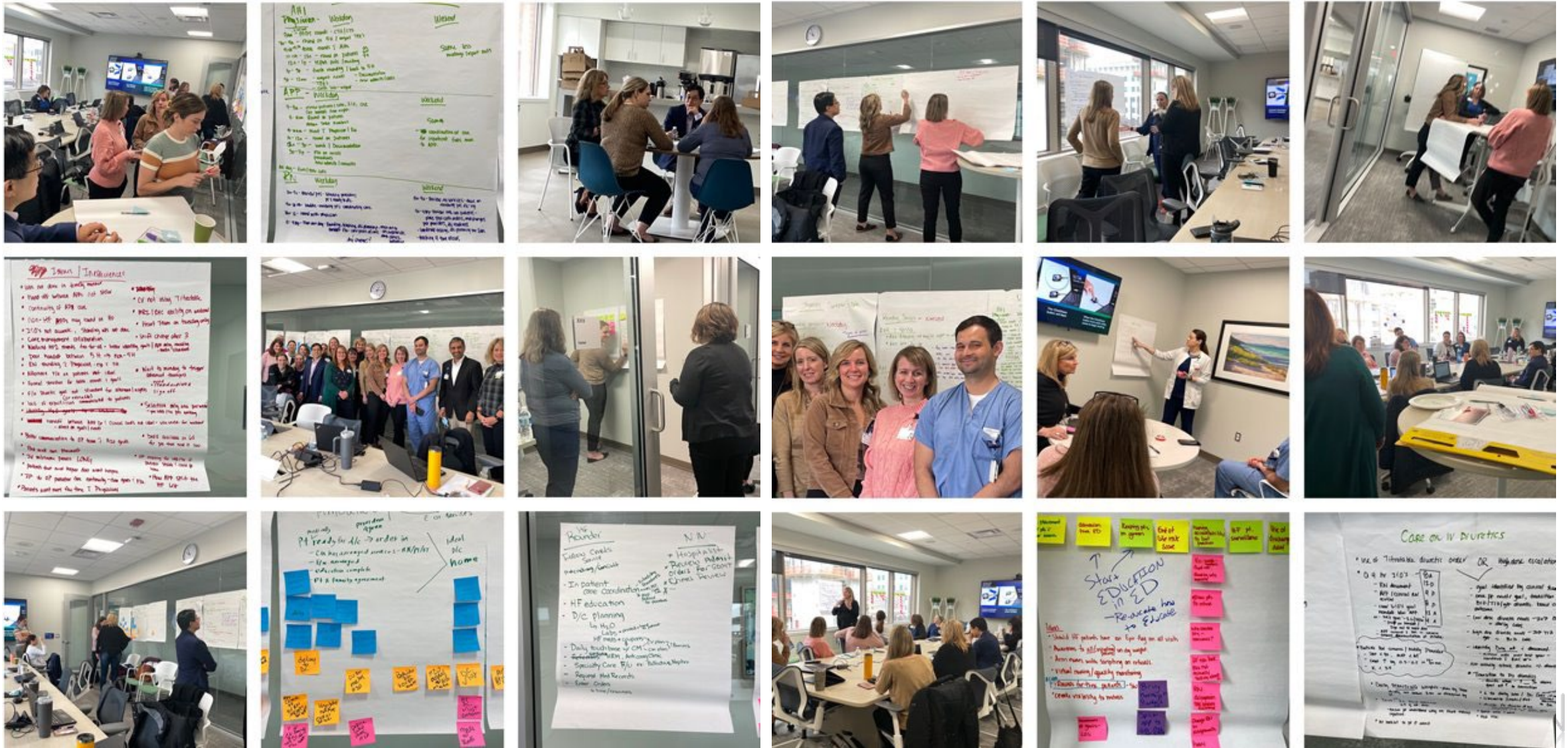
H2O appointments

APP process

Physician process

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# High-Reliability Framework – RDT / i-Rounds MDT Team



## Pre-Occupation with Failure:

Review patient list and care provided daily for inclusion criteria, adherence to applicable orders, protocols etc.

Monitor and track LOS, readmissions, missed opportunities



## Reluctance to Simplify:

Recognize the care of these patients is complex and thus the solutions will also likely be complex.

Actively challenging long-held beliefs and structures.

Continuously monitoring data, benchmarks and performance metrics.



## Sensitivity to Operations:

Working with both frontline leaders and staff; those closest to the work.

Weekly huddles to hear concerns and share information.



## Commitment to Resilience:

Continuously working to anticipate trouble / opportunities and quickly improvising when something unexpected occurs.

Working as a multi-disciplinary and inter-professional team.

Leadership actively involved to remove barriers quickly.



## Deference to Expertise:

All areas of expertise engaged (nursing, care management, palliative care, physician and APP, pharmacy etc.)

Value expertise over authority.

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# Change Through Process

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From problem list focused  
rounding to discharge  
barrier focused rounding

02

From q24h rounds to  
continuous rounds

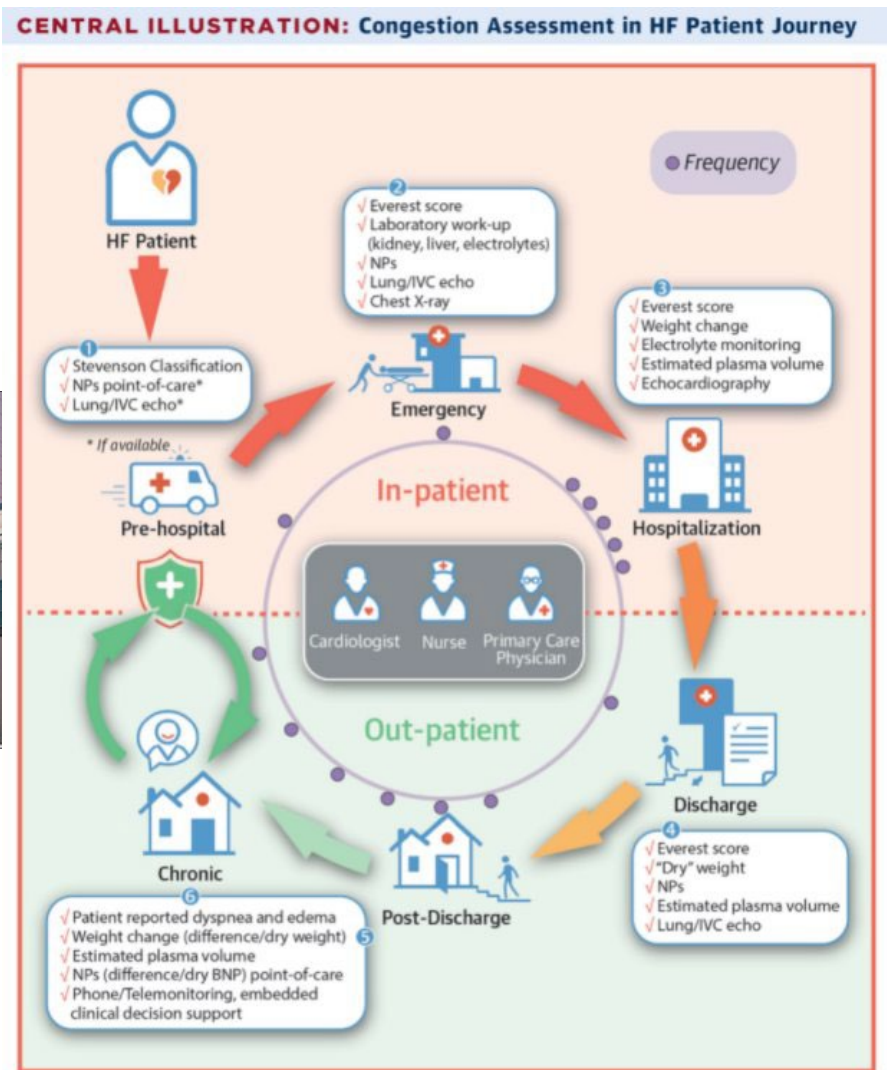
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From segmented  
inpatient/outpatient  
discharges  
to one inpatient/outpatient  
team.

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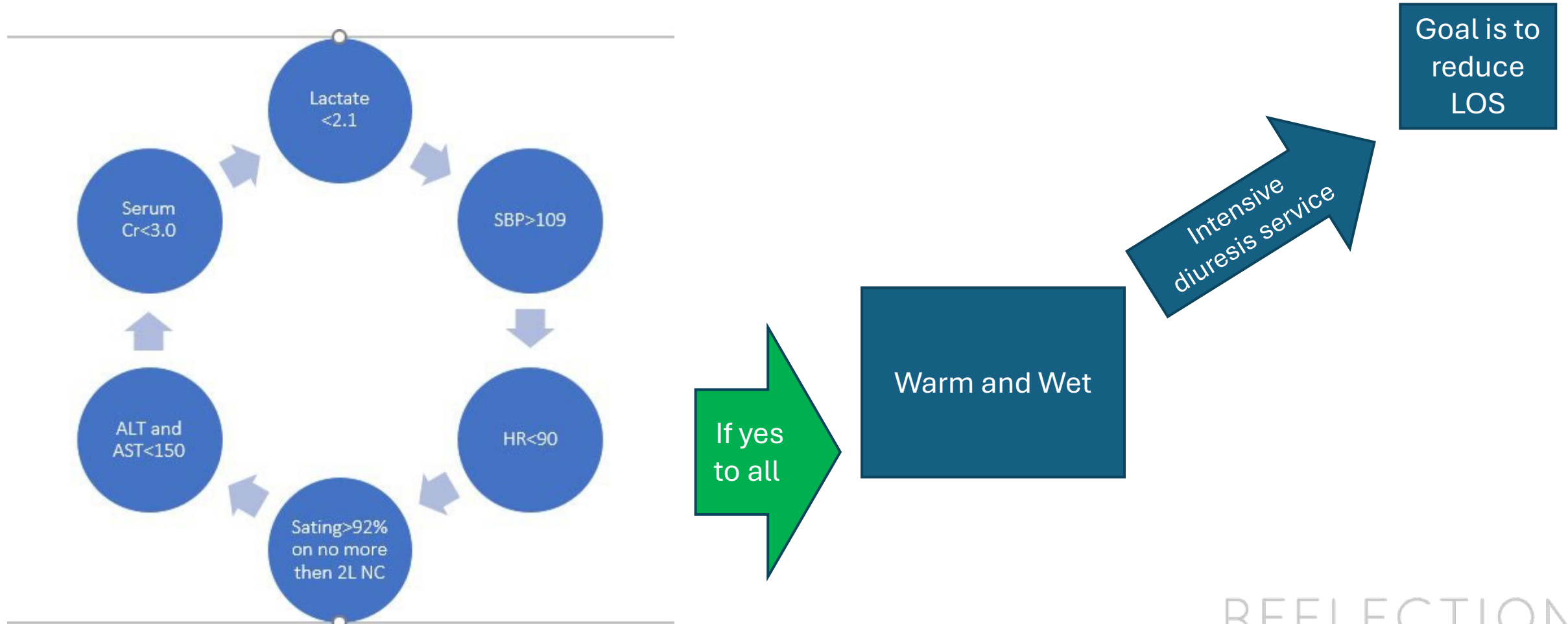
# Collaboration: Inpatient and Outpatient AHF Care



Girerd, N. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol HF. 2018;6(4):273-85.

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# Patient Selection Criteria



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# Process and Structure

AHF Physician  
AHF APP  
AHF RN navigator  
Bedside RN  
Care Manager  
Pharmacist  
Palliative Care

## IRounds

- Daily am huddles
  - Structured and quick
  - Focus on medical and non-medical barriers for discharge
  - Goal for the day, goal for the stay
- Structured documentation and follow up plan

APP follow up on plan/UOP goals

Continuous rapid diuresis rounds

Escalate barriers for discharge

Culture shift - "does this need to be done inpatient?"

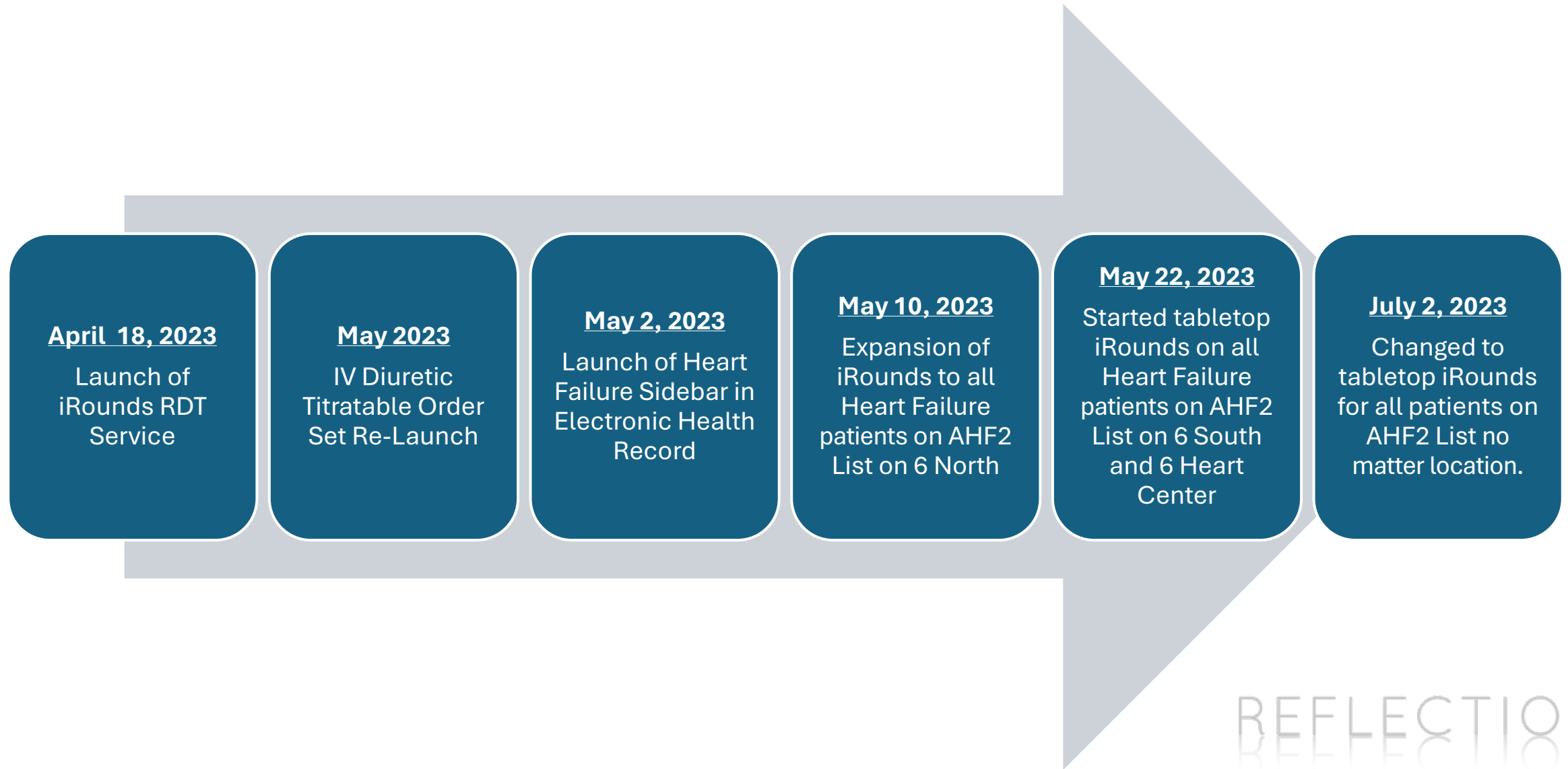
Ok to discharge wet if clinically stable / H2O appt



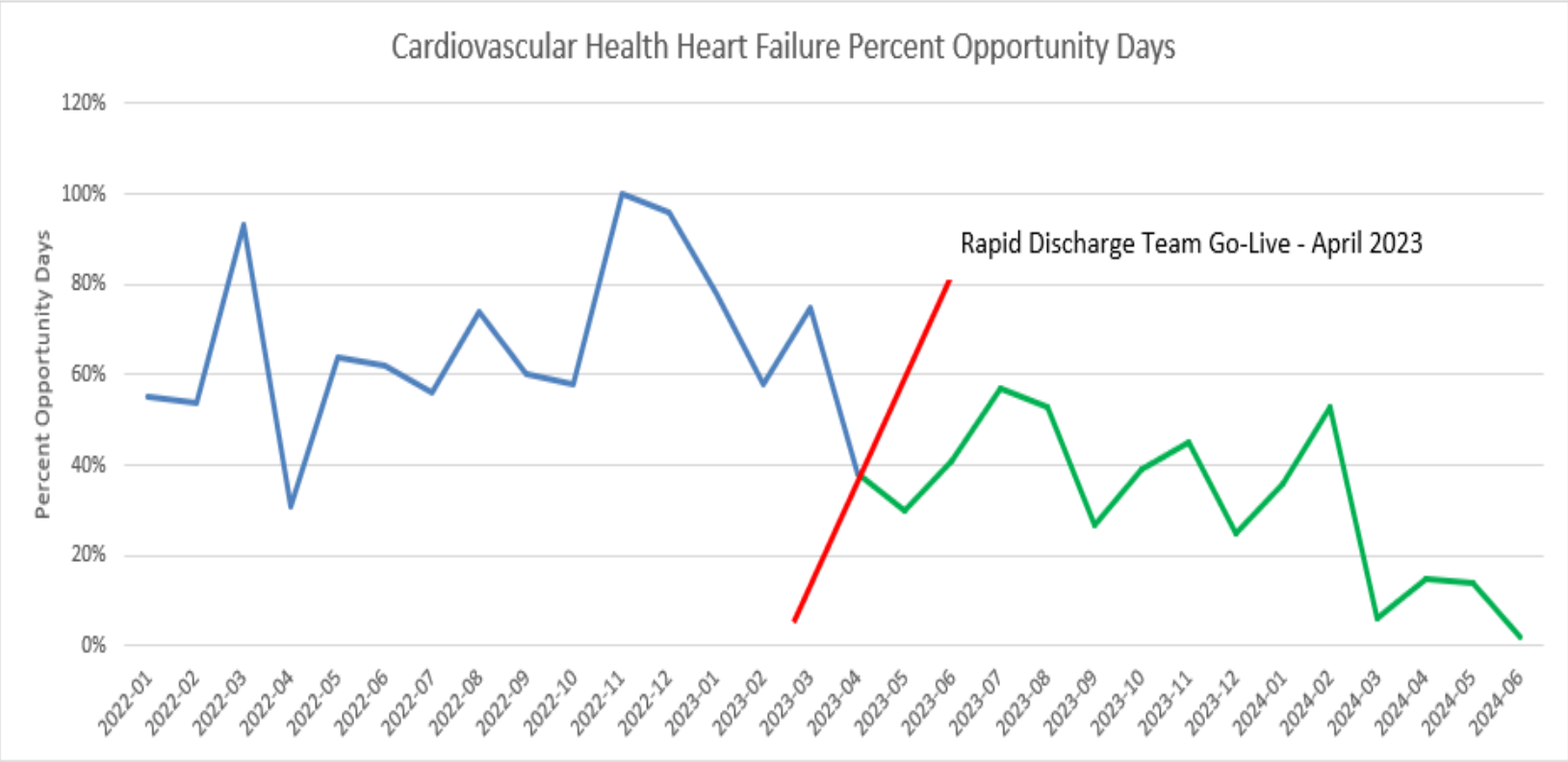
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# Timeline of Heart Failure LOS Reduction Initiatives



# Cardiovascular Health Heart Failure Opportunity Days

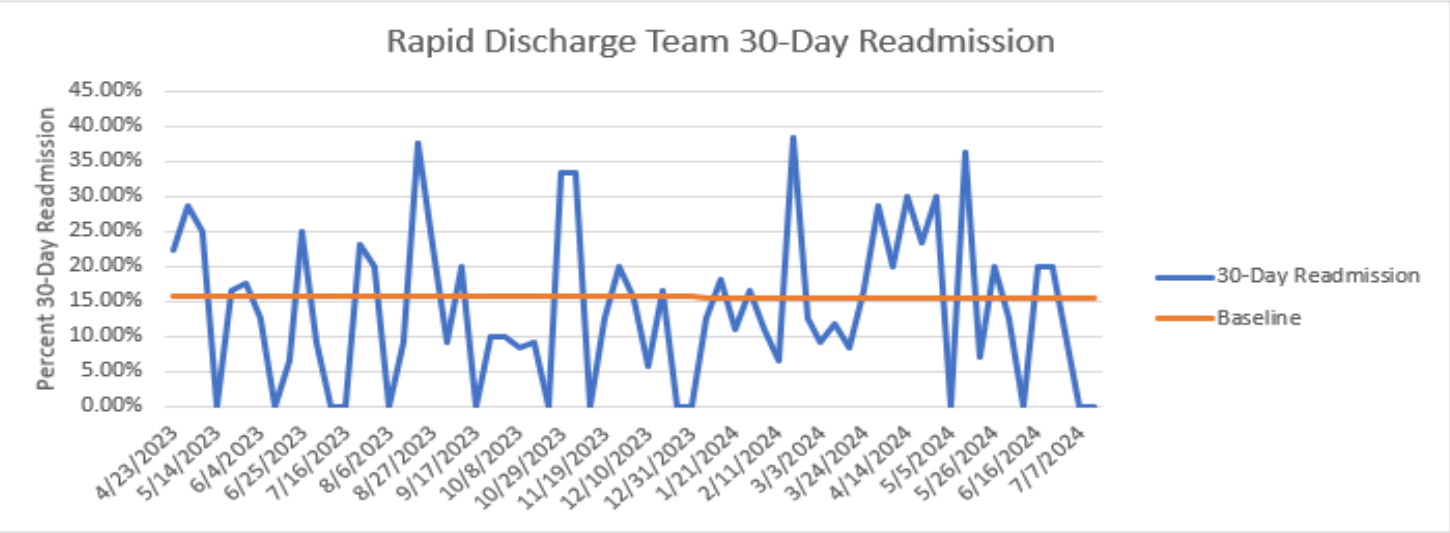
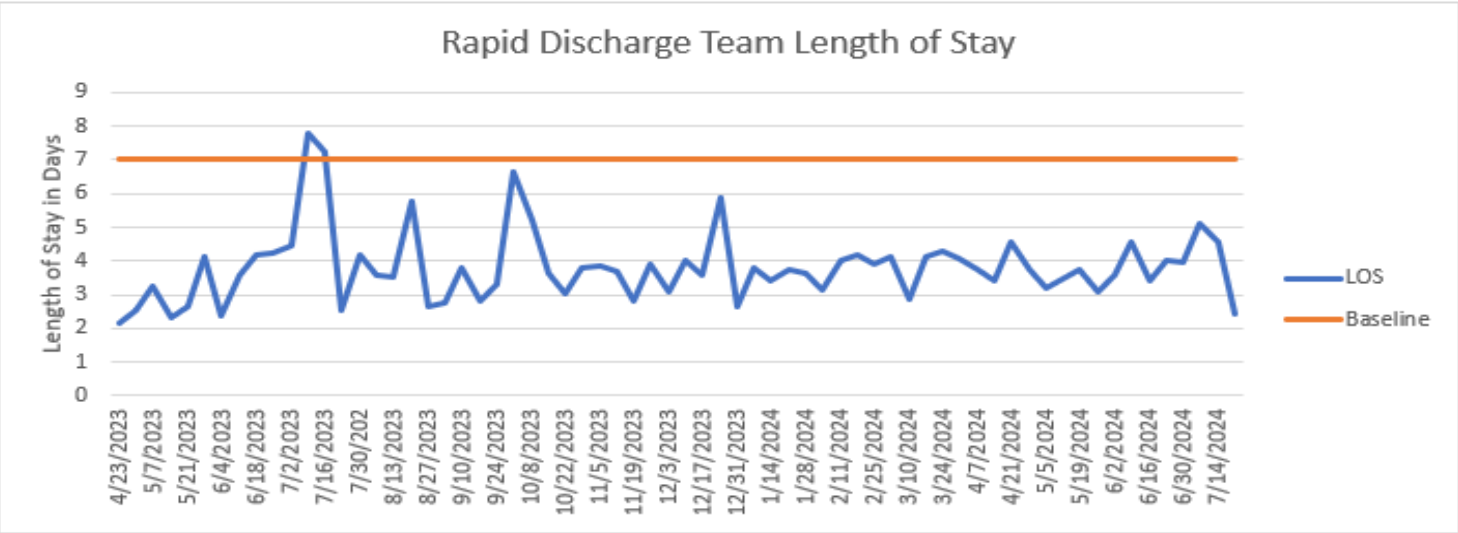


Average % Opportunity Days	
2022 (Baseline)	69%
2023	45%
2024 (YTD)	22%

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Abbreviations: YTD = Year-to-date. Data source: Corewell Health internal planning and analysis database

# Rapid Discharge Team Outcomes



Metric	Performance
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Average LOS	3.82 Days
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Baseline LOS (CY 2022)	7 Days
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Hospital Days Saved	2156
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Estimated Cost Prevention	\$1,841,000
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Percent 30-Day Readmission	14.3%
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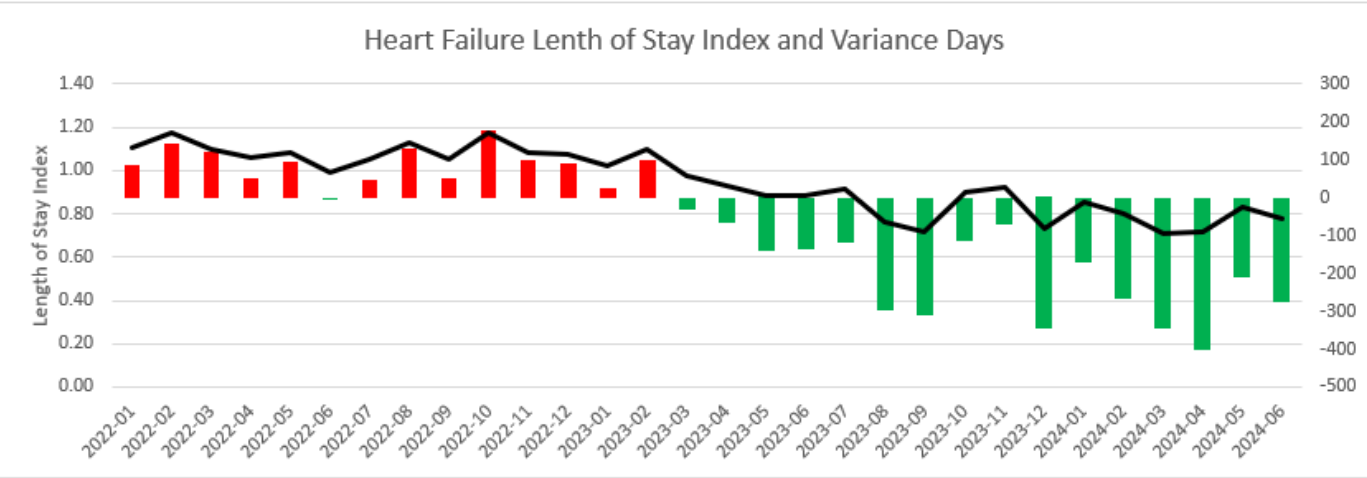
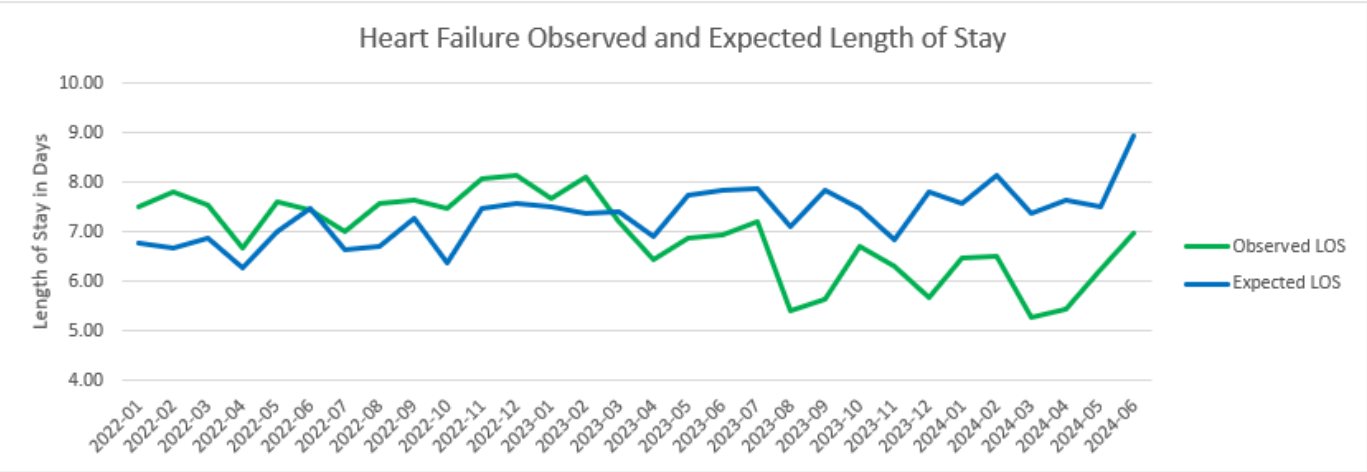
Baseline 30-Day Readmission	15.7%
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Abbreviations: CY = Calendar year

Data sources: Corewell Health electronic health record, manual chart abstraction

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# Heart Failure Length of Stay Outcomes



	CY 2022	CY 2023	2024 YTD
Volume	1716	1857	999
Expected LOS	6.94	7.49	8.35
Observed LOS	7.57	6.69	6.59
Difference Between O & E	0.63	-0.8	-1.76
LOS Index	1.09	0.89	0.79
Variance Days	1082	-1499	-1762



# Lessons Learned

Hospitals are built to keep patients in

Roll with the unexpected

Multi-disciplinary but also continuous rounding

Proper use of electronic medical record

Morale on the front lines matters

Not all labeled HF is really HF

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# Key Takeaways

Think differently

Consider what testing/procedures could be done in the ambulatory space

Change rounding model from daily to multiple times a day and night

Define process to escalate barriers, especially on weekends

Let the urine flow

Not all ADHF is the same and should not be treated the same

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# Rapid Access Clinics: Reduce ED Patient Returns and Improve Efficiency

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PATIENT CARE

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patients

1.6M

outpatient visits

760

inpatient beds

20,986

surgeries

14M

pathology/laboratory  
medicine procedures

637,857

diagnostic imaging  
procedures

\$319M

in uncompensated  
care provided to  
cancer patients

RESEARCH

More NCI-funded projects

than any other U.S. institution in FY23

1,568

clinical trials

9,606

patients in clinical  
trials

90

patents awarded to  
MD Anderson

OUR PEOPLE

24,498

employees, including  
1,953 faculty

277

on-site volunteers

\$1.2B

spent on research

25

drugs tested  
here received  
FDA approval\*

1,212

myCancerConnection  
virtual, one-on-one  
support survivor  
volunteers

FACILITIES

16.5M

square feet  
(about the size of  
286 football fields)

PHILANTHROPY

\$324M

donated to support  
our mission to end  
cancer

PREVENTION

40,586

patient visits to the  
Lyda Hill Cancer  
Prevention Center

5,502

people received  
tobacco cessation  
support through the  
Tobacco Research and  
Treatment Program

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cancer prevention  
education programs  
held in the community

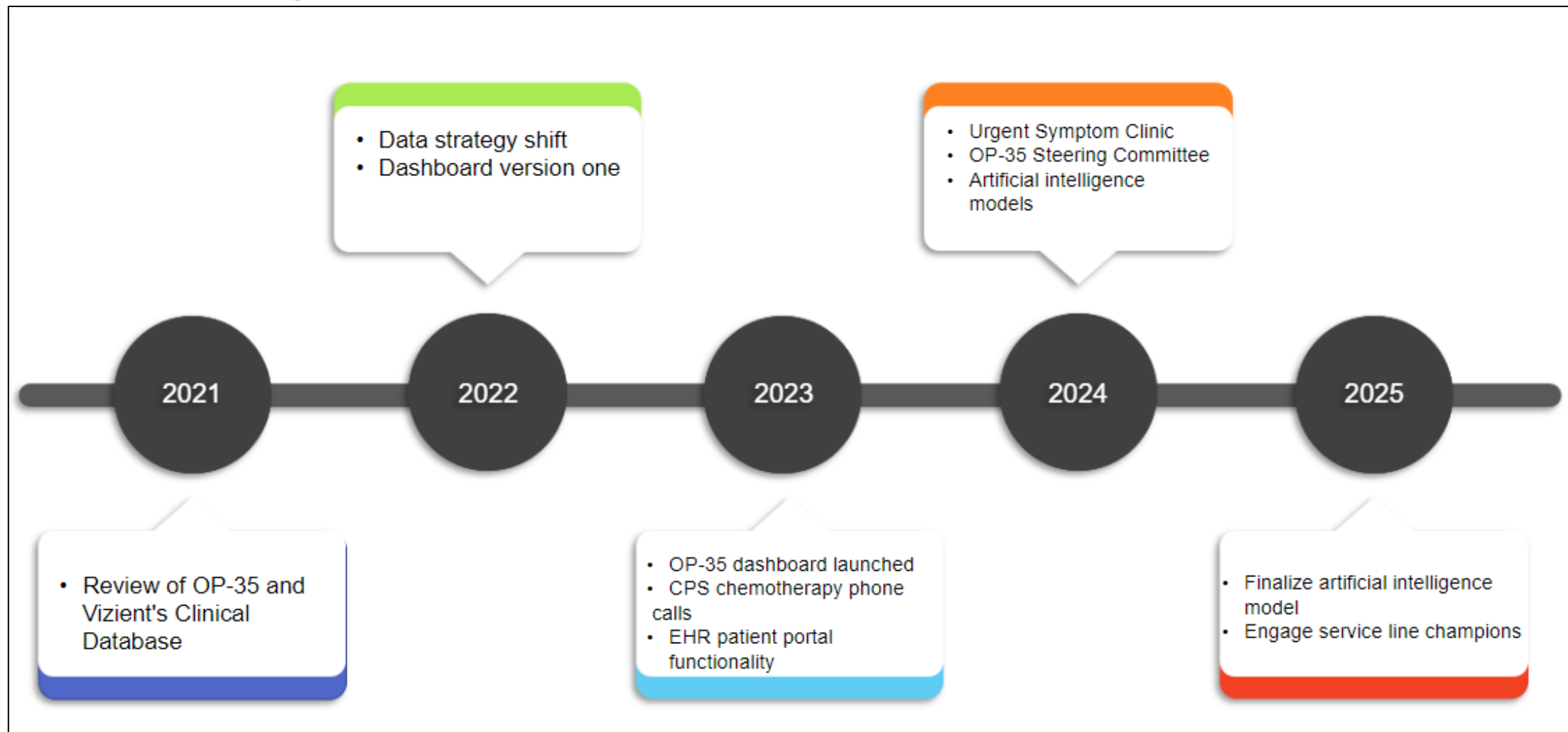
# Presentation aims

- List the strategies that can be employed to improve hospital capacity and throughput
- List examples of virtual tools that can be employed to communicate with patients after they are discharged from the hospital

# Background

- OP-35 is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) defined metric that measures patient returns to the emergency center or inpatient admissions within 30 days of receiving outpatient chemotherapy. OP-35, along with other metrics, is part of the Vizient domain of Effectiveness.
- In July 2021, MD Anderson prioritized OP-35 with the goal of better understanding chemotherapy/immunotherapy-related outcomes and develop interventions to reduce Emergency Center use and hospital admissions.
- Furthermore, research on patient-specific events (e.g., febrile neutropenia, sepsis risk factors, admission for severe toxicities, etc.) should be conducted to identify improvement opportunities.

# Our Journey





# Data Tools: OP-35 Dashboard: You Can't Improve What You Don't Measure

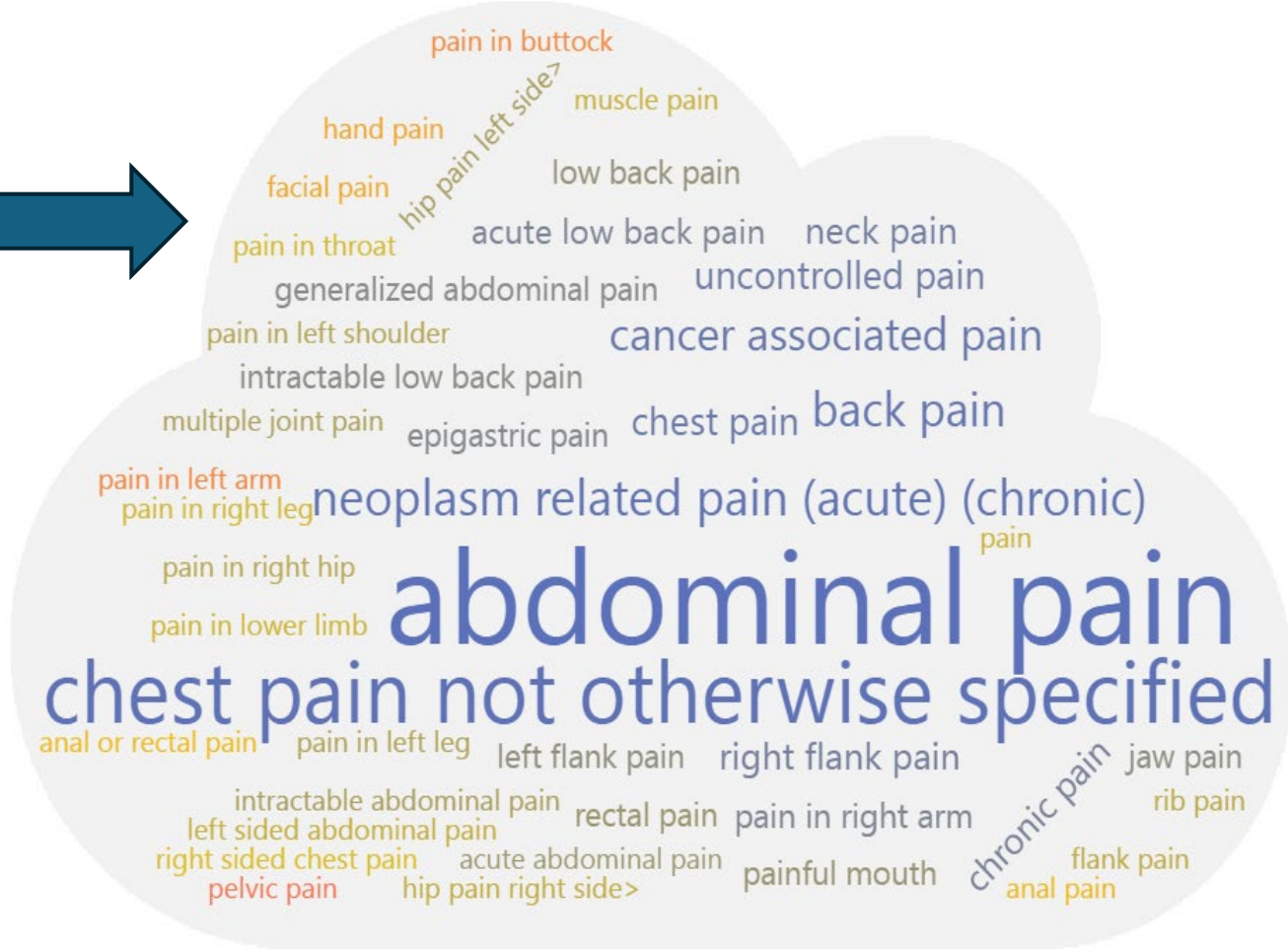
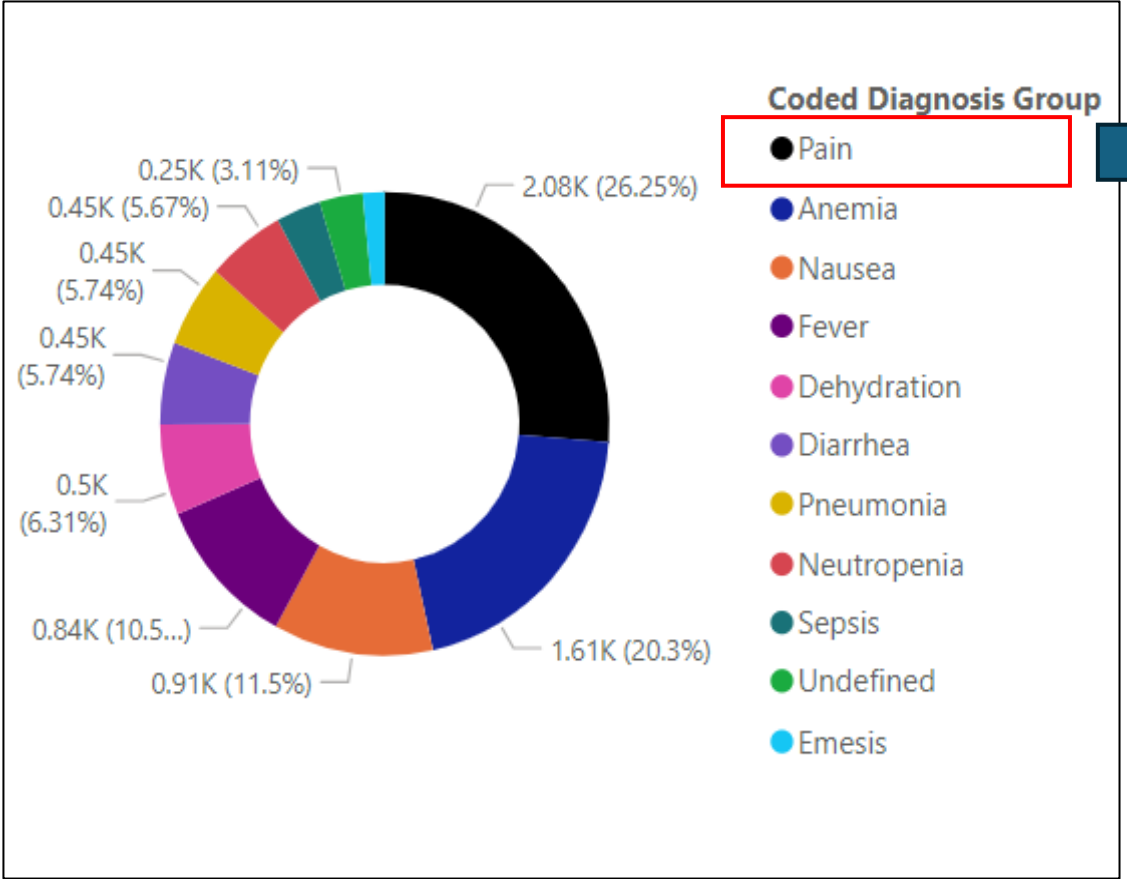


- Elements
  - Treatment plans
  - Cycles of chemotherapy
  - Demographics
  - Diagnosis
  - Disposition status
- Goals: identify patient populations that may benefit from targeted interventions in an outpatient setting.



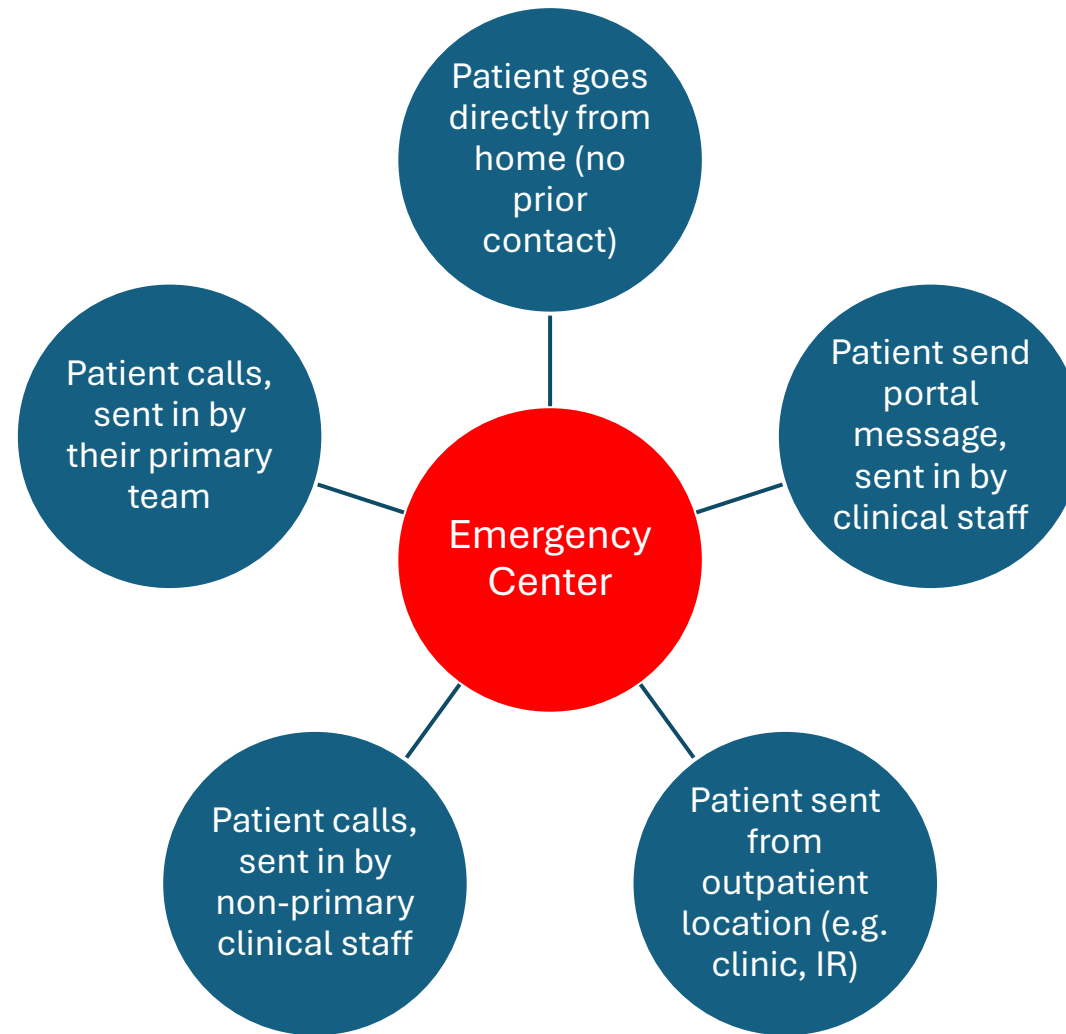
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# Understand the Metric: Does it Measure the Right Stuff?



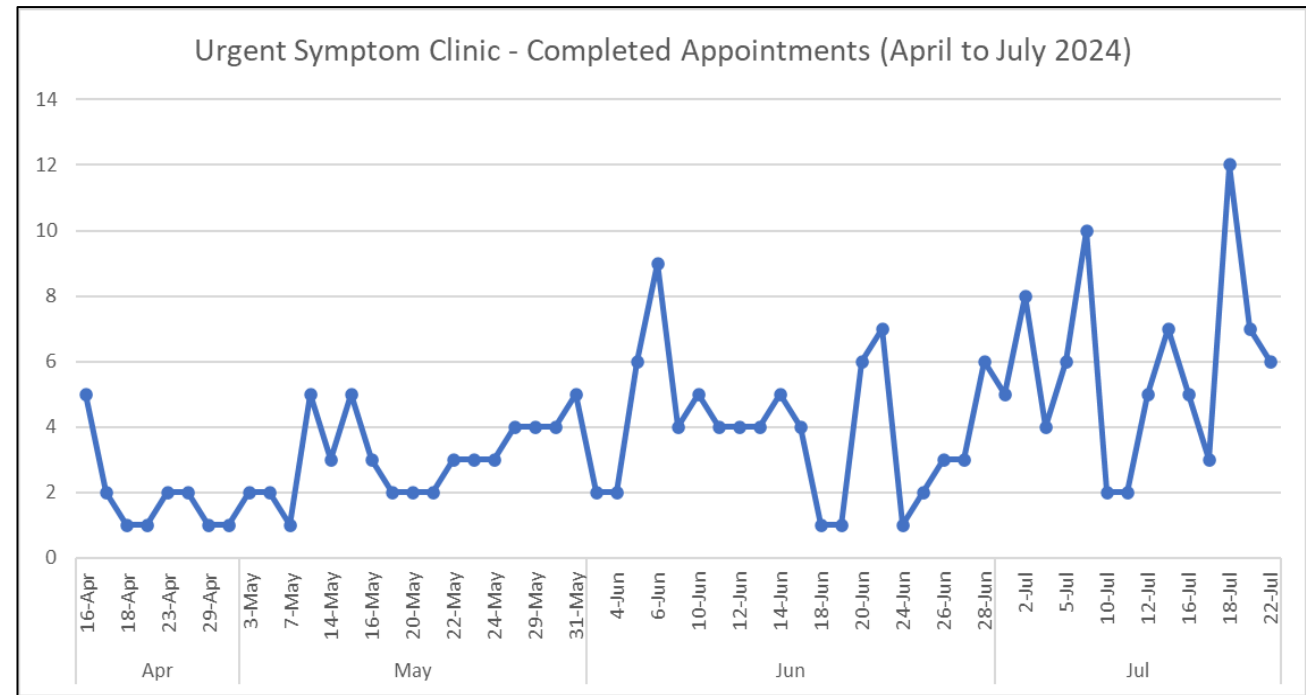
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# Patient Journey Mapping: How Do Patients get to the EC?



# Urgent Symptom Clinic (USC)

- Launched in April 2024, goal of providing acute symptom management for medically-stable, established, adult oncology patients in an outpatient setting that cannot be accommodated in the clinic, in lieu of seeing these patients in the Emergency Center.
  - Potential target population is lower acuity patients currently seen in the Emergency Center that can be diagnosed, treated, and discharged on the same day when possible
  - Patients referred by clinic staff (MD/APP/RN) and the patient is scheduled into an appointment; walk-ins are not accepted
  - Hours of Operation: M-F 10:30 am to 10:30 pm
  - Same/Next day appointments only



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# askMDAnderson: Providing Clinical Coverage to Patients After Hours



- Patients calling MD Anderson's main line and askMDAnderson during the evenings and weekends connect with a clinician directly if they have a clinical question. The askMDAnderson team has clinical coverage after hours and 24/7 weekends and holidays to help manage patient issues overnight, avoid emergency care visits and decrease the number of pages to faculty on call.
- Roughly 19% of patient calls are related to medication issues. The collaboration with the askMDAnderson team is centered around review of these calls and working with the appropriate stakeholders for possible solutions (e.g., provider communication to review patient preference on pharmacy for discharge medications).
- The aim is to prevent patients from returning to the EC for medication issues that could have been resolved earlier.

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# Risk Stratification Tool



- The current dashboard does not stratify for risk based on disease progression, treatment plans, lab values, demographics, etc.
- In most use cases, further chart review is needed to identify specific interventions (e.g., encounters, lab values, etc.).
- The following models have been reviewed for potential applications for OP-35:
  - Existing solution
  - Customized solution based on Stanford University School of Medicine's study: *Machine Learning Applied to Electronic Health Records: Identification of Chemotherapy Patients at High Risk for Preventable Emergency Department Visits and Hospital Admissions* \*
  - EHR cognitive computing model to calculate hospital admission or ED visit risk

\* Peterson DJ, Ostberg NP, Blayney DW, Brooks JD, Hernandez-Boussard T. Machine Learning Applied to Electronic Health Records: Identification of Chemotherapy Patients at High Risk for Preventable Emergency Department Visits and Hospital Admissions. JCO Clin Cancer Inform. 2021 Oct;5:1106-1126. doi: 10.1200/CCI.21.00116. PMID: 34752139; PMCID: PMC8807019.

# Campus at-a-Glance

## Houston Methodist The Woodlands

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- 293 Beds
- 46 Bed Emergency Department
- 58 Bed Level III Childbirth Center
- 24 Bed Level III NICU
- 24 ORs
- 4 minimally invasive surgery robots
- 1 endovascular surgery robot
- 1 robotic surgical assistant device
- 6 Cardiac cath labs
- 6 Endo/bronch suites
- Expanded Outpatient Lab

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Abbreviations: MOB = Medical office building





# By the Numbers

\* 2023 year-end



Data source: Houston Methodist The Woodlands internal database

#1

of 181 hospitals  
(Vizient)

293 Licensed  
Beds



1,200

Affiliated  
Physicians

800+

Registered  
Nurses



Allied Health  
Professionals

265

17,449  
Admissions\*



49,820  
Emergency  
Room Visits\*



Surgeries

3,630

9,729

Inpatient\* Outpatient\*

2,335  
Births\*



6

Endo/  
Bronch  
Suites



6

Cardiac  
Cath  
Labs



24



Operating  
Rooms



Number of  
Employees

2,100+

4

Outpatient  
Lactation  
Rooms



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# ED Waiting Room

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# ED Department Reality



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# Myth: Hospital Efficiency Will Fix All of our Problems



- Discharges by 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or Noon
- Echocardiograms
- MRIs
- GI consults for chest pain patients
- Reduce consults
- Case Management early intervention
- Discharge lounges

Reality: None of these really solve the ED hold problems all that well

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# ED Holds are an Access Problem



# Case Study 1

- 55-year-old male with HTN and DM presents to the ED with 3 weeks of intermittent chest pain that got worse 1 hour prior to arrival at work
- HEART Score = 5
- Standard of Care: EKG, CXR, Labs, Hospital Obs for a cardiology consult, next day stress test and echo and D/C or cath
- Rapid Access Solution

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## Case Study 2

- 37-year-old female presents to the emergency department with 2 months of vaginal bleeding
- Standard of Care = Labs, UA and Ultrasound
- Hemoglobin = 7.1, Admit for blood transfusion +/- GYN consult
- Rapid Access Solution

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# Case Study 3

- 60-year-old male presents to the emergency department with bloody stools. He is on blood thinners due to prior episodes of atrial fibrillation
- AVSS, physical exam otherwise normal, labs normal
- Standard of care: Admit/obs for GI consult, serial hemoglobin labs, and an endoscopy/colonoscopy
- Rapid Access Solution

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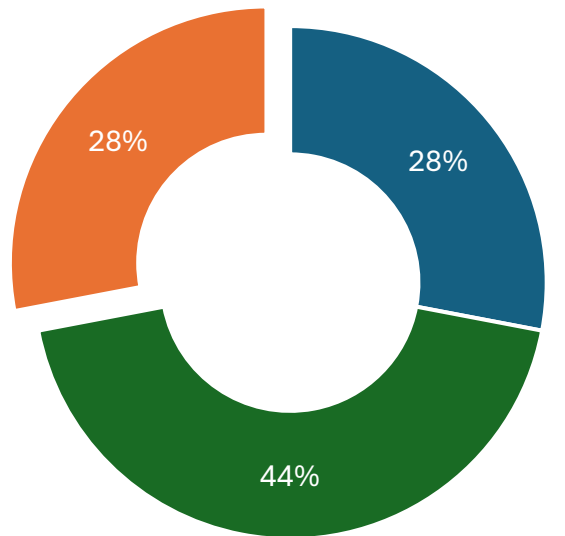
# Case 4

- 72-year-old female with multiple medical problems BIBA with left arm, left leg and left face numbness, tingling, and weakness that started 4 days ago. The face and left arm weakness is worse than the leg.
- AVSS except that her BP is 185/90. EKG normal. No Afib.
- NIH stroke scale = 0
- Diagnosis?
- Standard of Care: Admit/obs, MRI, echo, anti-coagulation, statins, Cardiology and Neurology consults
- Rapid Access Solution

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# Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Month of the Cardiology Program

Program Outcomes



- Patients seen in clinic with testing
- Patients seen in clinic without testing
- Patients unable to be seen in clinic

- In our first month, 33 total patients have been referred into the program
  - 24 were seen in our outpatient clinic
    - 9 received additional testing
    - 3 had procedures
  - 9 were not seen in clinic
    - 6 did not answer when we called
    - 2 scheduled and later cancelled
    - 1 did not have appropriate insurance
- These patients have been seen in addition to our physicians' already full schedules
- Average time spent by these patients in observation was 6 hours (vs. hospital average 26 hours)

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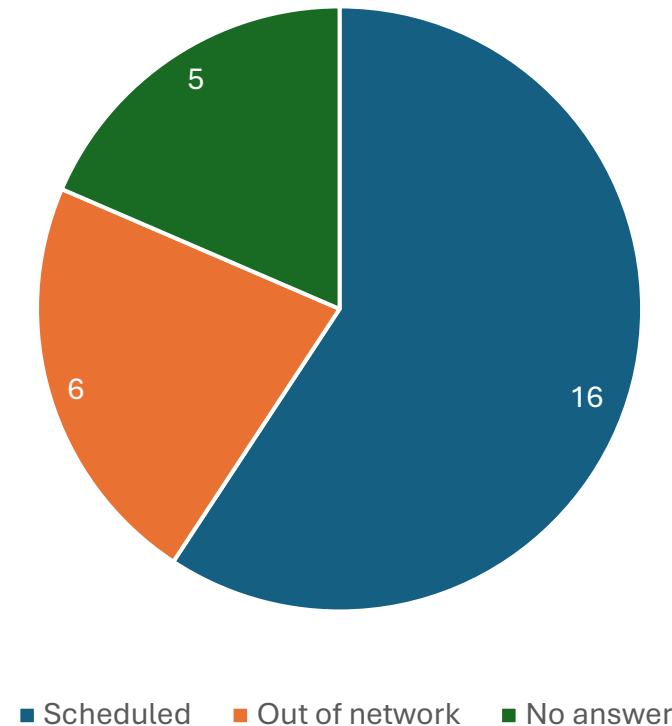
# Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Month of the Neurology Program

- 27 total referrals
  - 16 were seen in clinic
  - 6 were out-of-network
  - 5 no-answer and unresponsive after 3 documented messages
- No serious safety concerns
- Huge cost reduction

## Tracking:

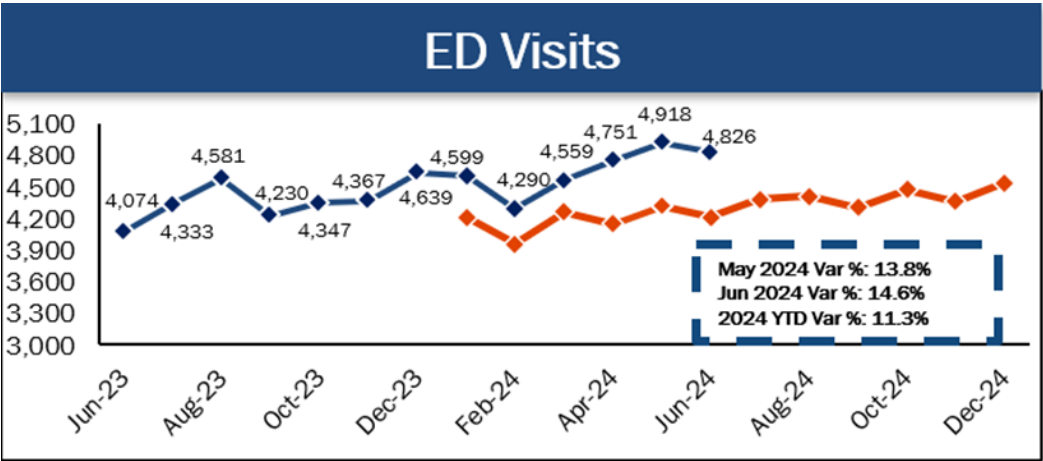
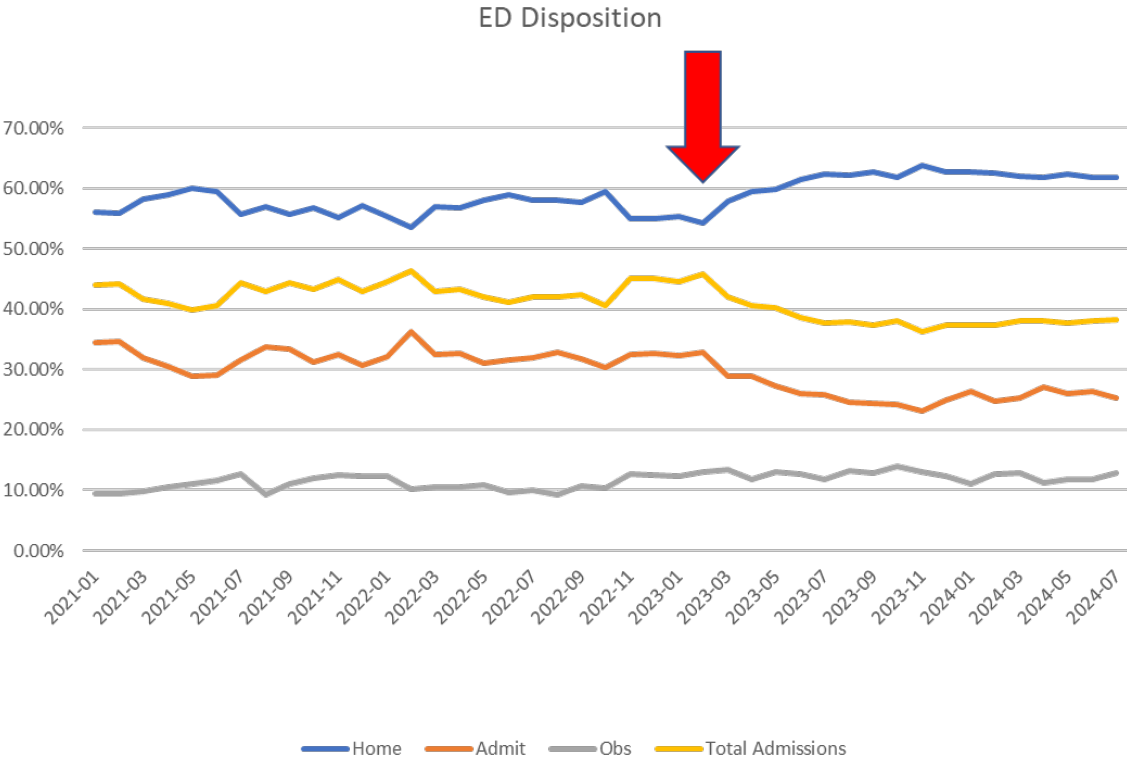
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Rapid Access Clinic





# Rapid Access Clinic Results



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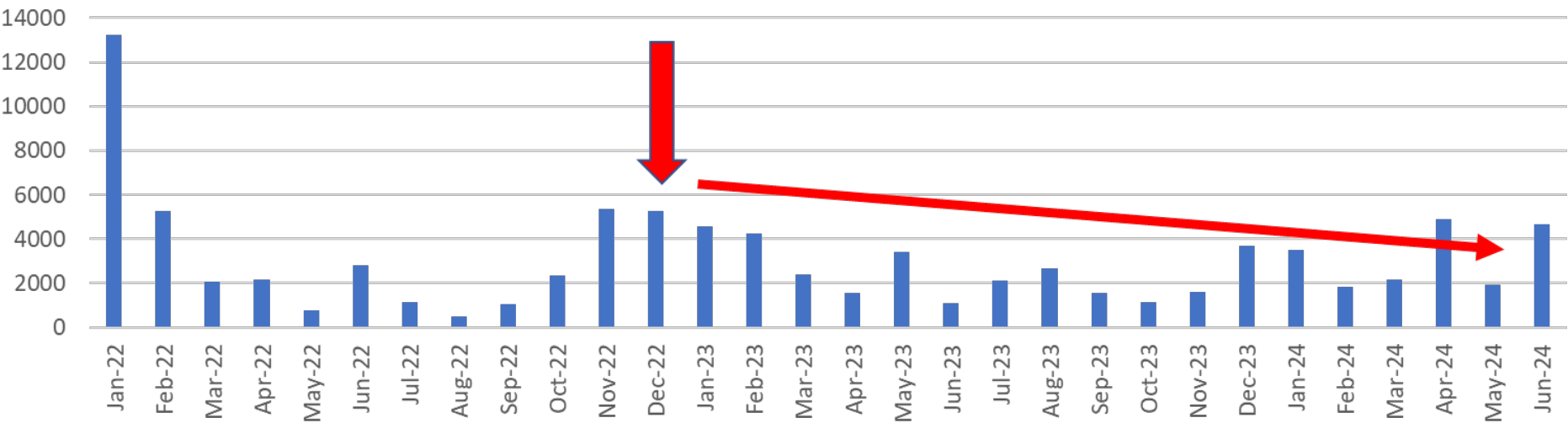
# Rapid Access Clinic Results



ED Admission Data by Physician

2022	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23
43%	45%	51%	44%	39%	36%	37%	43%	42%	37%	25%	27%	37%
38%	37%	38%	38%	38%	35%	37%	33%	40%	40%	43%	39%	37%
40%	55%	51%	33%	48%	36%	40%	34%	38%	38%	34%	31%	37%
43%	42%	39%	38%	38%	36%	37%	37%	38%	37%	35%	34%	39%
38%	43%	47%	39%	39%	43%	35%	36%	34%	30%	34%	34%	35%
58%	54%	52%	53%	47%	52%	46%	45%	45%	44%	44%	43%	48%
44%	43%	47%	43%	38%	40%	43%	45%	40%	42%	38%	36%	39%
49%	51%	49%	39%	45%	41%	42%	38%	43%	40%	45%	44%	40%
43%	45%	46%	42%	40%	40%	39%	38%	38%	37%	38%	36%	37%

Total Boarder Hours with 20% YOY ED Volume Growth



Abbreviations: YOY = year-over-year. Data source: Houston Methodist The Woodlands electronic medical record



# Lessons Learned

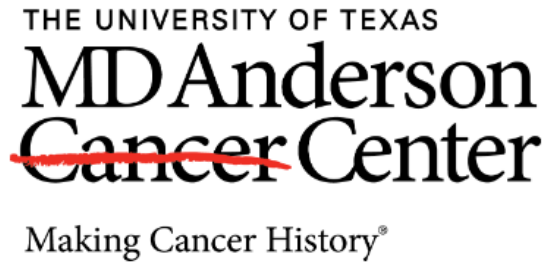
- Understand your metrics – national measures are imperfect yet directional (and required)
- Target interventions for improvement
- Rapid access clinics may be the right solution for certain patient types **and** for ED throughput

# Key Takeaways

- Effective dashboards require
  - Near real time data
  - Include key elements for analysis
  - Nimble data team
- Care delivery reform requires a truly multidisciplinary team
- Hospital efficiency measures will not solve ED constraints
  - ED holds are an access problem



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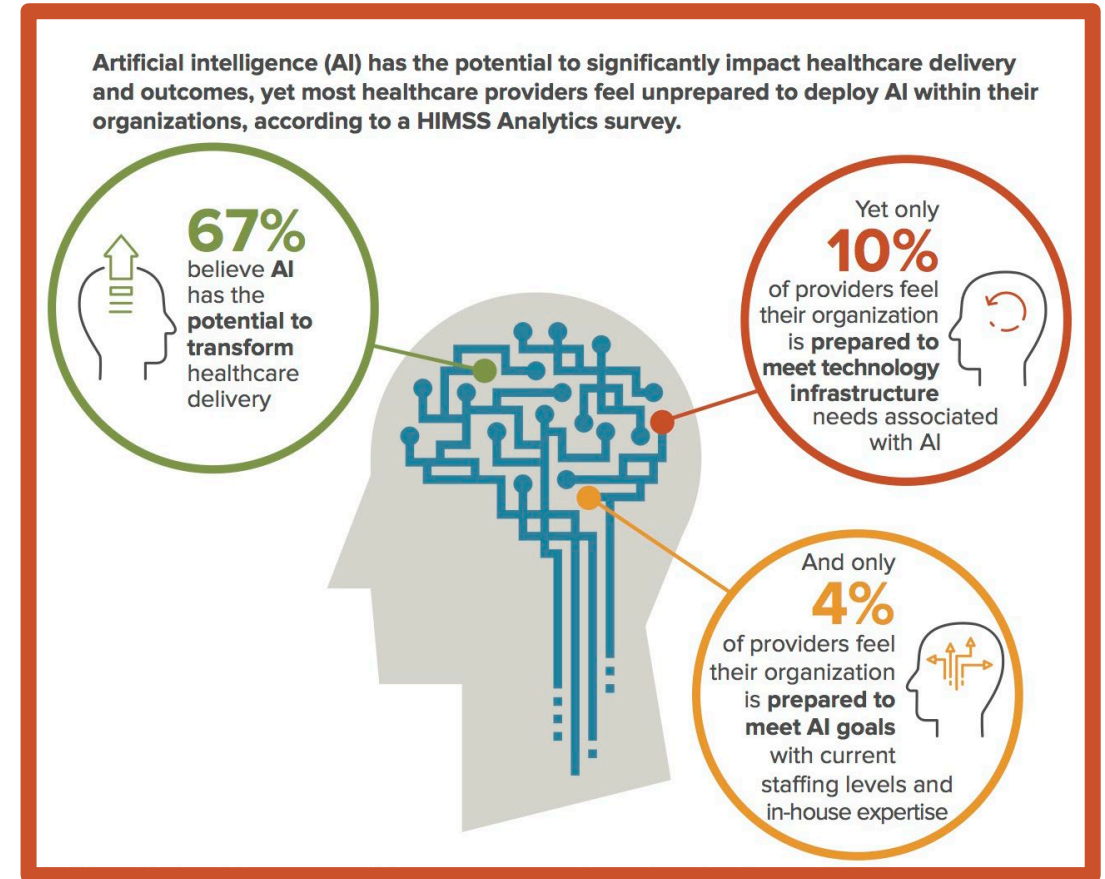


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## “55% of medical professionals say AI isn’t ready for healthcare”

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- Naomi Diaz, Becker’s Health IT, July 10, 2023

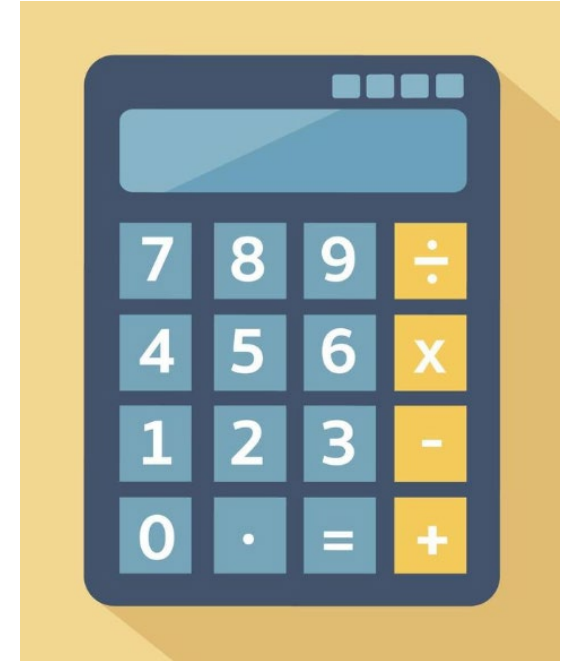
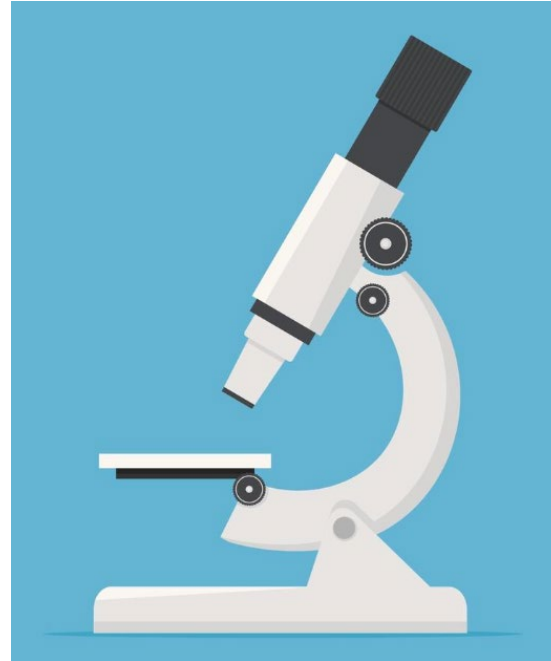


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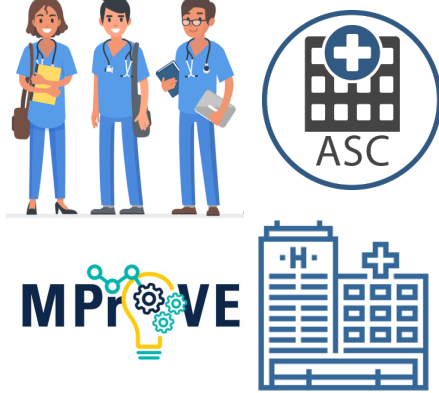
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# Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Surgical Site Optimization Model

# ASC Surgical Site Optimization Model



## Our ASC (Ambulatory Surgery Center) Surgical Site Optimization Model

### Why does ASC utilization matter?

- ASCs are the optimal location for low-risk surgical cases
- Better surgery experience for patients
- Appropriate use of ASCs opens up OR space at UH

### What is the Problem?

- Patients must be screened for ASC eligibility to ensure safety & avoid cancellations
- Detailed screening of a large volume of outpatient surgical requests is time and labor-intensive
- Outmigration initiatives as an organizational priority



# Original State of ASC Review and Surgery Scheduling

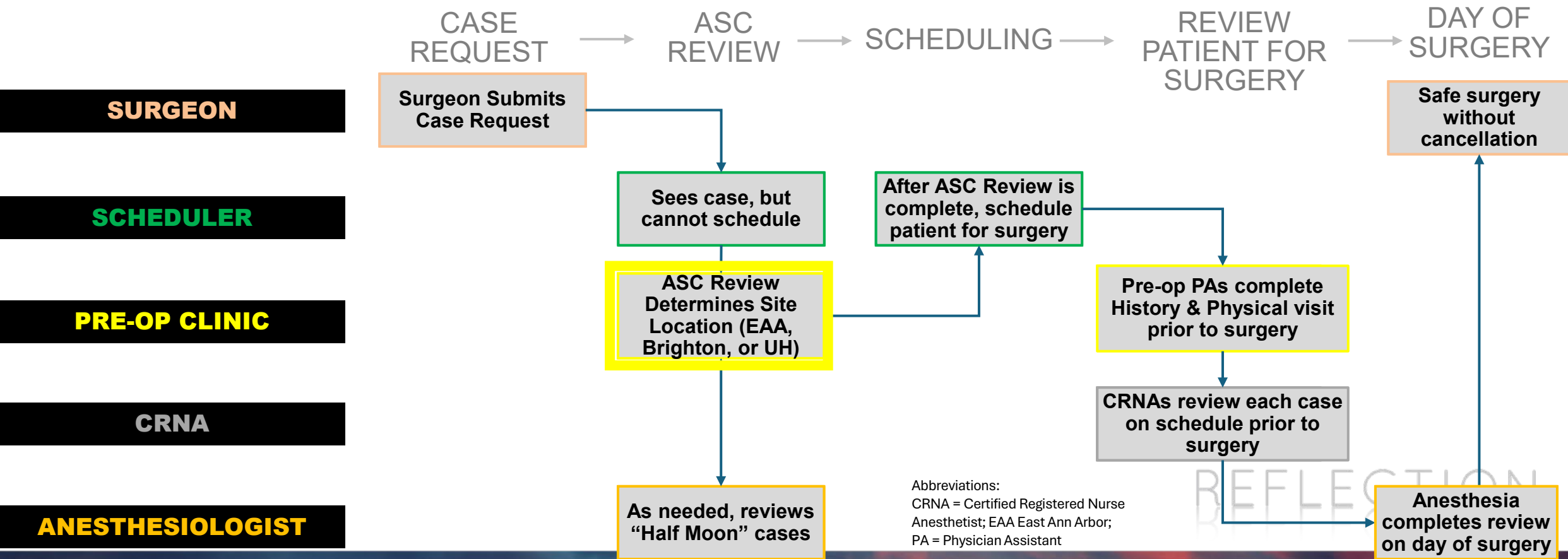


## BENEFITS:

- Ensures safety & ASC appropriateness
- Cases rarely moved from ASCs to UH (~2.5%); limits cancellations (week of surgery rate only ~6.5%)

## CHALLENGES:

- Creates scheduling delay for each case
- ASC review is a high burden/workload (11,809 case reviews in 2023, approximately 2,000 hours of PA effort)
- Redundant review for patients also going to PreOp Clinic



# ASC Surgical Site Optimization Model

*In close collaboration with clinical partners,  
we built a predictive model for ASC Reviews*

## Site Optimization Model Inputs

### Michigan Medicine Anesthesia Guidelines & >25 key clinical indicators available in EMR

*The model incorporates key data elements (which are determined by Michigan Medicine's anesthesia guidelines) to inform case complexity and predict site location/suitability for ASC*

- BMI
- Cardiovascular System
- Respiratory System
- Neurologic System
- Anesthesia-specific issues

### 10,000+ Historical Review Decisions Previously completed by PAs

*The model is also built based on pre-operative PA review decisions and is designed to replicate the review decisions made by PAs for historical cases (i.e., 2020-2021)*

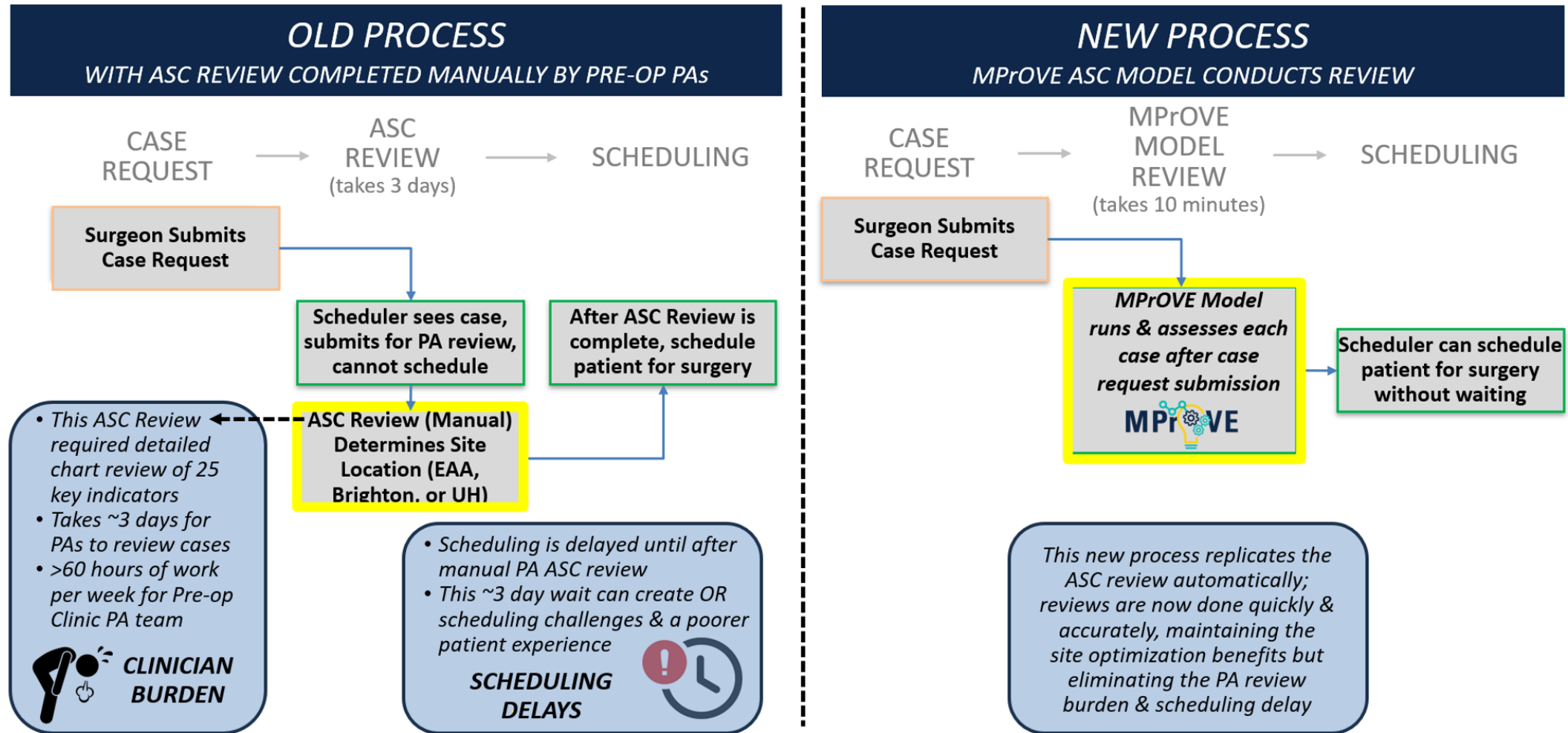


Abbreviations:

BMI= Body Mass Index; EMR = Electronic Medical Record

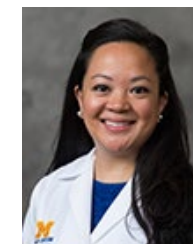
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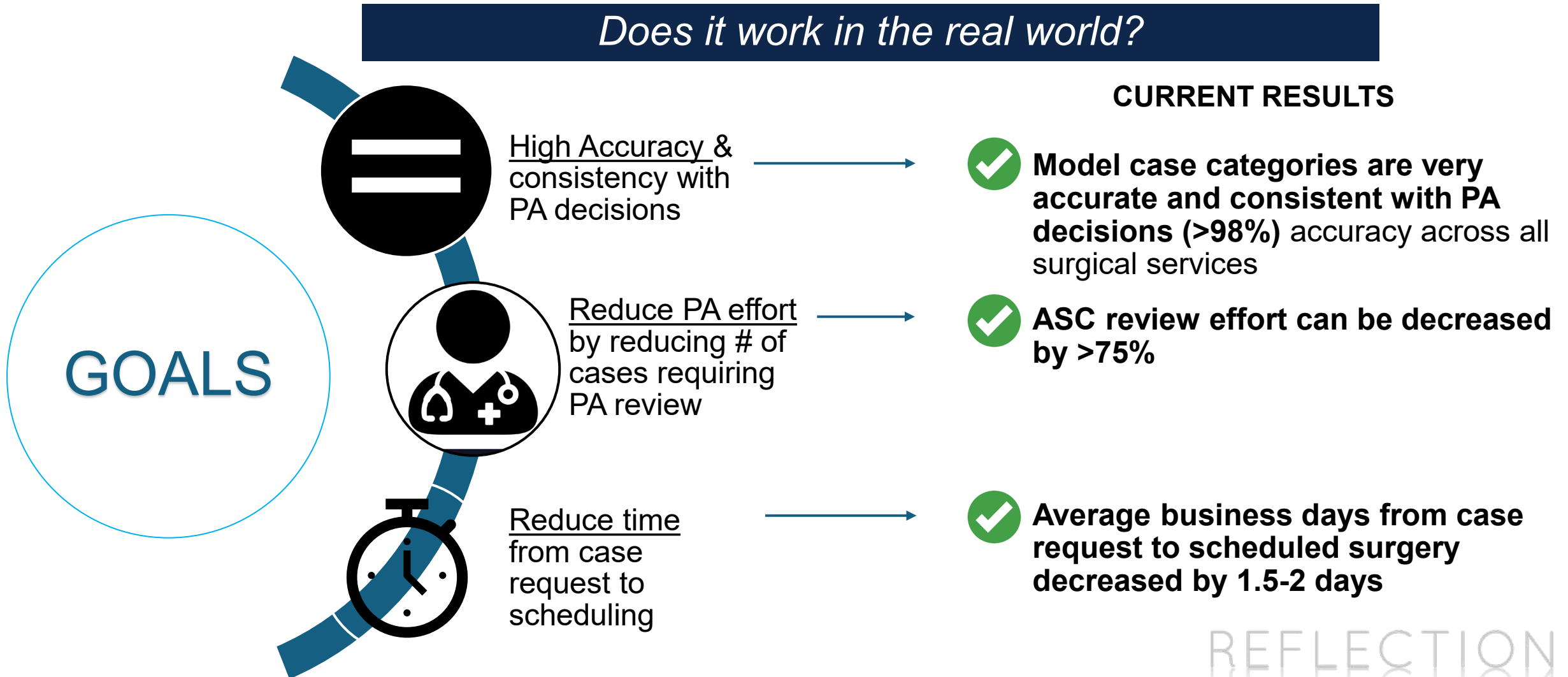
## *Does it work in the real world?*

- After rigorous testing, the model meets accuracy targets as intended
  - 98.5% (3,601/3,654) of completed cases that the model categorized as “Clear ASC” or “Likely ASC” cases have a final status of “Approved for ASC” (green check mark from manual PA review); data from July 2023 through February 2024
  - **The model is accurate in predicting case suitability for ASC**
- The clinical leadership team has provided guidance throughout model development regarding accuracy targets & case category thresholds



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# ASC Surgical Site Optimization Model



# ASC Surgical Site Optimization Model



## IMPACT



**High accuracy  
& consistency  
with manual  
review**

### *Impact to-date*

- >99% of model approved cases manually reviewed as ASC suitable
- Only 0.7% of model approved cases were rescheduled from ASC to UH

### *Future Impact*

- >98% of model reviewed cases across all surgical services are reviewed as ASC suitable
- Continued non-inferiority in rates of model-approved cases rescheduled from ASC to UH



**Reduce PA  
effort by  
reducing # of  
cases requiring  
PA review**

• 186 hours of PA review time saved/avoided to-date

- 1,117 model-approved cases that did not require manual PA review

- 881 cases per month (> 10,000 per year) approved by model without PA review
- 147 hours – monthly time saved on PA review time (1,764 hours annually)



**Reduce  
scheduling  
time from case  
request to  
scheduling**

- Cases scheduled ~2 days faster
- 2,196 fewer patient-days waiting to schedule surgery each month

- Cases scheduled ~2 days faster
- 1,762 fewer patient-days waiting to scheduled surgery each month

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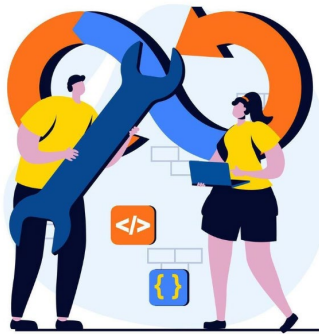


# ASC Surgical Site Optimization Model

## Timeline

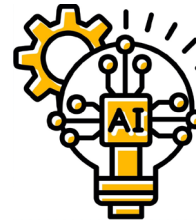
### Year 1 – BUILD & TEST MODEL

- Build model components
- Test variables for predictive value
- Significant clinician input



### Year 2 – TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Establish model to actively run within EMR
- Build local reports for key users
- Background testing of accuracy



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### Year 3 – CLINICAL IMPLEMENTATION

- Staggered rollout to various surgical services
- Obtaining buy-in from surgery leads and other stakeholders



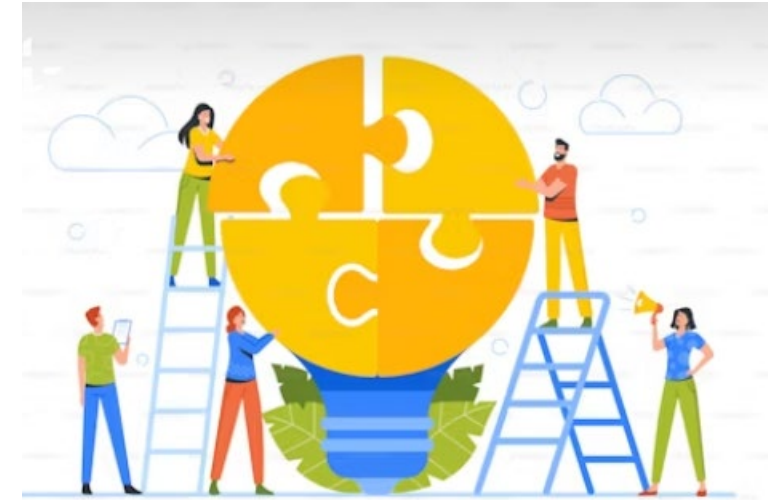
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AI in healthcare is great,  
but not in my area

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# Key Takeaways

- Strong connections with all surgical services utilizing the model.
- Close collaboration with end users.
- The staggered rollout allowed close connections & resolutions of issues in real time.
- Key involvement from clinical leaders in surgery, anesthesia, nursing, the pre-operative clinic, surgery schedulers, and HITS.



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# Roundtable Discussion: Access, Capacity and Throughput

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# Questions for discussion

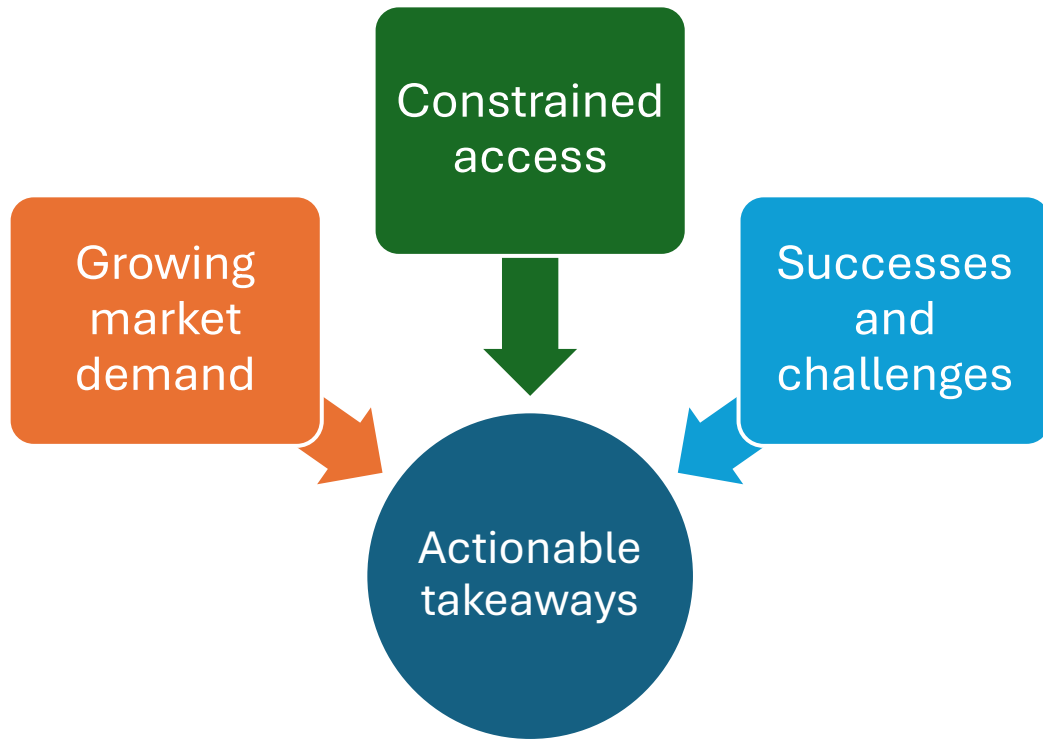
- What are your current initiatives to improve **access** within your cancer and/or cardiovascular service lines?
- What are your current initiatives to improve **throughput** within your cancer and/or cardiovascular service lines?
- Are you working on any initiatives across more than one service line in your organization?

*Discuss these questions at your tables for 20 minutes*

*Be prepared to type your responses into the poll*

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# Connecting the dots: What we heard today



- Market demand for cancer and CV services continues to grow.
- Key areas of focus to improve: inpatient, emergency department, procedural, clinics.
- Hear from your peers who have had success. Share your ongoing challenges.
- ***Take action at your organization.*** Meet the demand in your market.

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