

# Continuous Monitoring of Patients on Opioids: Capnography Initiative at BJC Healthcare

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# Speaker Introduction

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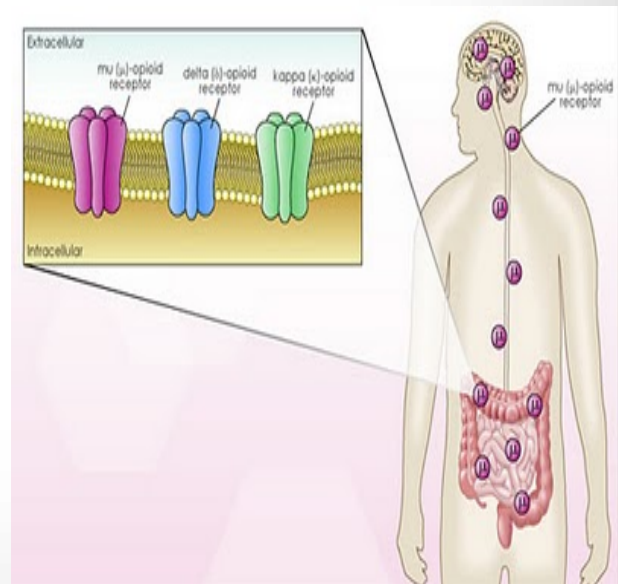
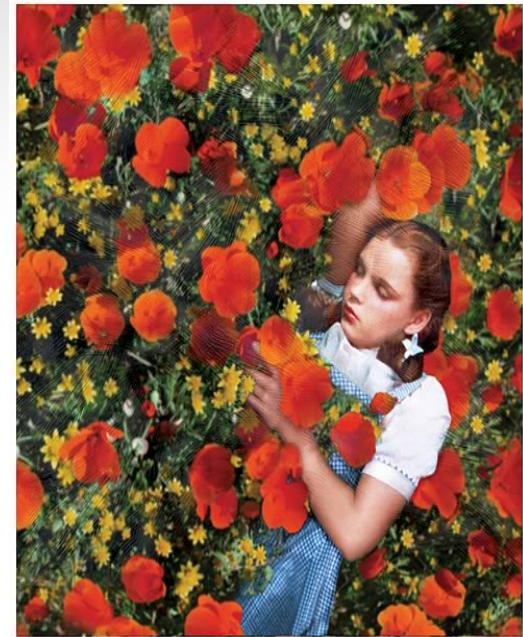
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# Why Do We Give Opioids?

- Medications used to treat moderate to severe pain
  - Derived from the poppy plant
- Actions:
  - Pain relief– raise pain threshold
    - Considered the gold standard
    - Euphoria which can lead to abuse
- How?
  - Bind to Mu ( $\mu$ ) receptors in brain
  - Mu ( $\mu$ ) receptors are not only in the brain
    - Also in smooth muscle
      - **Respiratory depression**
        - overdose can lead to death
      - Sedation (CNS) / Hypotension
      - Nausea/Vomiting
      - Constipation (treatment for diarrhea)
    - 2016 warning to avoid prescribing with other sedatives<sup>1</sup>



# More Opioids = More Risk

- National Perspective

- Opioids involved in almost One-Half of all deaths from Medication Errors<sup>1</sup>
- One-Third hospital codes due to respiratory depression<sup>2</sup>
- 20,000 post-op patients receive naloxone annually<sup>3</sup>
- US Healthcare costs associated with post-op respiratory failure total \$2 Billion<sup>4</sup>

- **Inpatient:** A 2013 national study found that opioids were used in more than half of hospital admissions of *non-surgical* patients, ranging from 33% to 64%.<sup>5</sup>

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# Case Study: Inpatient Oversedation Risk

- Do you know the oversedation rate at your hospital?



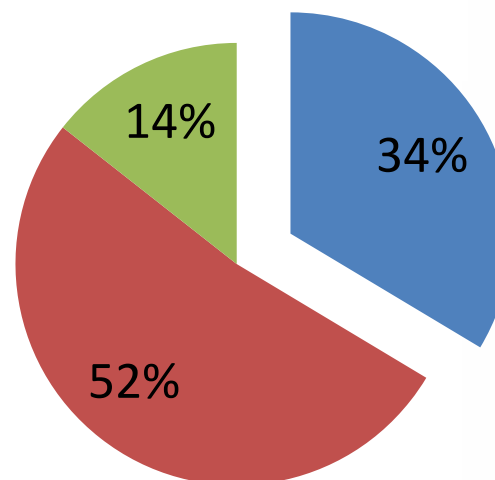
- We developed a robust method of identifying:
  - Valid
  - Comprehensive
  - Reproducible



## 2015 Percent of ADEs at BJC

- Oversedation (n=223)
- Hypoglycemia
- All Other

Opioids n= 199 Benzo n= 24



>4 patients  
per week  
being  
emergently  
reversed!

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# BJC's Improvement Process



- We designed an ADE measurement process that was:

- Semi-automated
- Comprehensive
- Reproducible

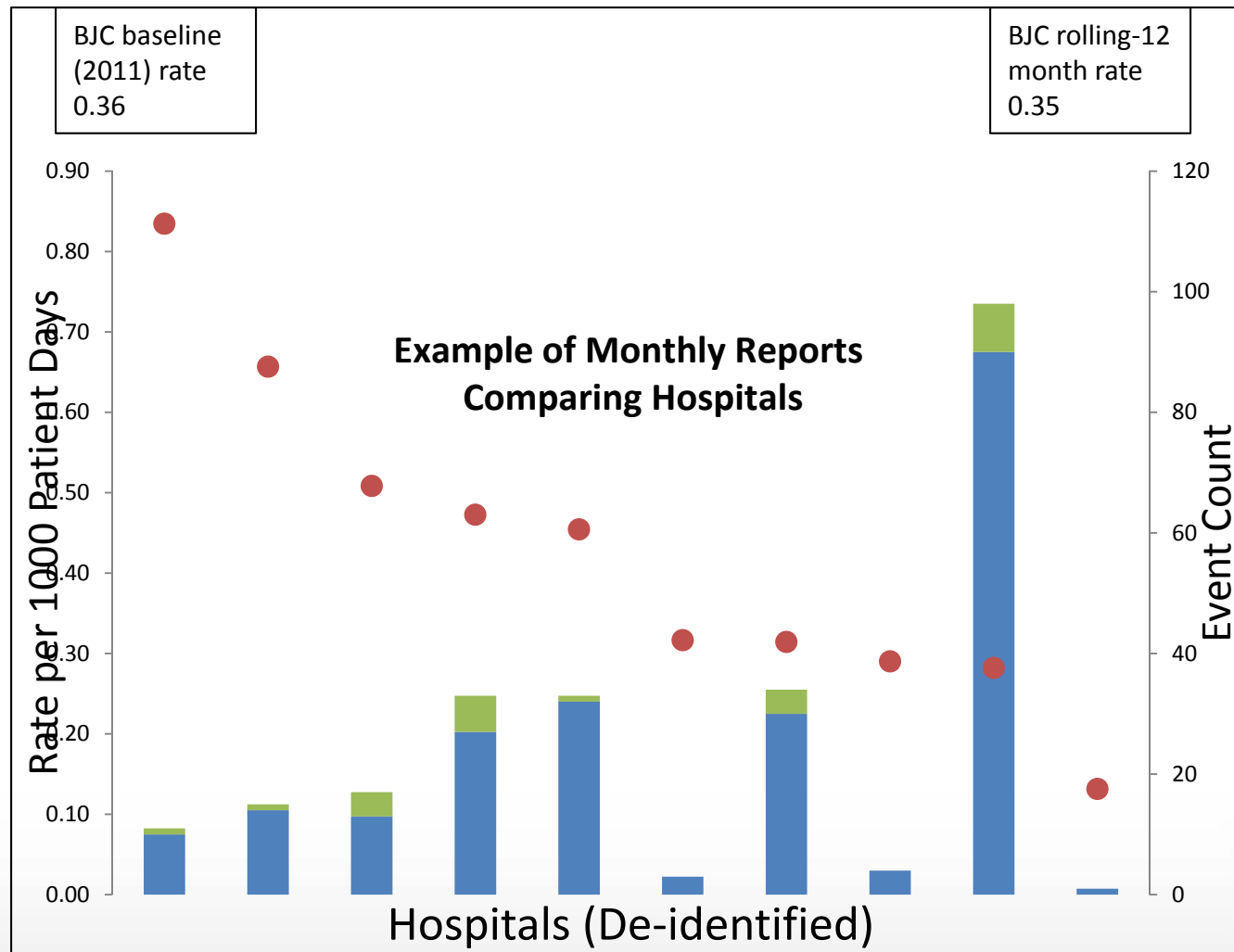
- Formed system task force and identified key stake holders.
- Reported event rates widely
- Compared hospitals and even nursing units

What gets measured gets managed!

Stakeholder Acceptance  
Case Building  
Project Prioritization

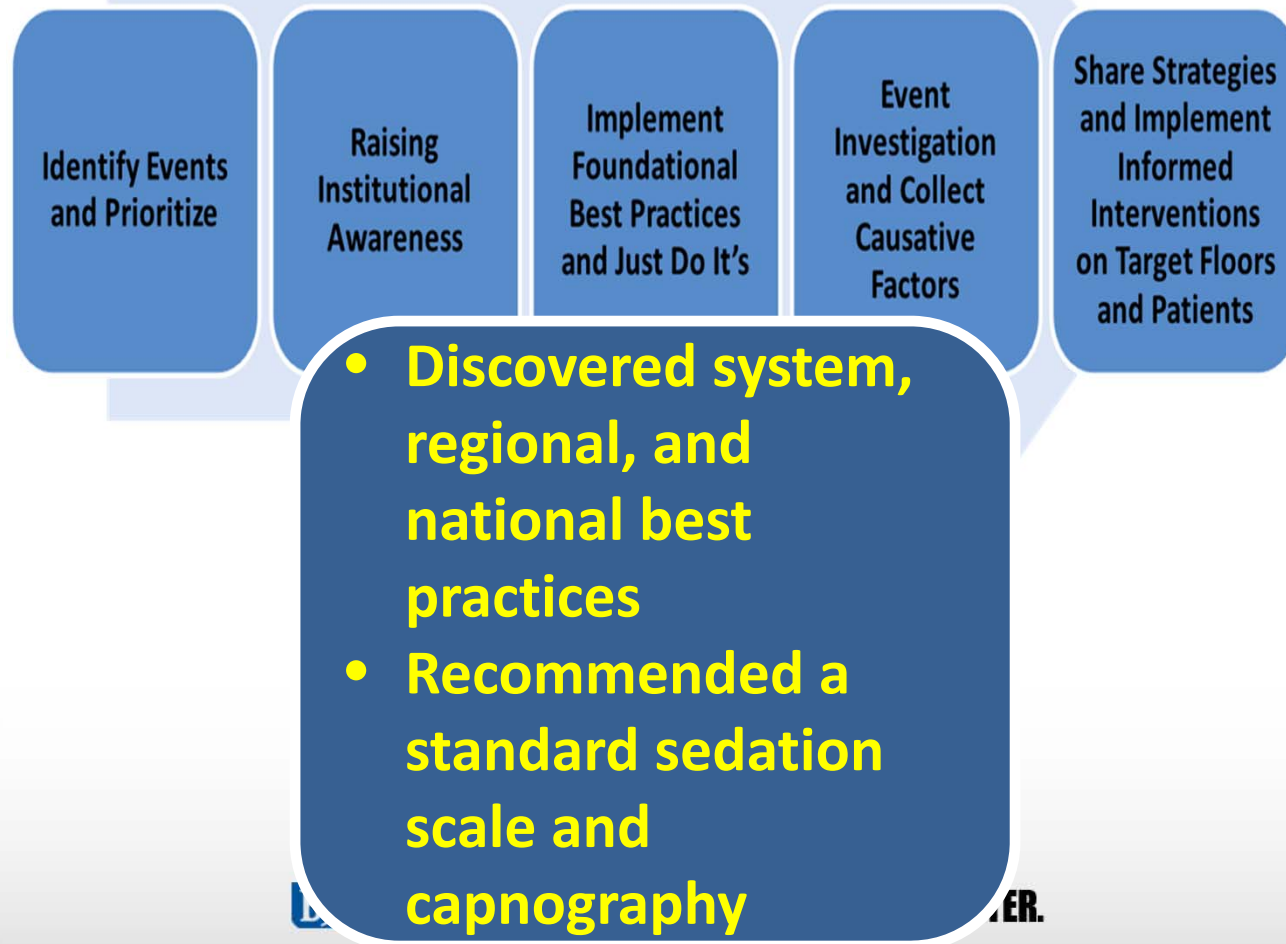
# Oversedation Events- Rolling 12 Months:

April 2015-March 2016



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# BJC's Improvement Process



# Initial projects identified for action by OS Task Force

## Start Now

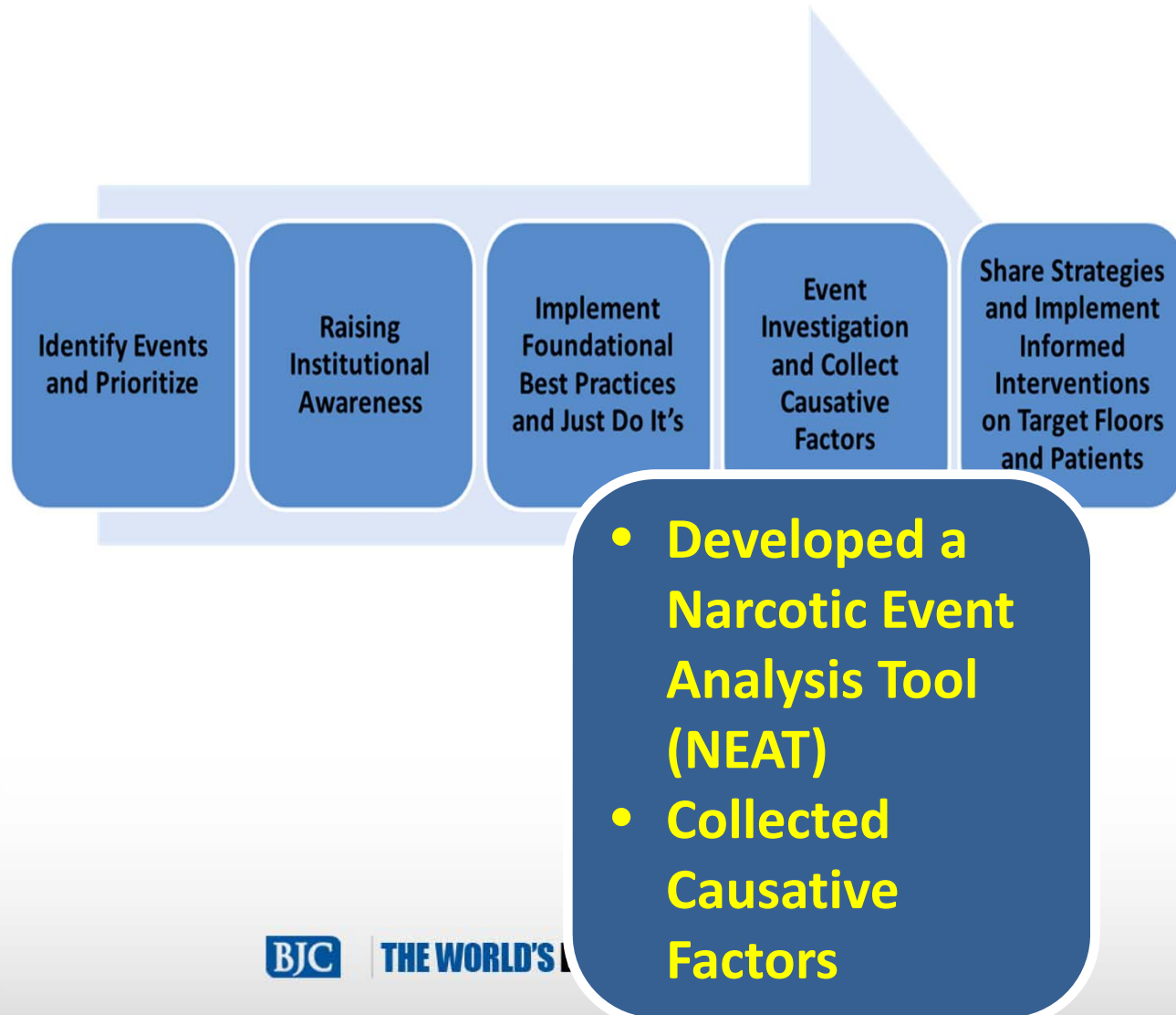
- Develop prescribing limits and/or make sure order sets comply with ISMP guidelines
- Institute near real-time audit and feedback on events (all or F-I) using a standardized protocol
- Enter all events in Safety Event Monitoring System and send event forms to appropriate MD
- Complete TJC Sentinel Event Alert Survey and comply

## Pilot Projects

- Capnography
  - 18% of our ADEs are on PCA
- Nurse Education
- All PCAs on Smart Pumps
- Develop Clinical Decision Support (CDS) for high-risk patients



# BJC's Improvement Process





# Narcotic Event Analysis Tool (NEAT)

## Causative Factor Choices

Select all causative factors associated with the event (when harm is found)

- ☐ Concurrent administration of more than one opioid
- ☐ Concurrent administration of opioid and benzodiazepine
- ☐ Concurrent administration of opioid and another sedative (Please add contributing drug below)
- ☐ Surgery/procedure
- ☐ Patient or visitor misuse (e.g. PCA by proxy, patient own med)
- ☐ Administration error
- ☐ Renal impairment
- ☐ Hepatic Impairment
- ☐ Opioid naive
- ☐ Dosing not appropriate (other)
- ☐ Lapse in monitoring of patient status
- ☐ History of respiratory disease (obstructive or central sleep apnea, severe COPD)
- ☐ Obesity (BMI  $\geq 30$ )
- ☐ Concurrent use of PCA plus another opioid
- ☐ No causative factor discovered during investigation

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**GD2**

I don't understand the question

Giarracco, David, 5/31/2016

**PM3**

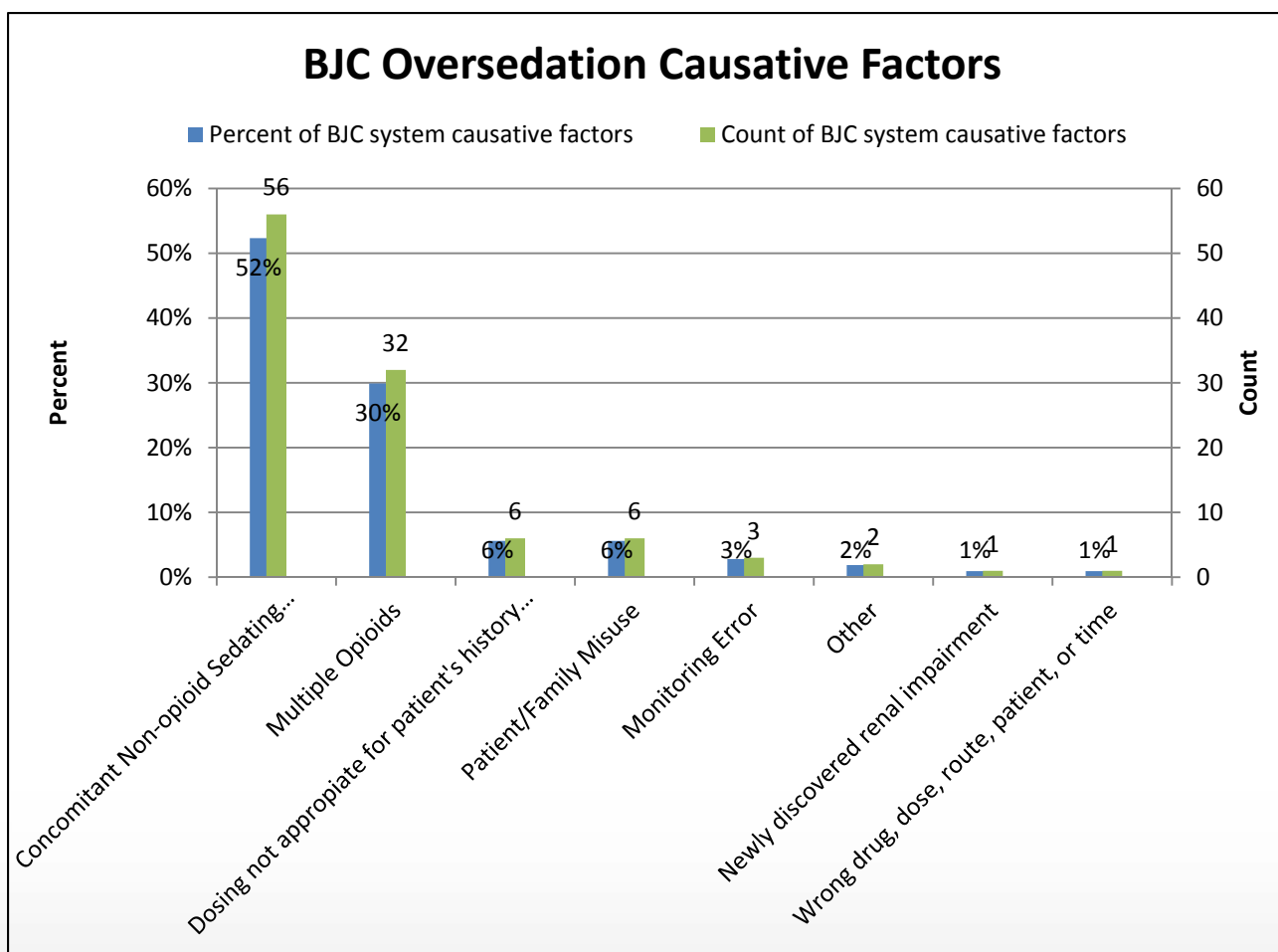
Will clarify. These are the causative factors that we select

Paul Milligan, 6/3/2016

# BJC System Causative Factors

## Percentages

October 2015-March 2016



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**PM4**

Review monitoring errors. They may have been low, but we were making little progress on prescribing.....

Paul Milligan, 6/26/2016

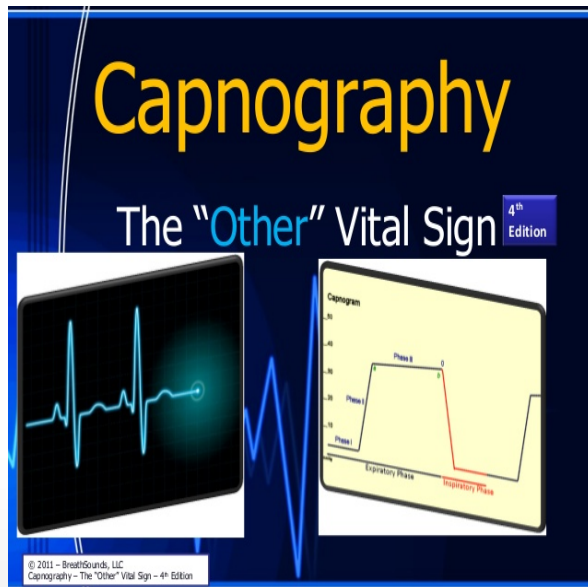
# BJC's Improvement Process



Our Taskforce investigated and piloted 3 different vendors, choosing Medtronic Capnostream 20™ for implementation.

- Targeted Hospitals
- Began implementation of capnography on Highest Risk patients

# Capnography Growing at an Accelerated Rate



## Recommendations



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# Identifying The Highest Risk Population

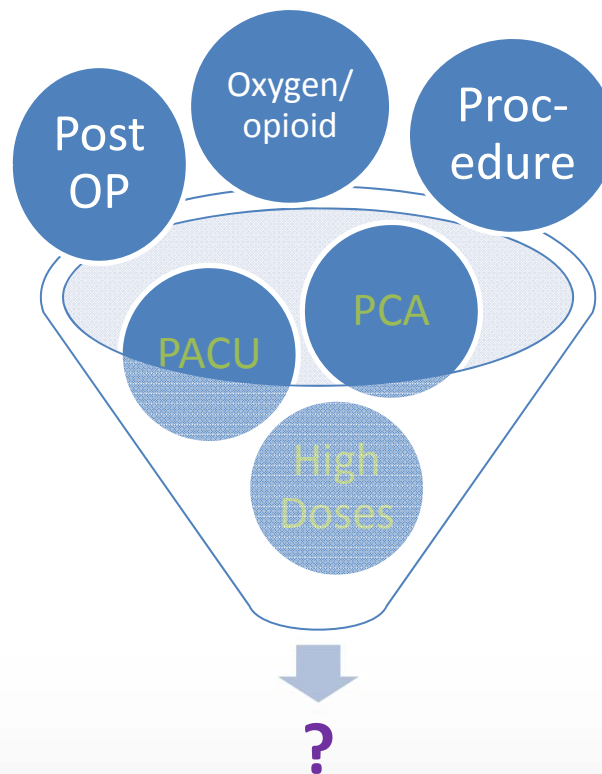
- Leadership was reluctant to start with all patients on opioids
- At least 7 other local hospitals are utilizing capnography at the bedside only on patients receiving a PCA.



Since less than 20% of our oversedation events at BJC occur to patients on a PCA, the group conducted a test of several hypothesis based on risks found in the literature to identify a patient group that would identify a larger percentage of our patients.

# We Are Evidence Based!

- We tested several hypothesis to identify our patients at highest risk.





# And The Winner Was.....



- **Oxygen and Opioids!**

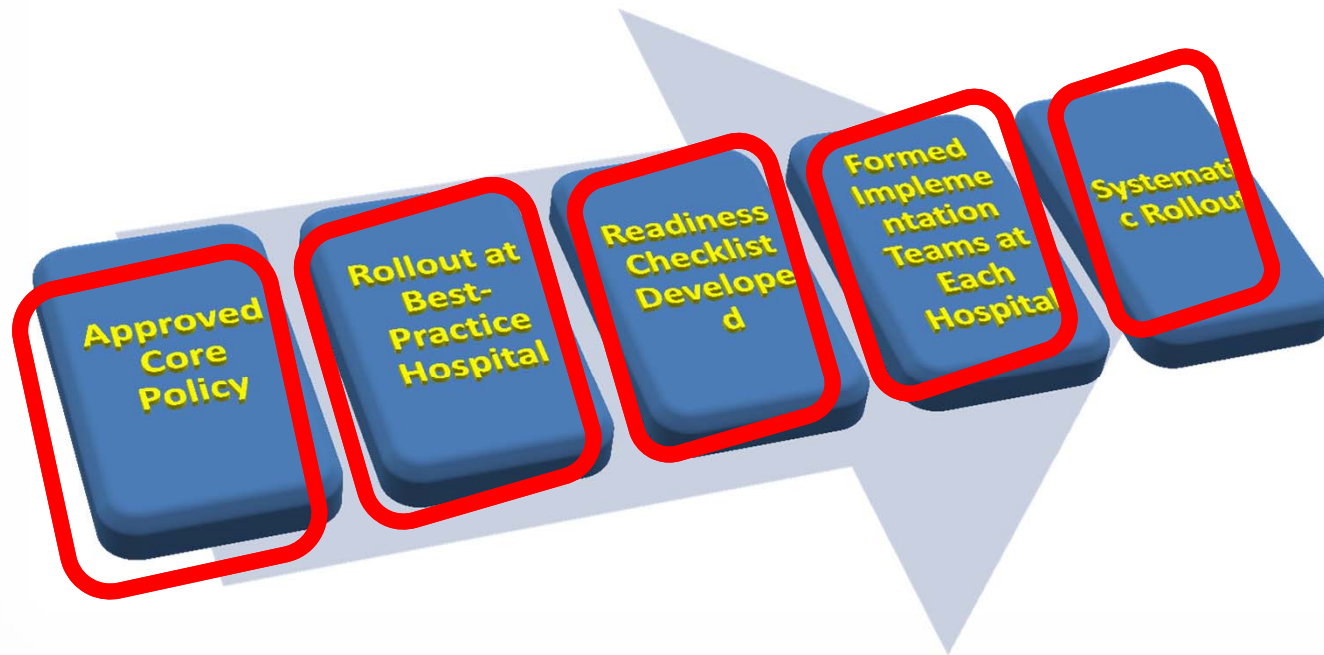
- 54% of patients had a concurrent **order** for parenteral narcotic and actively receiving supplemental oxygen prior to the oversedation event. (vs. 18% on PCA)

## From the Core Policy\*

*Continuous End Tidal Carbon Dioxide (Capnography, EtCO<sub>2</sub>) monitoring is required (unless otherwise determined by provider) for early detection of over sedation in adult hospitalized patients **actively receiving supplemental oxygen along with an active order for a parenteral (IV/PCA, Epidural and IM) opioid.***

\*Minimum Requirements: Can Be Broadened But Not Made More Restrictive

# Bedside Capnography Implementation Process



# Lessons Learned From Rollout: People



- Have leadership role on the implementation team
- Engage all stakeholders as early as possible
- Prescriber, nursing, and patient acceptance has been very high
- Vendor support has been strong, though repeat education needed in some areas
- Nurse manager introduction of vendor educators will help engagement of staff
- Hospital embraced leadership role and have been tracking issues which will be shared

# Lessons Learned From Rollout: Policy



- Application of policy in ICU settings may not be of benefit
- Hospitals are modifying policy to allow nurses to begin capnography at their own discretion
- Capnography usage quickly spread to other areas of the hospitals- ER, PACU, etc.
- One large community hospital monitors all patients on a parenteral opioid (independent of oxygen) and several have added all patients on basal rate PCAs
- Modification of Alarm settings have big impact on nurse and patient satisfaction without compromising safety-policy modified

# Progress, So Far....

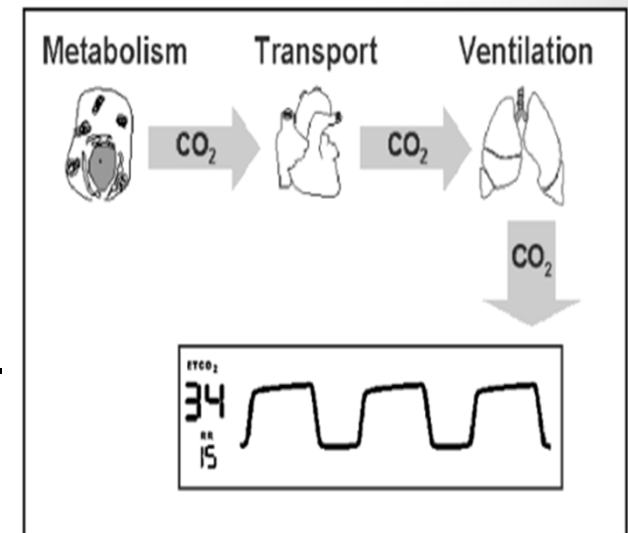
- Rollout complete at 11 of 12 hospitals
  - Academic hospital testing alarm management technology to rollout simultaneously
- Nationwide recall of device interrupted rollout. (Battery issue discovered at one of our hospitals)
- Currently assessing adoption by all nursing units for all high-risk patients
- Piloting a wireless alarm management program
- Anticipating answers to key questions.....



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# Working On Answers To the Following Questions

- Is our high-risk population a good start?
  - If not, re-evaluate.
  - If yes, look for expansion.
- Have we implemented properly?
  - If not, retrain.
  - If yes, continue to work on alarm management.
- Does Capnography work?
  - If not, Hmmm.
  - If yes, Double Down!
- Currently: *“There is a statistically significant difference in the proportion of oversedation events between high-risk patients on and off capnography.”*



# Conclusion & Suggestions

Using a systematic approach to identifying patients at highest risk can provide a stepwise approach for implementation of capnography across a health-system. Once the technology is on-site, it has expanded to other patient care areas and patient populations.

## **How To Take Action:**

- ☐ Get attention
  - ☐ Measure your events!
- ☐ Build your case
  - ☐ Literature and National Recommendations
- ☐ Identify highest risk patients
- ☐ Implement

# Future/Ongoing Initiatives



# Mark Your Calendars!

**October 28, 2016; 12pm to 1pm EST**

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Cathy Sullivan, MSN, RN, FNP, CCRN  
Associate Director Sourcing  
Mount Sinai Beth Israel, NYC

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