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# Lessons from Obstetrics

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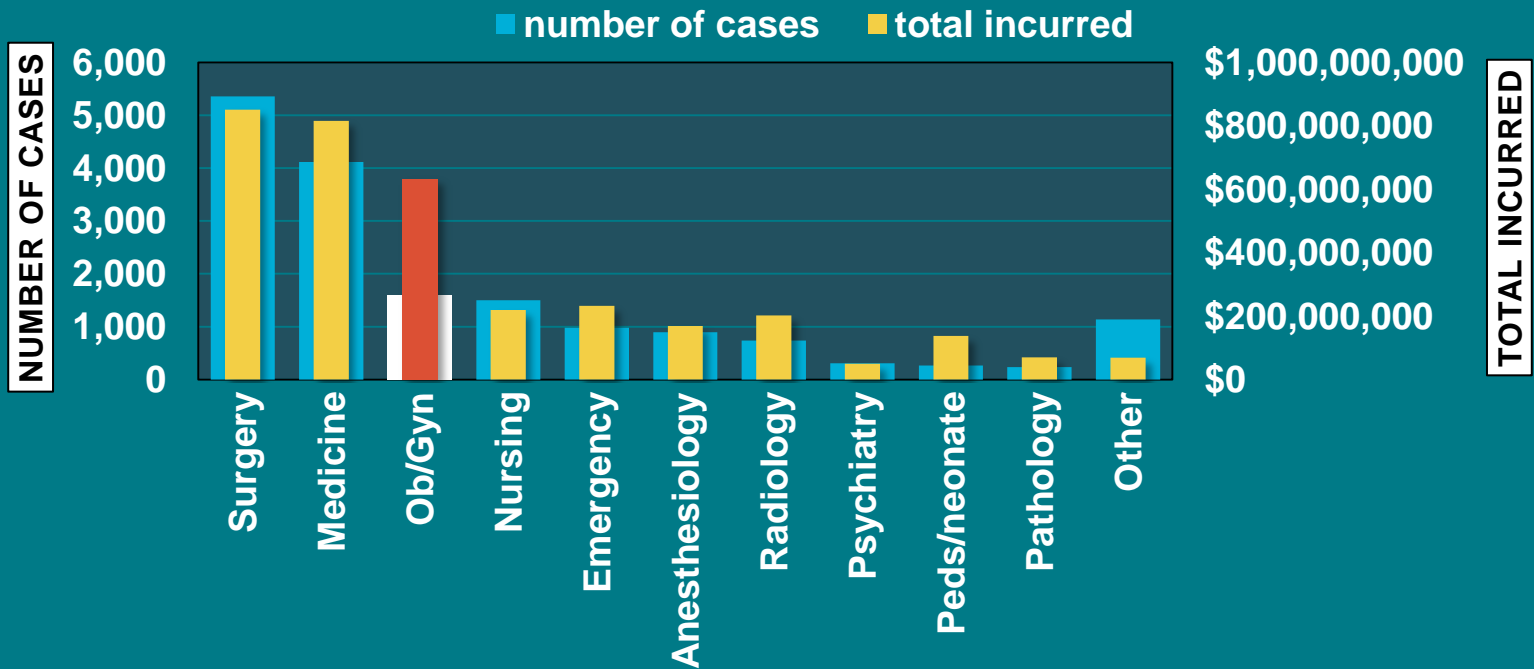
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# Obstetrical services have a higher cost per claim.

## National Landscape: Primary Responsible Services



CBS N=17,124 coded professional liability cases asserted 1/1/07–12/31/11.

Total incurred includes reserves on open cases and payments on closed cases.

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Other includes: Dentistry/Oral Surgery, Allied Health, Non-clinical, and Pharmacy.

# Obstetrics-related Malpractice Data

937 cases | \$522M total incurred

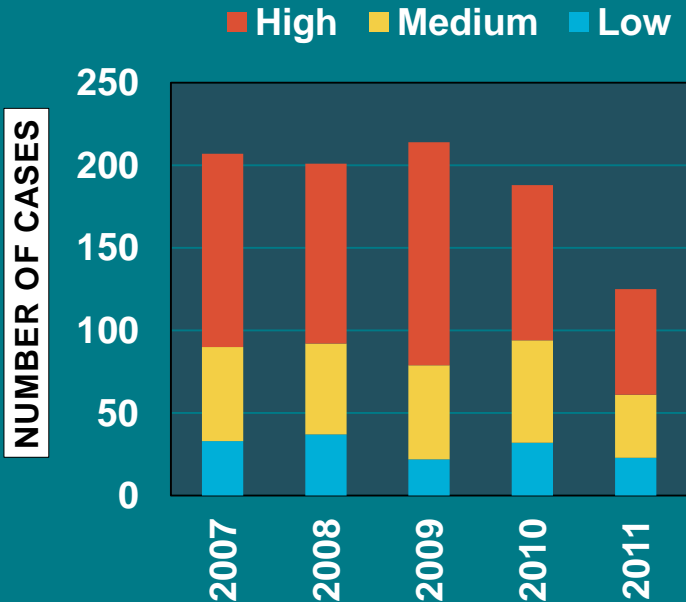
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(cases with obstetrics or midwifery as primary responsible service)

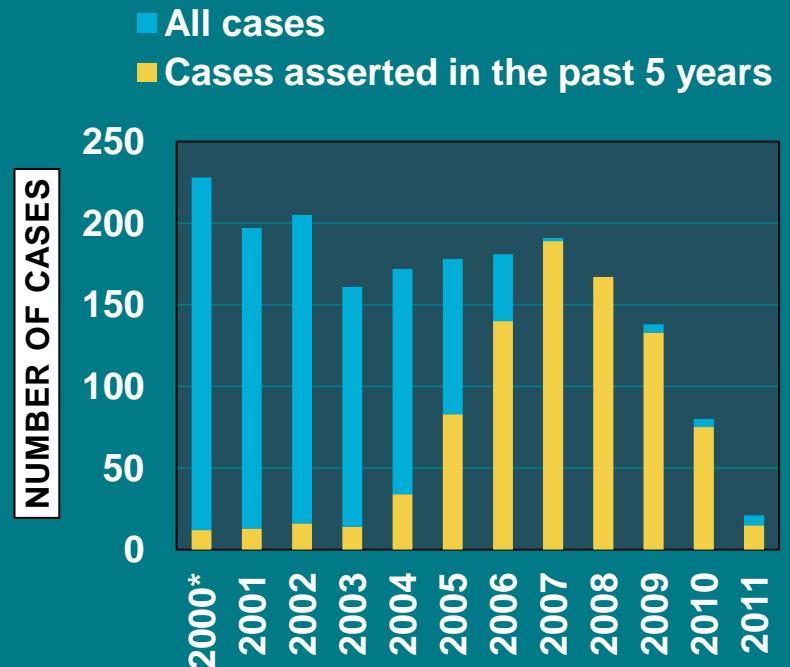
# Frequency of OB cases declining

## Assert Years vs. Loss Years in OB Cases

BY ASSERT YEAR



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\*14 OB cases occurred prior to 2000.

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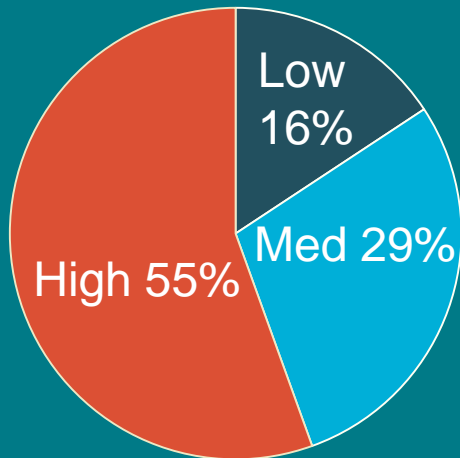
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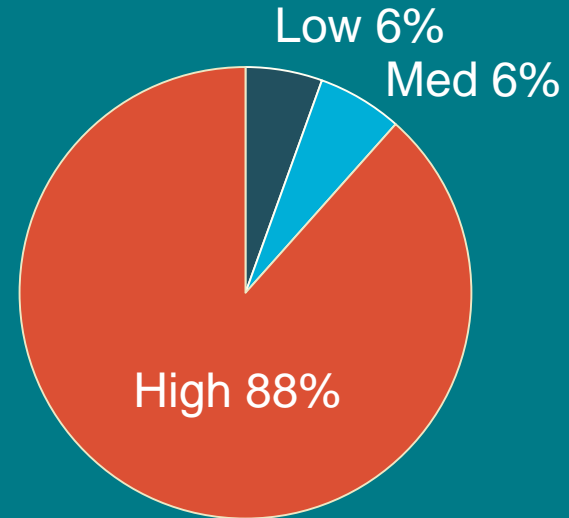
# 55% involved a high-severity injury

## Injury Severity in OB Cases

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# Intrauterine hypoxia & birth asphyxia=20%

## Top Final Diagnoses in OB Cases

DIAGNOSIS	# CASES
Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	191
Complications of birth; puerperium affecting management of mother	109
Brachial plexus Injury	93
Other perinatal conditions	74
Anxiety state	66
Complications mainly related to pregnancy	39
Other complications	37
Foreign body accidentally left during procedure	32
Other birth trauma	30
Intrauterine death	25
Puncture/laceration during procedure	24
Cerebral palsy	21

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# Judgment, Communication, Technical Skill

## Top Contributing Factors in OB Cases

FACTOR	% CASES*
Clinical Judgment	69%
Communication	30%
Technical Skill	29%
Administrative	21%
Documentation	20%
Supervision	13%
Clinical Systems	12%

TOP CLINICAL JUDGMENT FACTORS	# CASES*
Selection/management therapy—labor and delivery	367
Selection/management therapy—pregnancy	113
Pt assessment—failure/delay in ordering diagnostic test	109
Pt assessment—misinterpretation of diagnostic studies	108

TOP COMMUNICATION FACTORS	# CASES*
Communication among providers regarding patient's condition	129
Communication between patient/family & provider—other	48
Communication between patient/family & provider—language barrier	34
Inadequate informed consent for other treatment options	26

TOP TECHNICAL SKILL FACTORS	# CASES*
Possible technical problem	135
Poor technique, other	53
Retained foreign body	33
Improperly utilized equipment	28

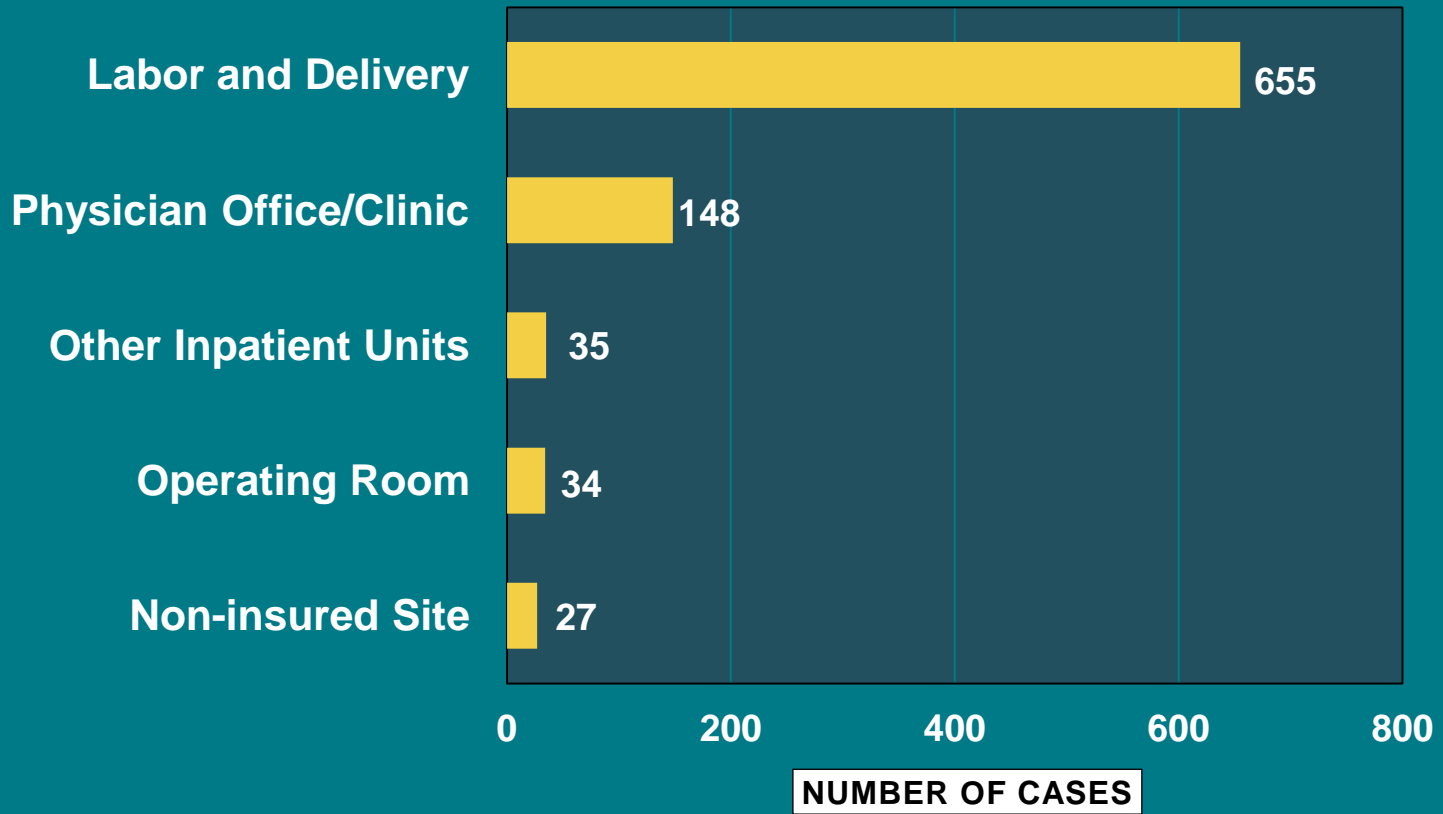
\*A case will often have multiple factors identified

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# Labor & Delivery was the top location

## Top Locations in OB Cases



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# *Case Study*

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- Mother, G2P1 at 37.5 weeks, admitted at 8:00p for induction of labor due to pre-eclampsia.
- Past medical history: congenital deafness, obesity, hypertension, and poorly controlled diabetes
- A Sign Language interpreter was present at her pre-natal visits, and during delivery.
- Evaluation on admission was notable for complaints of mild headaches;  
no visual changes or abdominal pain
  - BP=160/100
  - Cervix=4cm/80% effaced/-2 station
  - 2-3+ pedal edema
  - 3+ proteinuria
  - FHR=140 baseline with moderate variability (Category I tracing)

## Case Study (cont'd)

8:45p: oxytocin induction began, BP=155/95

11:45p: cervix=7cm/100% effaced; epidural placed

12:00a: exam notable for:

BP=183/99

cervix=8cm dilated/100% effaced; rupt. membranes,  
clear fluid

FHR=140 baseline w/minimal variability

IV fluids of D10 w/Insulin initiated to stabilize glucose  
levels

1:10a: bolus of MgSO<sub>4</sub> administered due to risk for seizures  
(platelet count=97K)

2:30a: cervix fully dilated and began to push

## Case Study (cont'd)

3:15a: episiotomy performed; head delivered, ob applied traction and encountered shoulder dystocia

Ob rotated the anterior shoulder to the oblique position

3:20a: female infant delivered (8lbs 3oz) Apgars 8/9

## Case Study (cont'd)

- Infant immediately noted to have decreased movement of left arm and bruising on left arm
- Diagnosed with left Erb's Palsy
- Record review notable for:
  - RN documentation that McRobert's maneuver was applied at 3:17a during delivery, but this note appeared to be inserted after the fact, between lines of entry
  - Ob documented the mother's legs were "up," but no specific reference to McRobert's maneuver or application of suprapubic pressure was written in the delivery note; a dictated note was not performed

## Case Study (cont'd)

- Infant received physical therapy but had continued problems with her left shoulder.
- 10 months later:
  - Reconstructive surgery was performed on her left shoulder
- One year later:
  - Patient continued to have weakness in her left shoulder and favors right-sided activities and motions
- Physical therapy is on-going, needed for strengthening and
  - maintaining flexibility of the left shoulder and arm

*What are the key issues  
that led to this adverse  
outcome?*



# Case Study (cont'd)

## Contributing Factors

- Management and treatment of the patient prior to and during labor
- Communication
  - between providers
  - between patient, family and providers
  - language barrier-related issues
- Technical performance of delivery complicated by shoulder dystocia
- Documentation



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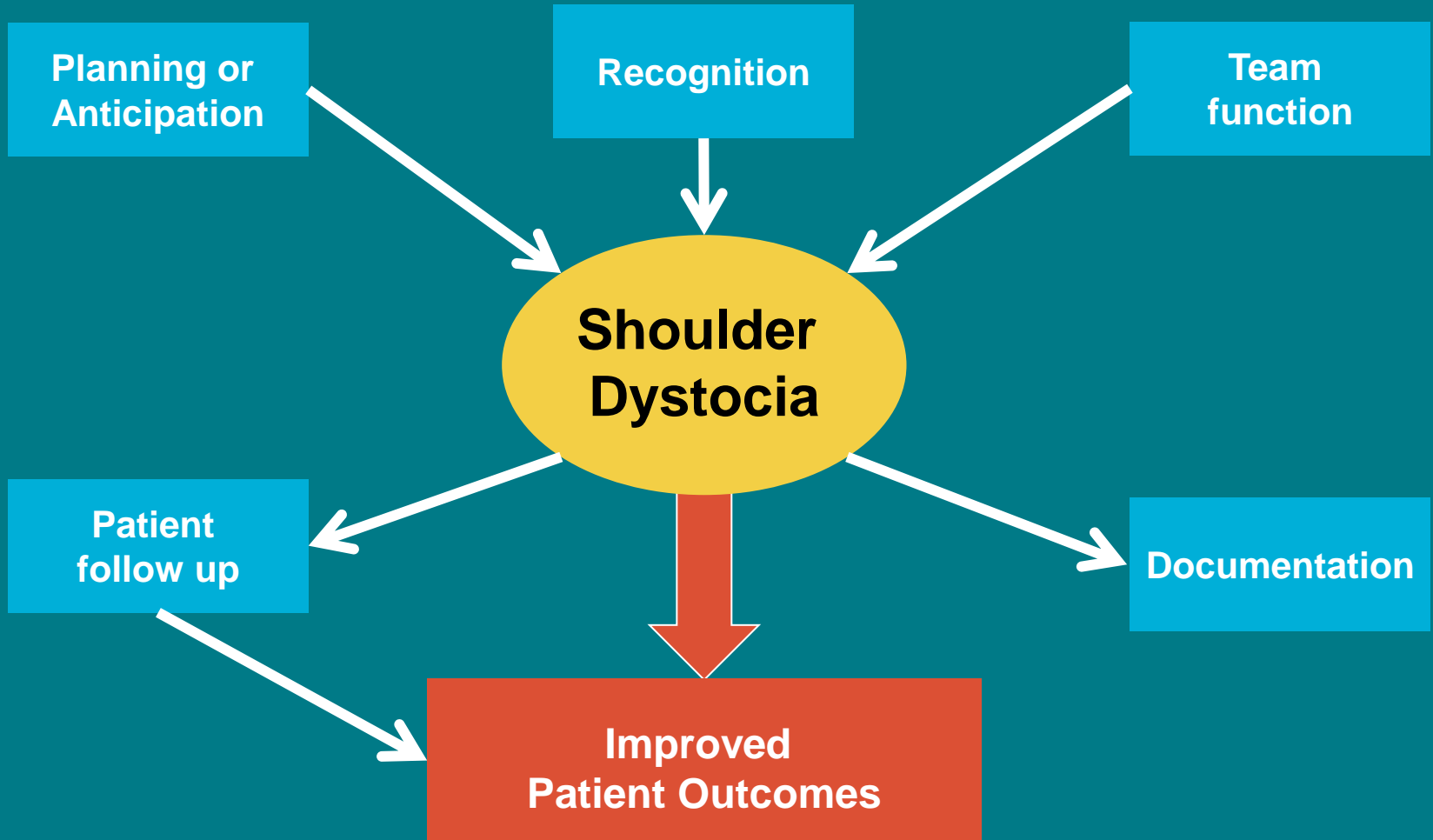
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# Creating a Culture of Patient Safety: Shoulder Dystocia



# Obstetrical Quality Improvement Collaborative



Hospitals  
Insurance  
Company, Inc.



The Mount Sinai Hospital



Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center  
Health Care System

# OB QI Initiatives

- In house coverage requirements
- Team Training
- Multidisciplinary Obstetrical Emergency Simulation
- Patient Safety Officers/Nurses
- Documentation Guidelines
- Audit and Feedback
- Communication with Neonatology

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# Team Training

- Based on the Principles of Crew Resource Management (CRM)
- Adapted from the Military and the Aviation Industry
- Principles include:
  - Resource management
  - Communication
  - Briefing, debriefing, and leadership strategies
  - Error reduction techniques, including workload management, mutual support and cross-monitoring

# Why Communication?

- The overwhelming majority of untoward events involve communication failure
- Somebody knows there's a problem but can't get everyone in the same movie
- The clinical environment has evolved beyond the limitations of individual human performance



# Medical Simulation



# Benefits of Medical Simulation

- Safe environment - mistakes don't have a cost
- Trainee focus
- Allow for controlled exposure to rare scenarios
- Provides “hands-on” experiential learning
- Unique opportunity for team-training
- Reproducible, standardized, and objective
- Allows for debriefing of practice
- Increases public trust

# Obstetric Simulation: What?

- Technical Maneuvers
  - Normal delivery, shoulder dystocia, breech vaginal delivery, operative vaginal delivery
- Knowledge and Application
  - Eclampsia, PPH, maternal code
- Communication
  - Shoulder dystocia, 2 challenge rule
  - All emergencies

# Obstetric Simulation: What?

- Team Preparedness and Team Function
  - Shoulder dystocia, eclampsia, PPH, vaginal breech
  - All emergencies
- Documentation
  - Shoulder dystocia, eclampsia, operative vaginal delivery

# Montefiore Sim Experience

- Over 800 simulations completed
  - Participants include: MDs (Attendings and Residents), CNMs, Physician Assistants, RNs
  - Multidisciplinary (OB, Anesthesia, Peds, Nursing)
  - Crew Resource Management and Team Training Principles Applied
  - Has been well received

# Simulations Improve Physician Performance: Shoulder Dystocia

		PRE	POST	P VALUE
Communication (6 items)	Resident	3.5(1.2)	4.9(1.0)	<0.0001
	Attending	3.6(1.6)	4.9(1.1)	<0.0001
Maneuvers (4 items)	Resident	3.3(0.9)	3.9(0.4)	0.001
	Attending	3.8(0.5)	3.9(0.3)	NS
Overall Performance (5 pt. scale)	Resident	2.4(1.0)	3.8(0.9)	<0.0001
	Attending	3.4(0.9)	4.1(0.7)	<0.0001

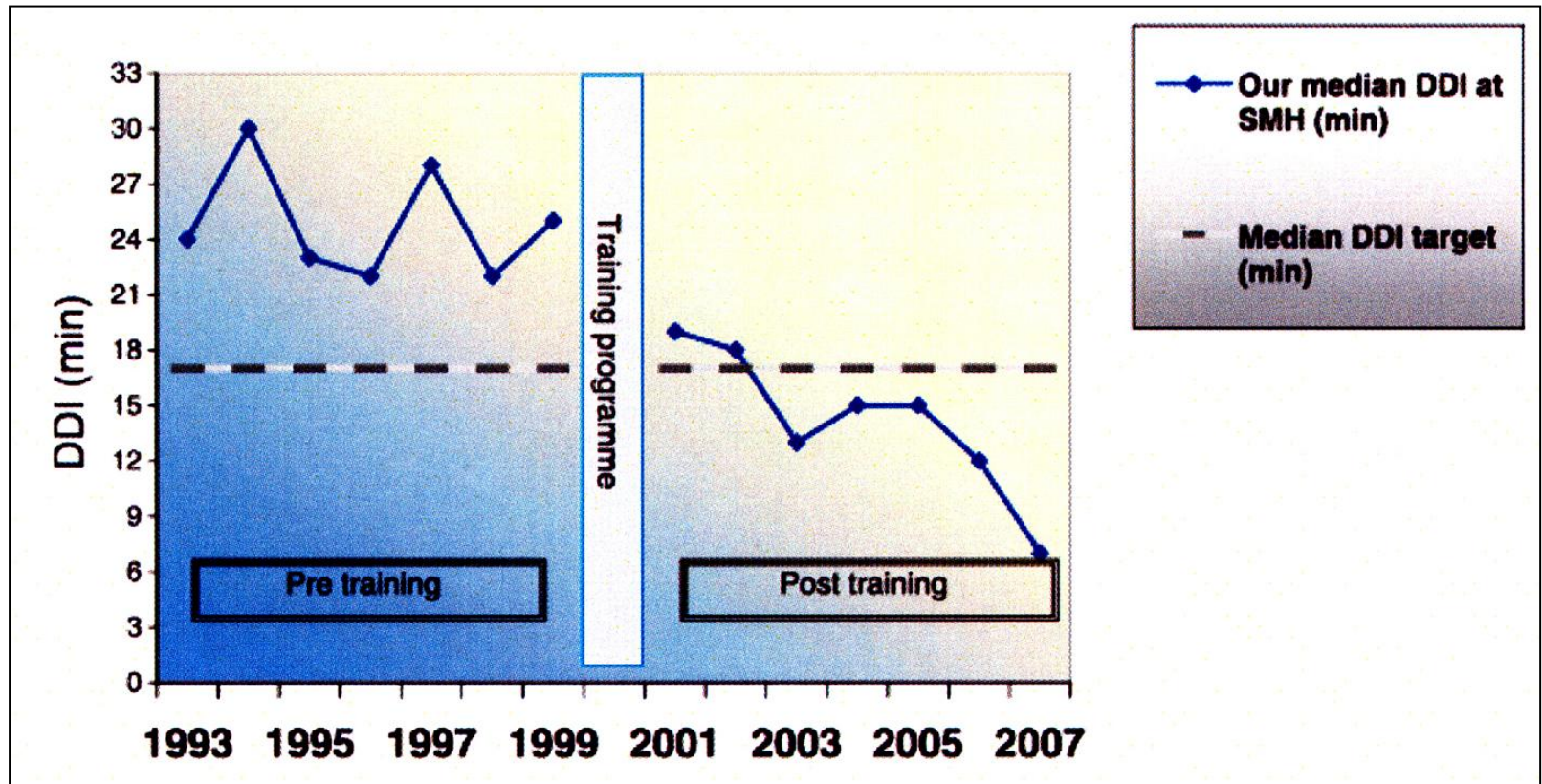
n = 43 attendings, 28 residents  
Goffman 2008

# Simulations Improve MD Performance: Eclampsia

	LS (median, IQR)	SS (median, IQR)	SLS (median, IQR)
Baseline maternal score (max 21)		11.0 (7.5-13.00)	10 (8.3-13.5)
Post-education maternal score (max 21)	12.0 (9.0-15.0)	15.0 (12.0-18.5)*	15.5 (14.0-16.8)*
Baseline eclampsia score (max 30)		11.0 (8.5-11.0)	13 (9.5-16.5)
Post-education eclampsia score (max 30)	16.0 (13.0-19.0)	19.0 (16.0-22.0)	19.0 (17.3-20.8)*

p<0.05 Compared to LS  
Fisher AJOG 2010

# Obstetric Simulation: The Evidence



*40% reduction in median decision-delivery interval for cord prolapse*



# Obstetric Simulation: *The Evidence*

Before and after a required, annual, one-day course for all staff of emergency drills and FHR tracing interpretation

	1998–1999 (n=8,430)	2001–2003 (n=11,030)	Relative Risk
5 min Apgar $\leq$ 6 n (rate per 10,000)	73 (86.6)	49 (44.4)	0.51 (0.35-0.74)
HIE n (rate per 10,000)	23 (27.3)	15 (13.6)	0.50 (0.26-0.95)
Moderate/severe HIE n (rate per 10,000)	16 (19.0)	11 (10.0)	0.53 (0.24-1.13)

# Importance of Clear and Complete Documentation

- Improved communication between members of the team
- Standardized forms and Electronic Records can encourage better documentation
- Can encourage attending physician involvement
- Can mandate better documentation, e.g.
  - Nursing won't start oxytocin unless appropriate note written in chart
- Medical Malpractice Cases often significantly compromised just because of poor documentation
  - Reduce conflicts in the medical record
  - Neonatology initiative to document findings only



**Non-Spontaneous Delivery Note**

ADDRESSOGRAPH

Date of Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_ Amniotic Fluid: \_\_\_\_\_

Episiotomy:  No  Yes Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Anesthesia: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth weight: \_\_\_\_\_ gm Sex:  Boy  Girl  Ambiguous Newborn Transported to: \_\_\_\_\_

Apgar scores: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 min. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 min. \_\_\_\_\_ 10 min.  NICU  Well Baby Unit

Newborn Examination: Injury  No  Yes Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Placenta:  Spontaneous  Manual  Expressed Estimated Blood Lost: \_\_\_\_\_ ml

Laceration/Extension:  No  Yes: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Laceration/episiotomy repair: \_\_\_\_\_

Indication (check and describe):

Potential fetal compromise (bradycardia, decelerations, abruption)  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrest of Labor \_\_\_\_\_ in the second stage  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Prolonged second stage  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Maternal (exhaustion, cardiac, neurologic disorder)  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATIVE VAGINAL DELIVERY TYPE:  Does not apply

Verbal consent obtained from patient:  Yes  No

Instrument Used - Note only one instrument

Forceps type: \_\_\_\_\_  Outlet  Low  Mid

Vacuum type: \_\_\_\_\_  Outlet  Low  Mid

Position of fetal head at application: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Station of fetal head at application: \_\_\_\_\_ Newborn delivery time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pulls (contractions) \_\_\_\_\_ Placental delivery time: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Spontaneous Delivery Attending Note

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MR # \_\_\_\_\_ Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

Shoulder Dystocia Note:  Does not apply

Time of delivery of fetal head \_\_\_\_\_ Anterior shoulder -  Right or  Left

Time of delivery of infant: \_\_\_\_\_

Maneuvers Used (Numbers in order performed) Note - Fundal pressure should not be used.

Mc Roberts

Suprapubic pressure

Episiotomy: Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotation (Rubin or Woods screw)

Delivery of the posterior arm

Gaskin all-fours

Fracture of clavicle

Zavenelli (cephalic replacement) - Dictated operative report required

Newborn examination of extremities

\_\_\_\_\_ Symmetric Moro

\_\_\_\_\_ Deficit describe:  Right or  Left: \_\_\_\_\_

Events of delivery reviewed with patient:  Yes  No

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Pediatrics Staff Present:  Yes  No

Obstetric Staff Present

Attending _____	CNM: _____
Resident _____	Other _____

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

CNM/RESIDENT/PA NAME (PRINT) CNM/RESIDENT/PA SIGNATURE / CREDENTIALS

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ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S NAME (PRINT) ATTENDING SIGNATURE / CREDENTIALS

# Audit and Feedback of Guidelines

- Random sample of deliveries each quarter
- Charts reviewed by trained FOJP staff (4 FTE)
- Extensive and robust electronic database for reviews
- Analysis and feedback at the department and physician level
  - Persistent poor documentation jeopardizes provider privileges
- Analyze the data to determine future areas for quality improvement

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0–100 scale

- 10 indicators: 0–10 points for each indicator based on % adherence
- Admission note: 10 points each
  - History
  - Exam
  - Fetal Assessment
  - Plan of Care
  - Estimated Fetal Weight (EFW)

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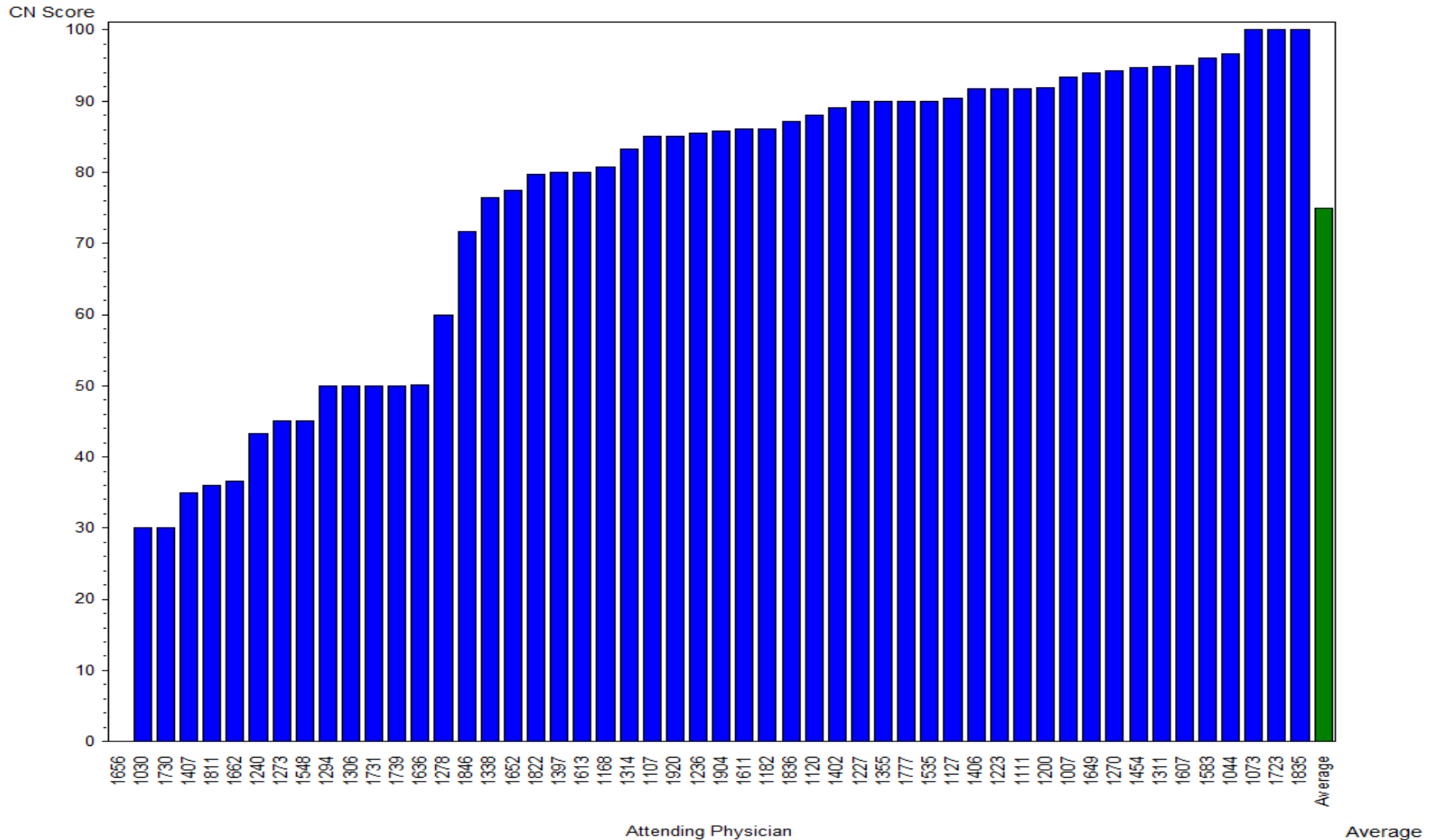
- Admission Notes On Time: 10 points
- Progress Notes: 10 points each
  - Assessment of fetal well-being and fetal heart rate
  - Progress of labor
  - Plan of care
- Progress Notes On Time: 10 points
- Cutoff point for the CN Score was the bottom 10% of Physicians

# Admission Note Requirements

- For patients in the latent phase of labor, an attending should enter an admission note within 8 hours of admission
- For patients in the active phase of labor, an attending should enter an admission note within 4 hours of admission
- Estimated fetal weight must be documented in the admission note



# Montefiore's Weiler Campus CN Score



# Best Practices: Neonatal Care

The Jack D. Weiler Hospital and Montefiore North  
Divisions of Montefiore Medical Center

## Suspected Brachial Plexus Injury (BPI) Evaluation and Management Form

Physical Exam:	Date Admission		Date Discharge		BPI		
	Left	Right	Left	Right	Typical Clinical Findings		Klumpke
					Erb's Palsy	Erb's Paresis	
- Shoulder abduction					Absent	Decrease	Present
- Shoulder external rotation					Absent	Decrease	Present
- Elbow flexion					Absent	Decrease	Present
- Supination					Absent	Decrease	Present
- Wrist & finger extension					Present		Absent
- Biceps reflex					Absent	Decrease	Present
- Grasp reflex					Present		Absent
- Moro reflex					Abnormal		Abnormal
- Hand movement					Present		Absent
- Sensory					Varies		Varies
					"Water's tip position"		
<b>Pain Management:</b>					<b>Erb's + Klumpke = Total BPI</b>		
- Pain assessment	Pain: Present Absent		Pain: Present Absent		<b>Comments:</b>		
- Comfort care	Yes	No	Yes	No			
- Pain medication	Yes	No	Yes	No			
<b>Diagnosis:</b>							
Attending Name (Print)							
Attending Signature							
<b>Imaging</b>							
- Clavicles & Chest X-Ray							
- Upper Extremity X-Ray							
- Other							
<b>Recommendations/Consults/Referrals</b>							
Primary Care Follow Up Telephone #:							
Appointment Date and Time							
Peds Neurology Consult	I	O					
Date/Time Name	NN	H					
Orthopedic Consult	I	O					
Date/Time Name	NN	H					
PT / OT Consult	Yes	No					
Date/Time Name							
Patient Safety Officer Notified	Yes	No	Date:	Time:	Contact person:		
Monte Home Care Referral	Yes	No					
Early Intervention Referral	Yes	No					
EIP Child Find Referral (ICHAP)	Yes	No					

↑ : Increase   U: Unchanged   I: Inpatient   H: HMO (Referral by Primary Care Provider)  
↓ : Decrease   N: Normal   O: Outpatient   NN: Not needed

# Patient Safety Nurse

- Organizes simulation program/patient safety course
- Conducts chart audits
- Participates in QI meetings
- Educates providers on Best Practices and Team Training principles
- Connects with families with poor outcomes (in particular those with families whose babies have neurologic deficits) to ensure appropriate follow up.



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**Ms. Jones, G2P1 at 37.5 weeks, was admitted to the hospital at 8pm for induction of labor due to preeclampsia.**

<b>Admission 8:00pm</b>	• Pt. admitted to the hospital for induction of labor due to preeclampsia.
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document severity of Preeclampsia as indication for induction</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document birth weight of her earlier delivery, and whether there were any complications</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document severity of her obesity</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to perform anesthesia consult on admission; no documentation that one done antenatally</b>

<b>8:00pm</b>	• BP: 160/100
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to initiate treatment w/ antihypertensives at this point if sustained</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to initiate treatment w/ magnesium sulfate at this point if sustained; pt qualified as severe preeclampsia</b>

8:45pm	• Oxytocin induction began
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to evaluate and document fetal position</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to evaluate and document EFW. Given her obesity and uncontrolled diabetes, EFW is even more important</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to perform cervical examination to determine need for cervical ripening</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document maternal consent</b>

12:00am	• BP = 183/99
	• Cervix = 8cm dilated/100% effaced; ruptured membranes, clear fluid
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to initiate treatment w/ antihypertensives</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to initiate treatment w/ magnesium sulfate</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document Station</b>

1:10am	• a bolus of MgSO4 was administered due to risk for seizures (platelet count = 97K)
	<b>Pt has Severe Preeclampsia. Mag Sulfate could reasonably have been started a while ago</b>

2:30am	· Cervix fully dilated and began to push
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document Station</b>

3:15am	· Episiotomy performed and the head delivered the head Obstetrician applied traction and encountered shoulder dystocia
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document times</b>
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document head position</b>

3:20am	· Female infant delivered, Apgars 8/9, wt = 8 lbs 3 oz
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>Failure to document cord blood gases (5 Minute shoulder dystocia)</b>

	· OB MD documented mother's legs were "up" but no specific reference to McRobert's maneuver or application of Suprapubic pressure was written in the delivery note; dictation not performed
<b>ERROR</b>	<b>poor documentation of mandatory items following SD.</b>



# The Data Challenge: Unstructured Clinical Data

## Dictated Physician Encounter Note

DATE: 12/29/2010 13:45

REASON FOR CONSULTATION: Acute myocardial infarction.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: The patient is a 51-year-old without significant past medical history on no medication. He is a heavy smoker who comes to the Emergency Room with 2 days of chest pain. The patient started to have pain sometime on Saturday during the day. It was in her chest radiating up to her neck as it also hurt to breathe. This persisted for the next 2 days. She called her friend Monday morning, brought her to the Emergency Room. She is complaining of ongoing chest pain which she feels is similar to her presenting pain; however, it hurts to move or to take deep breaths as it goes up to her neck and jaw. It is a little better sitting forward. She has not had any of this discomfort prior to the onset on Saturday.

Her risk factors are hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and smoking. Her medical record on SRS shows a history of hypertension and hyperlipidemia. She has no history of diabetes from looking in her

Her son and friend were present at the time of distress and the patient is in

Her CK-MB and BUN 23, creatinine count of 16%, and appeared to be

On exam, her lungs were clear with no distention. Lungs were somewhat dis

# 30% - 90%

## of clinical data is unstructured

absolute neutrophil count showed what

jugular venous distention impulse was

A stat echocardiogram done showed a very extensive inferior, posterior and lateral areas of akinesis; her anterior wall contracting normally. She had moderate mitral regurgitation, mild-to-moderate tricuspid regurgitation with an elevated pulmonary artery pressure estimate probably around 50 and there was no significant pericardial effusion.

ASSESSMENT AND PLAN: This is a 51-year-old who has had an extensive inferior posterior lateral myocardial infarction and moderate mitral regurgitation as a consequence. She is not in heart failure and apparently her myocardial infarction began on Saturday and is ongoing. Whether her pain is now all infarct pericardotomy syndrome or ongoing ischemia is unclear. She says pain is the same although there is a pleuritic component. She does have ongoing ischemic ST depression of up to 2 mm, which could represent posterior infarct. At this point, I would proceed to cardiac catheterization and recommendations will be pending the results.

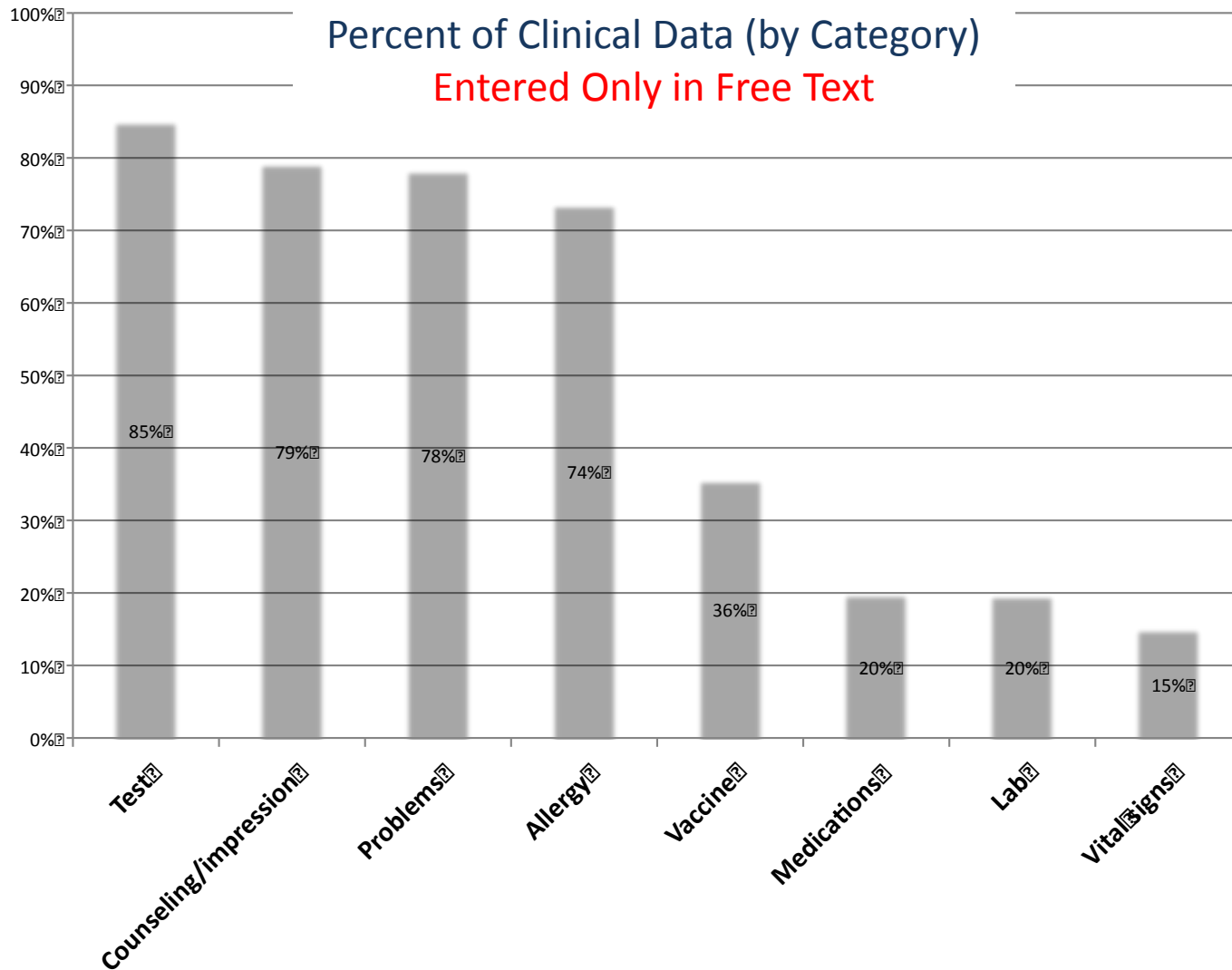
Discharge Plan:

- 1) beta blocker c lopressor 50mg PO BID
- 2) Start Cardiac diet
- 3) Follow up 3 months
- 4) Lipid profile

Dictated by: Dr Cardiology, MD



# The Data Challenge: Unstructured Clinical Data



# Incomplete Data = Incomplete Analytics

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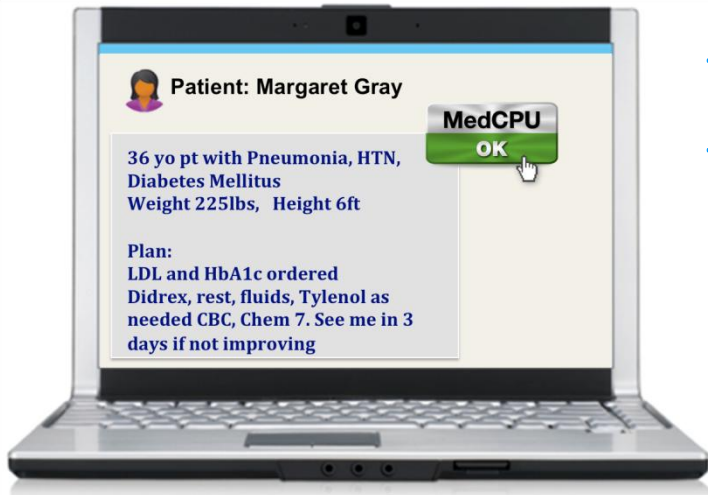
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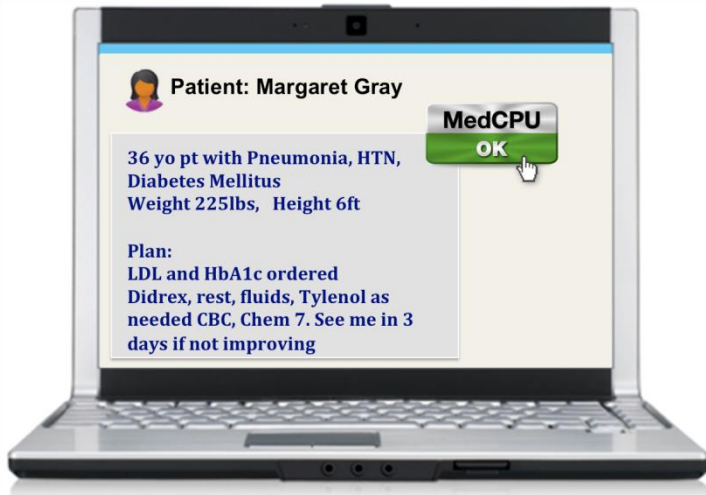
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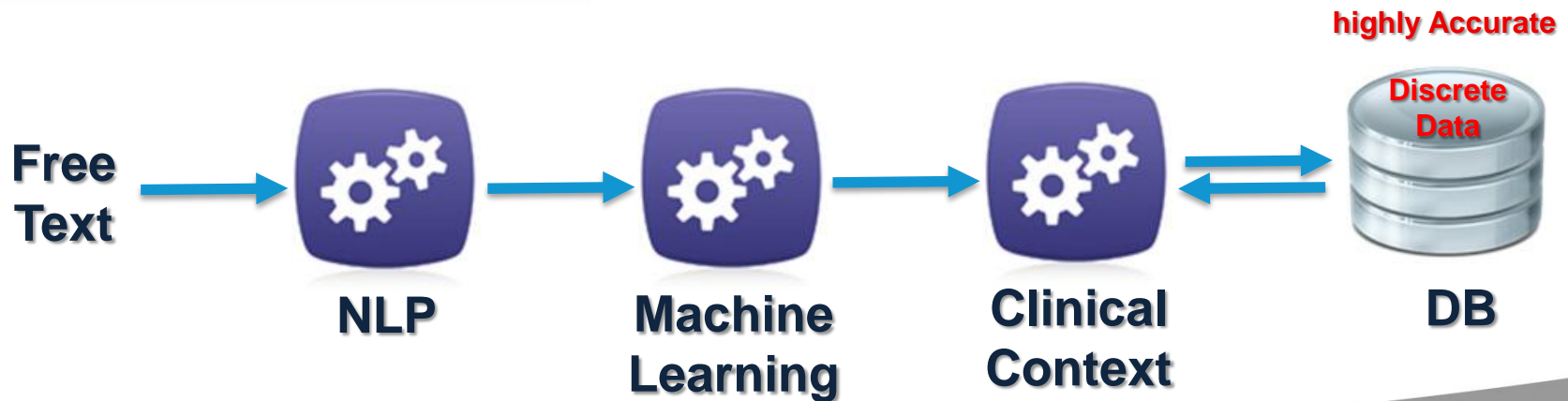


- + Floats on top ANY EMR system (EMR Agnostic)
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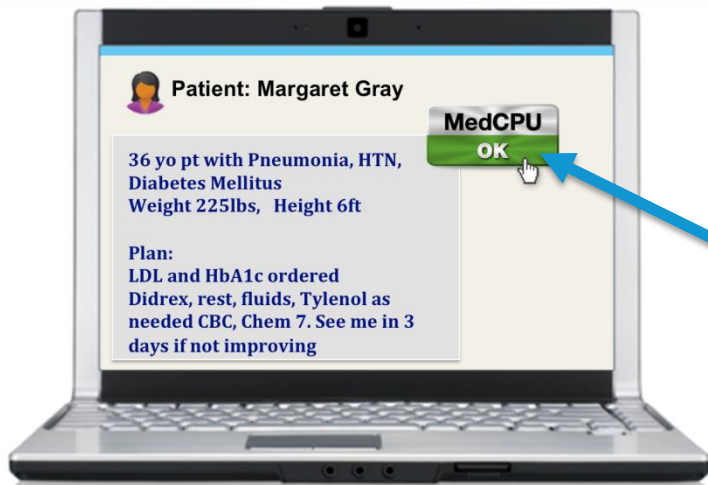
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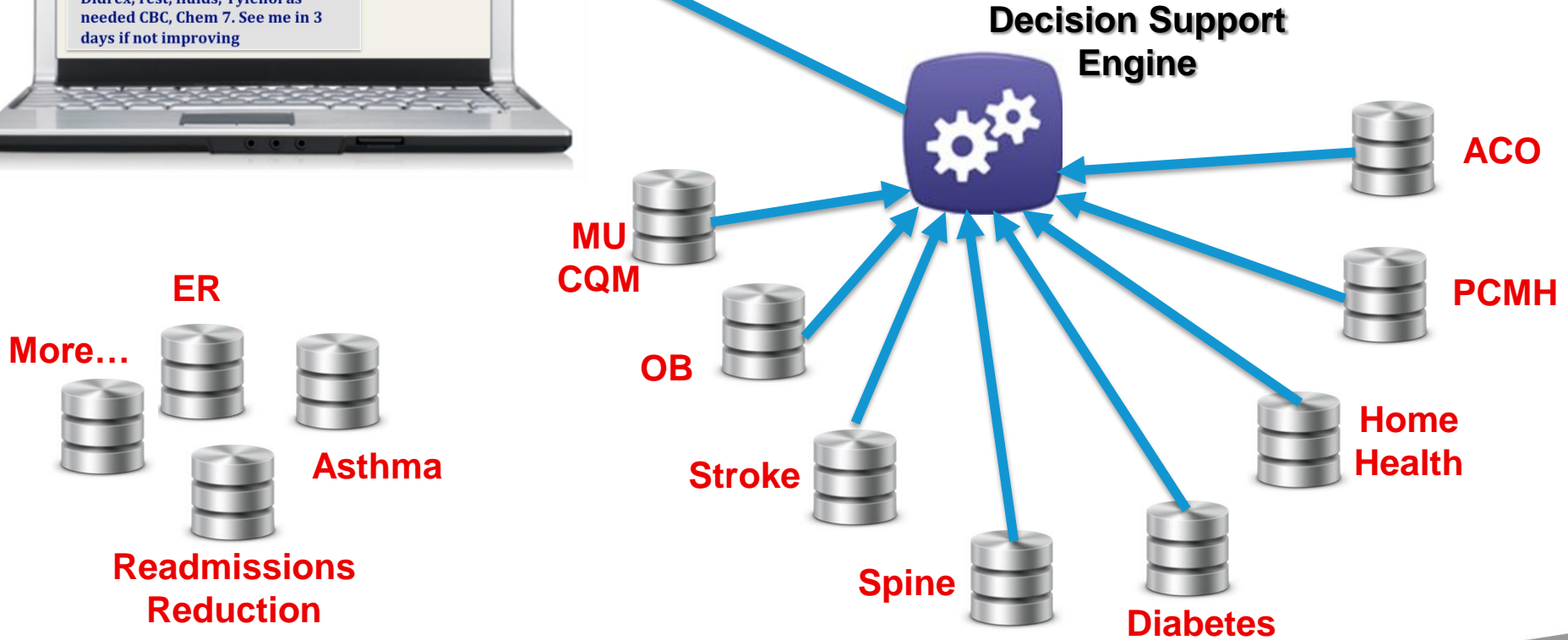


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# MedCPU in Action

The MedCPU Advisor™ Button floats on the screen and continuously “reads” the chart

## The Hospital EMR

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DOI  
Sex: Male

MRN  
PRN  
Inpatient [09-Jul-2008 13:11 - <No - Discharge date>]

Allergies  
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The physician makes a critical decision

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**MedCPU Advisor™ Button identifies deviations from hospital's best practices**

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IMPORTANT

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14:05 Cervidil placed

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Contraindication

Dinoprostone (Cervidil/Prostin) is **CONTRAINDICATED**

Uterine scar. The American College of OB/GYN discourages the use of prostaglandins for cervical ripening or induction of labor for patients attempting VBAC

Close

**A  
LIFE THREATENING ERROR  
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