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Purposeful HAPPPI-ness Improves Patient Experience

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Background / Significance

- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare
 Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey not only
 produces data about patients' perspectives of
 care, but its public reporting creates incentives for
 hospitals to improve quality of care.
- Therefore, hospitals continually strive to improve and maintain high HCAHPS scores.
- In past three years, overall HCAHPS Staff
 Responsiveness score has been below benchmark
 in an acute care hospital.
- This low score can negatively impact hospital's CMS Star Rating, Leapfrog Hospital safety grade, reimbursements, reputation, as well as patient's overall perception of care.

Purpose / Goals / Objectives

• Goal of this leader-driven project was to improve the HCAHPS Staff Responsiveness patient experience score through implementation of purposeful rounding - an evidence-based practice initiative in a medical-surgical (MS) unit of an acute care hospital.

HAPPI Rounds = HAPPY Patients

Methods / Implementation Plan

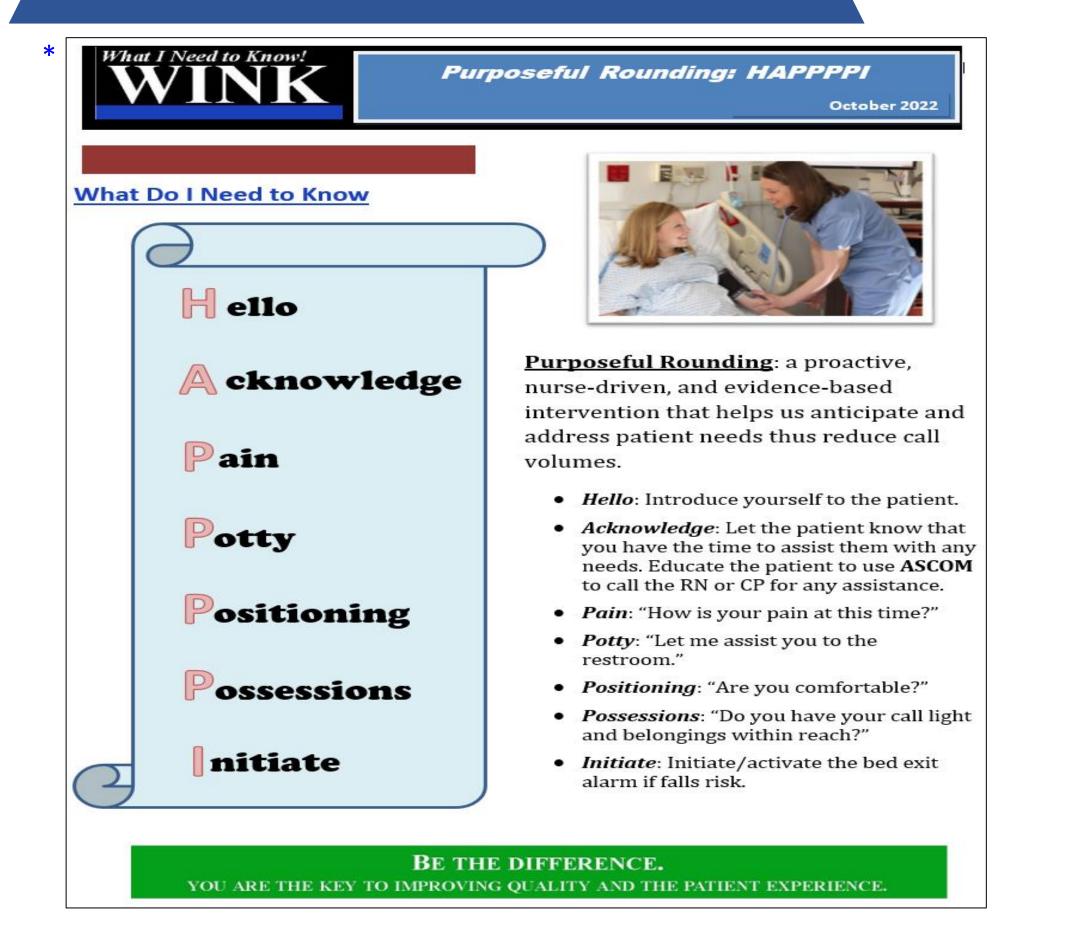
In July 2022, MS unit leadership team in collaboration with clinical team collected data on staff response to call bells which revealed bathroom and pain med requests took longest to fulfill.

Team identified a proactive evidence-based initiate, purposeful rounding, to replace current hourly rounding practice.

Team created an acronym HAPPPPI* to help team remember steps of purposeful rounding.

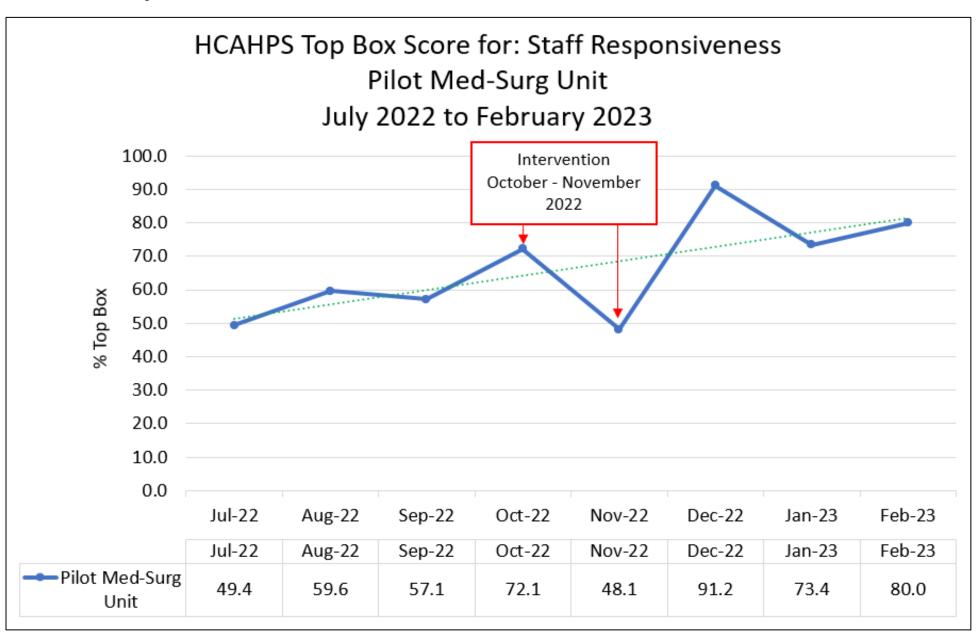
One MS unit piloted this initiative by training clinical team members using demonstration, return demonstration, and validation techniques.

In November 2022, the pilot MS unit completed training and implemented purposeful rounding.



Results / Outcomes

- Pilot unit pre-intervention (Jul.-Sept. 2022) top box score was 55.3%; post-intervention (Dec. 2022-Feb. 2023) top box score was 81.5%.
- This represents a 47.4% increase.



Discussion

 Being proactive and addressing all potential needs by practicing an evidence-based initiative like purposeful rounding, can lead to significant improvement in the patient experience and HCAPHS Staff Responsiveness scores.

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