



# Not Just for Football Anymore: Huddle Up for Safety and Quality Outcomes

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# Objectives

- Best Practice for Safety Huddles
- Closing the loop on safety events
- Engaging frontline staff for culture of safety
- Malcolm Baldrige Framework

The football huddle was invented at Gallaudet University, an all-deaf school, to prevent opposing teams from seeing their signs.







# Daily Safety Huddle Template

**THE SAFETY HUDDLE**  
APRIL 24, 2024  
CONFERENCE ROOMS

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**MISSION**  
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**VISION**  
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**VALUES**  
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**Quarterly Value in Action: We are a Team**  

- Demonstrate high commitment to making things better for the organization
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Clinic Visits: <b>649</b>	Clinic Procedures: <b>46</b>	Outreach: <b>38</b>
House Supervisor:	Census:	Discharges:
Surgeries: <b>29</b>	ED Visits Yesterday:	AOC: <b>Lance</b>

**Employee Engagement** Updated 3/4/2024

- Goal: 75<sup>th</sup> Percentile
- Current YTD: 4.14 65<sup>th</sup> Percentile

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Percentile Rank	3.96	3.99	4.06	4.16	4.35	4.74
Goal	4.16	4.16	4.16	4.16	4.16	4.16

**Patient Experience** Updated 4/3/2024

- Goal: 65<sup>th</sup> Percentile
- Year to Date: 14<sup>th</sup> Percentile

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Percentile Rank	23	24	60	68	68	14
Goal	60	60	60	60	60	65

**Finance** Updated 3/29/2024

- Goal for Employee Bonus: 3.05%
- Current Month: -2.9%

**Medicare 5 star rating** Current results from 7/2018 - 3/2022

- Goal: 5 Star
- Current YTD: 2 Star

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentile Rank	3	3	3	4	2
Goal	5	5	5	5	5

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**VOICE OF A PATIENT**

Strength- Everyone was very upbeat and positive. Helpful and friendly. (Press Ganey-Surgery)

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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

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**DEPARTMENT SAFETY REPORT**

Women's/Children's: \_\_\_\_\_

ICU/PCU: \_\_\_\_\_

Med/Surg: \_\_\_\_\_

BHS: \_\_\_\_\_

Bio Med: \_\_\_\_\_

Cancer Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Management: \_\_\_\_\_ % DC before 1pm  
 \_\_\_\_\_ patients DC before 11am  
 \_\_\_\_\_ patients 10 days stay or greater  
 \_\_\_\_\_ patients 21 days stay or greater

Care Coordination: \_\_\_\_\_

CVS: \_\_\_\_\_

Brain/Spine: \_\_\_\_\_

DI: \_\_\_\_\_

ER: \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering: \_\_\_\_\_

Security: \_\_\_\_\_

EVS: \_\_\_\_\_

Nutrition: \_\_\_\_\_

Oak Street Building/Rheum: \_\_\_\_\_

Centennial Building: \_\_\_\_\_

IT: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Lab: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials Mgt: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehab: \_\_\_\_\_

Respiratory: \_\_\_\_\_

Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Urgent Care: \_\_\_\_\_

Ophthalmology: \_\_\_\_\_

ENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Wound: \_\_\_\_\_

Orthopedics: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> floor Pavilion: \_\_\_\_\_

HME: \_\_\_\_\_

Research: \_\_\_\_\_

Compliance/HIPAA: \_\_\_\_\_

HR/Employee Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality: \_\_\_\_\_

- Days since last fall:  
 Inpatient: \_\_\_\_\_ Outpatient: \_\_\_\_\_

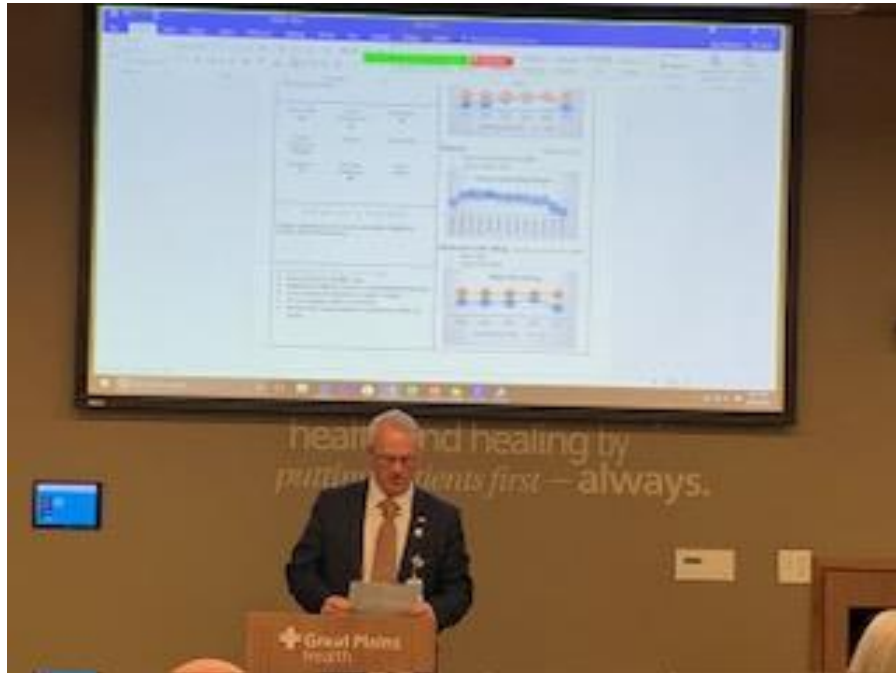
NO SAFETY CONCERNS

**Safety Huddle Messages/Highlights:**

Administrator on Call: Lance Arterburn  
 Physician Rounding: Nephrology/Pain Management



# Safety Huddle Attendance





Did you know that some sharks, like the Spotted Wobbegong, often rest in groups, lying on top of each other on the ocean floor? It's almost like a group cuddle session, challenging our typical perception of these mighty predators!



# All employees receive

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APRIL 23, 2024  
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Clinic Visits: 726	Clinic Procedures: 50	Outreach: 32
House Supervisor: Rebekah	Census: 65	Discharges: 6
Surgeries: 40	ED Visits Yesterday: 31	AOC: Lance

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**VOICE OF A PATIENT**

*Opportunity- It seemed like she wasn't listening as well as she could have.*

*Strength- The nurses caring for me were EXCELLENT both at night and during the day. John, Cole [Colton], Annie, Amber, Analisa were a credit to their profession. (Press Ganey-Med/Surg)*

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**DEPARTMENT SAFETY REPORT**

**Women's/Children's: 1 Fall Risk. Action Cues: Cord blood tube-overfilled and spilled in biohazard bag with other lab specimen. Discharged patient and infant concern with car seat base not placed correctly.**

**ICU/PCU: 16/19 Fall Risk. 1 Foley. 4 Central Lines. Action Cue: Wrong med administered-Lactated Ringers running instead of ordered Amiodarone. Med/Surg: 22/25 Fall Risk. 2 Foleys. 5 Central Lines. Action Cues: Concern for medication variance-timely administration. Medication variance-dose amount needed on override.**

**BHS: 9 patients. 1 flight risk.**

**Case Management: 40 % DC before 1pm**  
     1 patients DC before 11am  
     4 patients 10 days stay or greater  
     1 patients 21 days stay or greater

**Care Coordination: 196 patients enrolled. (36 Transitional care management).**

**ER: Action Cue: Medication variance-med removed from Pvxis-no charting, waste, or return.**

**Engineering: Pressures at Cancer Center were corrected.**

**Pharmacy: Dilaudid syringe was found in the OR return bin.**

**Respiratory: Action Cue: Medication removed from Pvxis-no order.**

**Surgery: Action Cue: Anesthesia- medication variance- Lidocaine documentation.**

- Days since last fall:  
Inpatient: 1 Outpatient: 2

**NO SAFETY CONCERNS**

Bio Med, Cancer Center, CVS, Brain/Spine, DI, Security, EVS, Nutrition, Oak Street Building/Rheumatology, Centennial Building, IT, Education, Lab, Materials Mgt, Patient Experience, Rehab, Urgent Care, Ophthalmology, ENT, Wound, Orthopaedics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Pavilion, HME, Research, Compliance/HIPAA, HR/Employee Inj, Quality

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For the past week-

**Readmissions**

- 8 readmits
- Average day from discharge to readmit was – 10.8 (did not include the BHS patient)
- 7 from home, 1 from nursing home
- 1 oncology patient
- Insurance – 5 Medicare, 1 Wellcare MA, 1 UHC Community, 1 Aetna


**Mortalities**

- 4 mortalities. (All inpatient with the following primary payer)
- Wellcare Medicare Advantage
- Optum VA Community Care Network
- Palmetto GBA Railroad Medicare
- Medicare





# Building culture committed to safety- open issues

										
<b>Safety Huddle Issues List 2024</b>										
<b>Building a culture committed to safety and focused on quality outcomes.</b>						<b>Color Key=</b>		Within time allotment according to the severity	Past due date according to the severity	
Our continuous goal of commitment to safety is present in our entire organization. Great Plains Health is working internally to improve our performance excellence. In order to achieve our vision to become the region's most trusted healthcare community. During Safety Huddles, actionable items may be identified. Utilize the below log to track completion of action items.										
Date Assigned	Safety Action Item		Assigned Leader	Update	Date Resolved	Severity	Due Date r/t Severity		Status	EDU
4/17/2024	Labeling of ABGs. Respiratory access to Collection Manager		Nikki	Elisha will put in ticket for Education. Will discuss at education huddle (4/18). Meeting on 4/23		D2	4/24/2024			



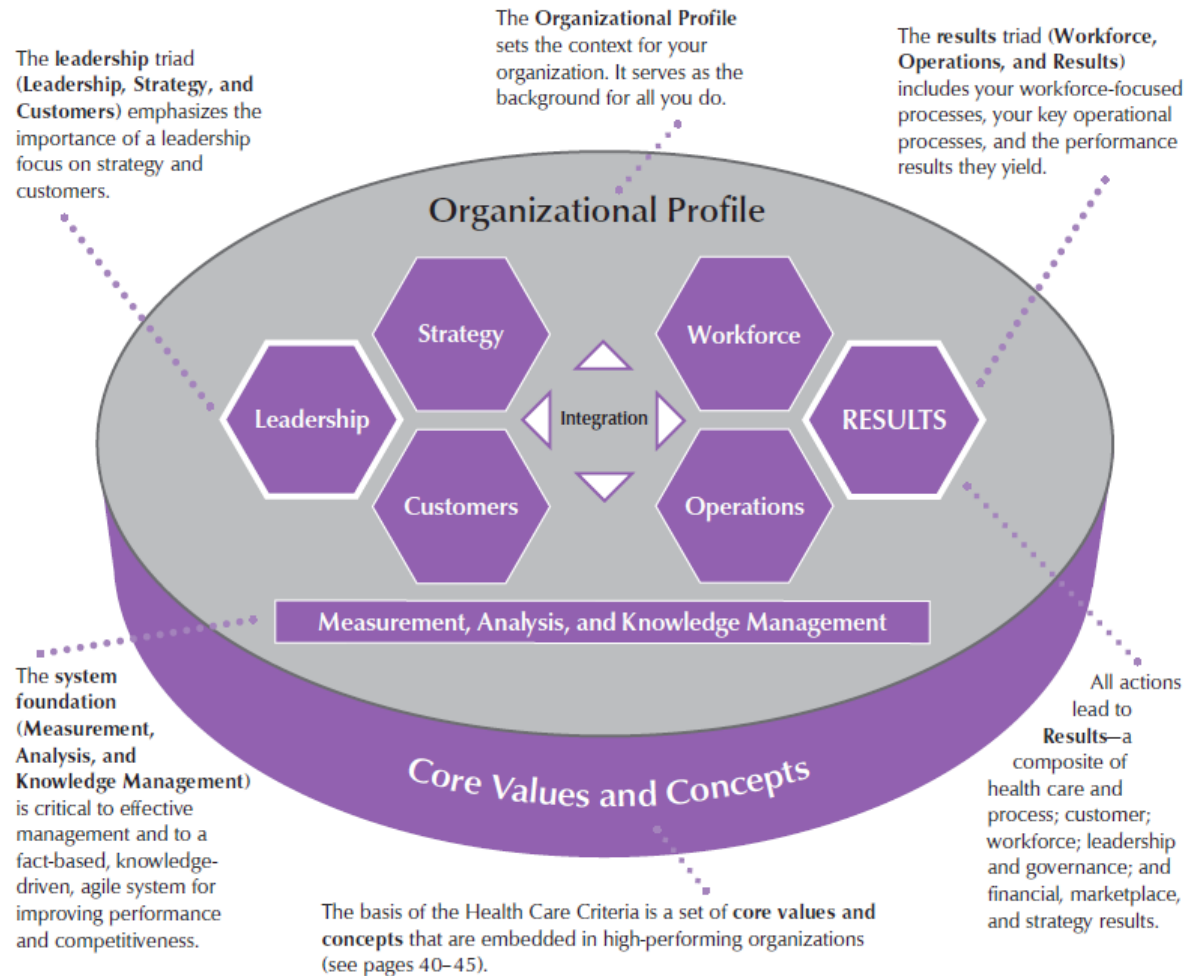




Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos reportedly requires all of his senior executives to take a two-pizza rule, meaning that any team that can't be fed with two pizzas is too big and should be broken into smaller teams.



# Baldrige Framework



# Scope & Severity Grid

## Scope & Severity Grid for Safety Huddles

During Safety or Unit huddles, actionable items may be identified. Utilize the below template to depict the level of urgency and a timeline required for action plans.

	Department	Facility	Organization
Level 4	D4	F4	O4
Level 3	D3	F3	O3
Level 2	D2	F2	O2
Level 1	D1	F1	O1

### Action Plan Timeline:

Level 4:	2 hours, report to CEO and AOC
Level 3:	24 hours
Level 2:	1 week
Level 1:	Initial follow-up within 10 days to Safety Huddle

### Guidance on Severity Levels:

Level 4:	Extremely high potential for danger/death
Level 3:	Very high potential or actual harm
Level 2:	Medium potential or actual disruption of care
Level 1:	Low, minimal, or minor impact

### Examples:

(severe weather, deadly epidemic)
(volatile patient/family, safety risks)
(medication supply problem)
(construction in patient care area)

In the NHL, if the goalie and backup goalie can't play, the team can use any available goalie who doesn't have a professional contract with another team. A facilities manager, an accountant, and an equipment manager have all suited up and taken the ice under this rule.







# SSE- Definition

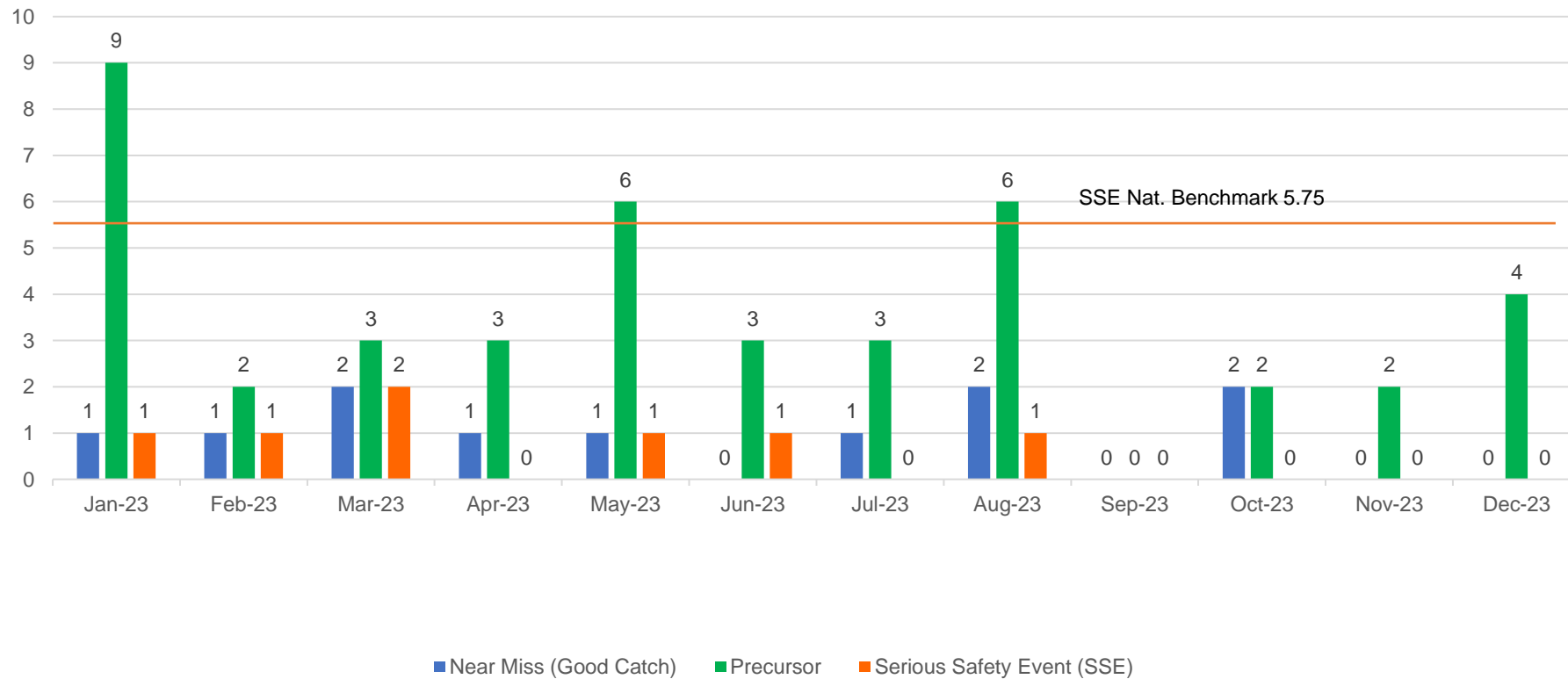
Safety Event classification applies if a deviation from Generally Accepted Performance Standards (GAPS) causes, or results in, the event

Code	Level of Harm	Description
<b>Serious Safety Event</b>	<b>SSE 1</b>	<b>Death</b> A deviation in GAPS resulting in death
	<b>SSE 2</b>	<b>Severe Permanent Harm</b> A deviation in GAPS resulting in critical, life-changing harm with no expected change in clinical status; includes events resulting in permanent loss of organ, limb, or vital physiologic or neurologic function <u>Example</u> - Wrong site procedure resulting in removal of healthy limb - Missed diagnosis of stroke resulting in permanent impairment - Uterine rupture resulting in loss of uterus - Anoxic brain injury resulting in permanent brain damage - Incorrect radiologic contrast dosing resulting in need for permanent dialysis
	<b>SSE 3</b>	<b>Moderate Permanent Harm</b> A deviation in GAPS resulting in significant harm with no expected change in clinical condition yet not sufficiently severe to impact activities of daily living or business functioning; includes events that result in permanent reduction in physiologic reserve, disfigurement, and impaired or aided sense or function <u>Examples</u> - Incorrect radiology contrast dosing resulting in reduced renal function - Inadvertent injury to spleen during abdominal surgery requiring removal of the spleen - Delay in treatment of limb ischemia requiring fasciotomy that results in minimal loss of function but disfiguring scars - Inappropriate intra-arterial medication injection resulting in loss of a finger, other than the thumb or 2 <sup>nd</sup> finger which may qualify the event as SSE 2
	<b>SSE 4</b>	<b>Severe Temporary Harm</b> A deviation in GAPS resulting in critical, potentially life-threatening harm yet lasting for a limited time with no permanent residual; requires prolonged transfer to a higher level of care/monitoring, transfer to a higher level of care for a life-threatening condition, or an additional major surgery, procedure, or treatment to resolve the condition <u>Examples</u> - Induced condition that requires resuscitation - Unrecognized fluid overload that progresses to pulmonary edema requiring transfer to the ICU for treatment - Failure to diagnose respiratory insufficiency resulting in temporary intubation where earlier recognition of the condition would have avoided the intubation - Preventable fall with hip fracture that requires surgical repair - Retained object that requires return to the operating room
	<b>SSE 5</b>	<b>Moderate Temporary Harm</b> A deviation in GAPS resulting in significant harm lasting for a limited time; requires a higher level of care/monitoring or an additional minor procedure or treatment to resolve the condition <u>Examples</u> - Failure to treat a low potassium level that results in an arrhythmia requiring administration of intravenous anti-arrhythmic drug, but with continued arrhythmia requiring extended monitoring and a higher intensity of care - Incorrect dose of dilaudid for pain resulting in over-sedation and requiring transfer to ICU for treatment and monitoring after narcas was ineffective in treating - Failure to routinely assess IV site resulting in an infection at IV site or (septic phlebitis) requiring extensive surgical incision and drainage to resolve - Incision made on the right knee instead of the left knee during an schedule knee replacement surgery

	Code	Level of Harm	Description
<b>Precursor Safety Event</b>	<b>PSE 1</b>	<b>Minimal Permanent Harm</b>	A deviation in GAPS resulting in minor harm with no expected change in clinical status; requires little or no intervention <u>Examples</u> - Inadequate protection of ulnar nerve during an operation resulting in numbness of 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> fingers - Excess radiation therapy resulting in skin color change in non-critical cosmetic area
	<b>PSE 2</b>	<b>Minimal Temporary Harm</b>	A deviation in GAPS resulting in minor harm lasting for a limited time only; requires little or no intervention <u>Examples</u> - Failure to assess IV site resulting in bruising or swelling - Retained sponge in vaginal cavity found and removed during office exam and resulting in no or minor infection - Administration of low dose insulin to a non-diabetic patient requiring only a glucose check and drink of orange juice - Incorrect dose of dilaudid for pain resulting in over-sedation and narcas resuscitation with immediate resolution - An anesthetic nerve block was performed on the right knee instead of the left knee in a scheduled knee replacement surgery before it was realized the wrong side had been anesthetized
	<b>PSE 3</b>	<b>No Detectable Harm</b>	A deviation in GAPS that reaches the patient yet without ability to determine the existence or fact of harm, yet harm may exist; includes events where the onset of harm may occur later in time <u>Example</u> - Procedure performed with un-sterile instruments with no detectable post-procedure complications or infection - Inappropriate technique resulting in losing coronary artery stent into systemic circulation with no evidence of limb or organ ischemia
	<b>PSE 4</b>	<b>No Harm</b>	A deviation in GAPS that reaches the patient yet results in no harm, with sufficient information available to determine that no harm occurred <u>Example</u> - Transfusion of blood intended for another patient yet of the correct blood type - Administration of an adult dose of vitamin K to a full term newborn infant with no resulting damage
<b>Near Miss Event</b>	<b>NME 1</b>	<b>Unplanned Barrier Catch</b>	A deviation in GAPS that passes through all error detection barriers and does not reach the patient because it is caught by chance or a barrier not designed into the system <u>Example</u> - Family member who reminds of a known medication allergy immediately before the medication is to be administered to the patient - Environment Services Associate points out the need to perform a time out prior to a bedside procedure resulting in awareness that the procedure was about to be performed on the incorrect limb - Food Services Associate notices pills in waste basket, thrown away by the patient, and alerts the patient's nurse who ensures medication administration
	<b>NME 2</b>	<b>Last Strong Barrier Catch</b>	A deviation in GAPS that passes through early error detection barriers and is caught by a last strong error detection barrier designed into the system <u>Example</u> - Medication error caught by nurse performing "5 Rights" prior to administration - Wrong patient brought to the OR and identified during the team time out
	<b>NME 3</b>	<b>Early Barrier Catch</b>	A deviation in GAPS that is caught by an early error detection barrier designed into the system's defense in depth <u>Example</u> - Medication error identified when a contraindication alert fires in the pharmacy order entry system - During bedside shift change report, care team identifies that multiple IV lines in a complex ICU patient are not labeled and makes the correction to minimize risk of confusion



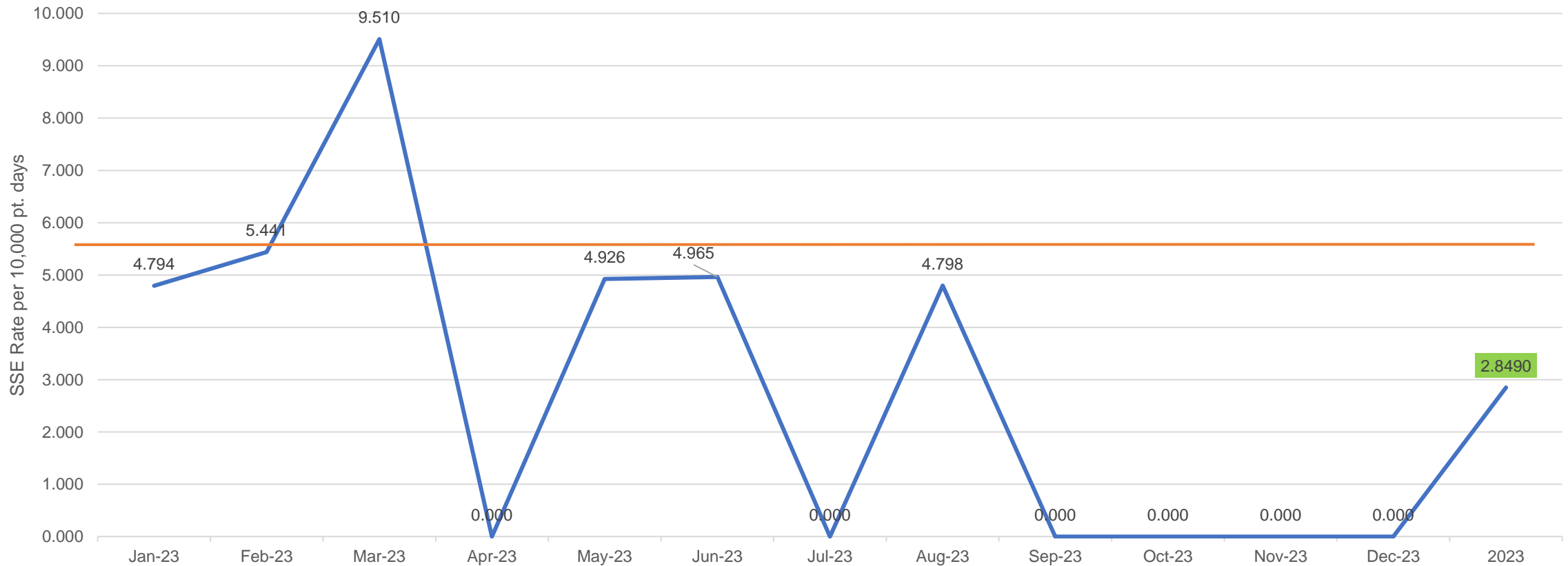
### GPH Healthcare Performance Improvement Safety Event Classification 2023 by Month





# Serious Safety Event (SSE)

2023 SSE Rate Per 10,000 pt. Days





# SSE Benchmark-

2023	Inpatient Days	Outpatient Days	Total Patient Days	Serious Safety Event (SSE)	Overall SSE Rate Per 10,000 pt. Days
Jan	1907	179	2086	1	4.794
Feb	1644	194	1838	1	5.441
Mar	1912	191	2103	2	9.510
<b>1Q 2023</b>	<b>5463</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>6027</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6.582</b>
Apr	1690	188	1878	0	0.000
May	1821	209	2030	1	4.926
June	1707	307	2014	1	4.965
<b>2Q2023</b>	<b>5218</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>5922</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9.891</b>
July	1852	197	2049	0	0.000
August	1891	193	2084	1	4.798
Septmeber	1852	180	2032	0	0.000
<b>3Q2023</b>	<b>5595</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>6165</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.798</b>
October	2006	247	2253	0	0
November	1824	273	2097	0	0
December	1878	228	2106	0	0
<b>4Q2023</b>	<b>5708</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>6456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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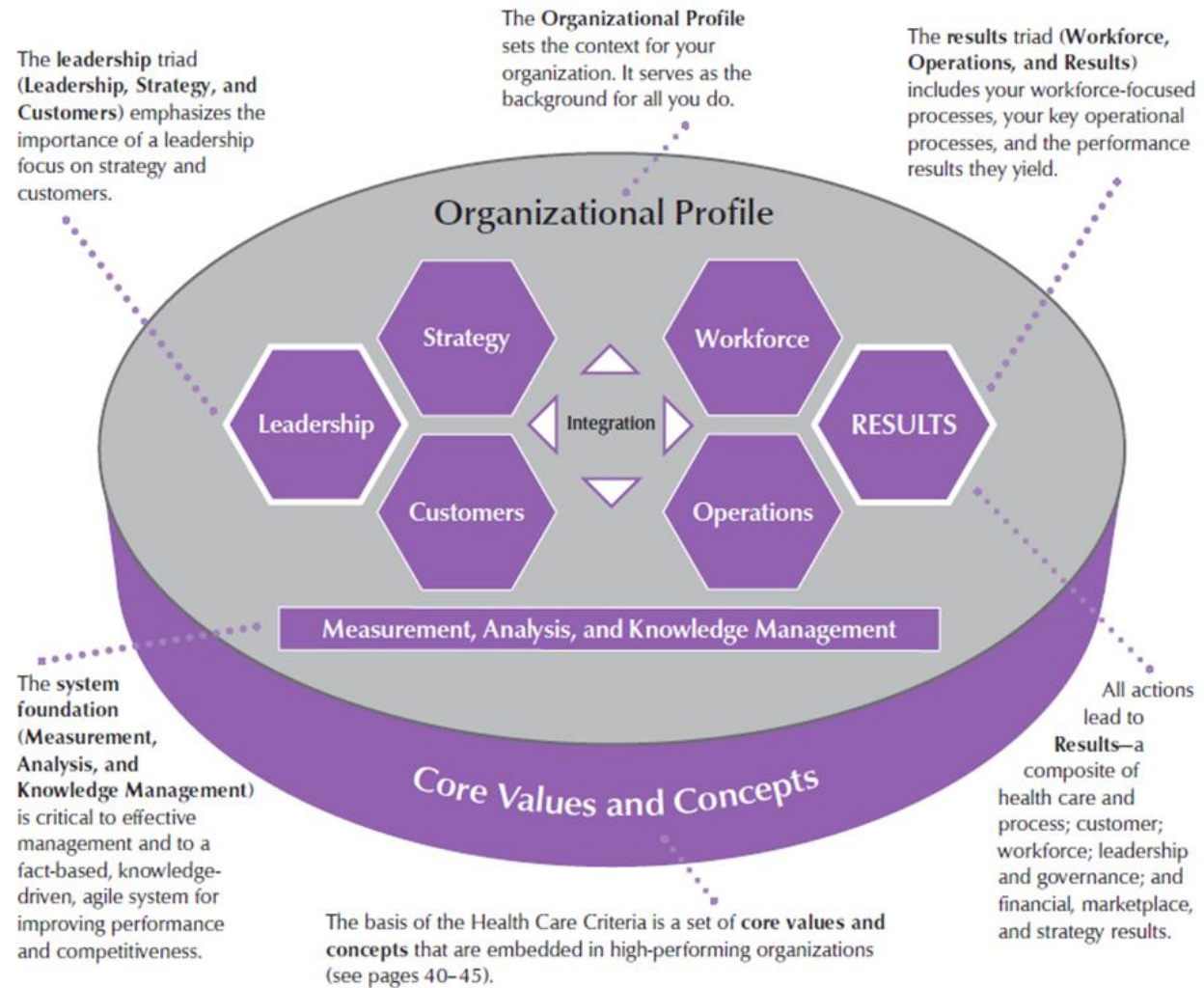
Serious Safety Events:  
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# Baldrige





# Baldrige Review

## From Fighting Fires to Innovation: An Analogy for Learning

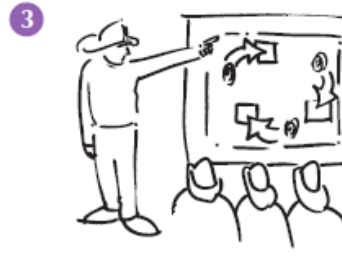
Learning is an essential attribute of high-performing organizations. Effective, well-deployed organizational learning can help an organization improve from the early stages of reacting to problems to the highest levels of organization-wide improvement, refinement, and innovation.



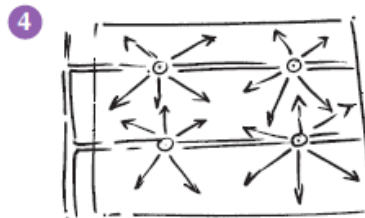
**1**  
**Reacting to the problem (0–5%)**  
Run with the hose and put out the fire.



**2**  
**General improvement orientation (10–25%)**  
Install more fire hoses to get to the fires quickly and reduce their impact.



**3**  
**Systematic evaluation and improvement (30–45%)**  
Evaluate which locations are most susceptible to fire. Install heat sensors and sprinklers in those locations.



**4**  
**Learning and strategic improvement (50–65%)**  
Install systemwide heat sensors and a sprinkler system that is activated by the heat preceding fires.



**5**  
**Organizational analysis and innovation (70–100%)**  
Use fireproof and fire-retardant materials. Replace combustible liquids with water-based liquids. Prevention is the primary approach for protection, with sensors and sprinklers as the secondary line of protection. This approach has been shared with all facilities and is practiced in all locations.



# Questions?

The Pixar team came up with "WALL-E,"  
"A Bug's Life," and "Monsters Inc."  
during one lunch.

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ANIMATION STUDIOS