

# Patient safety culture from the perspectives of patients, staff and improvement teams

-A three-pronged effort from a fearless organization



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14 Departments  
2.995 Employees  
360 Beds  
336.000 Patient contacts annually





# Team

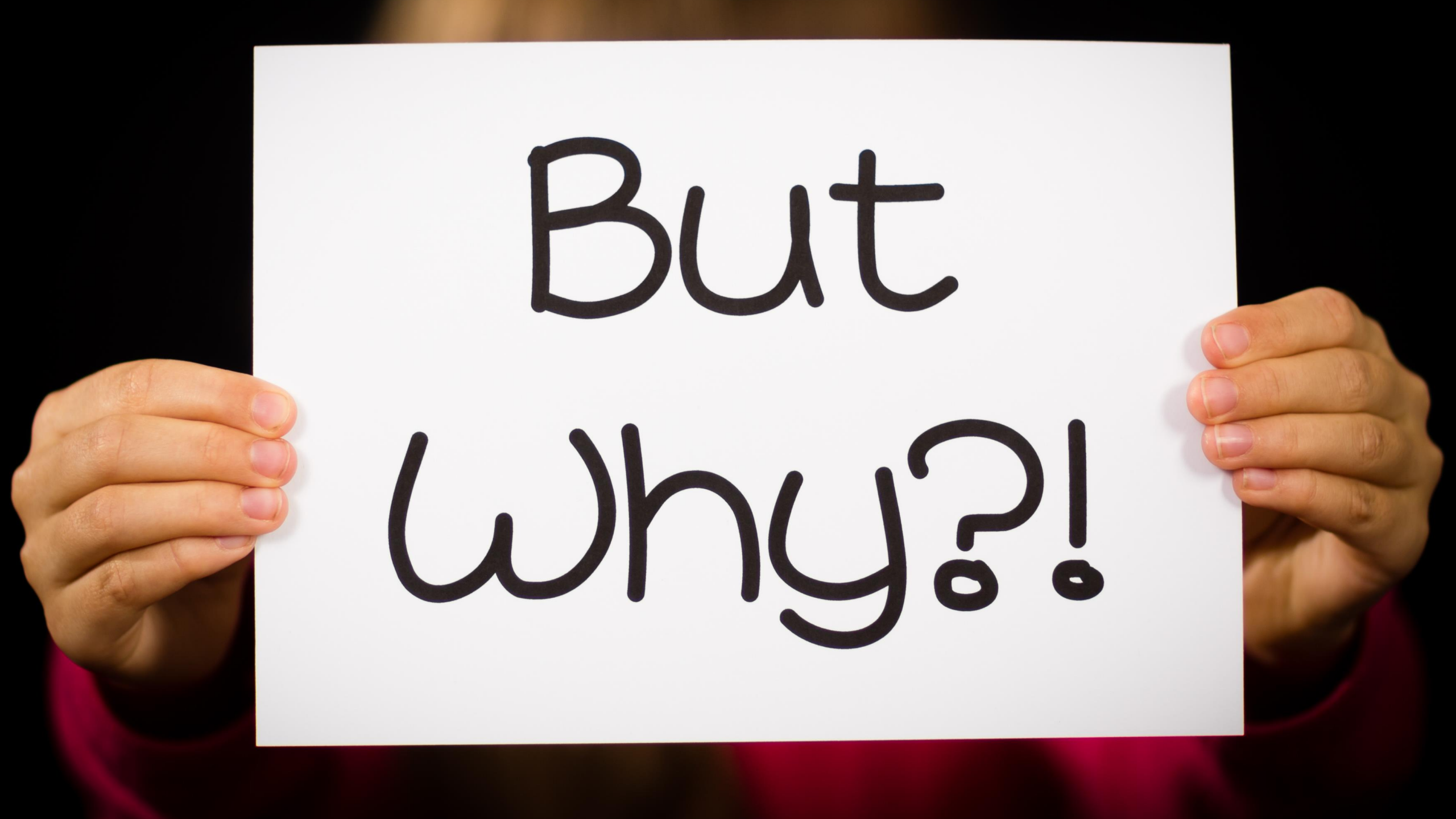
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- Quality coordinator
- Engineer

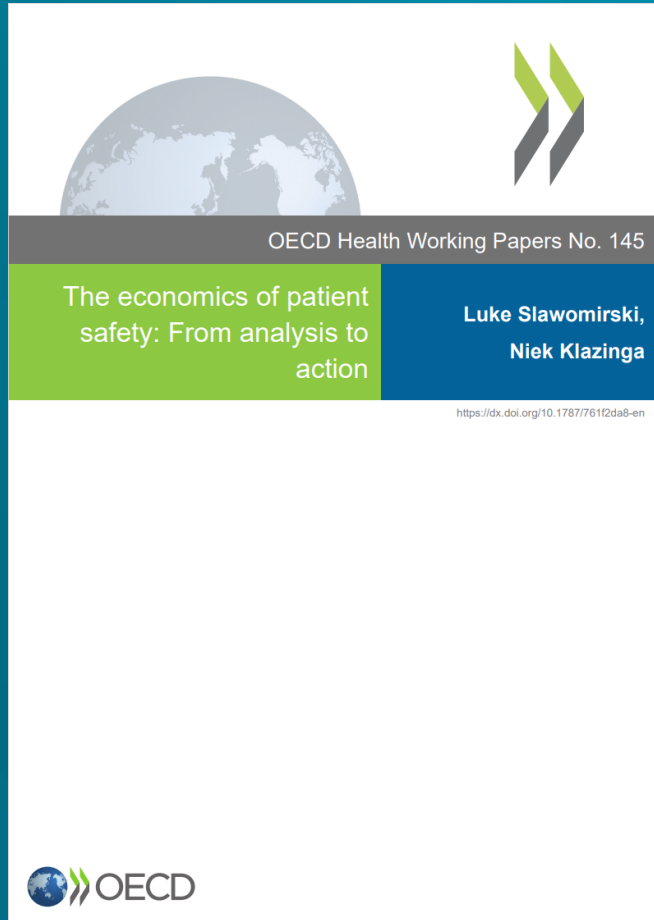
## Medical Department:

- Chief therapist
- Quality coordinator





But  
why?!



The 2022 report highlights that 15% of OECD countries' hospital spending can be attributed to the handling of errors and patient harms.





Silo thinking



Quality teams



SAQ survey



Inspiration at IHI





## A novel three-pronged model



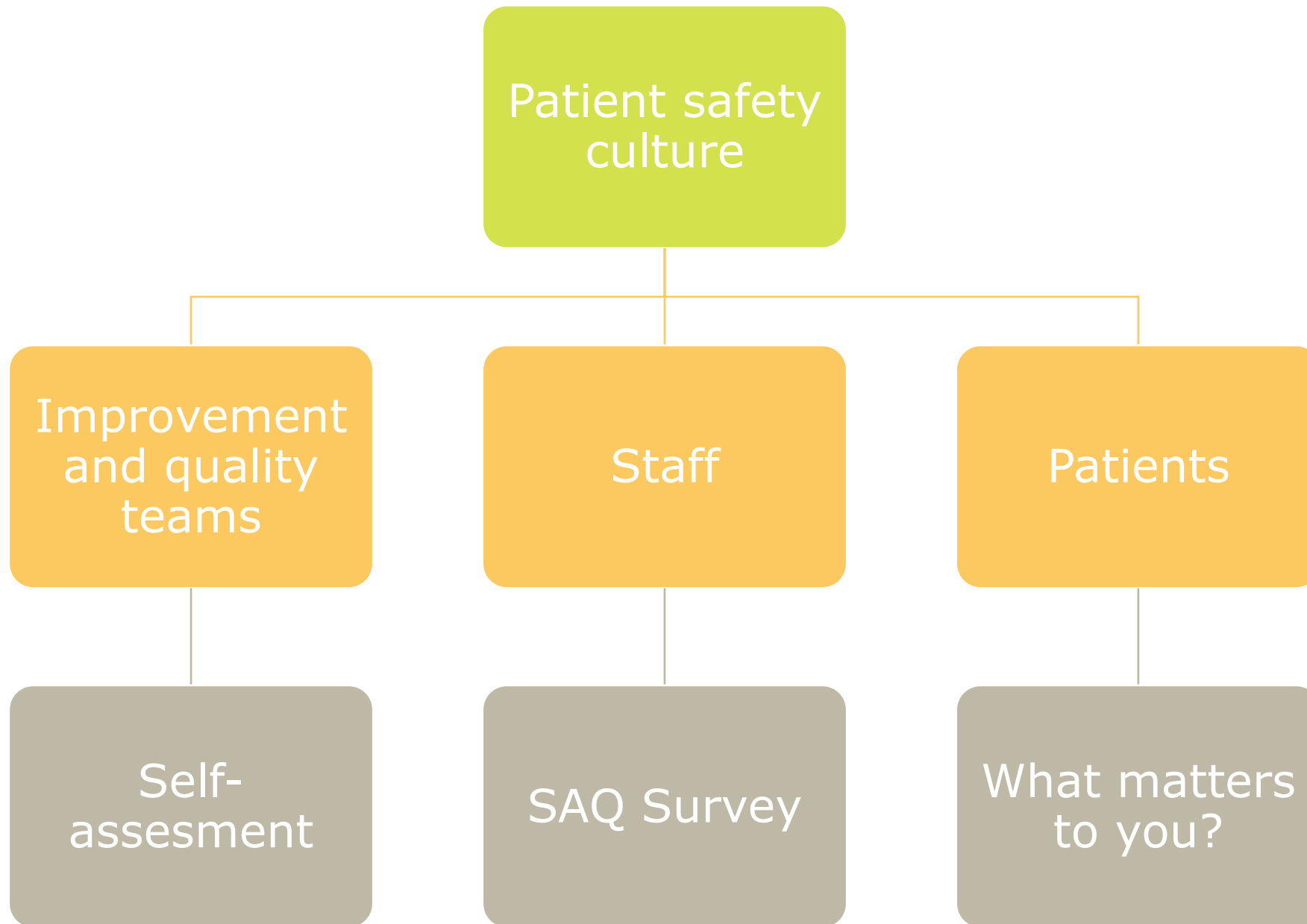




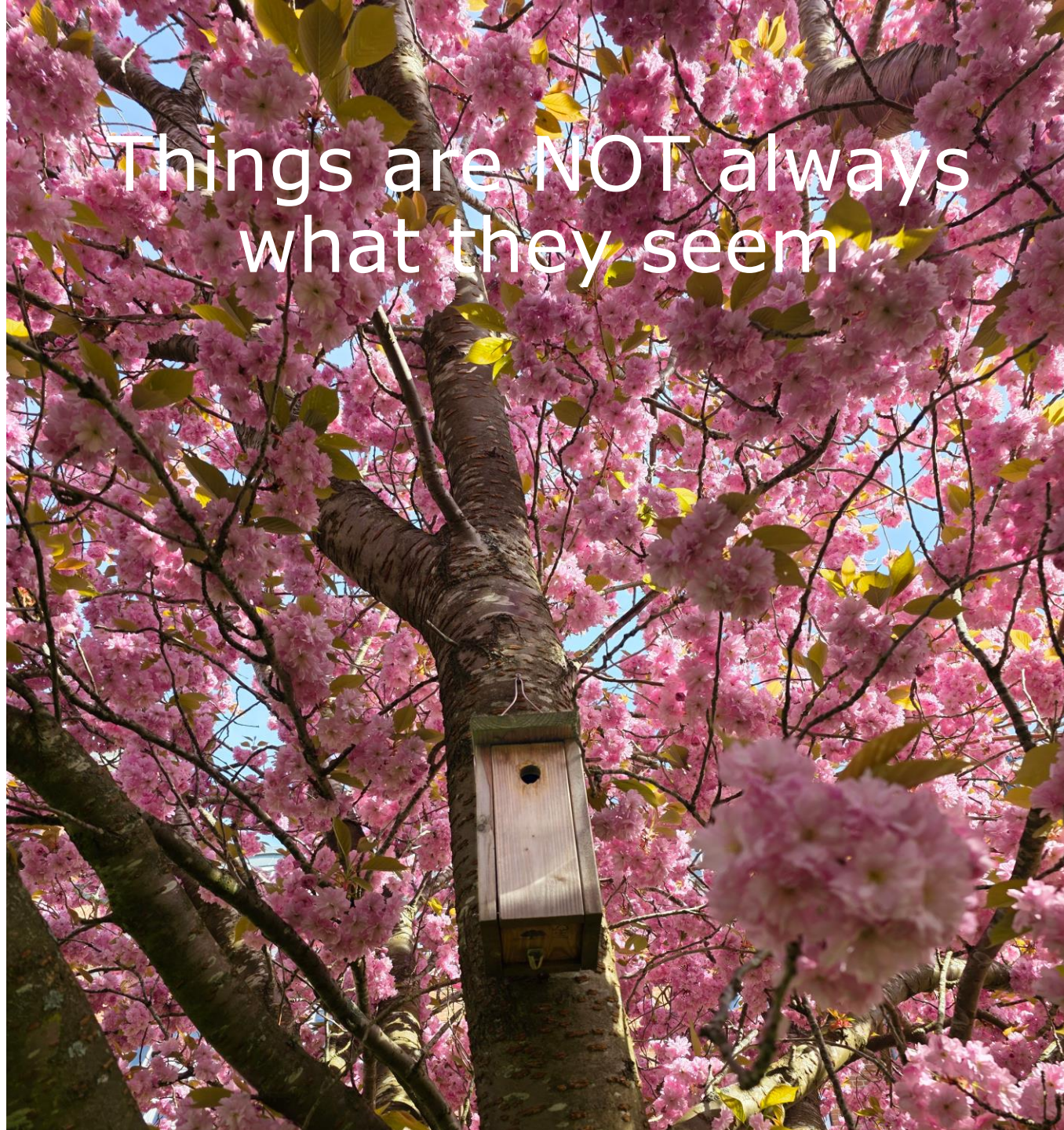
3 perspectives related to patient safety work





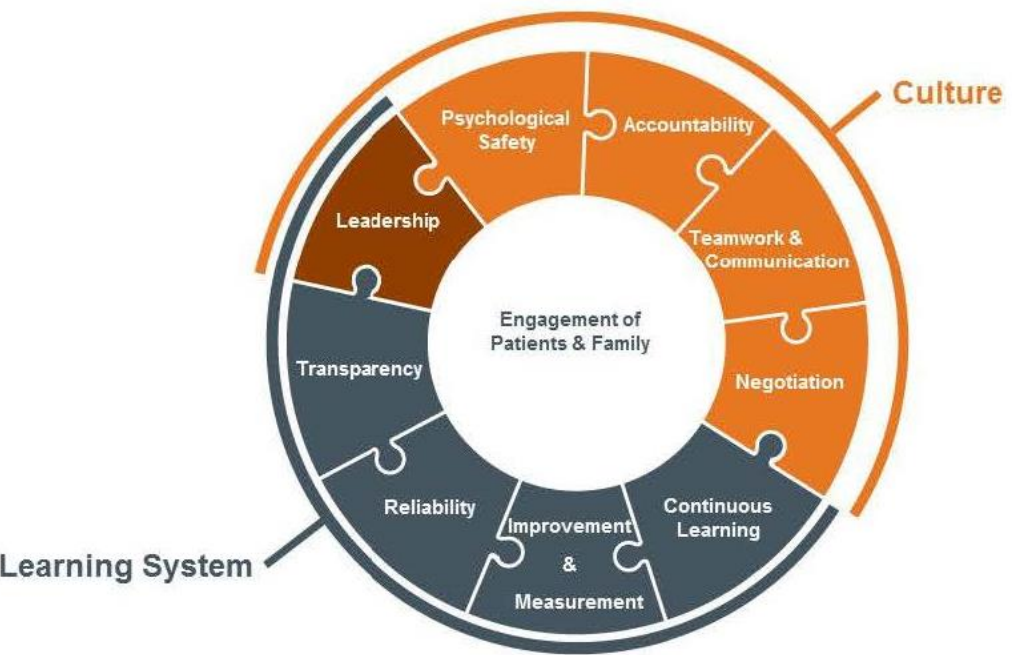
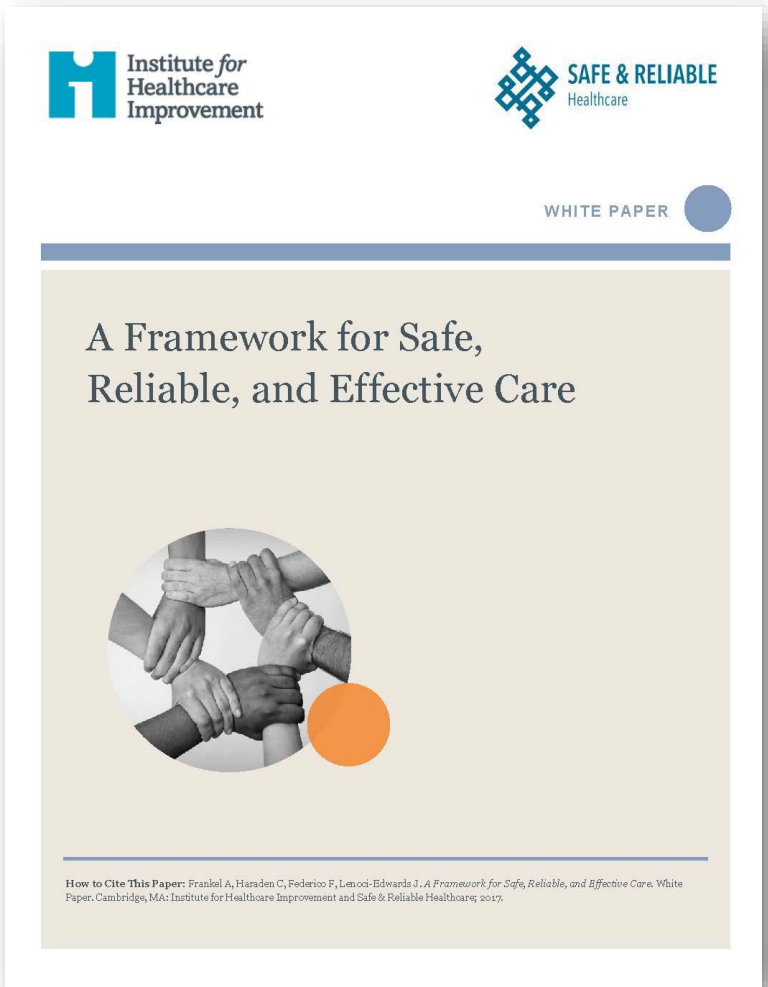
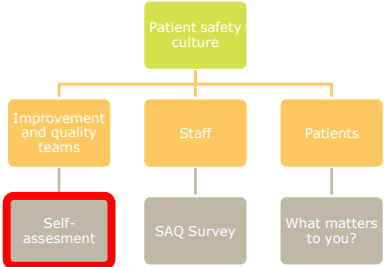


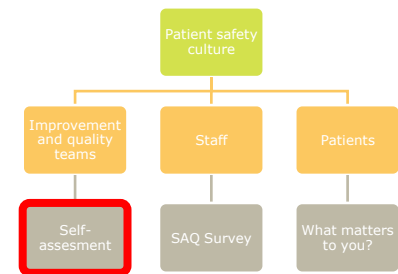
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# Self-evaluation





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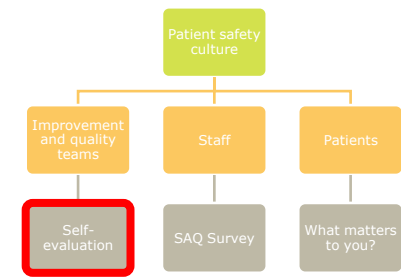
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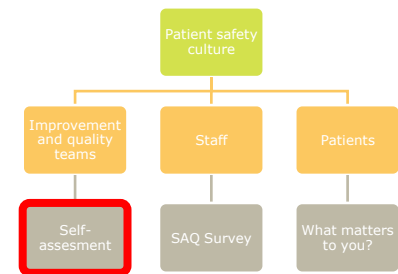
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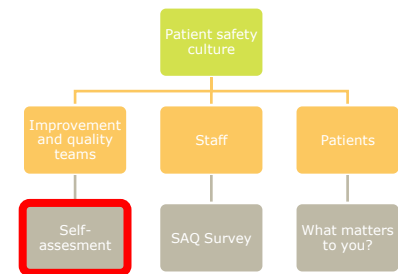
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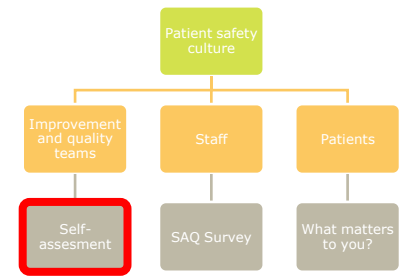
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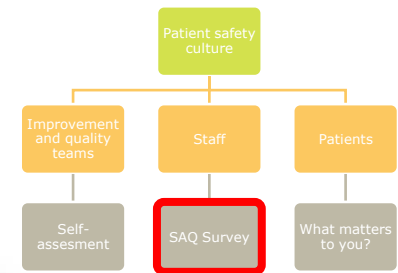


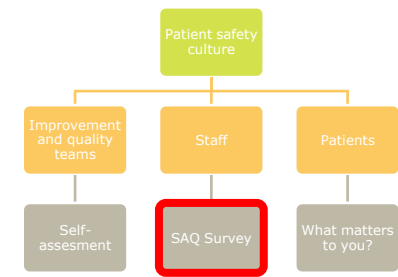


# SAQ Survey

14 questions from the SAQ survey:

- Collaboration climate
- Safety climate
- Improvements





# 2023

Invitation to 490  
employees

**28%** answered

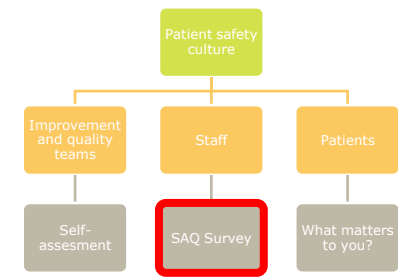
# 2024

Invitation to 762  
employees

**34%** answered







In 2021 there were

357 adverse events

In 2022 there were

321 adverse events

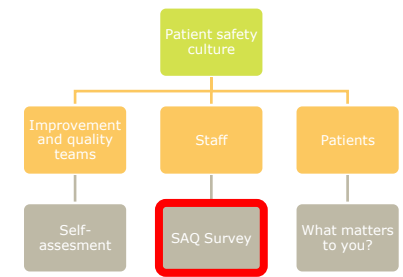
In 2023 there were

453 adverse events

In 2024 there were

776 adverse events



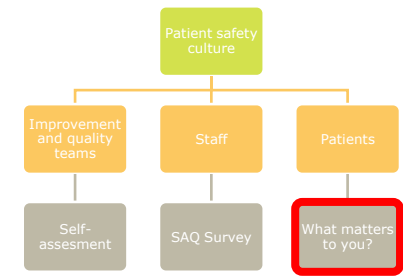


**What is your thoughts  
on the questionnaire?**





# What matters to you?

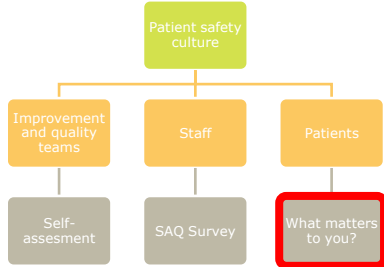


The image shows two overlapping patient survey forms. The top form is titled 'Hvad er vigtigt for dig?' (What is important to you?). It contains the following text: 'Den 6/8 er international "Hvad er vigtigt for dig" -dag. Derfor spørger vi dig om det.' (The 6/8 is international "What is important to you" -day. Therefore we ask you about it.). 'Vi vil gerne have en større indsigelse i, hvad der betyder noget for dig.' (We would like to have a greater input into what matters to you.). 'Vi vil gerne have en større indsigelse i, hvad der betyder noget for dig.' (We would like to have a greater input into what matters to you.). 'Kunne du tænke dig kort at svare på nogle spørgsmål i den forbindelse?' (Could you think of briefly answering some questions in connection with this?). 'Kunne du tænke dig kort at svare på nogle spørgsmål i den forbindelse?' (Could you think of briefly answering some questions in connection with this?). The form has three numbered questions: 1. 'Hvad er det vigtigste for dig ved dit besøg?' (What is the most important to you about your visit?). 2. 'Føler du dig tryk ved dit besøg?' (Do you feel pressure during your visit?). 3. 'Hvis ja i spørgsmål 2: Har du oplevet noget, du synes vi kan blive bedre til?' (If yes to question 2: Have you experienced something you think we can get better at?). The bottom form is identical but partially obscured.

- What matters to you during your hospitalization?
- Do you feel safe being admitted in this ward?
- Any suggestions for improvement?



# Do you feel safe?



2023	
Yes	69
no	3

2024	
Yes	111
no	8

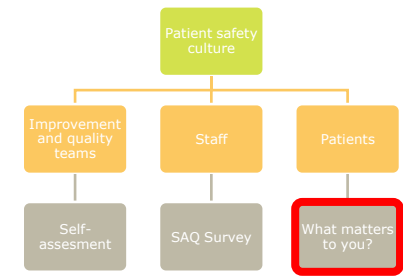




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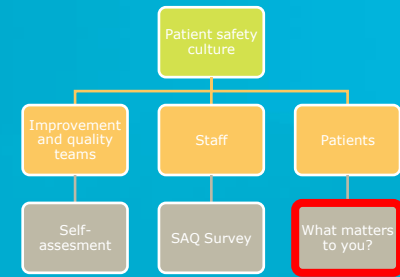
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Staff behavior  
Physical  
Exersize  
After discharge  
Patient involvement

2024



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Information  
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Organizational  
Care & Treatment  
Psychological  
Own health

# What matters to you?



More training

Correct medication

That I feel safe

I want to go home





# Methods for Improvements



# Scale

- Culture takes time and is never-ending
- Listen to ideas from staff
- Tell others





# Take home message



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Leadership, Listen, and Learn

New partners – New perspectives

Steal Steal Steal



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## Thank you for your time

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# **Measuring and Monitoring of Patient Safety Framework**

## **Lessons Learned from Our Clinical Improvement Team**

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Director, Acute Care

- None

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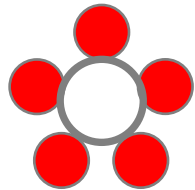
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# Objectives

- Identify success factors for the clinical improvement team model
- Understand the importance of having patients and families as partners in program design
- Understand the importance of the measuring and monitoring of safety framework:

- Past harm
- Reliability
- Sensitivity to Operations
- Anticipation and Preparedness
- Integration and Learning



## ***'Home First' Principles***

- Focus on patient-centred care and supporting patient self-management
- Team approach to care, with the patient at the centre
- Engagement at all levels of the health service, supported by a clear vision and both clinical and executive leadership
- Capture patient and family, community, and staff stories to express the impact of co-design

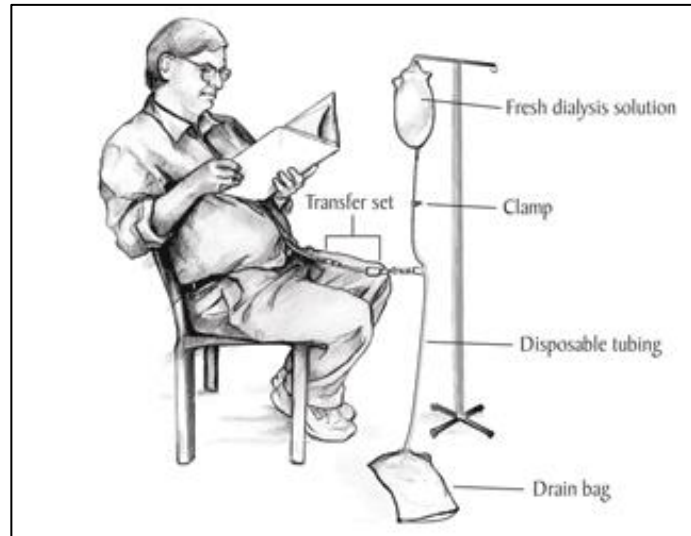
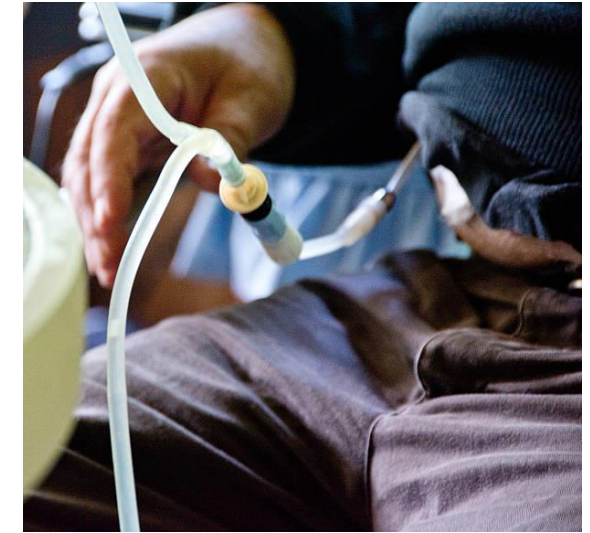
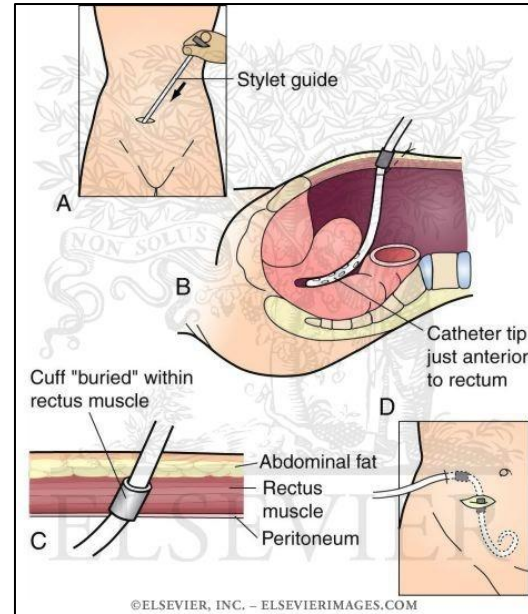


# Case

- 58 year old male teacher
- Lives near North Battleford
  - (2.5 hrs from Tertiary Care Centre)
- Hypertensive, newly diabetic
- Creatinine 500  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ 
  - eGFR 10 ml/min
  - (creatinine 700  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  = GFR <7 ml/min)

Patient needs to decide on end stage kidney disease (ESKD) treatment options

## Why Peritoneal Dialysis?



Peritoneal dialysis (PD) is an important model of a *Home First* therapy to avert or delay the need for hemodialysis and uses the peritoneum and dialysate solution to clean the blood

# Background and Significance

As part of the Saskatchewan Health Authority Sustainability Plan, Kidney Health and Radiology partnered to achieve best practice for PD catheter insertions by providing a minimally invasive and timelier alternative to current surgical PD catheter means of insertion.



Home Dialysis Rates *				
Location	PD	HHD	Total	Target
Australia	20%	9%	29%	40%
New Zealand	31%	19%	50%	60%
Canada	18%	4%	22%	30%
Saskatchewan	22%	3%	25%	40%
Saskatoon	26%	4%	30%	40%
Regina	17%	2%	19%	40%
* ISPD 30%				
**Sask Provincial Dialysis Working Group 2019-20				

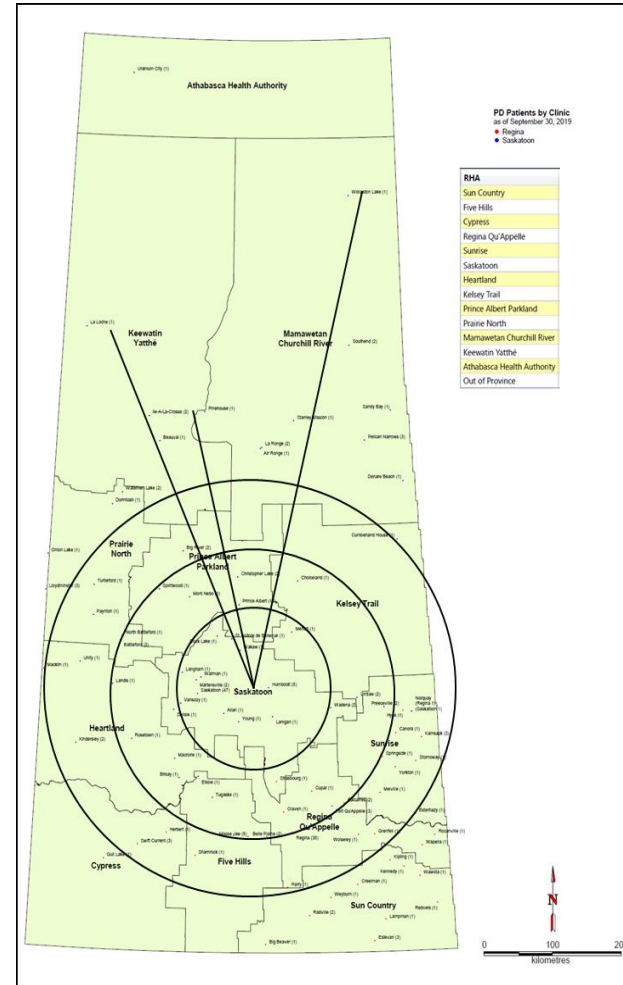
**Reaching a target of 40% will require new strategies, investment, and a better understanding of patient and family preferences**

\* United States Renal Data System  
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# Saskatchewan Health Authority

## Kidney Health – North/Saskatoon



**Western Canadian Province**

**Population 2024: 1,250,909**

17% of persons identify as First Nations or Métis

- (Canadian Average = 5%)

64.4% of persons live in Urban Area

- (Canadian Average = 83%)

North (Saskatoon) Tertiary Care and Kidney Health  
South (Regina) Tertiary Care and Kidney Health



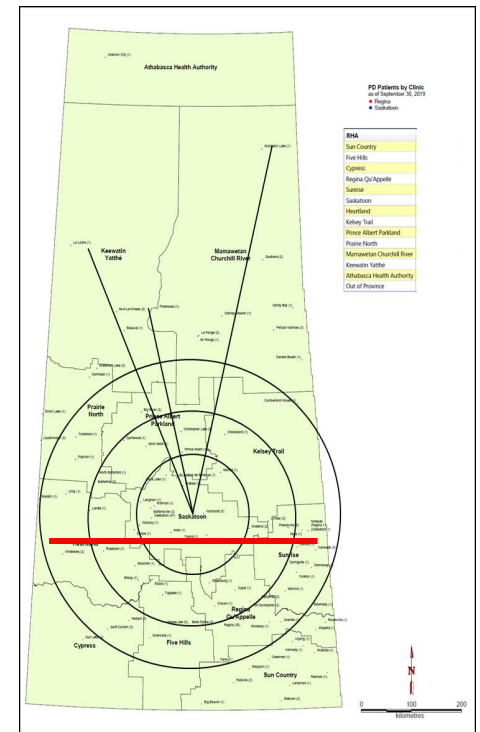
# Saskatoon End Stage Kidney Failure Numbers - 2025

	Transplant	Hemodialysis	Home Hemodialysis	Peritoneal Dialysis
Total (number)	536	492*	14	120
Ave. Age (yrs)	55	57.6	59.4	57.7%
Diabetic	24%	59%	21%	43%
First Nations and Métis	14%	54%	14%	26%
>75 years	7%	16%	3%	17%
Male	61%	56%	43%	56%
% *ESKD Care	49%/all ESKD	79%	2%	19%

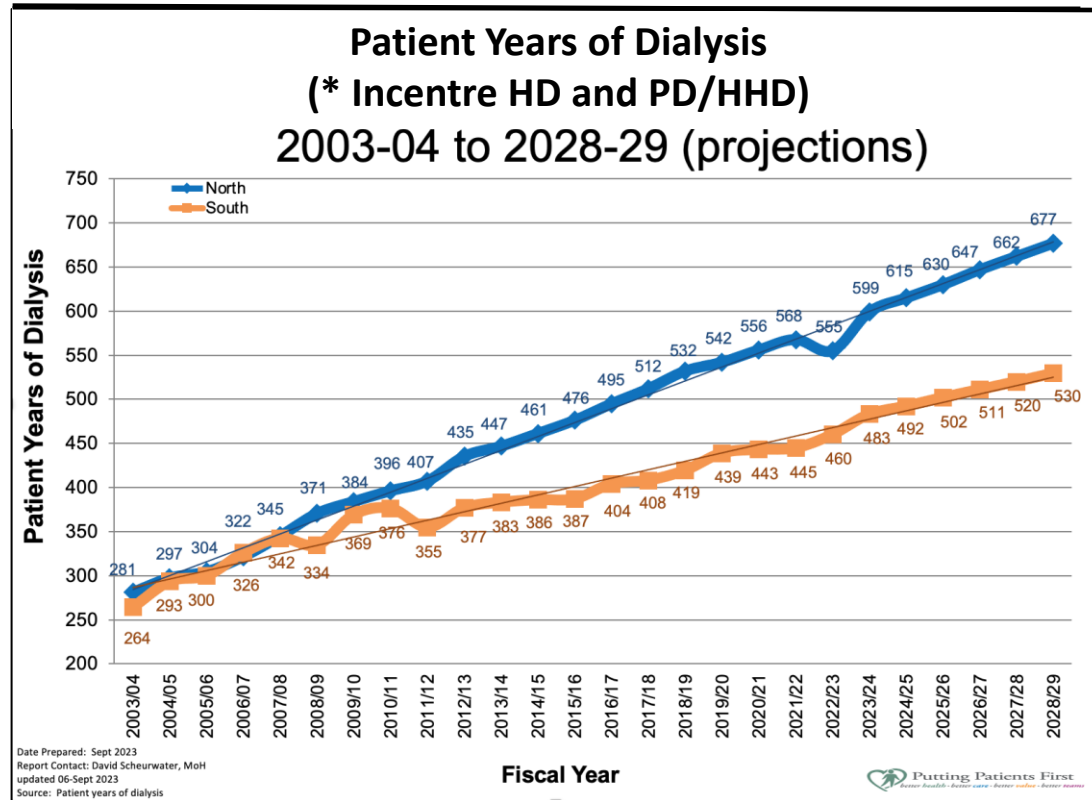
\* 33.4%  
Hemodialysis in  
Rural Satellite

64.2% of PD Patients  
live in Rural or Small  
City/Town

Fly in/full day drive



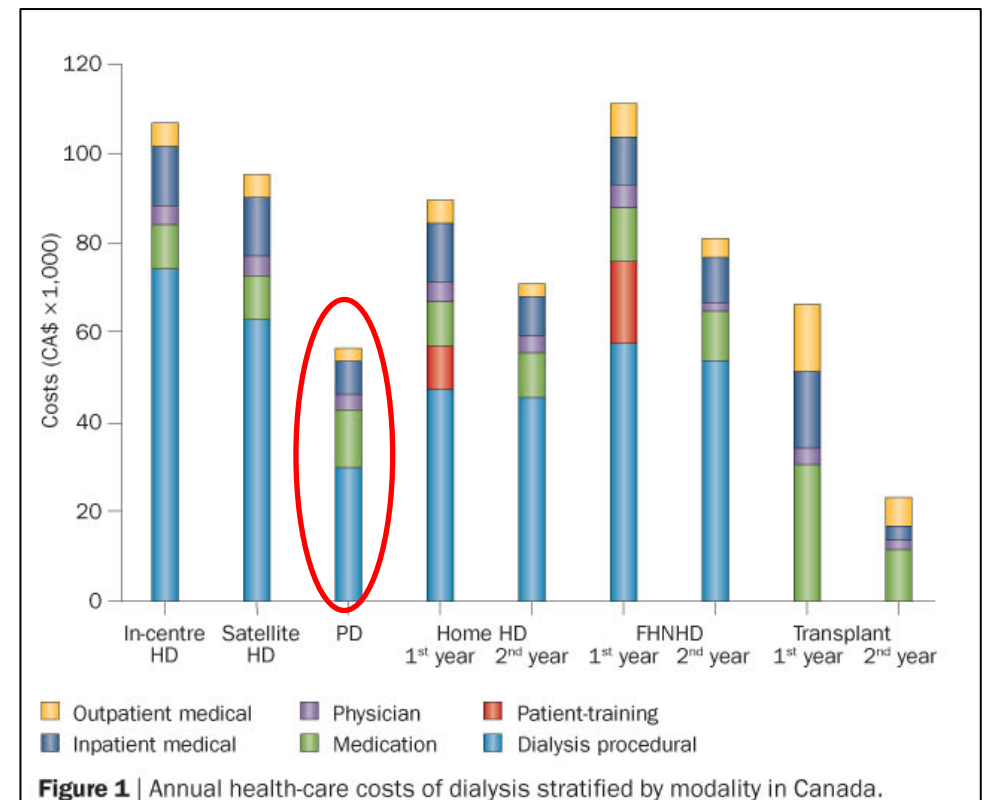
# Population Projections



~6% yr Growth ESKD in Saskatoon

HD Hemodialysis  
PD Peritoneal Dialysis  
HHD Home Hemodialysis

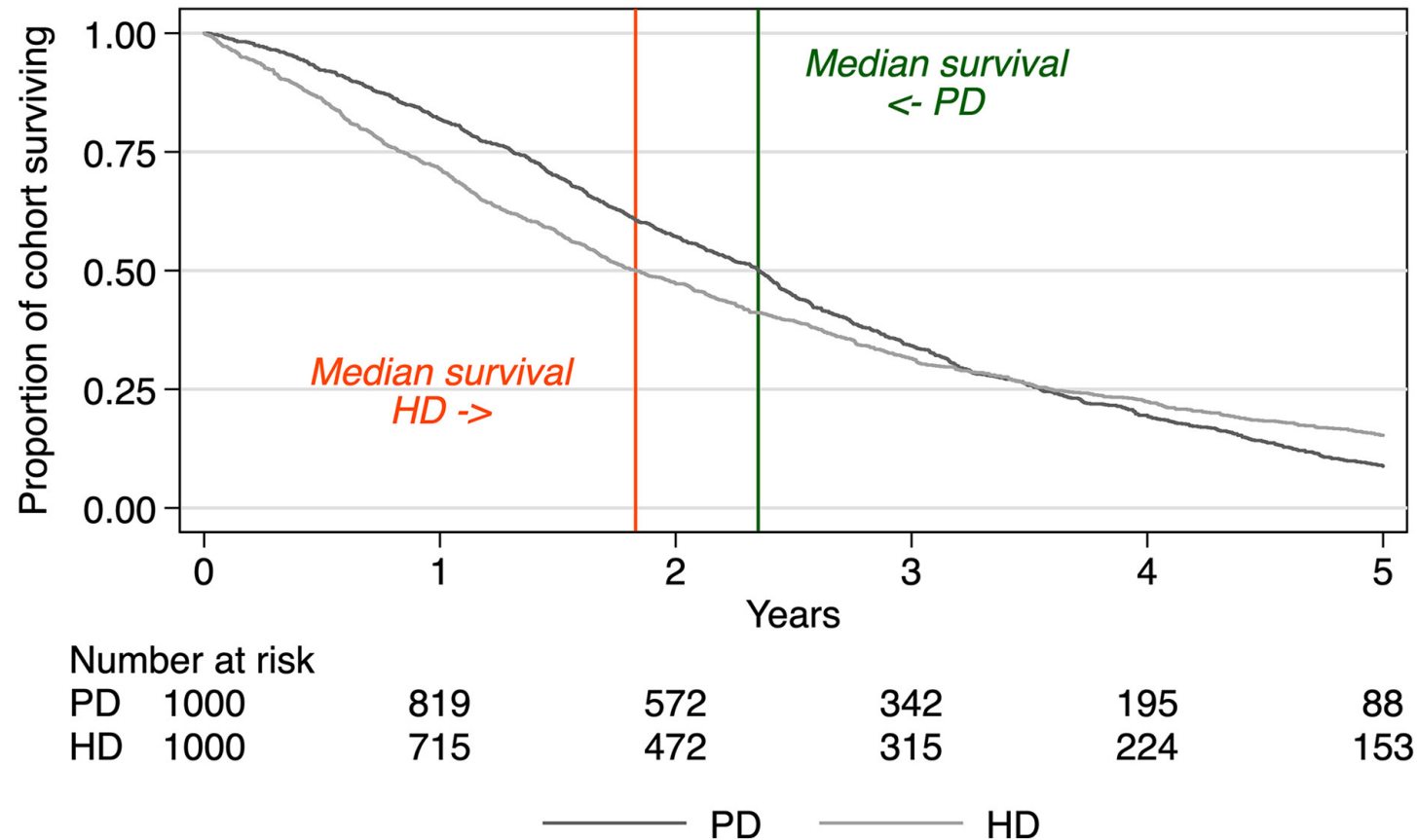
# Annual Health Care Costs



*Nat. Rev. Nephrol.* **10**, 644–652 (2014)

## Kaplan Meier survival estimates

*Hazard ratio 1.00 @ 5 years*



Longevity is greater  
in the peritoneal  
dialysis group

Marshall MR. The benefit of early survival on PD versus HD—Why this is (still) very important. *Peritoneal Dialysis International*. 2020;40(4):405-418. doi:[10.1177/0896860819895177](https://doi.org/10.1177/0896860819895177)



# Why Should We Promote Peritoneal Dialysis?

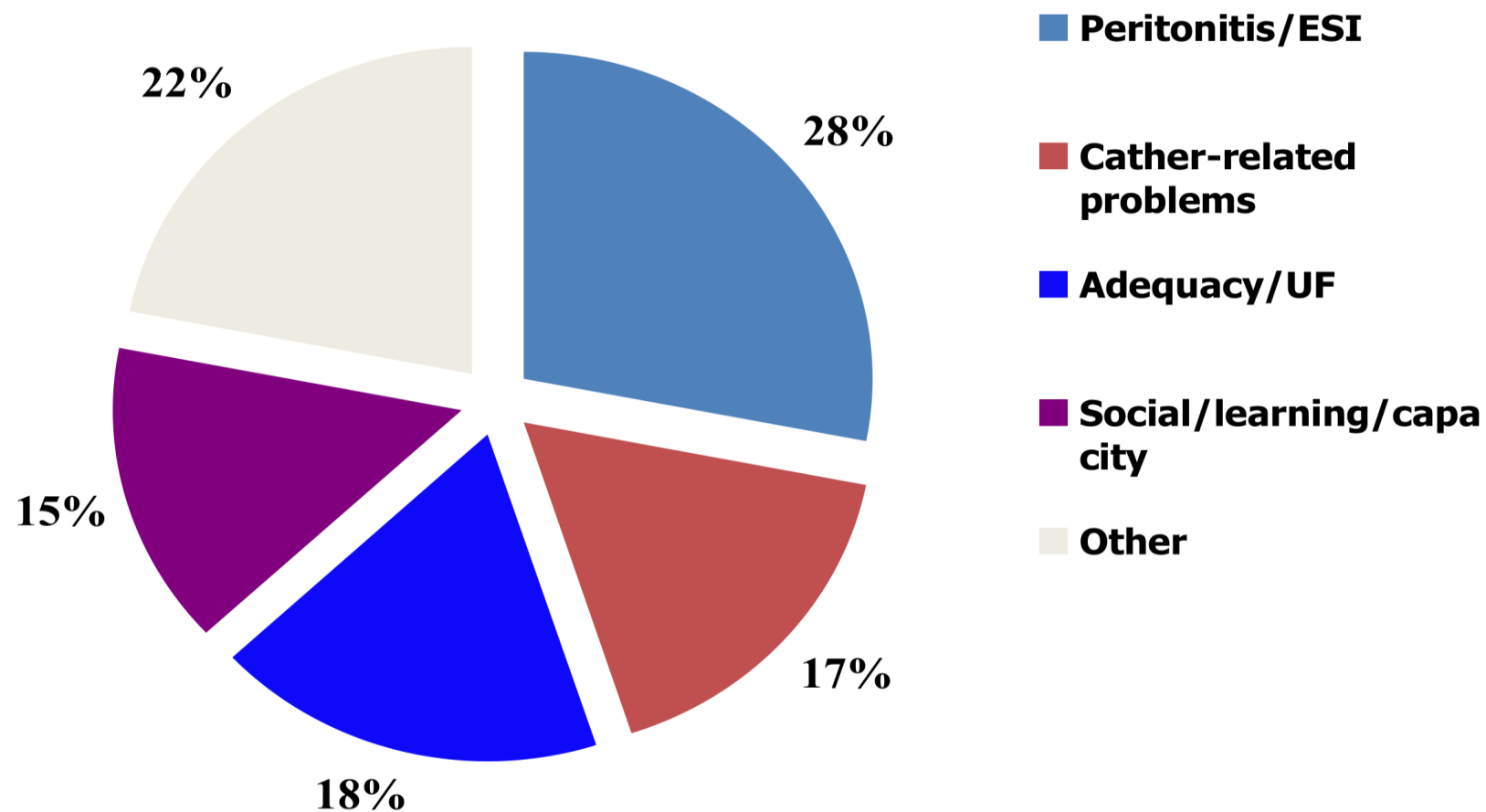
## Pro's:

- Equivalent Survival Benefit to Hemodialysis
- Home-based care: Capacity for growth exceeds hospital-based dialysis
- Self-care, independence
- Fewer Diet restrictions
- Less travel

## Con's:

- Stable/safe/reliable Housing
- Ability to do self-care
  - Dexterity
  - Vision
  - No days off
  - Care-giver continuously available?
- Less success if multiple prior abdominal surgeries, hernia's affecting abdomen/peritoneal cavity
- Catheter function

# Reason for Transfer to Hemodialysis



Mujais and Story, KI, 2006

# What was the patient safety risk?

## Primary failure of PD Catheter

- Inserted PD catheter cannot be used/flushed and patient is not able to train due to PD catheter flow related issues; national target for primary failure is <10% at 3 months

## Secondary failure of PD Catheter

- Patient is trained but ultimately has to stop PD due to major issue
- Due to catheter: catheter flow issue
- Not due to catheter: catheter is in good position by imaging but drainage is poor (typically due to “fecal loading”)
- Due to complication: leak at insertion site

### Review of Literature

Significant variation in PD Catheter Function Rate and Operational Definitions



# PD Catheter Failure Rate

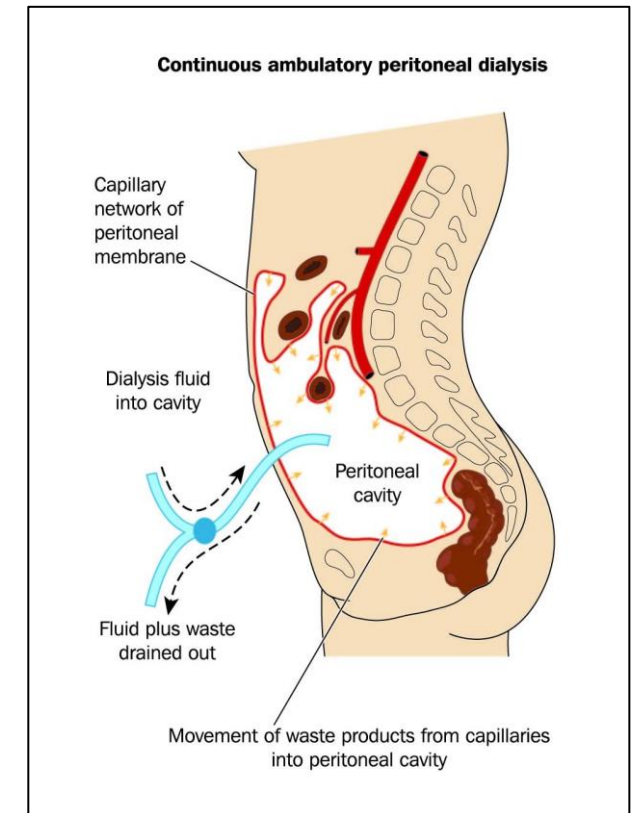
Previous methods of PD catheter insertion resulted in high failure rates (surgical and interventional radiology combined, insertions within 3 months) in Kidney Health patients:

- 2016 1° and 2° failure rate 25/62 **40.3%**
- 2017 1° and 2° failure rate 19/71 **26.8%**
- 2018 1° and 2° failure rate 11/50 **22.0%**
- 2019 1° and 2° failure rate 12/54 **22.2%**
- 2020 1° and 2° failure rate 5/57 **8.8%**

**From 2016-2020,  
31.5% ↓ in PD  
catheter failure rate**

Nationally, the target for primary failure is <10% at 3 months\*

- PD catheter failure rates are associated with a significant burden and hardship to the patient, and an overall increase in cost to the health system due to additional procedures/test to diagnose and correct complications



# Measuring and Monitoring of Safety Framework Research Question

# Will the implementation of MMSF improve PD catheter failure rate and patient experience?

## Kidney Health and Interventional Radiology

## Operational Objectives

- To improve quality, safety and access to care for patients and families through the implementation of the MMSF
- To facilitate more effective use of financial resources by redirecting existing surgical procedures for PD catheter insertion to Interventional Radiology
- To integrate research and PD program operational initiatives
- To improve the patient and family experience, and provider satisfaction
- To partner with First Nations and Metis patients, families and communities to develop a more culturally sensitive PD model of care
- Develop a nursing model with Medical Imaging to provide procedural PD catheter insertion support



In Saskatchewan, First Nations and Métis people had higher burden of ESKD severity, utilized fewer home-based dialysis therapies, and have longer travel distances than their non-First Nations counterparts

# Changing the Questions...Measuring and Monitoring of Safety Framework

## Past Harm

**Has patient care been safe in the past?**

We need to assess rates of past harm to patients, both physical and psychological

## Reliability

**Are our clinical systems and processes reliable?**

This is the reliability of safety critical processes and systems but also the capacity of the staff to follow safety critical procedures

## Sensitivity to Operations

**Is care safe today?**

This is the information and capacity to monitor safety on an hourly or daily basis

## Anticipation and Preparedness

**Will care be safe in the future?**

The ability to anticipate, and be prepared for problems and threats to safety

## Integration and Learning

**Are we responding and learning?**

The capacity of the organization to detect, analyze, integrate, respond and improve from, safety information



Practical Guide: A Framework for Measuring and Monitoring Safety.  
The Health Foundation 2014

Vincent, Burnett and Carthey (2013)

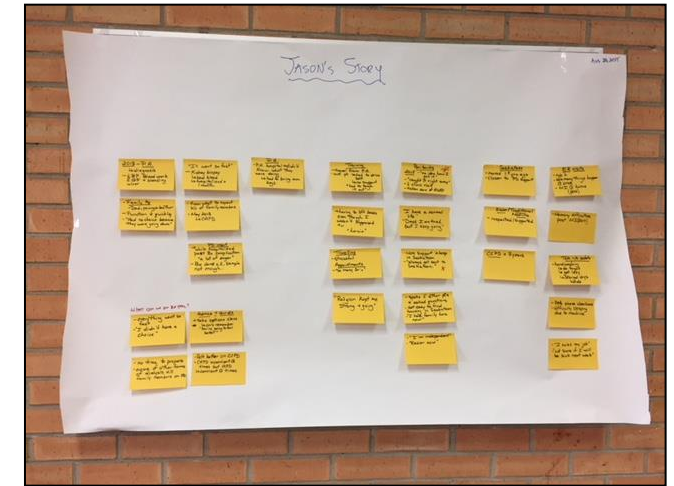
# Patient and Family Partners

- Patient stories were mapped and shared with staff and physicians
- Improvements identified, action plans in place, guided research initiatives
- Progress reports shared at Patient and Family Advisory Council meetings
- Patient Advisors as members of the Clinical Improvement Team
- Patient experience surveys
- Sharing circles, honouring protocol, Elder guidance, storytelling and videos to capture voices

- ✓ Patients and families provided strong motivation to incorporate research and clinical practice redesign into Kidney Health programs and services
- ✓ Made patient safety very personal



Problem	Action Required	Result	Status
Briefly describe the problem, and root cause/barriers being addressed	Name(s) Target date for completion DW/MS	Describe what will be improved, and what metrics will be used to track progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Fail fast forward
Drop in patients while clinic in progress	physician calling at that moment. Otherwise will leave note on computer screen to call pt back.	will be able to spend more time on the phone.	Complete
No designated space to take drop in patients with concerns	Wark clerk or other staff able to ask patients to drop in.	No designated space during the clinic for drop in.	Complete
Order of pt's to be seen. Not necessary happening in order of appt time.	Leave Bed process. A process that will be implemented during the clinic for drop in.	will be able to spend more time on the phone.	Fail Fast Forward - have needed all beds for clinic visits (when clinics greater than 5 pts)
Consults/ Req's not being processed/faxed in timely manner	Receives clinic on time and get results. Test center when scheduled. 1330, 48/1330. Order of order of appt.	Pt's visit start and waiting to see first.	In Progress - new nursing model will affect how pts are booked.
Giving Return to Clinic dates slows down discharge	RN consults. RN consults faxed.	Pt's will get results.	Complete
Blood work not on charts for clinic visit	Ward clerk. Ward clerk determining.	Ward clerk determining.	Fail Fast Forward - have not implemented. Still giving RTC dates on discharge.
Test center delays	Suggest: If pt had BW done prior - pull bloodwork morning of. If pt in the test center - have pt go to test center 30-60mins prior to appt time. Have phlebotomist in unit to avoid	Prevents team members from having to go back to pt once all bloodwork is available (as they may have already spoke with pt) or having to call pt after clinic.	In Progress - Pt's told to go early to the test center - Blood work occasionally on the charts when done prior.



"We are on the team"  
 "My traditions and beliefs are respected"  
 "Staff care about me"  
 "Doing PD is like having a hospital in my home"

- Leading Practice Award – Health Standards Organization and Accreditation Canada
- Most Effective Patient Engagement - Canadian Patient Safety Institute



# Clinical Improvement Team

Team Member	Role
Tiffany Blair - Manager	Team Lead
Dr. Rod Stryker - Nephrologist	Team Member
Dr. Coco Sinclair – Interventional Radiologist	Team Member
Faye Prentice – Nurse Clinician	Team Member
Melissa Dayton – Nurse Clinician	Team Member
Deanna Phaneuf – Patient Educator	Team Member
Chantele Palmer – Patient Educator	Team Member
Patient Advisor	Team Member
Patient Advisor	Team Member
Dr. Bruce Berscheid – Board Member	Team Member
Dr. Paul Babyn – Physician Executive	Mentor
Jean Morrison – President and CEO SPH	Mentor
Petrina McGrath – Executive Director	Mentor

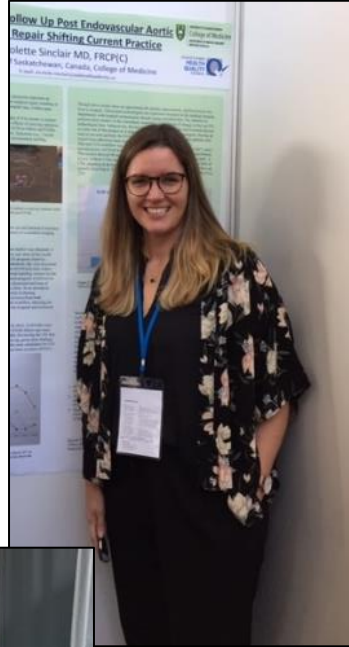
In partnership with the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, the Kidney Health team participated in national collaborative for measuring and monitoring of safety framework (MMSF)

## Levels of Patient and Family Engagement

- Individual – point of care
- Voice – survey
- Project – team member
- Dept – Patient Family Advisory Council, Ambassador
- Program – Patient Family Advisory Council

Shared decision-making is an integral part of Kidney Health

# Clinical Improvement Team



**Focus on  
improving  
sub  
optimal PD**

SPH MEDICAL IMAGING PATIENT QUESTIONNAIR

This is completely voluntary

1. How safe did you feel during your time at St. Paul's Hospital today

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
not safe at all extremely safe

2. What was the most unpleasant part of your experience today?

*Inserting the Foley catheter*

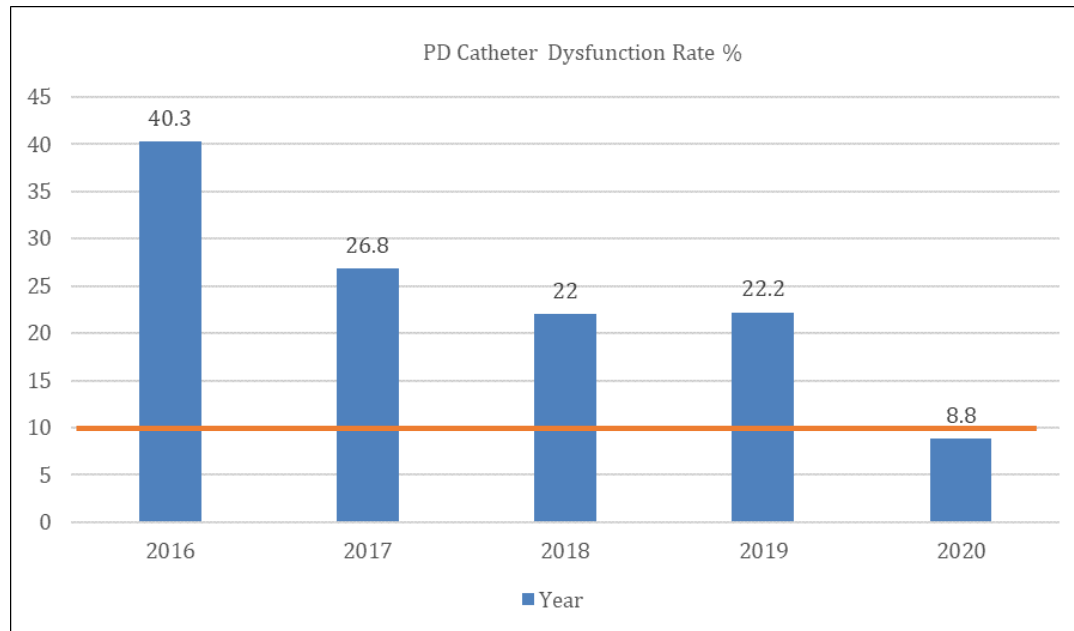
3. What was the best part of your experience today?

*Full and clear explanations throughout preparation*

4. Any suggestions for us to continue to improve the care we provide patients?

*Shorter wait times*

## PD Catheter Insertion Outcomes Year to Year Comparison



Year		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
Volume	# PD Patients with PD Catheter Insertions	62	71	50	54	57					
Insertion Technique (%)	Interventional Radiology	12 (19.3%)	39 (55.6%)	34 (68.0%)	46 (85.2%)	51 (89.5%)					
	Laparoscopic	15 (24.2%)	29 (40.3%)	15 (30.0%)	8 (14.8%)	6 (10.5%)					
	Blind Surgical Insertion	35 (56.5%)	3 (4.2%)	1 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)					
PD Dysfunction Outcomes	<div>Major IR PD technique changes that resulted in improvement:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tunnel length = less cuff extrusion and infection</li><li>2 procedures/day max = focus on technique for the operator, decrease time pressure</li><li>Discontinued need for foley catheter = no increase to primary failure and increase in patient satisfaction</li><li>Case review = every failure was tracked and evaluated</li><li>MMSF collaborative = robust data and evaluation</li></ul>										
	Catheter function	n/a	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)					
	Peritonitis	n/a	1 (20.0%)	1 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)					
	Exit/Tunnel Infection	n/a	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)					
	Hernia/Leak	n/a	4 (80.0%)	1 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)					
	TOTAL PD Failure Rate	25/62 40.3%	19/71 26.8%	11/50 22.0%	12/54 22.2%	5/57 8.8%					
	Sub-optimal	6 (9.7%)	19 (26.4%)	10 (20.0%)	16 (29.6%)	22 (38.6%)					
* n/a – data not available											

# Improvements Achieved by Year

Using the Model for Improvement Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle the clinical improvement team implemented > 72 process improvements from 2018 to 2020 to improve patient care in complement mapping the patient and family experience over time, aligned with MMSF dimensions

- 31.5% reduction in PD catheter failure rate
- 72 patients avoided need for hemodialysis lines, and were able to remain at home with PD from 2017-2020
- \$\$ cost saving, and benefit to patient & family

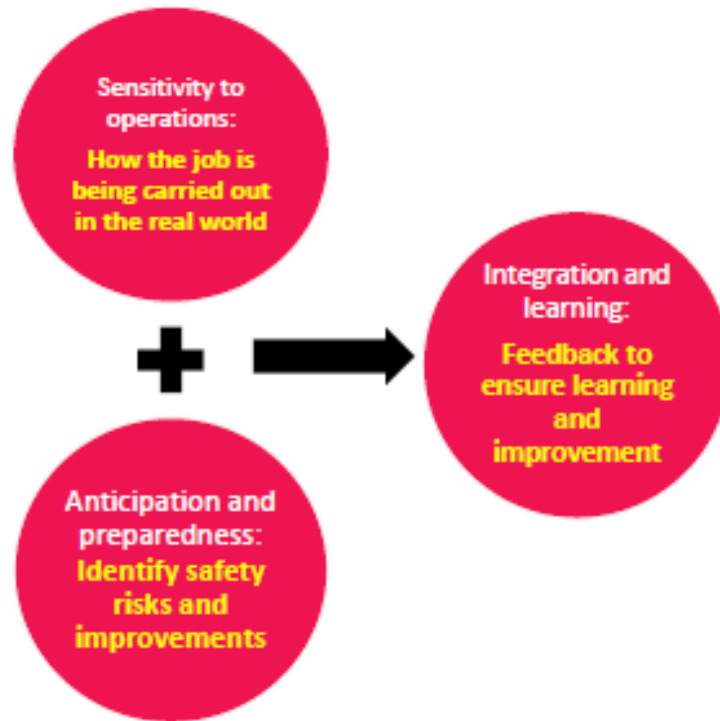
Improvement efforts now focused on sub-optimal: poor drainage and flow, manipulation, leaks, adequacy

Year	Improvements Implements using PDCA Cycles	Theme and Link to Measurement and Monitoring Framework Dimension
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Access Nurse Clinician hired to support IR expansion and workflow</li> <li>• Revised patient letter and procedure instructions</li> <li>• Referral form revised, Nephrologist and Access Clinician review</li> <li>• PD Catheter database implemented</li> <li>• Quarterly Review of PD Catheter Insertion IR and G</li> <li>• Standardized workflow and PD assessment</li> <li>• Exit site marking for interventional radiology only</li> <li>• Standard room set up for PD catheter insertion</li> <li>• Safety risk – adjustment to 2 IR cases/day</li> <li>• Patient and family members recruited to team and guidance for improvements</li> <li>• Enhanced PD assessment process</li> <li>• Patient safety questionnaire – key “shorter wait times”</li> <li>• PD outpatient clinic redesign</li> <li>• Kidney Health Ambassador to support patients and families</li> <li>• Assisted PD program</li> <li>• Cross training for Nurse Clinicians and Patient Educators</li> </ul>	<p>Early improvement cycles focused on stabilizing referral criteria, increasing Access Nurse Clinical staff levels, PD procedural standardization</p> <p>IR PD Insertion exclusion criteria: 2<sup>nd</sup> catheter, previous</p>
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjusted IR catheter insertion criteria (expanded over time)</li> <li>• IR access</li> <li>• Tracking of leaks</li> <li>• Training of leak</li> <li>• Manipulation</li> <li>• Flushing</li> <li>• Assessment</li> </ul>	
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considered additional</li> <li>• Increased additional</li> <li>• Considered additional</li> <li>• Developed</li> <li>• Followed</li> <li>• Reviewed</li> <li>• Provided</li> <li>• Outcome</li> </ul>	



# Measuring and Monitoring of Safety Framework

## THE LINKS and CONNECTIONS



### Metrics Dashboard

#### Past Harm

- Prospective record of 1° and 2° PD catheter failure
- Historical data of kidney failure
- Extra tests due to complications
- Death rate - transfer to hemodialysis
- Peritonitis rate
- Exit infection rate

#### Reliability

- Standard patient education
- Standard order sets (pre / intra / post procedure)
- PD assessment / modality choice
- Referral process standardized
- Exit site marking
- Standard clinic visit with follow-up

#### Sensitivity to Operations

- Daily huddle in PD
- Exit site teach
- Follow-up appointments / care plan

#### Anticipation and Preparedness

- Daily team huddles
- Discharge plan / teaching
- Quarterly meetings
- Access referral
- Clinical feedback loop

#### Integration and Learning

- Quarterly meetings - full team
- Monthly clinical team meetings
- Process mapping and improvement
- Report to Senior Leadership and Board

# Measuring and Monitoring of Safety Framework

**The measurement and monitoring of safety in healthcare is an ongoing challenge and measuring safety is not solely about measuring harm**

- Participation in the MMSF national collaborative enabled the Kidney Health clinical improvement team to address a number of quality and safety barriers that prevent patients from successfully performing home PD
- The Clinical Improvement Team translated real time data so that it is useful to take action, stimulate gap analysis for process improvement, identify strengths and weaknesses, promote a culture of safety and continuous improvement, and foster a strong research-based environment
- Quality and safety principles were embedded into daily practice which showed a positive shift in safety culture, and mapping the patient and family experiences highlighted opportunities for Kidney Health programs and services
- The development and standardization of the PD catheter outcomes database, definition of PD catheter failure rate, MMSF reporting and metrics cascade, and clinical process improvement tracking was critical to the success of this initiative, and brought rigor to clinical practice

# Interventional Radiology

Who Am I?

- One of 3 interventional radiologist in hospital
- Limited exposure to PD in fellowship (I saw one)
- Attended a PD Catheter Insertion course May 2016
- Inserted first PD catheter September 2016
- Member of MMSF Team





# How I do it

- Fluoroscopic and ultrasound guided
- Use dual cuff, curl tip catheter, 57 or 62 cm
- Bowel prep, IV antibiotics, blood work
- Local anesthesia and conscious sedation
- 1-2 hours recovery
- PD nurse in room, dialysis nurse recovers

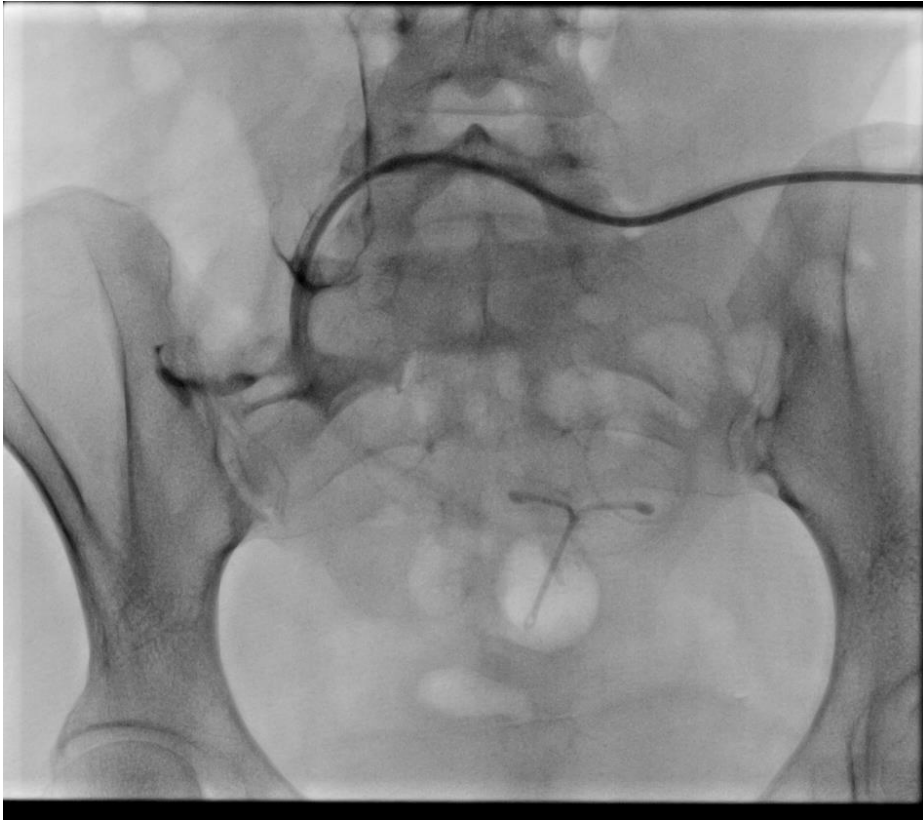




# Case #1

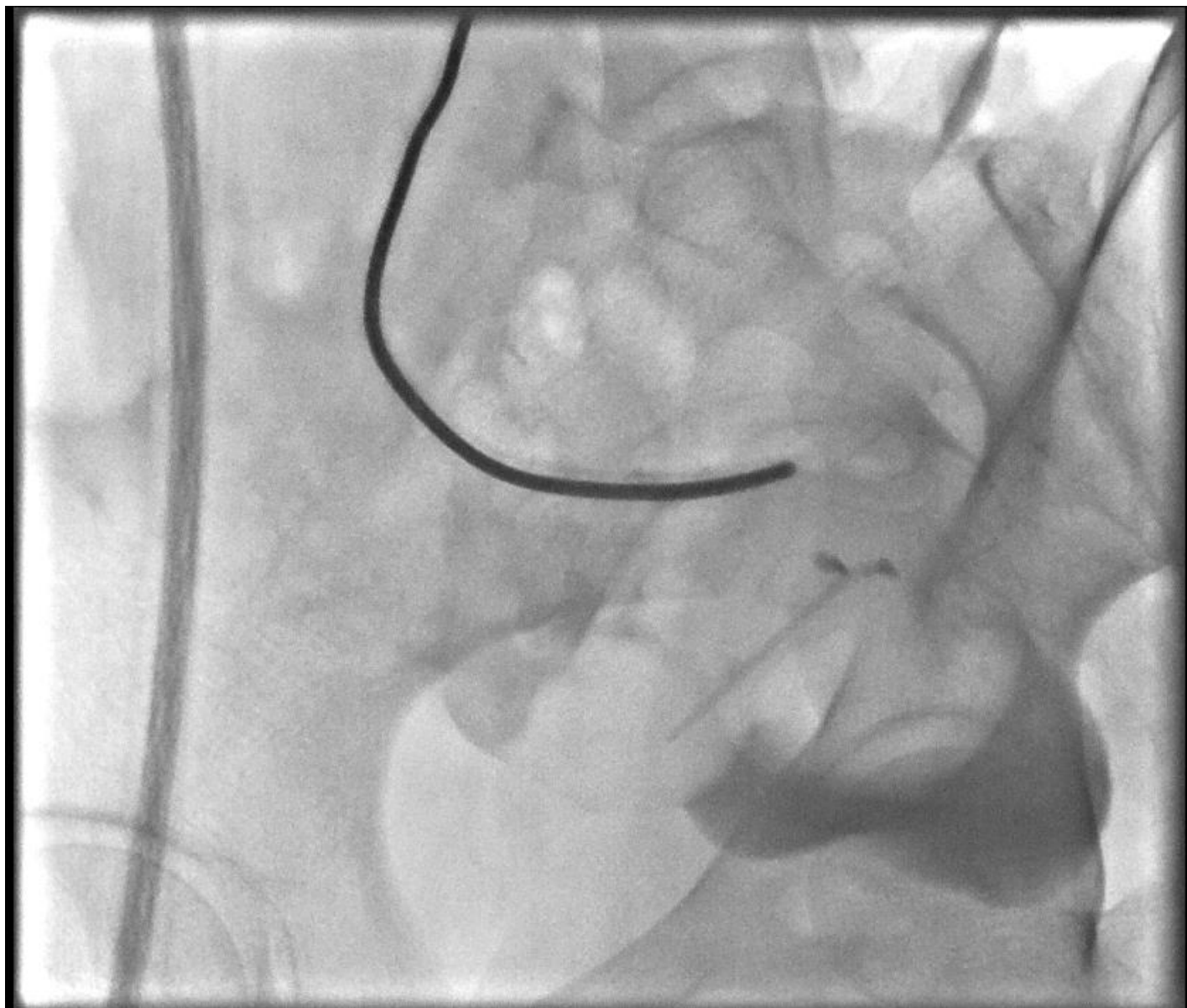
29 year old female patient,  
declining renal function,  
chooses PD





1 year later PD catheter not draining well

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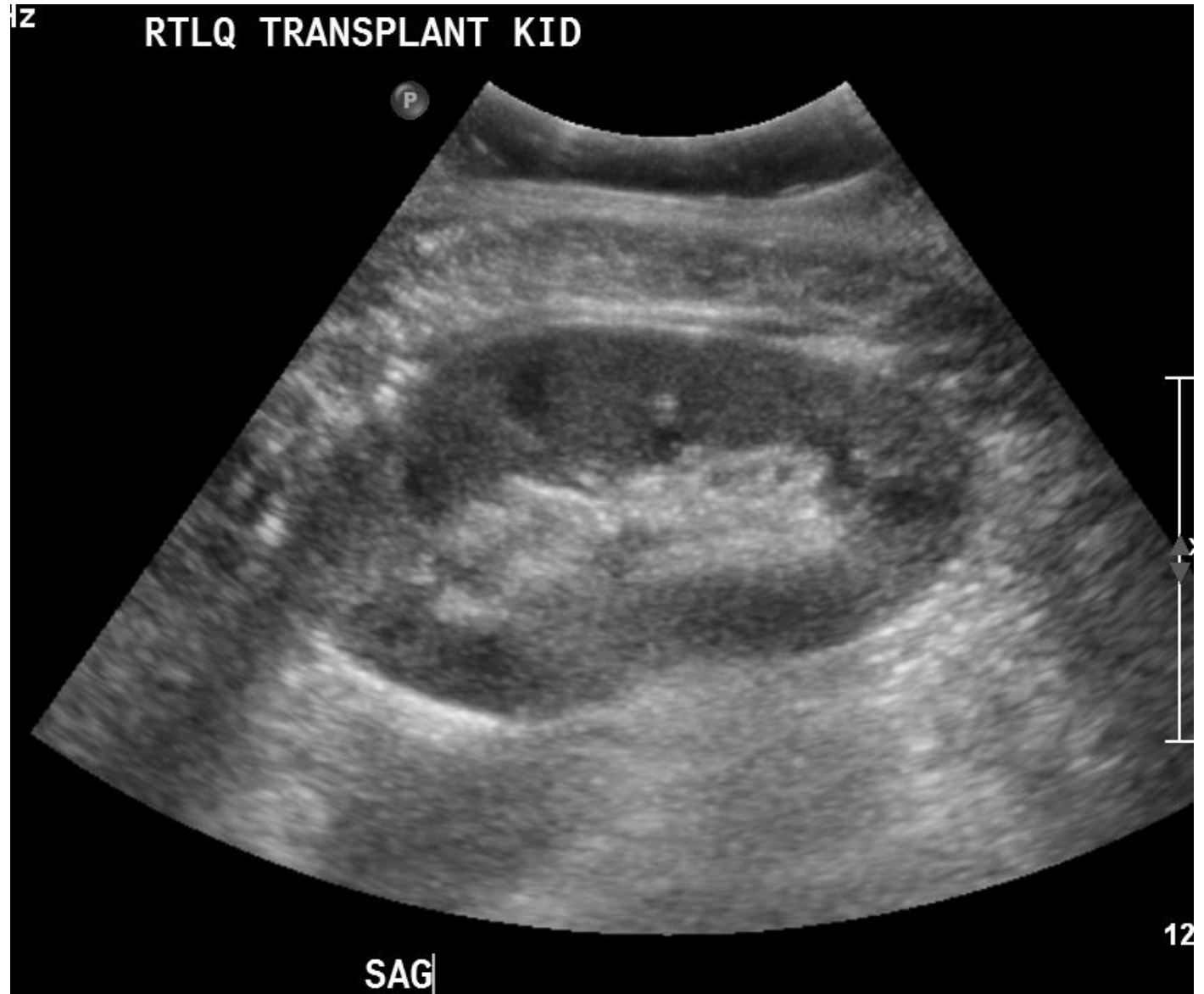




# 1.5 years later...

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- PD catheter was removed
- due to successful transplant!



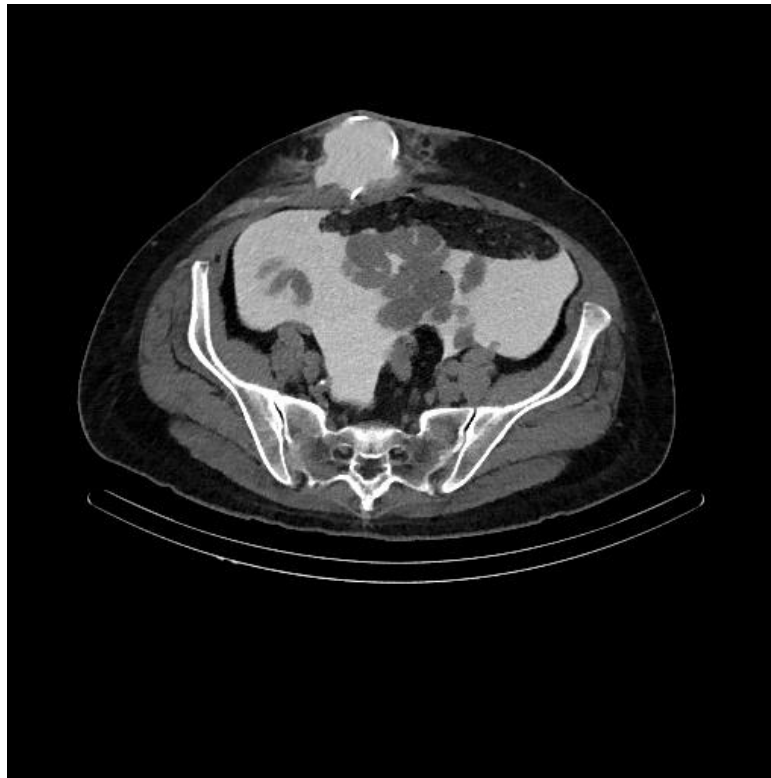
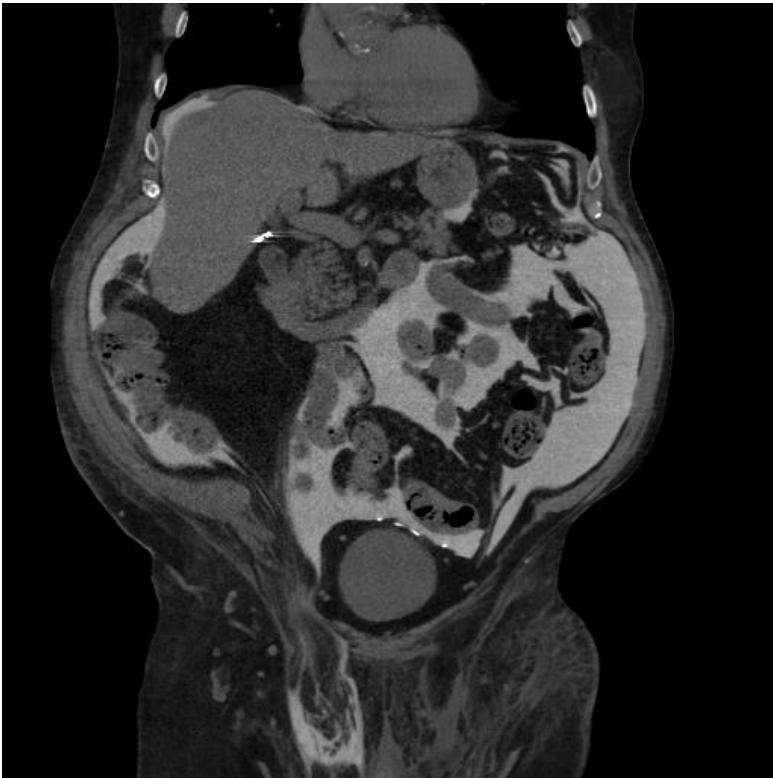


## Case #2

- 63 yo male, on HD, started having allergic reactions related to HD procedure
- not a surgical candidate
  - Severe CHF
  - Overweight

# CT Peritonography

- Intraperitoneal contrast
- Identify hernias and leaks



# Results

Level	The Biggest Changes due to MMSF Collaborative
Board and Director Level	<b>Purposeful patient engagement</b> Pause – safety in the moment Thinking beyond the focus on past events Broaden the conversation – presence of safety and absence of harm Anchor with daily operational context Team engagement and ownership of continuous improvement
Team Level	<b>Purposeful patient engagement – what can we do to make you successful</b> See things we are doing proactively not just reacting to events <b>Importance of clinical improvement team (removing barriers to change together)</b> Difference – reliability through process mapping <b>Ensuring patient is prepared at each step, patient feels safe, and respected</b> Team taking ownership – broader than team within department Spread continuous improvement process to other departments Application to a concrete problem enhances learning

Participation in the MMSF Collaborative resulted in a strong clinical improvement team approach, with a collective goal of embedding patient safety into every point of patient care.

Our First Nations and Métis patient partner shared this quote:

***“It is important that this work be brought out to the reserves, to let patients know that there is help, that people care about you and your safety. People like me can promote PD, and it’s important that you listen to our stories, good and bad, to improve our lives and health”***

This patient now serves a member of the Kidney Health Patient Advisory Council and delivers education sessions on kidney health friendly lifestyles in the community

The patient voice speaks to the need to further explore culturally sensitive models of care, and to enhance PD uptake in vulnerable populations



# Discussion

- This local initiative to enhance patient safety and process improvement, in combination with targeted strategic efforts to improve PD catheter failure rates may not be generalizable to other programs
- Need to continue to utilize MMSF to drive improvements and break down silos, but ongoing commitment and training are unknown
- A broader limitation is the variation and lack of consensus internationally in what experts and clinicians consider an acceptable rate of PD catheter failure rate and benchmark targets

A key element in MMSF is to focus on learning from failure and potential failure rather than success and to implement process improvements to create a more reliable, safer model of care

The MMSF dimensions were combined to better represent the links to clinical process improvement cycles:

- **Sensitivity to Operations:** How the job is being carried out in the real world, *with*
- **Anticipation and Preparedness:** Identify safety risks and improvements, *leads to*
- **Integration and Learning:** Feedback to ensure learning and drive improvement

The definitions of primary and secondary failure held the team to criteria that other KH programs saw as too restrictive, including those participating in PD registries

We achieved PD catheter failure rate of 8.8% that was less than the national target of 10%

# What this initiative adds



The application of the MMSF resulted in better interdisciplinary teamwork and a significant improvement of peritoneal dialysis catheter function and patient outcomes



Inclusion of patient partners was critical to the success of this research, and in promoting a culture of safety



Practical definitions of peritoneal dialysis catheter dysfunction and MMSF metrics enabled ongoing performance monitoring and operational planning



In addition, the clinical improvement team approach is critical to success



The PD catheter database and rigorous data definitions and collection at point care has enabled research, quality of care reviews, and real time assessment of gaps in care



Questions