Improving Patient Safety Culture to Provide Safer Care
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Today’s Presenter

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Objectives

- Provide an overview of MHA's overall program of work to improve patient safety culture
- Discuss the role of TeamSTEPPS and other teamwork interventions within the CUSP framework
- Describe specific implementation efforts focused on improving teamwork, communication, and safety culture
- Discuss the importance of the engagement of both leaders and front-line staff in this work
- Present MHA's efforts to assess intervention effectiveness
About the MHA

- 293 members
- 166 hospitals
- Keystone Center (PSO)
  - CUSP 4 MVP – VAP
  - On the CUSP: Stop CAUTI
The MHA Culture Program

- SCORE – Culture Survey
- CUSP Workshops
- Culture Orientation Material (Business Case)
- Speak-up! Award
- Culture Roadmap
- Improvement toolkit
Comprehensive Unit Based Safety Program (CUSP)

- An intervention to learn from mistakes and improve safety culture
  - Evaluate culture of safety
  - Assemble team
  - Educate staff on the Science of Safety
  - Identify defects
  - Assign executive to adopt unit
  - Implement teamwork tools
  - Evaluate culture of safety
CUSP: The Short Version

- **Identify**
  - Who is on your team? (physician champion, nurse champion, pharm, executive)

- **Meetings**
  - Monthly (work with executive assistant, piggy-back off of existing meetings)
  - Review data (culture, process, outcomes)

- **Science of Safety**
  - All staff should watch this [video](#)
  - Complete Staff Safety Assessment (SSA) – dot voting
  - What is your aim and plan for improvement? (reduce possible opioid dependence/abuse rates, increase risk assessment compliance)

- **Use Tools to Improve**
  - Daily Goals Checklist
  - Learning from Defects (LFD)
  - Morning Briefings
  - SBAR
TeamSTEPPS, CUSP, and Culture

- CUSP – (Team, culture primer, meetings, test)
  - Morning Briefing
  - Staff Safety Assessment (SSA)
  - Learning From Defects (LFD)

- TeamSTEPPS
  - SBAR
  - CUS
  - Check-Back

- Other
  - STOC/PDSA
  - Culture Orientation Material (business case)
  - Speak-up! Award
CUSP Tool #1: Morning Briefing

- Structured communication
- Focus on safety in real time
- Integrated into routine care
- Easy to use, little training, quick
- Can be adapted to other areas
CUSP Tool #2: Staff Safety Assessment

- Asks two questions:
  - How will the next patient be harmed?
  - What can we do to prevent it?
CUSP Tool #3: Learning From Defects

- What happened?
- Why?
- What will you do to reduce probability that it will happen again?
- How do you know risk is reduced?
- Share your learning throughout organization
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TeamSTEPPS Tool #1: SBAR

- Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation
- Offers standardized method of concise, direct communication
- Doesn’t need to be formal

### SBAR report to physician about a critical situation Example

**Situation**
- I am calling about [patient name and location]. The patient’s code status is [code status].
- The problem I am calling about is [description].
- I have just assessed the patient personally.
- Vital signs are: Blood pressure __/__, Pulse __, Respiration __, and temperature __.
- I am concerned about the: 
  - Blood pressure because it is over 200 or less than 100 or 15 mmHg below usual. Pulse because it is over 140 or less than 50. Respiration because it is less than 5 or over 40. Temperature because it is less than 96 or over 104.

**Background**
- The patient’s mental status is: Alert and oriented to person place and time.
- Confused and cooperative or non-cooperative agitated or combative.
- lethargic but consentent able to swallow.
- Unresponsive and not talking clearly and possibly not able to swallow.
- Comatose: Eyes closed. Not responding to stimulation. The skin is:
  - Warm and dry
  - Palpable
  - Diaphoretic
  - Externally are cold
  - Externally are warm
  - The patient is not or is on oxygen.
  - The patient has been on ____% (l/min) or (%) oxygen for ____ minutes (hour).
  - The saturation is reading ____%.
- The EKG does not detect a good pulse and is giving erratic readings.

**Assessment**
- This is what the problem is: [I say what you think is the problem]. The problem seems to be [condition]. The patient is [condition].
- The patient seems to be unstable and may get worse, we need to do something.

**Recommendation**
- I propose or request that you [I say what you would like to see done, transfer, admit the patient to critical care]. Come to see the patient at this time.
- Talk to the patient or family about code status.
- Ask the on call family practice resident to see the patient now.
- Ask for a consultation with the patient now. Are any tests needed?
- Do you need any tests like CBC, ABG, EKG, CBC, or BMP? Others?
- If a change in treatment is ordered then call
- How often do you want vital signs?
- How long do you expect this problem will last?
- If the patient does not get better when would you want us to call again?

This SBAR tool was developed by Yolanda Parnes. Please feel free to use and reproduce these materials in the spirit of patient safety, and please make this clear in the spirit of appropriate recognition.
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TeamSTEPPS Tool #2: CUS

- Concerned, Uncomfortable, Safety Issue
  - Progression in magnitude of meaning
  - Allows for a “safe” way to speak-up
  - Will “stop the line” if necessary
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TeamSTEPPS Tool #3: Check-Back

- Sender initiates message
- Receiver accepts message and feeds back
- Sender confirms that message is correct
Other Tool #1: STOC/PDSA

Small Test Of Change/Plan, Do, Study, Act

- **Plan**: Test or observation, data collection, prediction
- **Do**: test on small scale (how did someone react?) and record what happened
- **Study**: How do the results compare to your prediction?
- **Act**: Use what you learned to make changes, how can you improve your STOC for the next cycle?
Other Tool #2: Culture Orientation

- Provides a “business case” for safety culture
- Pulls from peer reviewed journal articles and white papers from experts
- Gives the “why” and the “how”
Culture Orientation Continued…

- **Staff job satisfaction** increases with better culture [10]
- Better culture leads to **fewer staff injuries** and **lower burnout rates** [6,8]
- Better culture is associated with better communication, interaction, and overall **teamwork** [4,7,9]

- **Patient satisfaction** increases with better culture [11]
- Better culture is associated with better **patient outcomes** [1,2,5]
- A thriving culture of patient safety can, and does, **SAVE LIVES** [2]
Culture Orientation Continued…

- **Respect**
  - Remember that your co-workers are your teammates; you have a common goal.
  - Respect doesn’t necessarily mean friendship, but it does mean acknowledging another person’s contributive value toward your common goal [7]

- **Open Sharing**
  - Not speaking up when having concerns can lead to adverse events and future uncertainty.
  - If you have a concern, say something [7]

- **Effective Communication**
  - Communicate clearly and calmly.
  - Maintain eye contact.
  - Actively listen; summarize what you’ve just heard, or ask for clarification [3]

- **Prioritize Patient Safety**
  - Review your organizational mission statement and vision on patient safety [7]
Other Tool #3: Speak-up! Award

- 80 nominees
- First quarterly awardee officially announced on July 13, 2016
- Engage staff, recognize and reward patient safety efforts
- Align organizational reporting with nomination timeline
Engagement is Key!

- **Include staff early**
  - When developing a program/QI initiative, ask for feedback, opinions (tip: use the SSA)

- **Be Transparent**
  - Show your data to staff, embrace and improve

- **Use patient stories**
  - Couple with your data, tell the story to make it real

- **Reduce burnout**
  - Celebrate even small successes
### Does it Work? Measuring Impact

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Measuring Impact Continued…

1. I believe that CUSP is an effective framework for helping my unit participate in new quality improvement initiatives.
2. The online modules gave me the necessary CUSP background information to excel during the in-person workshop.
3. The activities and examples provided during the CUSP workshop felt relatable and applicable to my facility.
4. Helped our unit to adopt the components of CUSP.
5. Provided my team the necessary tools to overcome barriers faced when implementing CUSP.
6. Given me the resources to engage leadership in the adoption and implementation of CUSP.
7. Given me the resources to engage other staff members in the implementation of CUSP.
8. Given me the confidence to explain CUSP to others.

Key:
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
Benchmarked Culture Data

Work-Life Balance by Position

Source: June 2015, Safe & Reliable Healthcare
Benchmarked Culture Data (Cont’d)

Safety Climate Domain

My suggestions about quality would be acted upon if I expressed them to management.

The values of facility leadership are the same values that people in this work setting think are important.

In this work setting, it is NOT difficult to discuss errors.

Errors are handled appropriately in this work setting.

I receive appropriate feedback about my performance.

I would feel safe being treated here as a patient.

The culture in this work setting makes it easy to learn from the errors of others.

Source: June 2015, Safe & Reliable Healthcare
Benchmarked Culture Data (Cont’d)

Growth Opportunities by Position

Source: June 2015, Safe & Reliable Healthcare
Why Teamwork and Communication?

- You can achieve more
  - Orcas, wolves, ants, bees

- Layers of protection
  - Swiss Cheese Model

- Essential for functionality
  - What if your sensory and motor nerves stopped communicating with your brain?
  - Historical implications
Questions and Answers
Thank You!

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