Optimization of Suicide Risk Screening on the Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Service: A Performance Improvement Project.

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INTRODUCTION

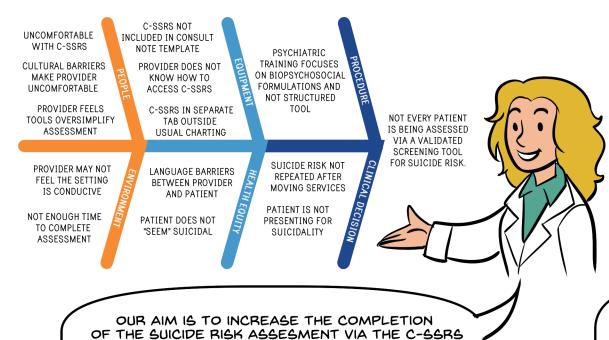
IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT PATIENTS WHO DIE BY SUICIDE OFTEN PRESENT TO HEALTHCARE SETTINGS PRIOR TO DEATH. 1

THE JOINT COMMISSION'S NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOAL 15 EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF EVIDENCE-BASED SUICIDE SCREENING FOR ALL PATIENTS.

NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOALS

METHODS

SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT IN CONSULTATION-LIASON PSYCHIATRY



SAFE-T PROTOCOL FROM 71% TO GREATER

THAN 90% BY JULY OF 2023.

RESULTS

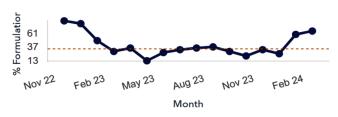
Process Measure: Utilization of template with imbedded SAFE-T



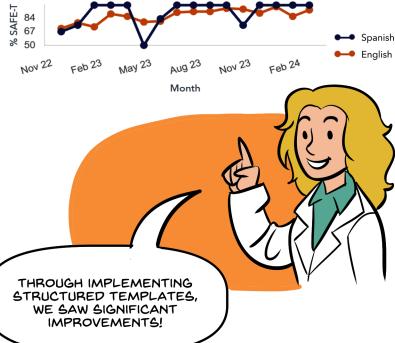
Outcome Measure: SAFE-T completion



Balancing Measure: Inclusion of Traditional Formulations in Note



Equity Lens: Completion of SAFE-T in Spanish Speakers



DISCUSSION



CONCLUSIONS

BY UTILIZING STRUCTURED
METHODOLOGIES TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS
AND IMPLEMENTING TARGETED INTERVENTIONS,
THE CL SERVICE CAN EFFECTIVELY IMPROVE
SUICIDE SCREENING PRACTICES IN SEVERAL
MONTHS' TIME, PROMPTLY ENHANCING
PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF
PATIENT CARE.





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