

# Connecting Collaboration and Quality

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# Today's Objectives

- Connect Collaborative participation to *improving* patient care
- Create awareness of key organizational characteristics of a continuous improvement culture
- Establish importance of communication throughout continuous improvement efforts
- Recognize benefit of prioritization and focus in continuous improvement efforts
- Utilize simulated data to determine active and watch metrics
- Create awareness of a framework for structured scientific problem solving
- Practice using a root cause analysis in developing prioritized interventions and apply in simulated setting
- Practice using a PDSA record to develop and document a PDSA cycle in simulated setting
- Recognize the PDSA record as a template for leading problem solving team meeting
- Describe the PDSA cycle
- Practice identifying process and outcome metrics
- Practice the use of data in simulated PDSA cycle
- Connect learning to selected MSQC project

# Introductions

Table Facilitator Role:

- Facilitate team through activities



# Activity: Think- Share- Share

## On your own

Think of an improvement effort of in the past...

- What caused the improvement effort to fall short?
- What obstacles were there?



## Share with Table

Summarize key points

Share with room

# Common Reasons Efforts Fall Short

1. Traditional organizational “culture”
2. Lack of communication and consensus
3. Not valuing and addressing resistance to change
4. All work is a priority
5. Assuming you know what the problem is
6. Not validating the impact of efforts and making adjustments



# Continuous Improvement





# Continuous Improvement



# What is Culture? Why Does it Matter?





# Continuous Improvement Culture

Traditional Culture	Continuous Improvement Culture
Managers Direct	Managers Coach/Enable
Functional Silos	Crossfunctional Teams
Internal Focus	Customer Focus
Gain Information Through Meetings	Gain Understanding Where the Work Happens
Hide defects and errors	Surface errors to proactively address them
Have the Right Answers	Ask the Right Questions
Blame People	Blame the Process
Data, Data and More Data	Purposeful Data Collection & Use
Guard Information	Share Information
Fire Fighting	Identify and Fix Root Causes
“Expert” Driven, Periodic Improvement	Staff Driven, Continuous Improvement

# What Can You Do to Increase Success?

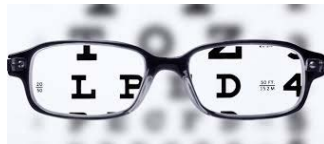
Engagement



Clarity



Focus



Discipline

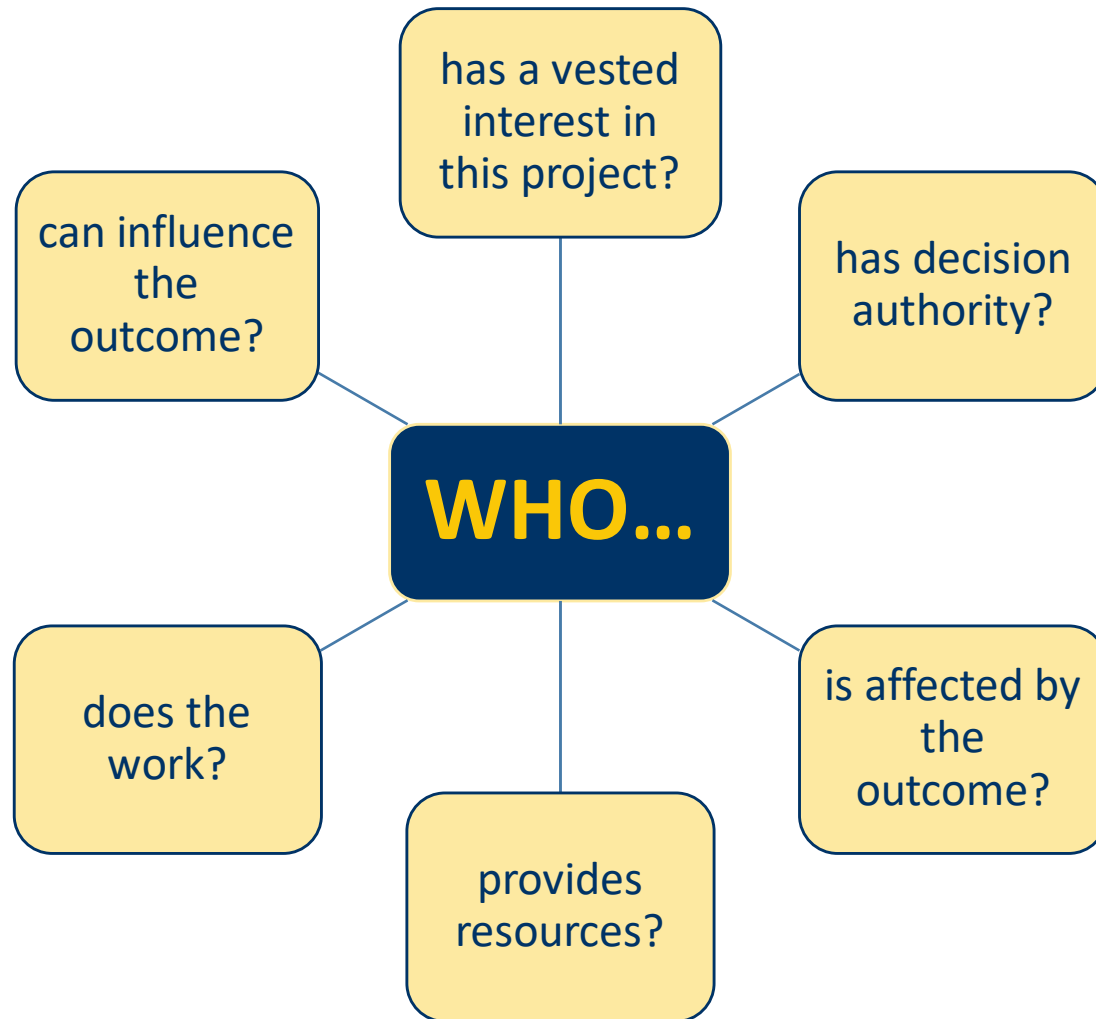


Adapted K. Martin "*The Outstanding Organization*"





# Who Needs to be Involved?



# Why?



MSQC is a collaborative of Michigan hospitals dedicated to overall surgical quality improvement, including **better patient care and lower costs**. Our goal is simple: we work to make Michigan the best place for surgery in the country.

# Why? What Purpose?



**Safe**

**Timely**

**Effective**

**Efficient**

**Equitable**

**Patient-Centered**

# Why?

## Collaborative Participation 2019 Focus Projects





# Continuous Improvement







WHEN EVERYTHING IS A  
PRIORITY,  
NOTHING IS A  
PRIORITY.



## Switch Tasking Activity

Task #1: Focus Reduces Chaos

Task #2: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Round 1 – Alternate between tasks: letter, number, letter, number,

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

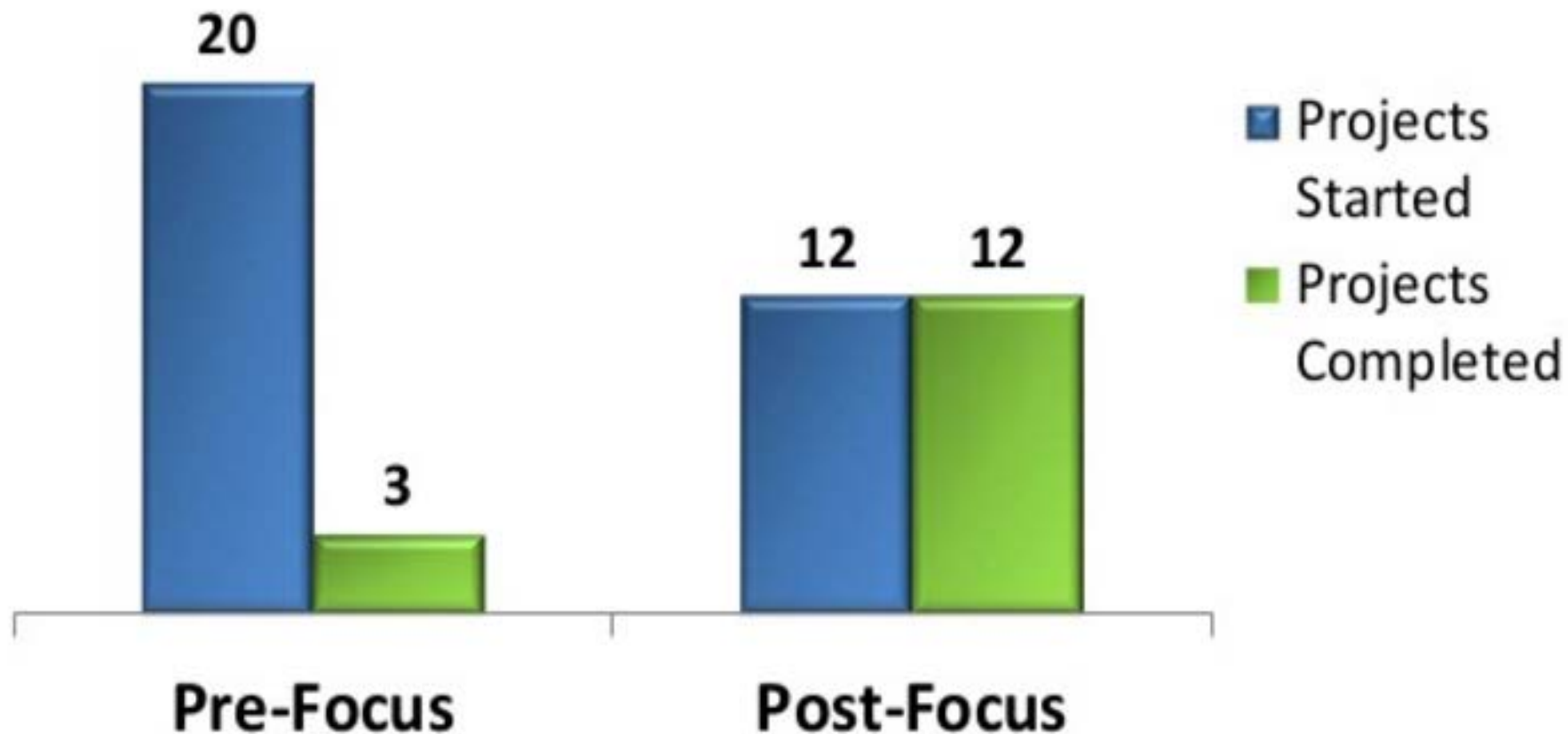
Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Round 2 – Write the full sentence and then the numbers.

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Organization A – Projects Completed



Source: Karen Martin

# Active vs. Watch Metrics

- Active Metric
  - One to three metrics that you are actively trying to improve or impact
  - Can be linked to organizational strategies
  - Focus of majority of problem solving
- Watch Metric
  - All the other metrics that are important but that are not actively being worked on
  - Keeping the pulse of performance
  - Depending on performance and priority may one day become an Active Metric

# Active vs. Watch Metrics

## Dashboard Example

ICU - Active Metrics											
Metric	Goal	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Medication Errors	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	
Employee Harm	0	2	3	1	4	2	3	3	2	1	
Readmissions	10%	15%	18%	13%	10%	8%	6%	7%	4%	5%	
Pressure Ulcers - Hospital Acquired	0	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	3	1	
ICU - Watch Metrics											
Metric	Goal	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Vent Bundle Compliance	98%	100%	99%	99%							
Vent Associated Pneumonia	0	0	2	0							
Employee Engagement	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.4							
Specimen Mislabel	0	1	1	1							
Hand Hygiene	95%	98%	92%	90%							
UTI	0	1	1	0							
C-Diff	0	0	0	0							
Patient Falls	0	2	0	0							

# Case Study: Introduction

Saint X Hospital is a member of 15 hospital quality collaborative looking to **reduce postoperative opioid prescribing** in the State of Michigan. The collaborative has recommended interventions for implementation.



# Activity: Case Study

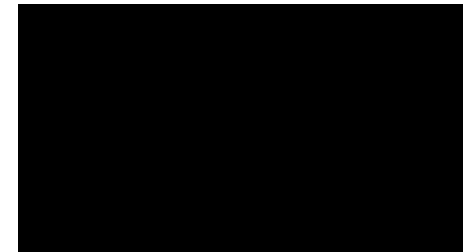
## Part One - Prioritization

**In pairs, at your table (3 min)**

- Read through the case study
- Prioritize metrics into active and watch metrics
- Create a “dashboard” based on progress to target by writing an “A” over active metrics and “W” on watch metrics

**Once complete, briefly share at your table: (2 min)**

- Selected active and watch metrics
- Rationale for selection





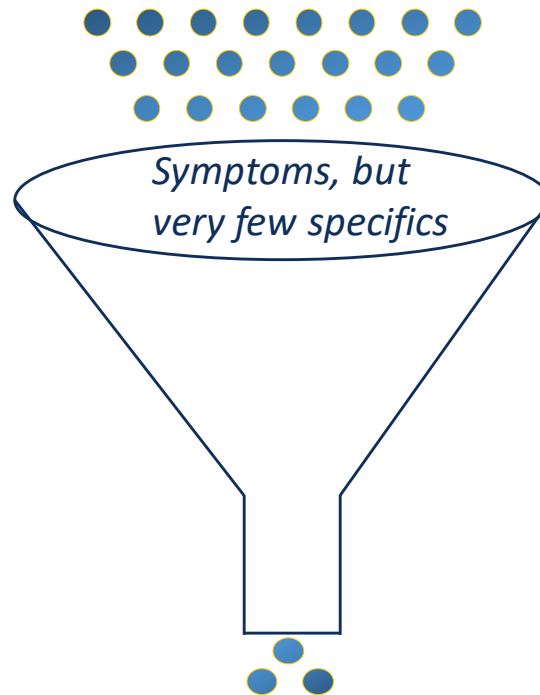
# Continuous Improvement





# Scoping the Problem

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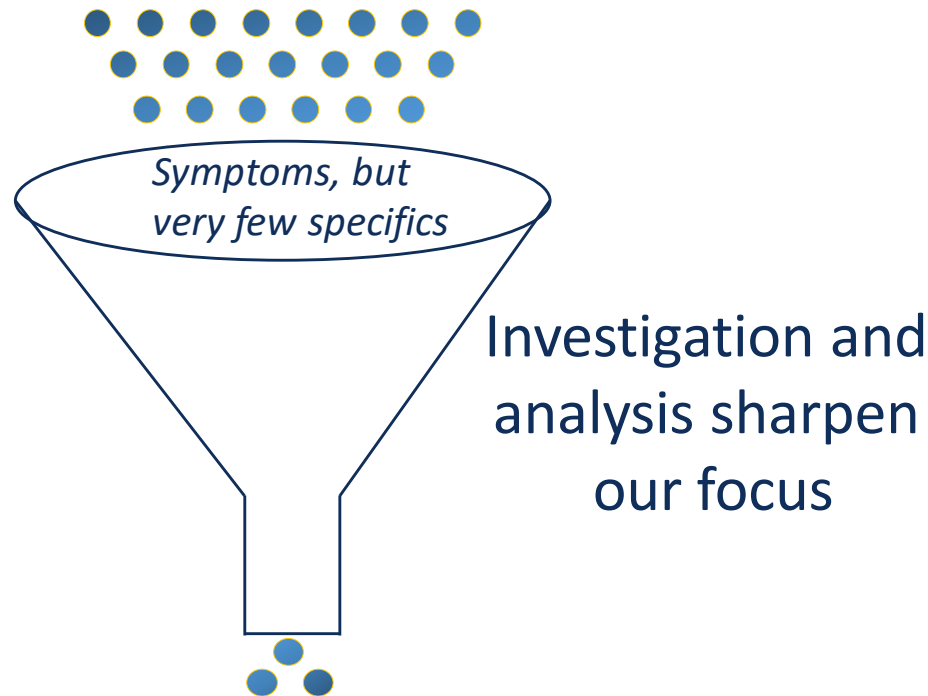


Investigation and  
analysis sharpen  
our focus

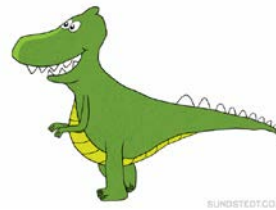
**Manageable Focus**

# Scoping the Problem

Patients Have an Email Address for the  
90-Day PRO Assessment



Email addresses for patients having  
laparoscopic GYN procedures



# Addressing the Scope Monster

## Original Scope

## Reduced Scope – “Plant Your Flag”

Poor Nurse / Physician  
Communication

Number of times the Physician and Nurse speak after morning rounds

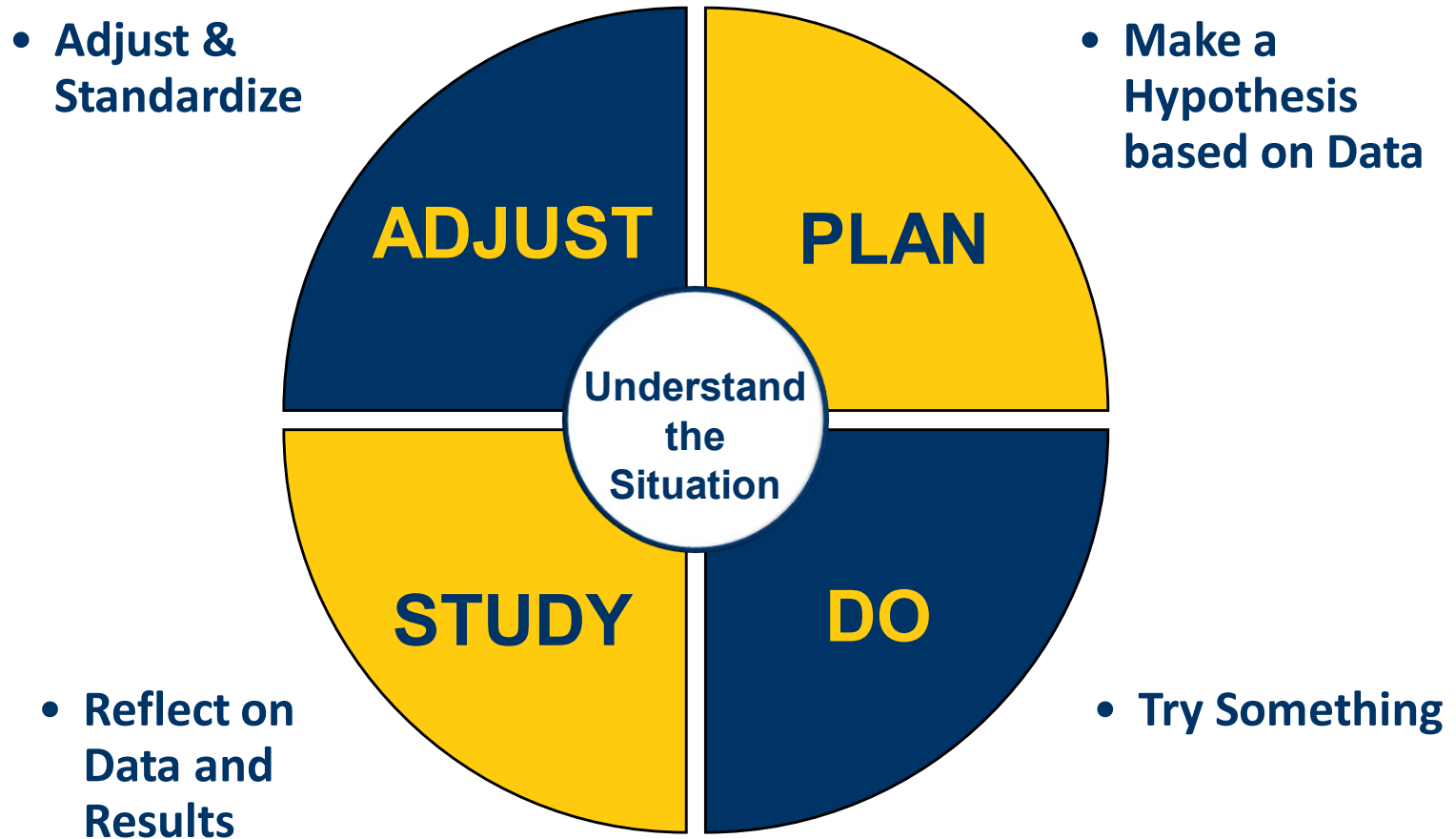
- Physician limited to the Hospitalist
- Nurse limited to the Case Management Nurse
- Unit reduced to 7A Internal Medicine in UH

Absence of End of Life  
Discussions

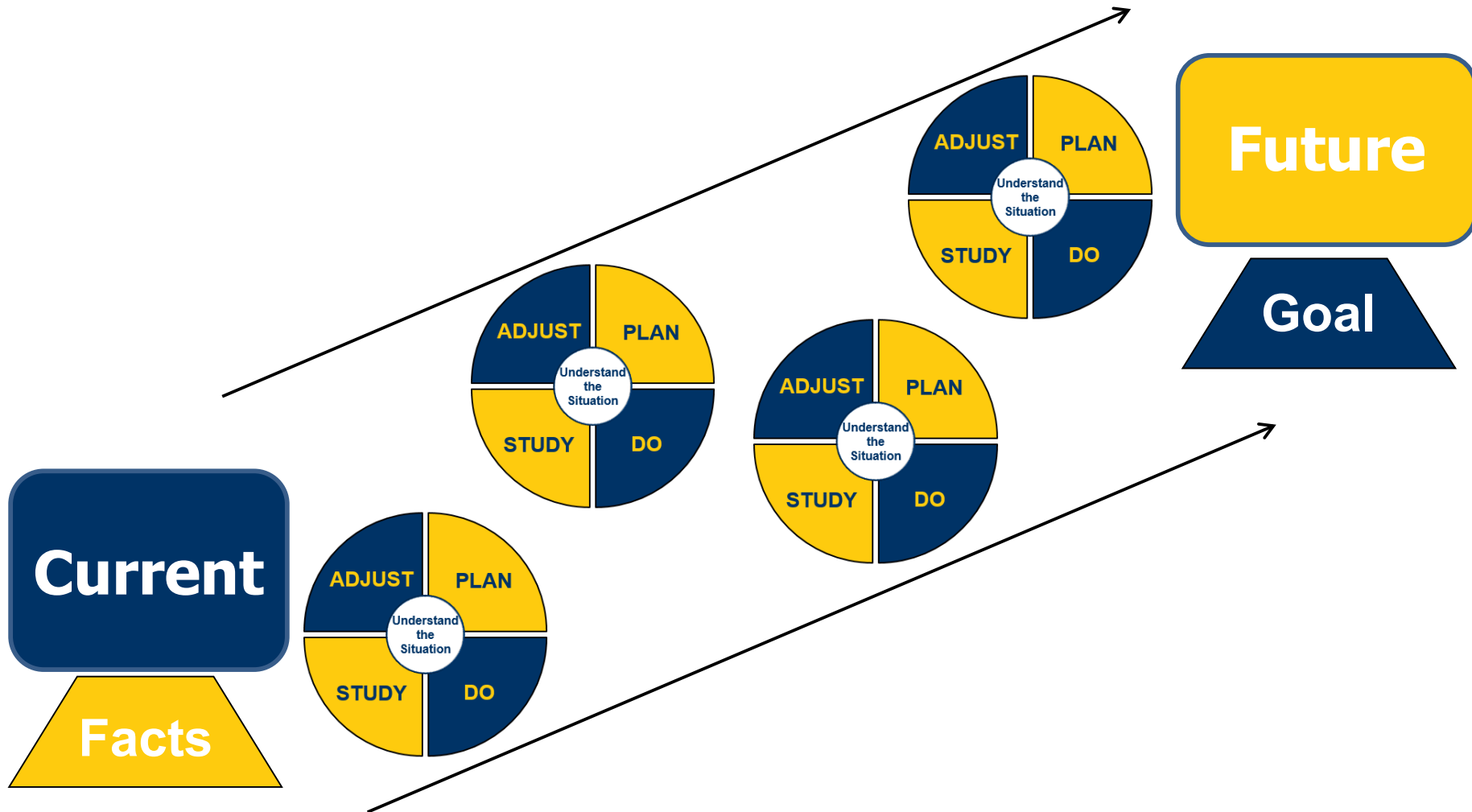
Number of advanced directives completed for clinic patients

- Limited to Taubman General Medicine Clinic
- Limited to the Residents’ Clinic
- Limited to the Friday morning Resident Clinic

# How = Scientific Approach



# Learning Our Way Forward



# Understanding the Situation



<b>Problem:</b> What is the problem?	<b>PDSA Cycles:</b>  
<b>Importance:</b> Why is this important?	
<b>Current Condition:</b> Where are we now?	
<b>Target:</b> Where do we want to be?	
<b>Root Causes:</b> What are the causes?	

# How Can We Find Out?

**Current**

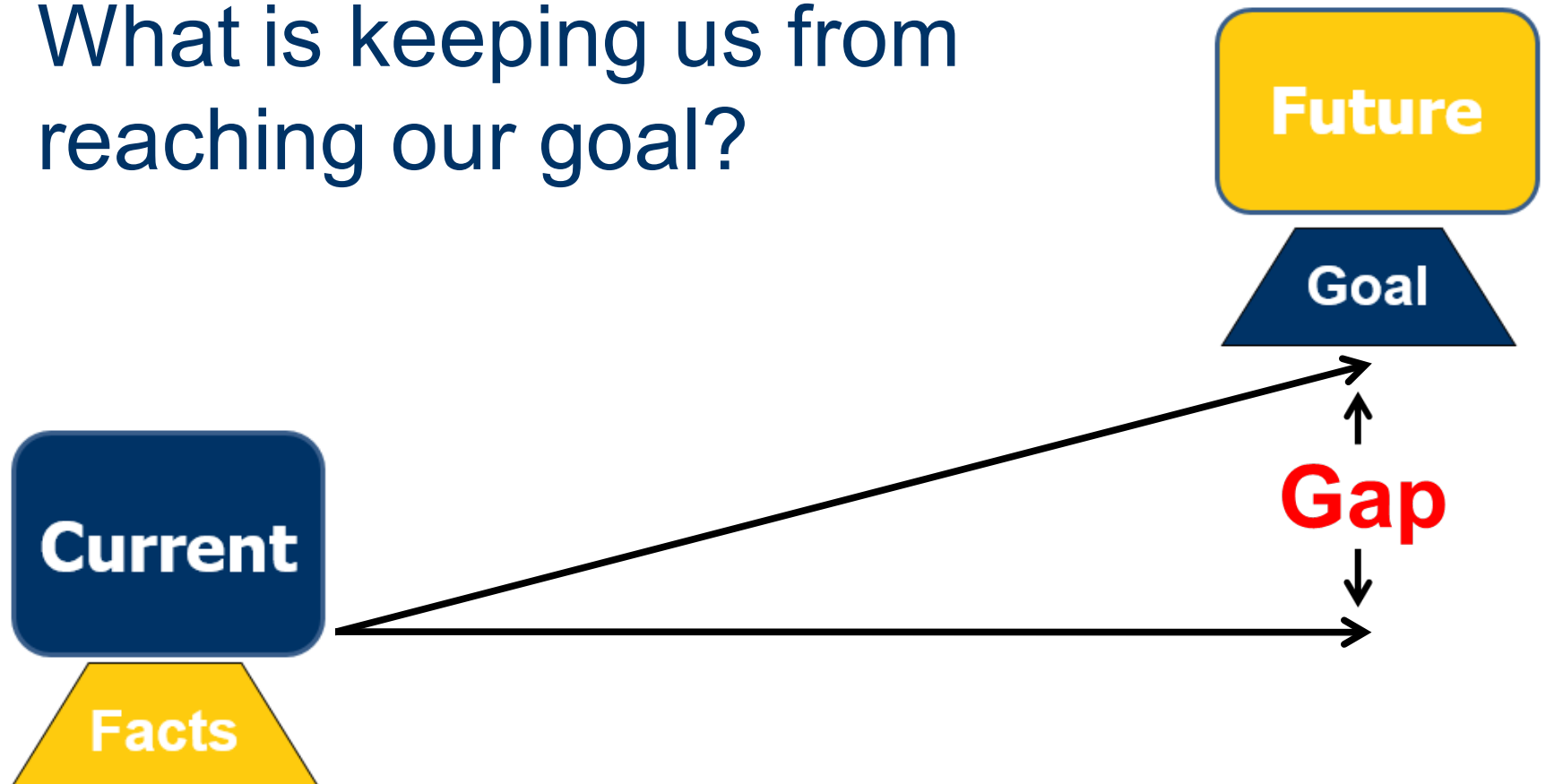
**Facts**

## Understanding the Current Condition

- Go See
- Mapping
- Data Collection

# Understanding the Gap

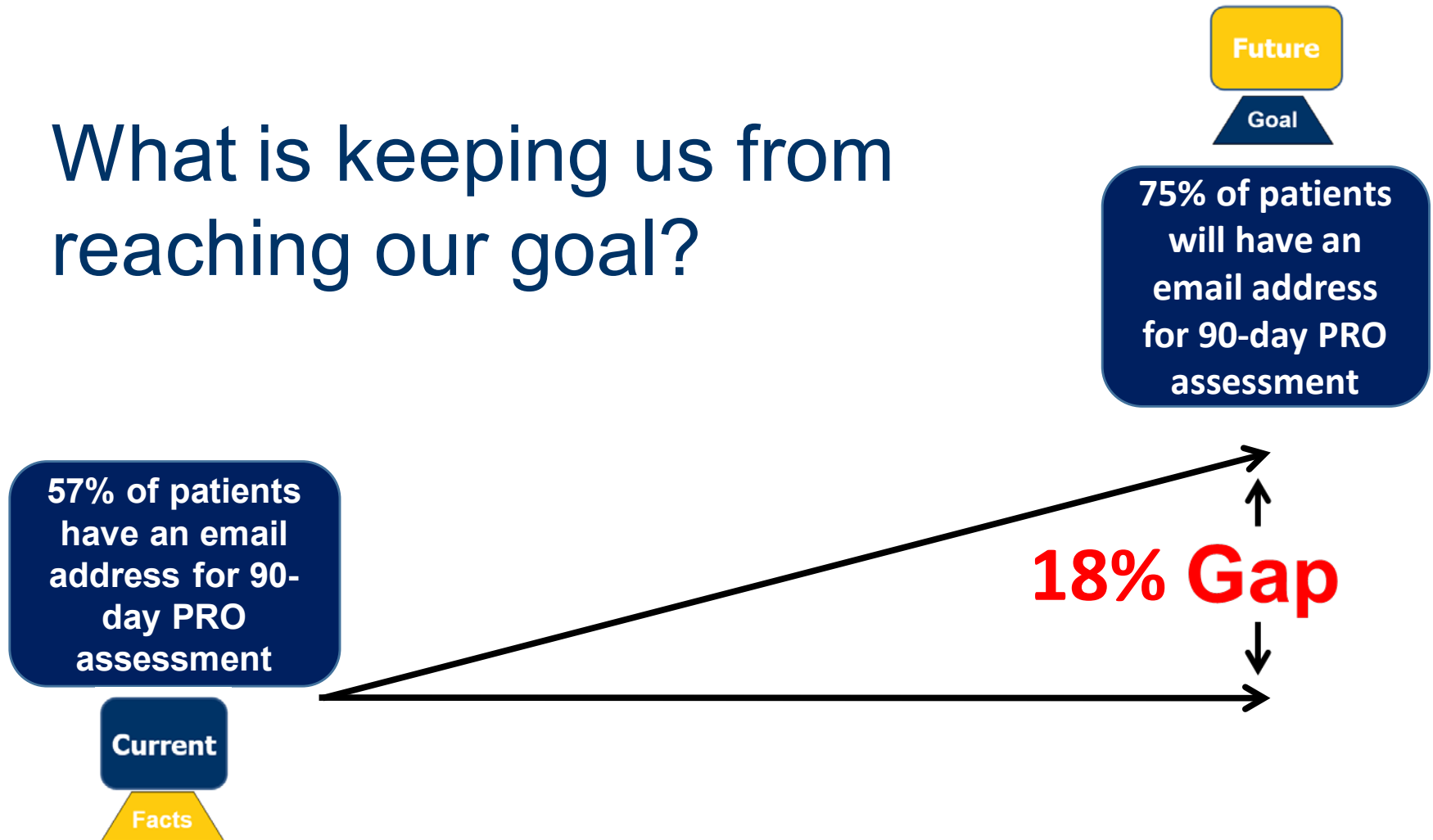
What is keeping us from reaching our goal?





# Understanding the Gap

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# Root Cause Analysis

- ✓ Help to think more deeply about the problem
- ✓ Help to surface the real causes
- ✓ Include Fishbone Diagrams, 5 Whys and Root Cause Trees



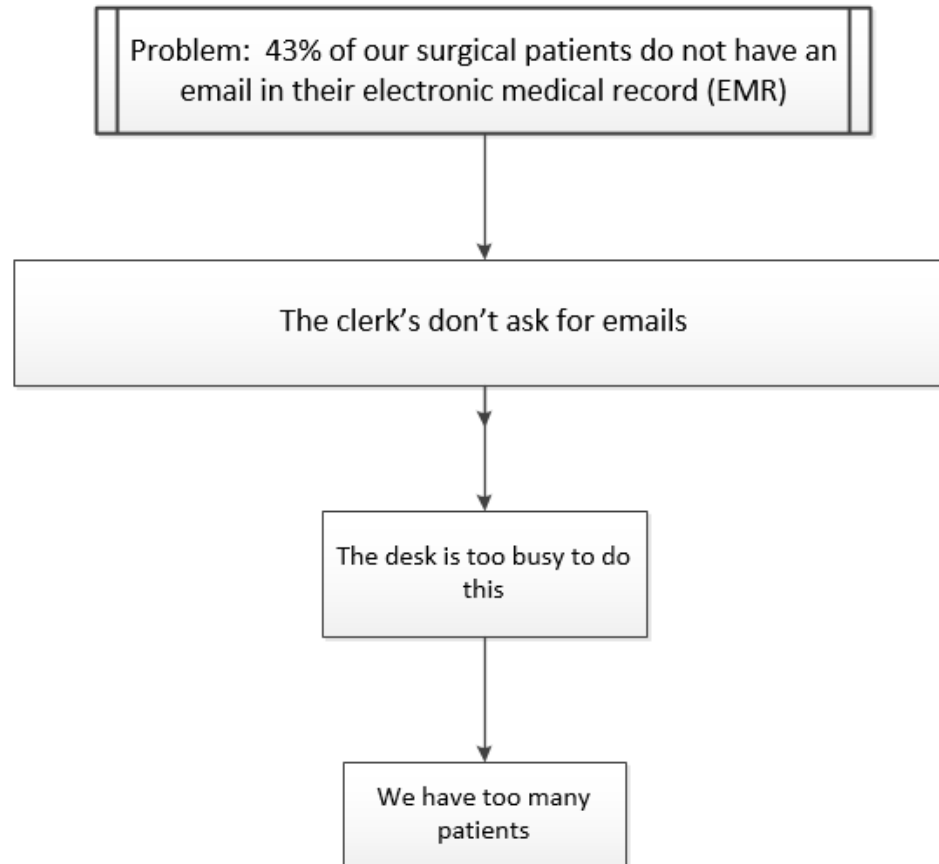
# A Real Problem



The stone on  
**the Jefferson  
Memorial** was  
crumbling.  
?? Water pressure??  
??chemicals??  
??material failure??

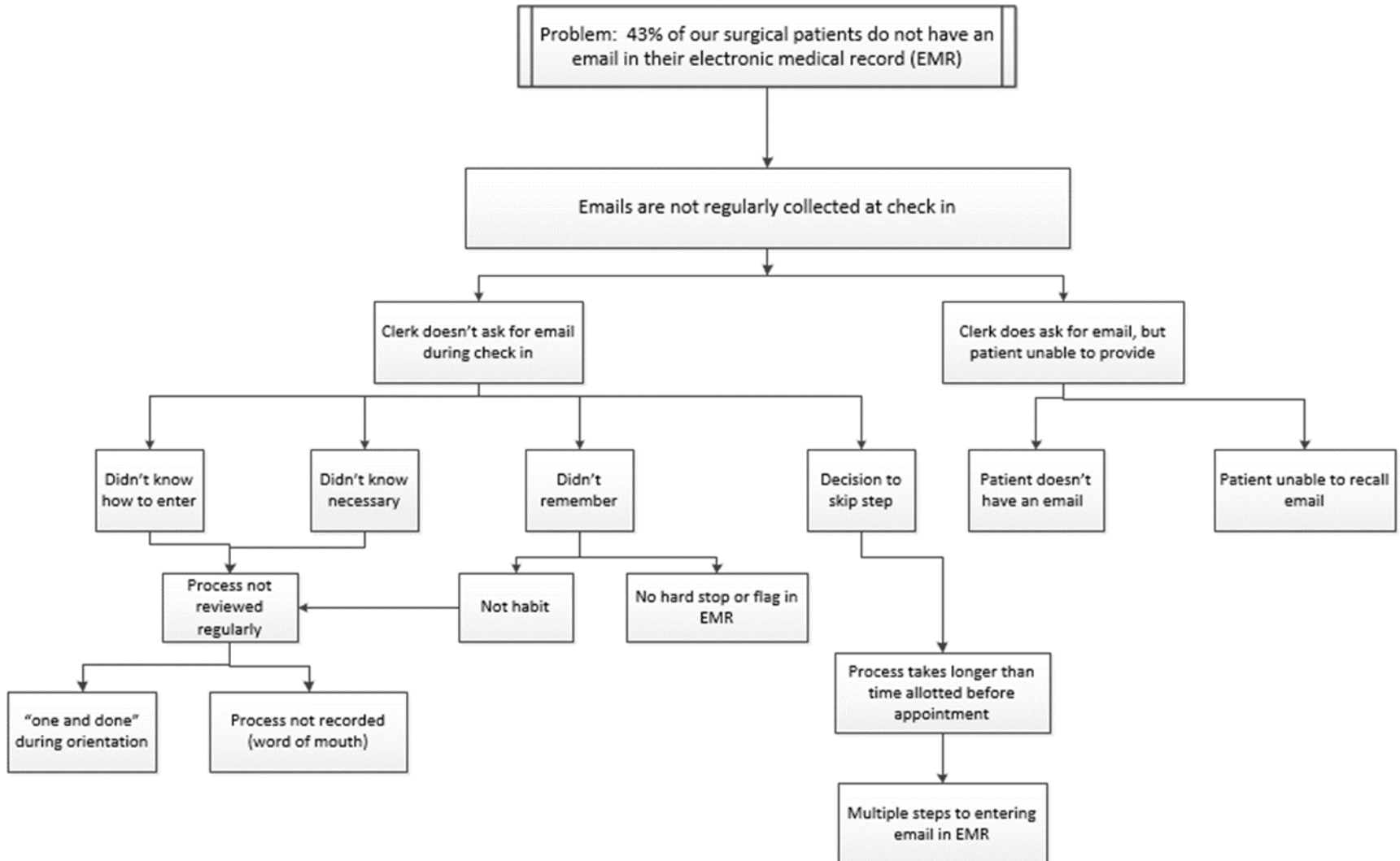
# Ineffective Root Cause

## Saint X



# Case Study: More Effective

## Saint X



# Root Cause Analysis Tips

- It gets easier with practice
- Warning! Be on the look out for...
  - Causes you have no control over
  - The *5-Whos*
  - Dead-end paths
- There is often more than one root cause
- Add available data – gather more if needed
- Root causes often come down to “no standard” or a “standard not being followed”

# Continuous Improvement

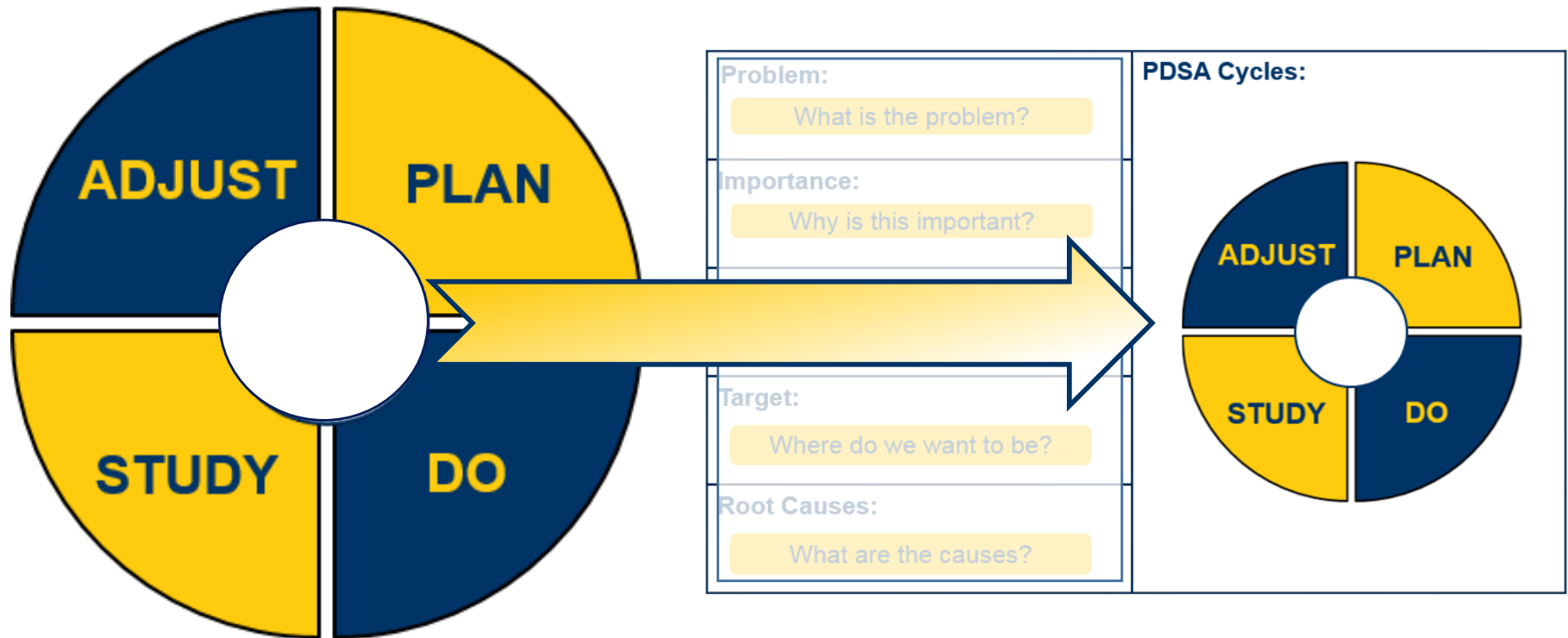


# How Will We Close the Gap?

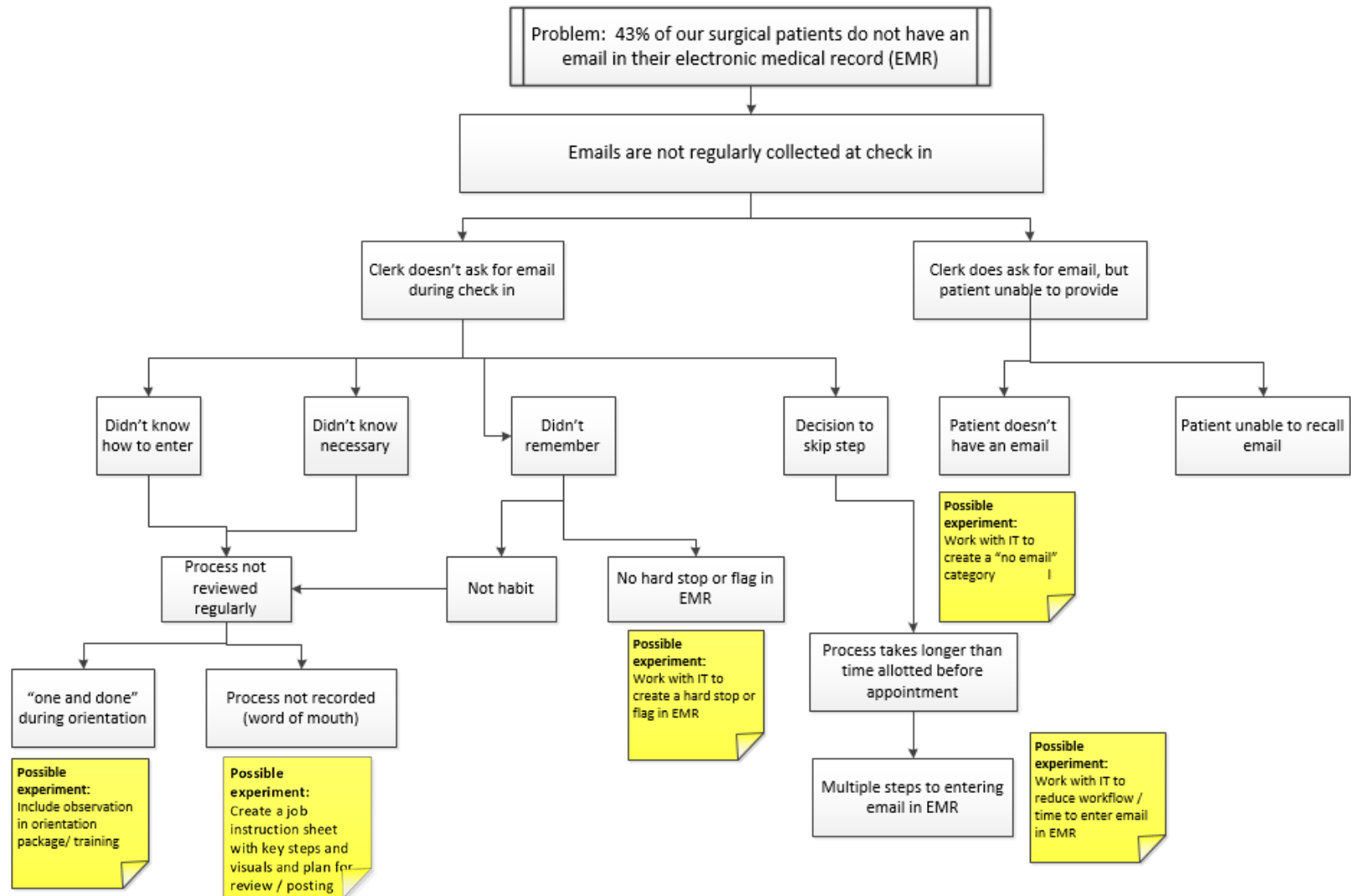




# Scientific Problem Solving

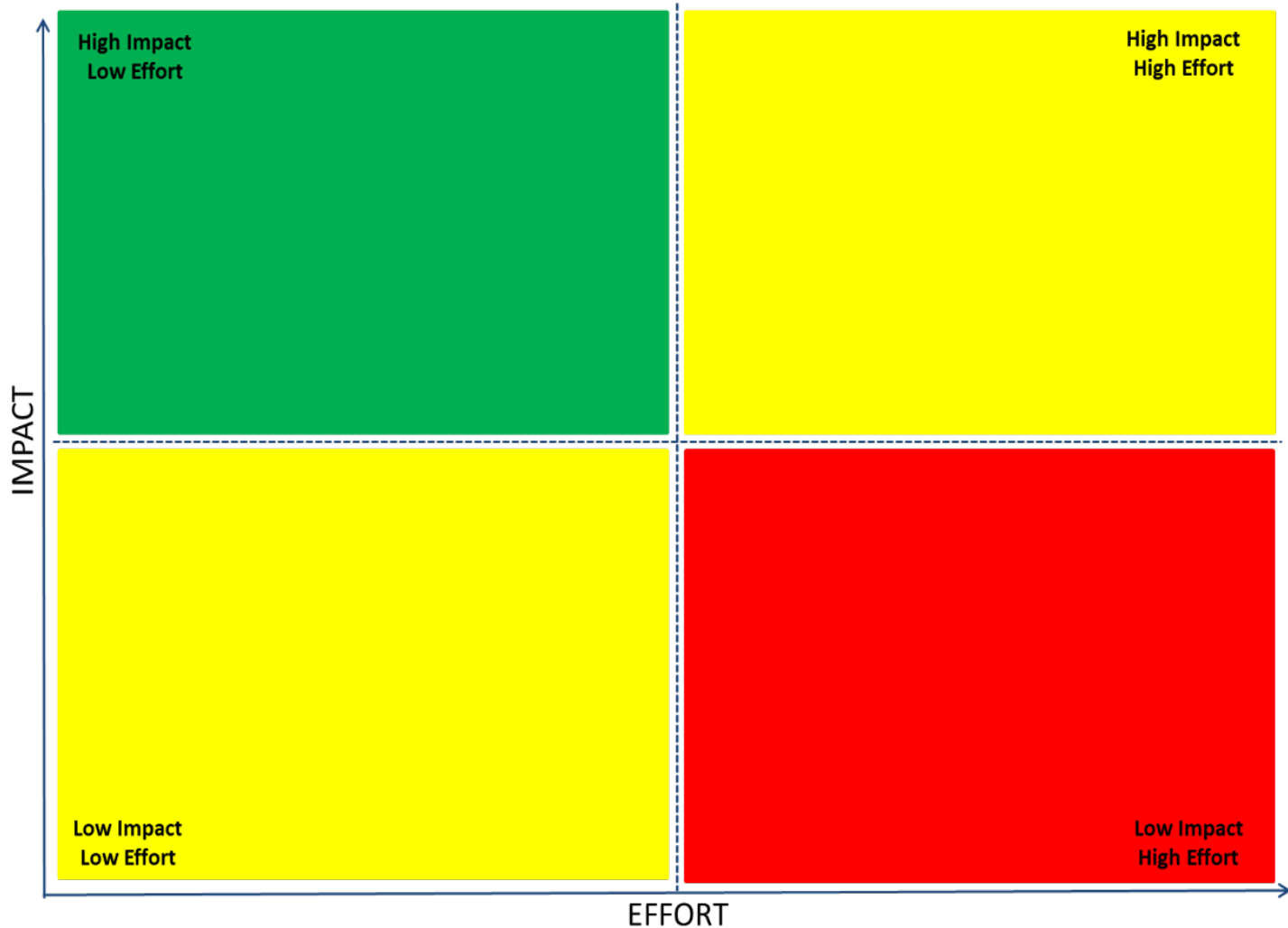


# Case Study: Address a Root Cause





# Impact / Effort Matrix

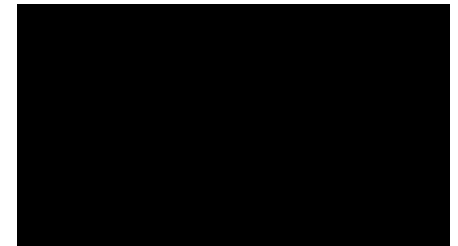


# Activity: Case Study Part Two

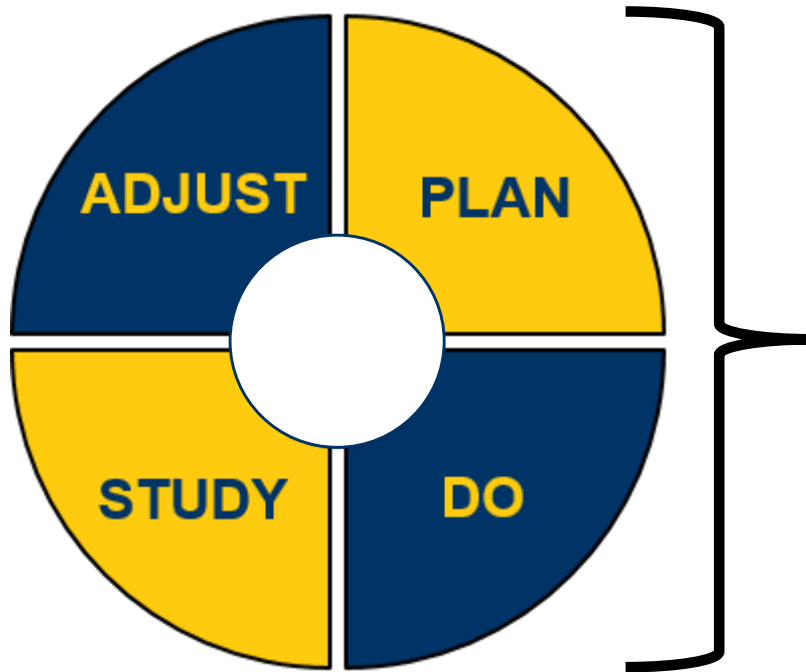
## Prioritizing Experiment Options

**In pairs, at your table : (10 min)**

- Review additional Case Study information
- For each potential experiment, put each corresponding letter on the appropriate section of the Impact / Effort matrix
- Decide which experiment you will try first



# Problem Solving Thinking



**PDSA Record**

Date	What will we do?	Who will do it?	When will it be done?	What will we measure / find out?	What is the date?		1. What did we learn? 2. What did the data tell us? 3. What is our next step (next line)?
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What is the plan?

# Using Data in Healthcare



## A few examples:

- Clinical Research
- Patient Satisfaction
- Population Health
- Care Management
- Financial Analysis
- Quality Scores
- **Process Improvement**

# Data for Improvement Work

## Data Use

To bring new knowledge  
into daily practice

Gather “just enough” data  
to learn and move to action

“Small tests of significant  
changes” accelerates the  
rate of improvement

Real time



# Types of Metrics

- **Outcome** metrics (Lag)
  - Focuses on the end result
  - Usually part of “Why do we care?”
- **Process** metrics (Lead)
  - Focuses on steps within the process
  - Usually part of Understanding the Situation
  - May be an indicator of outcome

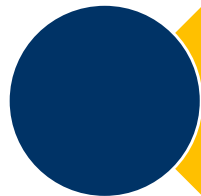
# Outcome or Process Metric?



Percent of patients by day that were asked for an email



Percent of patients with complete opioid prescription in workstation for 2019



Number of patients that exceeded the recommended number of prescribed opioids today



Percent of patients in 2019 that have an email entered into EHR

# Data Collection Options

- Time Studies
- Tally Sheets
- Frequency Charts
- EMR Reports
- Others?



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YGSS Reports

A1 Premier Foods

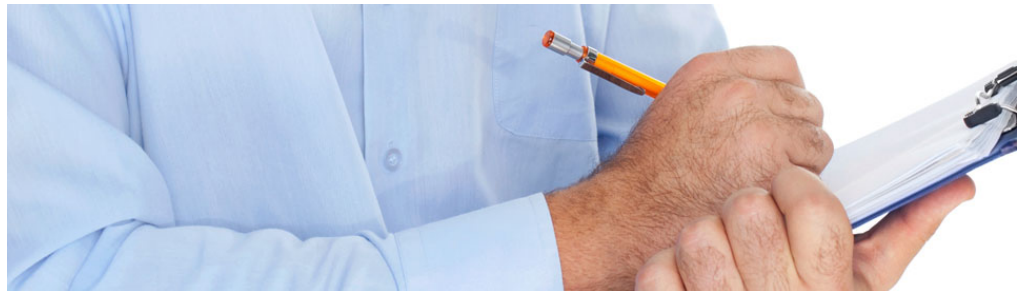
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Plant22 Sector 3		Period: 02-07-2004 04:00 02-08-2004 03:59					
Description	Object Name	Reduction	Unit	Count	Total	Reduced	Variance
Temperature							
Temperature in burner	t1	Maximum	*C	24	358,0	15,0	0,0
Flow							
Flow water in	q1	Average	m³/h	24	1209,0	50,0	0,4
Flow into the purification	q2	Average	m³/h	24	1092,0	46,0	0,4
Flow	q3	Average	m³/h	24	1197,0	50,0	7,8
Flow tank 2	q4	Average	m³/h	24	1445,0	60,0	6,1
Flow into the purification	q6	Average	m³/h	24	2112,0	88,0	0,3
Pumps							
Pump water	p1	Changes		24	2319	2319	0
Pump to section 2	p2	Changes		24	2319	2319	0
Water pump	p3	Changes		24	0	0	0
Pumpe	p20	Changes		0	0	0	0
Pumpe	p21	Changes		0	0	0	0
Pumpe	p22	Changes		0	0	0	0
Valves							
Valve	v1	Changes		24	4654	4654	0
Valve sludge right to sl tank	v4	Changes		0	0	0	0
Sludge valve return right	v6	Changes		24	1167	1167	0
Valve	v11	Changes		24	1168	1168	0
Valve in outlet tank 4	v11	Maximum		24	24	1	0
Valve in outlet tank 4	v11	Minimum		24	24	1	0
Valve	v12	Changes		24	0	0	0
Valve	v14	Changes		24	0	0	0
Valve return water (recirc)	v17	Changes		24	0	0	0
Pumpe	p20	Changes		n	n	n	n

Ready NUM



# Data Collection

- Collecting data can help us:
  - Understand what is currently happening
  - Fill in process metrics
  - Establish a baseline (measurement of current)
  - Identify and define issues/problems
- Collecting data should be done as close to work as possible
- Collecting data should be practical



# Frequency Chart Data

Problem = Provider not able to locate MA when needed

Purpose = To understand why MA was not in area

Frequency Chart Title: I'm always leaving the room for _____!						Start Date: 6/16/14 (M)						End Date: 6/20/14 (F)						
Category / Reason																		
Alcohol Wipes	X																	
Blood Tubes																		
Gloves	X	✓	✓	X														
Blood Pressure Cuff	X	X																
<b>FORM</b>	X	X	X	✓	X	X												
Tray (Specialty)	X	X	X															
Cott. Balls	✓																	
EKG	X	X																
<b>Gauze</b>	✓	✓	✓	X														
Tape	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Otoscope Tip	X	X	✓	X	X													

# Data Collection

- Charts can be simple and created **by hand**
- Charts can be done by **any role**
- Make sure the chart is **easily accessible** to mark in real time
- Leave room to add to the chart



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					Before	After	
	What is the plan?						

# Experiment Planning Guide

Key Elements	Details	Follow-up Needed Before
Communication Needed Prior to Experiment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who needs to know?</li> <li>- Have we socialized it?</li> </ul>		
Experiment Job Aides, Data Collection Tools, or Equipment Needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is specific equipment needed?</li> <li>- Does standard job aid need to be developed?</li> <li>- Is a template or checklist needed?</li> </ul>		
Experiment Data Collection? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What will be collected?</li> <li>- How will it be collected?</li> <li>- By who? Backup?</li> <li>- Where will data be discussed and displayed?</li> </ul>		
Shared Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where will experiment learning be shared and reviewed?</li> <li>- How will improvement suggestions be captured and shared?</li> <li>- How will obstacles be identified and shared?</li> </ul>		
Start date:		
Duration of Experiment:		

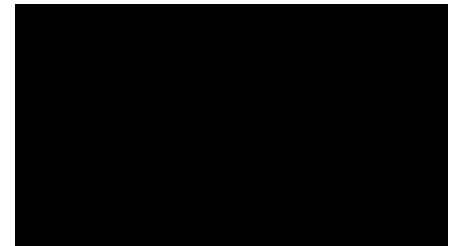


# Activity: Case Study Part Three

## PDSA

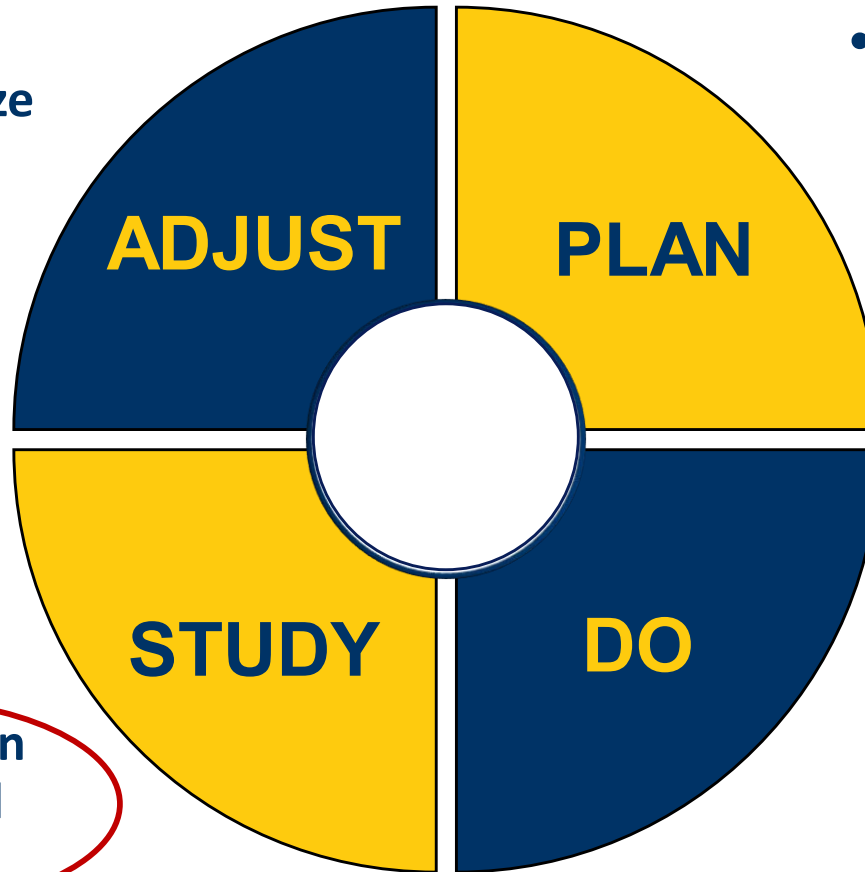
**In pairs, at your table (10 min)**

1. Review additional Case Study Information
2. Use Experiment Planning checklist as a guide
3. Complete the left side of the PDSA record with
  - What the experiment will be?
  - Who will do what and by when?
  - What will you measure and how?



# How = Scientific Approach

- Adjust & Standardize



- Make a Hypothesis based on Data

- Try Something

- Reflect on Data and Results

# PDSA Record

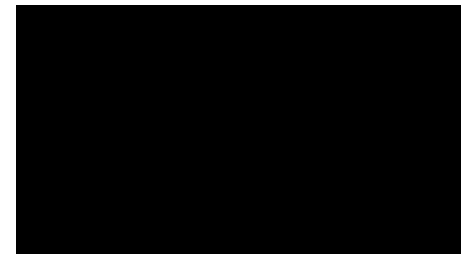
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					Before	After	
What is the plan?							What happened and what was learned?

# Activity: Case Study Part Four

## PDSA

**In pairs, at your table (5 min)**

1. Review additional Case Study information
2. Complete the right side of the PDSA record with
  - What did we learn?
  - What did the data tell us?
3. Complete the left side of the PDSA record with
  - Your next steps
  - Who will do what and by when?
  - What will you measure and how?



# Connecting Your Work

## Activity: Think- Share- Share

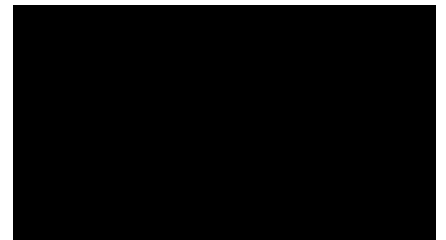
**Individually, at your table (2 min)**

Thinking about your own process for getting improvement -

- What topics or tools from today's session would you consider applying?
- What questions do you still have?

**Discuss thoughts at your table (2 min)**

**Share thoughts with the collaborative (6 min)**



# What questions do you have?

## Thank You!