

Sustaining a Successful Alarm Management Program

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NCH Healthcare System

Non-for-profit, multi-facility healthcare system in Naples, Florida



- 2 hospitals (716 beds)
- An alliance of 732 physicians, 213 mid-level providers, and medical facilities throughout Collier County and Southwest Florida
- Extensive inpatient and outpatient services
- 2015 System Statistics:
 - 39,883 total admissions
 - 98,317 ED visits
 - 3,422 births
 - 405 open heart surgeries
 - 11,803 surgical procedures
 - 4,200 on staff



Industry Recognition



**The Society
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Increasing Regulatory Requirements on Alarm Management



NCH

Healthcare
System

Enhancing Workflow and Alarm Awareness through Technology



What Makes a Successful Alarm Management Environment?

Education



Culture



Meaningful Data



NCH is a Cerner Partner



Using Data to Drive Decisions

- Began with sending every telemetry alert to the phones staff voiced their frustrations we actually multiplied their alarm fatigue
- Using the i-command system we found that high HR and low HR alarms from the GE system was triggering the tachy and brady alerts to be sent to the phones
- Turned off high HR and low HR as it was a duplicate alarm from the GE logic and bombarding the secondary alerting system
- Three days later and a lot of discussion with staff we turned off the tachy and brady alarms
- Working with staff, our alert link is now sending critical alerts (pause, VT, Vfibr, asystole) and leads off

We Evaluated Near-Real-Time Unit Views

Total Event Count

	September 2, 2014	September 3, 2014	September 4, 2014	September 5, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 7, 2014	September 8, 2014	September 9, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 11, 2014	September 12, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 14, 2014	September 15, 2014
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What Can Data Do For You?

- Hospital campus
- Defined time frame
- Particular Unit
- Bed assignment
- Track telemetry pack assignment
- Hourly analysis
- On the spot staff education
- Endless possibilities – a new data frontier



March 2015 – Evaluated The Shift Report

Range: All to next 24 hours.

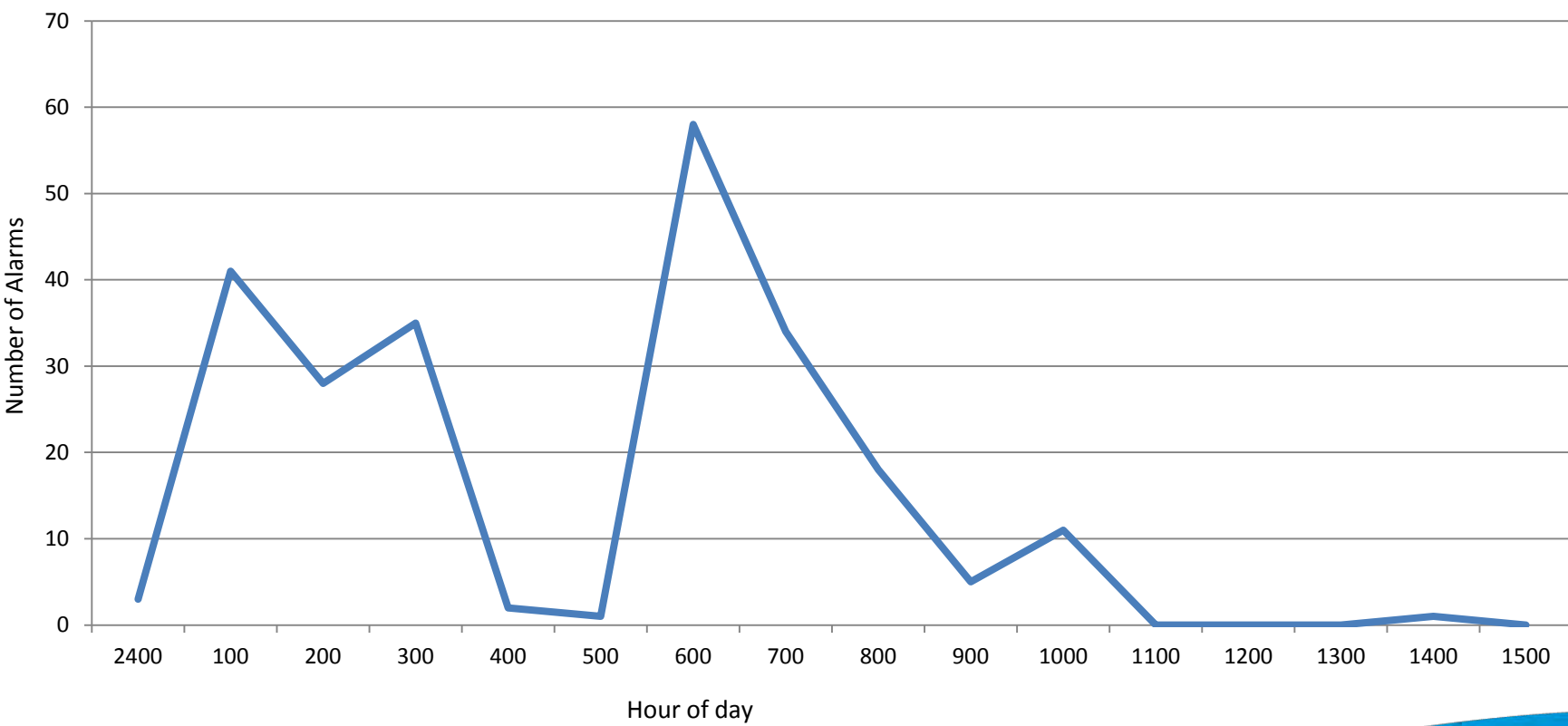
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Patient Specific Monitor Settings and Data

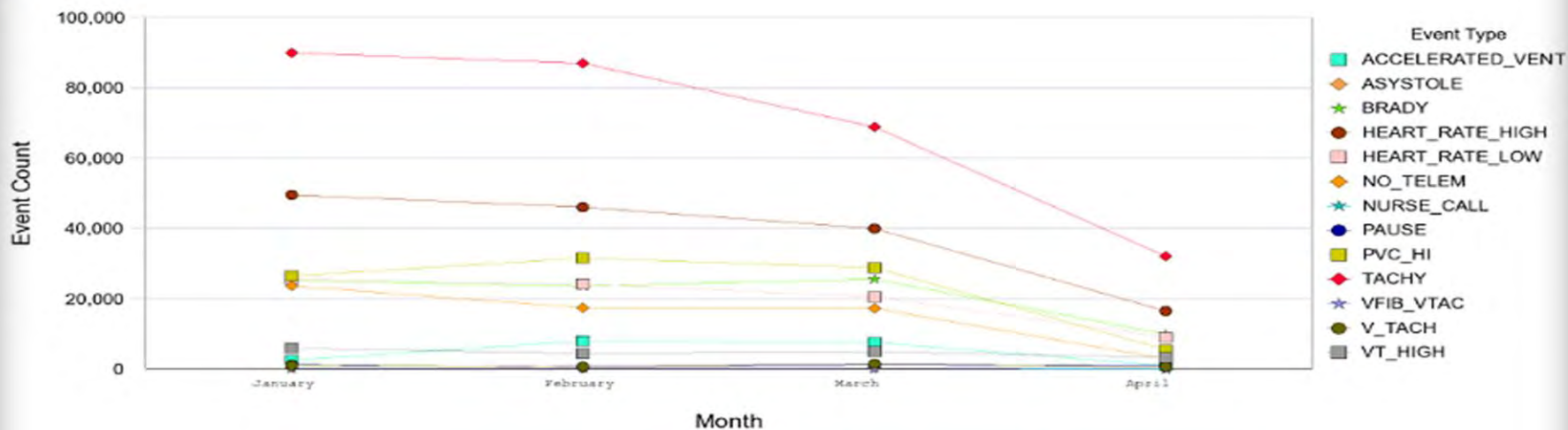
Tachy Alarms per one patient



Shift Report Utilized By Frontline Staff

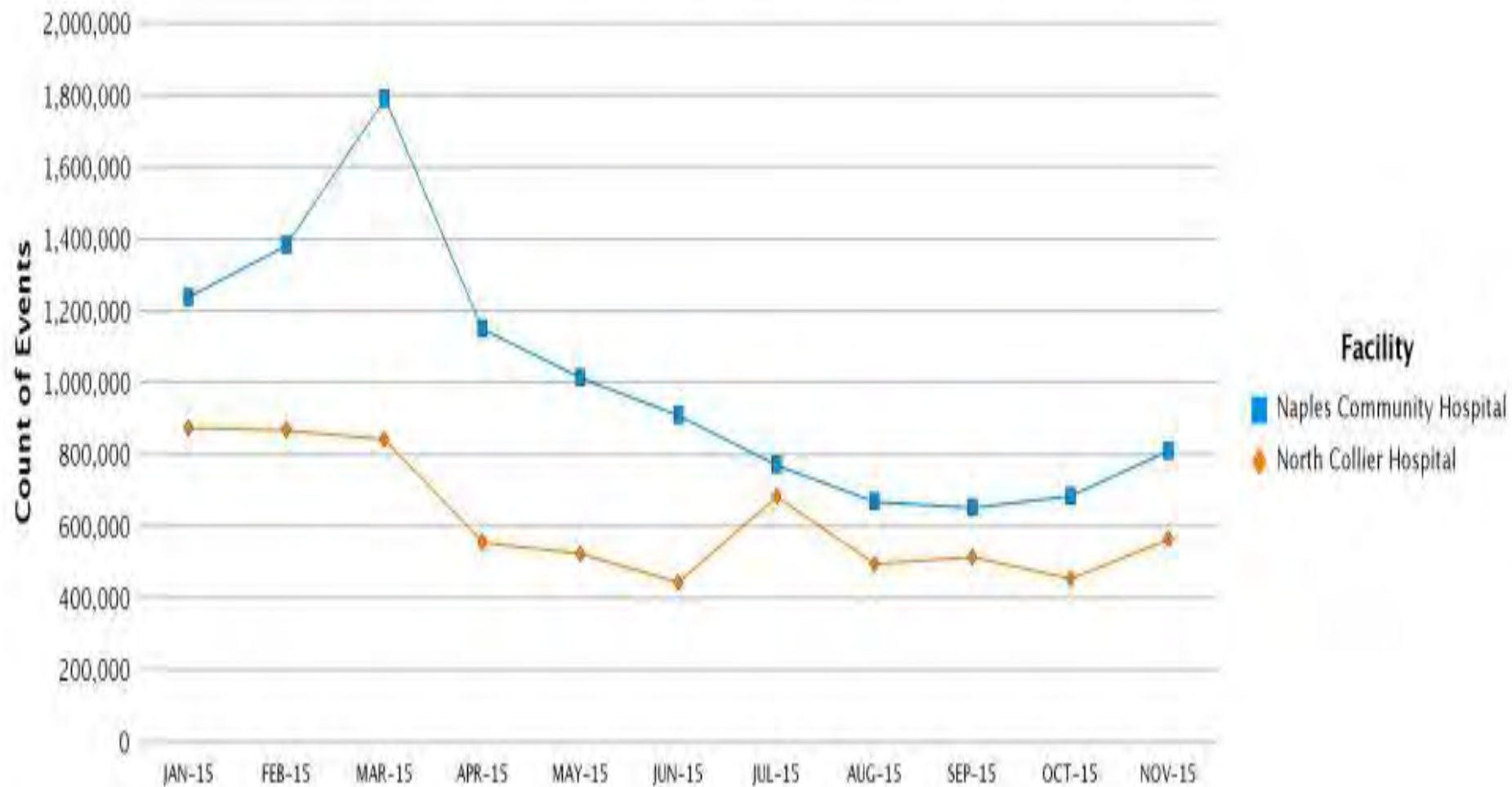
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	January	February	March	April
ACCELERATED_VENT	2,494	8,023	7,633	983
ASYSTOLE	334	256	363	350
BRADY	25,159	23,590	25,557	9,982
HEART_RATE_HIGH	49,531	46,118	39,933	16,606
HEART_RATE_LOW	25,665	24,238	20,539	9,037
NO_TELEM	23,708	17,425	17,280	2,998
NURSE_CALL	157	120	125	112
PAUSE	1,221	584	1,263	1,021
PVC_HI	26,453	31,599	28,896	5,547
TACHY	90,038	86,994	68,926	32,059
VFIB_VTAC	44	79	32	25
V_TACH	1,108	771	1,463	765

Trends Over Time



Data And Our Future

Scenario	Goal	Action	Tell me if rule	Who is to be notified
Tachycardia	Controlled HR	Initiate Cardizem	1-HR sustains increase of >15 beats over 60 minutes 2-HR sustains <80 over 30 minutes 3-HR<50 3-SBP <90	1-Primary RN 2-Secondary RN
Rule out CP	Cardiac Monitoring	Monitor rhythm changes	1-ST change of 1.5mm either direction 2-HR increases 25 beats >baseline 3- + Troponin results	1-Primary RN 2-Secondary RN
Tachycardia (SVT)	Controlled HR	Initiate Amiodarone	1- HR sustains <80 over 30 minutes 2-24 hours after drip started	1-Primary RN 2-Secondary RN 3-MD for post 24 hour
Starting Dofetilide dosing	Safe administration	Initiate Dofetilide	1-QTc>500	1-Primary RN 2-Secondary RN 3-MD for post 24 hour
Hypoxia	SPO2>90%	O2 Therapy	1-SPO2<90%	1-Primary RN 2-Secondary RN

Driving Clinical Improvement

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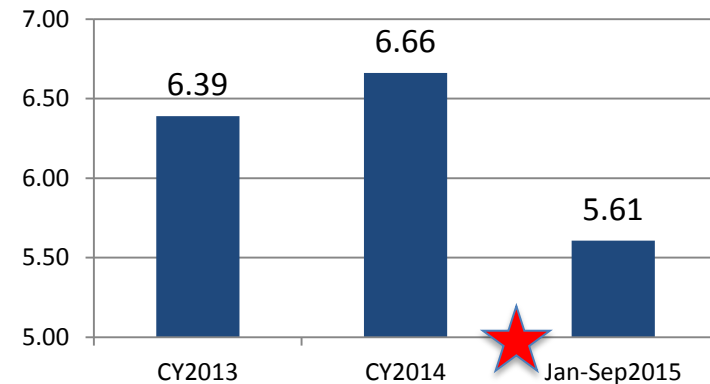
CY 2014



CY 2015



Rapid Response Team Rate per 1000 Pt Days



System Connect iPhone deployment Dec 2014

The best way to inspire resilience in any organization is to give the problem to a nurse!



Questions



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