Initiative: Decrease Time To Transfer

2023 GQIP Winter Meeting

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Real change lives here

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Defining the Problem

Emergency Department (ED) Length of Stay (LOS)

- Our role in the GA Trauma System
- Patient outcomes
- Is there an opportunity for improvement?

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CY21Q4 Trauma Transfer LOS

Month (# of transfers)	**<1 hour**	**1-2 hours**	**2-3 hours**	**3-6 hours**	**6-12 hours**
October (19)	0%	0%	**47%**	**42%**	**10%**
November (4)	0%	0%	**100%**	0%	0%
December (15)	0%	**12%**	**25%**	**37%**	**25%**

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Root Cause Analysis

1. Define the Problem
2. Gather Data
3. Identify Causal Factors
4. Determine the Root Cause(s)
5. Recommend and Implement Solutions

Re-evaluate…again, and again, and again…

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Chart review will probably validate what you already knew…
but you might also be surprised at what you find.

Leave no stone unturned.

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Emergency Department (ED) Length of Stay (LOS) Subcommittee

Purpose: Establish methods to create a measurable decrease in trauma patient ED LOS

Representatives

- Emergency Department; Nurses, Tech/UC
- Physician Services
- Radiology
- Lab
- House Supervisor
- Trauma Services
- Respiratory, Patient Access, Pharmacy

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High Level Factors Impacting LOS

- Transfer Process
- Radiology
- Laboratory
- Admission Process
- Procedures in the ED
- Physician Practice
- ICU & Med/Surg

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Quick Wins

vs.

Long Hauls

Socialization

Communication

Visibility

Teamwork

Relationships

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Making An Impact

Peer Review

Education/Practice Change

Saturation Status

Throughput Committee

- Conversation, CMO individual follow up
- Trauma Orientation, Trauma Essentials
- Provider Notifications, GCC
- Bed assignment within 30”
- Increase discharges before noon by 50%
- 2nd Huddle @ 1330
- Discharge Lounge
- Overflow beds
- Environmental Services – EPIC tracking of discharges

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Is It Working?

ISS >16	CY21Q4
<1 Hour	
1-3 Hours	44%
3-6 Hours	33%
6-12 Hours	22%
12-24 Hours	
24+ Hours	

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Questions and Suggestions

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THANK YOU!

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