

# *The Way UP:* How Four Cross-Cutting Strategies Can Reduce Harm Across the Board

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# A Fresh Approach to Harm Reduction



The Way UP



# Polling Question

- The UP Campaign is:
  - Brand new information for me
  - Something we just started working on
  - Something we have fully executed
  - Something we don't have time for at the moment



# Questions to Run On

- How can we better engage front-line caregivers without creating additional burdens?
- What could introducing a simple, cross-cutting set of practices accomplish with your hospitals?
- How can you deploy a program like the UP Campaign with your hospitals and strengthen front-line engagement?



# Are Checklists Enough?

### Checklist for Prevention of Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections

Based on 2011 CDC guideline for prevention of intravascular catheter-associated bloodstream infections: <http://www.cdc.gov/npguidelinesforinfectioncontrol/index.html>

**For Clinicians:**  
Priority between universal safety central lines

- Perform daily audit to assess whether each central line is still needed

**Follow proper insertion practices:**

- Perform hand hygiene before insertion
- Adhere to aseptic technique
- Use maximal sterile barrier precautions (cap, mask, gown, sterile gloves, and sterile full-body drape)
- Perform skin antisepsis with 0.5% chlorhexidine with alcohol
- Choose the best site to minimize infection and mechanical complications
  - Avoid femoral site in adult patients
- Cover the site with sterile gauze or dressing

**Handle and maintain central lines appropriately**

- Comply with hand hygiene requirements
- Seal all the access port or hub immediately before or after use, as appropriate
- Access catheters only with sterile devices
- Replace dressings that are wet, soiled, or if Perform dressing changes under aseptic conditions

**For Facilities:**

- Empower staff to stop non-emergent cases
- "Bundle" supplies (e.g., in a kit) to ensure
- Provide the checklist above to clinicians, to ensure efficient access to hand hygiene
- Monitor and provide prompt feedback for CCL compliance and performance
- Minimize recurring adverse events

**Supplemental strategies for residents:**

- 2% Chlorhexidine bathing
- Antimicrobial Antiseptic impregnated catheters
- Chlorhexidine impregnated dressing

## SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (FIRST EDITION)

Before induction of anaesthesia >>>>>>
Before skin incision >>>>>>>>>
Before patient leaves operating room

SIGN IN	TIME OUT	SIGN OUT
<input type="checkbox"/> PATIENT HAS CONFIRMED: • IDENTITY • SITE • PROCEDURE • CONSENT  <input type="checkbox"/> SITE MARKED / NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFIRM ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES BY NAME AND ROLE  <input type="checkbox"/> SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRM: • PATIENT • SITE	NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRMS WITH THE TEAM:  <input type="checkbox"/> THE NAME OF THE PROCEDURE RECORDED  <input type="checkbox"/> THAT INSTRUMENT, SPONGE AND NEEDLE COUNTS ARE CORRECT (OR NOT APPLICABLE)  <input type="checkbox"/> HOW THE SPECIMEN IS LABELLED (INCLUDING PATIENT NAME)  <input type="checkbox"/> WHETHER THERE ARE ANY EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED  <input type="checkbox"/> SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE REVIEW THE KEY CONCERNS FOR RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS PATIENT

### Sepsis Checklist Board

If 2 or More Symptoms or Labs are Positive (Red), Contact Physician Immediately.

	Pre-Disposition:		Symptoms:		Labs:		
	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Red	
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2. Age < 5 or > 65	<div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: green;"></div>	<div style="width: 0%; height: 15px; background-color: red;"></div>	2. Temp. < 36°C or > 38°C	<div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: green;"></div>	<div style="width: 0%; height: 15px; background-color: red;"></div>	2. High or Low WBC Count	<div style="width: 0%; height: 15px; background-color: red;"></div>
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						10. Acidosis - pH < 7.35	<div style="width: 0%; height: 15px; background-color: red;"></div>

# Why Incorporate UP?

- Patient safety with UP & checklists together!
  - Checklists have been integrated into many processes (necessary).
  - Have staff become too task- focused?
  - UP enhances critical thinking.
  - UP & checklists create synergy for patient safety.





We may be inadvertently reducing the joy in work by adding successive, well evidenced tools that become a growing burden in the work flow of our front-line caregivers.









# Why the “UP” Campaign?

- Increases impact on harm reduction
- Generates momentum in your organization
- Focuses support from leadership
- Engages front line staff
  - connects the dots
  - creates a vision
- Applies throughout organization
- Simplifies patient safety implementation
- Help patients recover **faster** and with **fewer** complications

Goal: engage front-line staff and leaders and to increase critical thinking skills.



Can we streamline and simplify,  
making it easier for front-line  
staff and still improve safety?



# Objectives



Outline the UP Campaign crosscutting interventions

Identify essential next steps for WAKE-UP, GET-UP, SOAP-UP and SCRIPT-UP

Develop an implementation plan for the UP Campaign



# # 1 Opioid & Sedation Management



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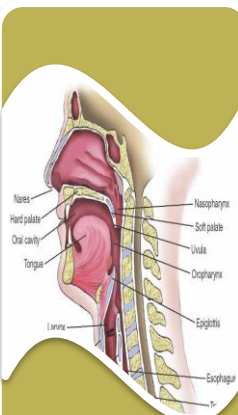
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Falls



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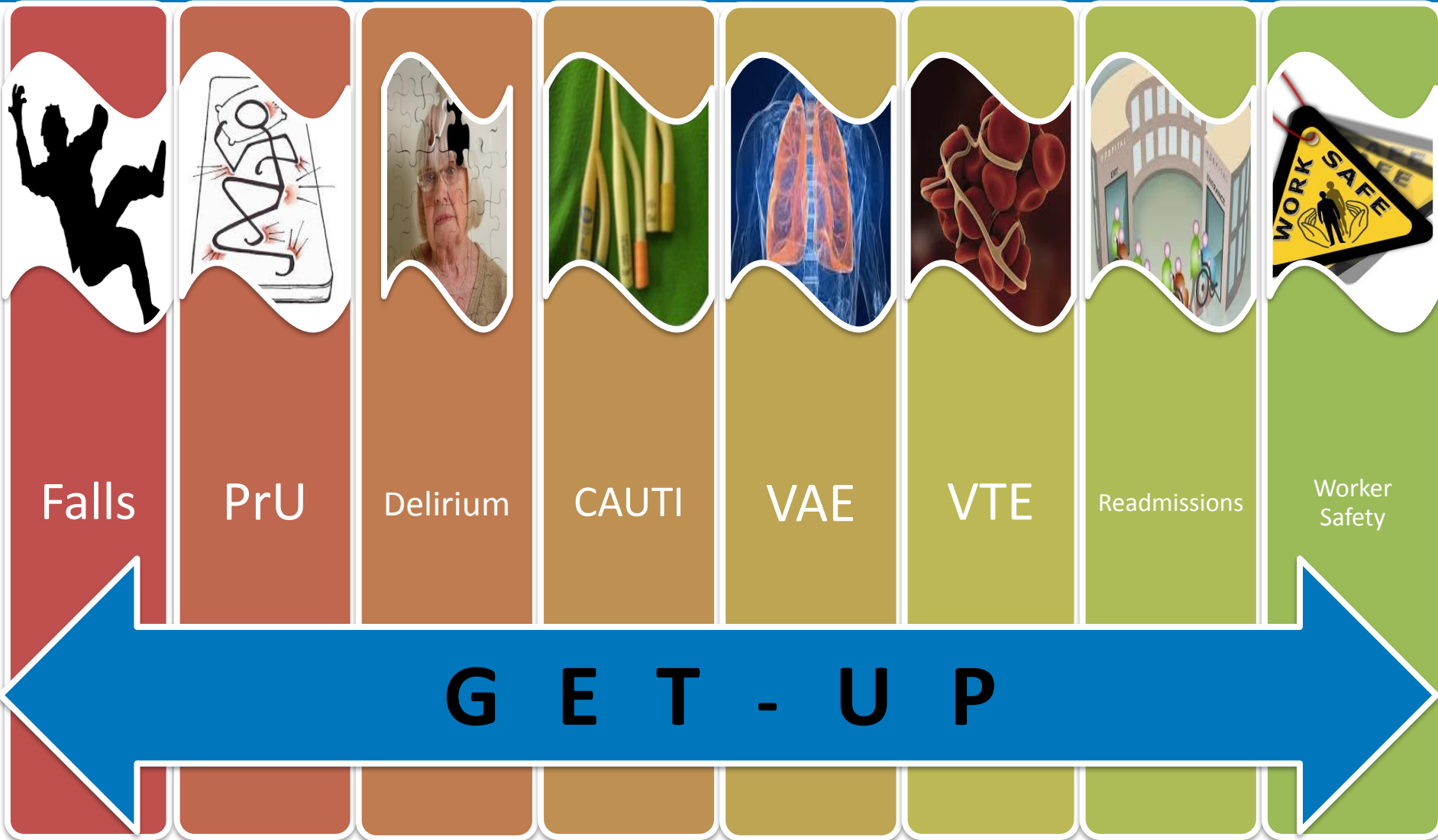
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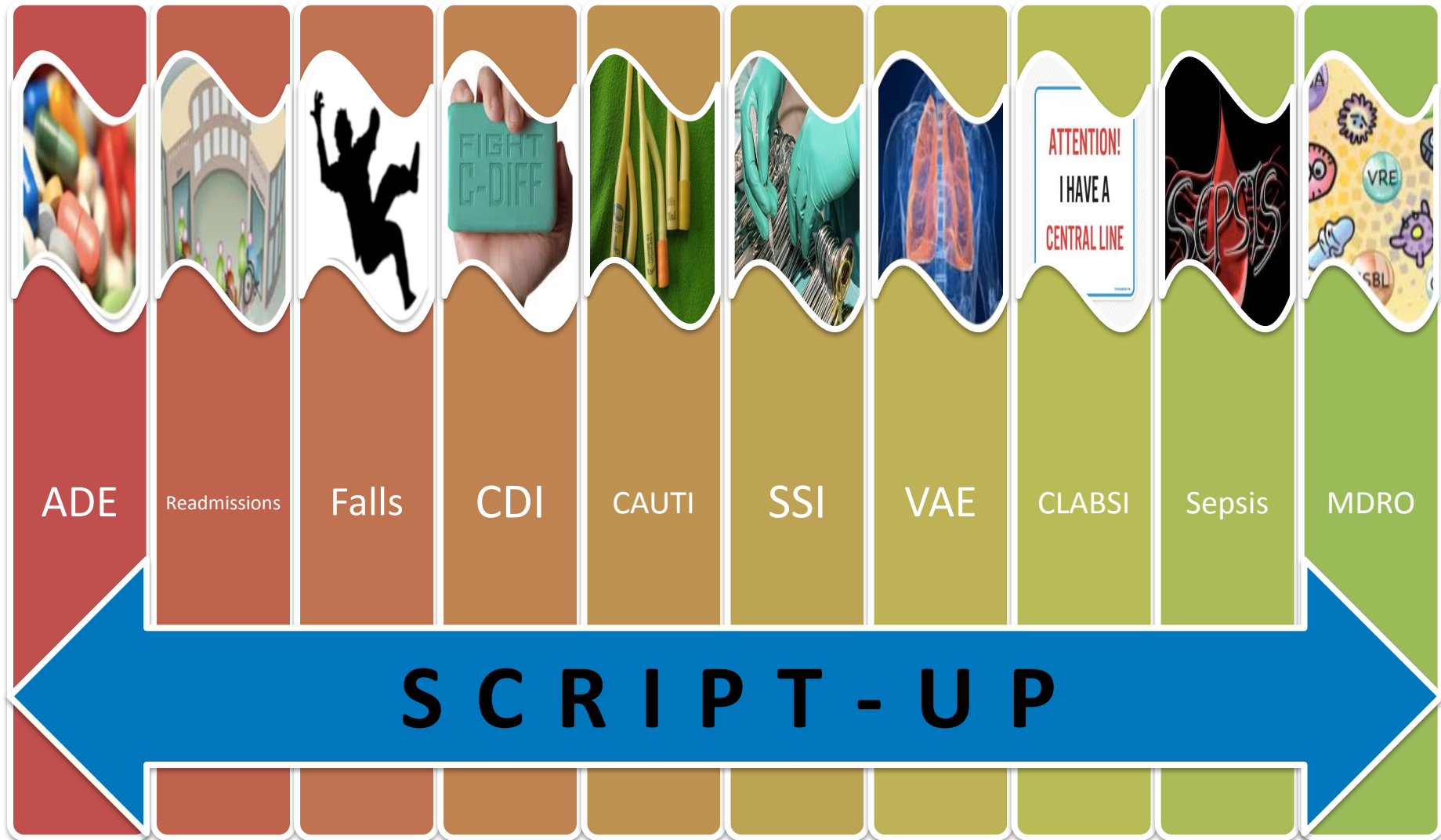
# # 2 Early Progressive Mobility



# # 3 Hand Hygiene



# #4 Optimize Medications





# FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. Is my patient awake enough to get up?
2. Have I protected my patient from infections?
3. Does my patient need any medication changes?



# # 1 Opioid & Sedation Management



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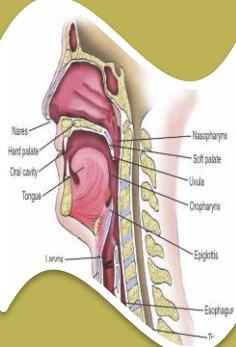
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# Polling Question

- Have you ever taken care of a patient who appeared to be 'resting/sleeping comfortably'?
- Yes
- No



# Sleep vs Sedation



Is this normal sleep or  
dangerous sedation?



# Not Just Sedatives and Opioids

- Antihistamines/anticholinergics
- Antipsychotics
- Some antidepressants
- Anti-emetics
- Muscle relaxants



# ICU Pitfalls of Sedatives and Analgesics

Sedatives and analgesics may contribute to:

- Increased duration of mechanical ventilation
- Length of intensive care requirement
- Impede neurological examination
- May predispose to delirium

Kollef M, et al. *Chest*. 114:541-548.

Pandharipande et al. *Anesthesiology*. 2006;124:21-26.



# Med/Surg Pitfalls of Sedatives and Analgesics

- Over sedation
- Transfer to ICU
- Hypoxic encephalopathy
- Death





# MUST DO's



# WAKE-UP MUST DO's

1. Establish Expectations
2. Pair POSS & Pain
3. Manage with Multiple Modalities



# MUST DO #1

## Establish Expectations

### Goals of Pain Management:

- Relieve suffering
- Achieve early mobilization
- Reduce hospital length of stay

**THE GOAL IS NOT ZERO PAIN!**



# MUST DO #2

## Pair POSS & Pain

**Just  
Right!**

**Over Medicated:  
Hibernating**

**Under  
Medicated:  
Not Happy**



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# Pasero Opioid-Induced Sedation Scale (POSS) With Interventions\*

No discharge from PACU  
No additional opioids

## **S = Sleep, easy to arouse**

*Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed*

## **1 = Awake and alert**

*Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed*

## **2 = Slightly drowsy, easily aroused**

*Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed*

## **3 = Frequently drowsy, arousable, drifts off to sleep during conversation**

*Unacceptable; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory; decrease opioid dose 25% to 50%<sup>1</sup> or notify primary<sup>2</sup> or anesthesia provider for orders; consider administering a non-sedating, opioid-sparing nonopioid, such as acetaminophen or a NSAID, if not contraindicated; ask patient to take deep breaths every 15-30 minutes.*

## **4 = Somnolent, minimal or no response to verbal and physical stimulation**

*Unacceptable; stop opioid; consider administering naloxone<sup>3,4</sup>; stay with patient, stimulate, and support respiration as indicated by patient status; call Rapid Response Team (Code Blue) if indicated; notify primary<sup>2</sup> or anesthesia provider; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory.*

**\*Appropriate action is given in italics at each level of sedation.**

<sup>1</sup> If opioid analgesic orders or hospital protocol do not include the expectation that the opioid dose will be decreased if a patient is excessively sedated, such orders should be promptly obtained.

<sup>2</sup> For example, the physician, nurse practitioner, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant responsible for the pain management prescription.

<sup>3</sup> For adults experiencing respiratory depression give intravenous naloxone very slowly while observing patient response ("titrate to effect"). If sedation and respiratory depression occurs during administration of transdermal fentanyl, remove the patch; if naloxone is necessary, treatment will be needed for a prolonged period, and the typical approach involves a naloxone infusion. Patient must be monitored closely for at least 24 hours after discontinuation of the transdermal fentanyl.

<sup>4</sup> Hospital protocols should include the expectation that a nurse will administer naloxone to any patient suspected of having life-threatening opioid-induced sedation and respiratory depression.

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# Two Scales are Better than One for Narcotic and Sedation Administration

## **PAIN ALONE**

- Risk factors may be absent
- Objective?
- Dosage based on number or range
- Patients and families understand the numeric dosing

## **PAIN & POSS**

- Two scales allow for safer dosing
- High pain scale with high POSS scale – no narcotics
- High pain scale low POSS - med dose

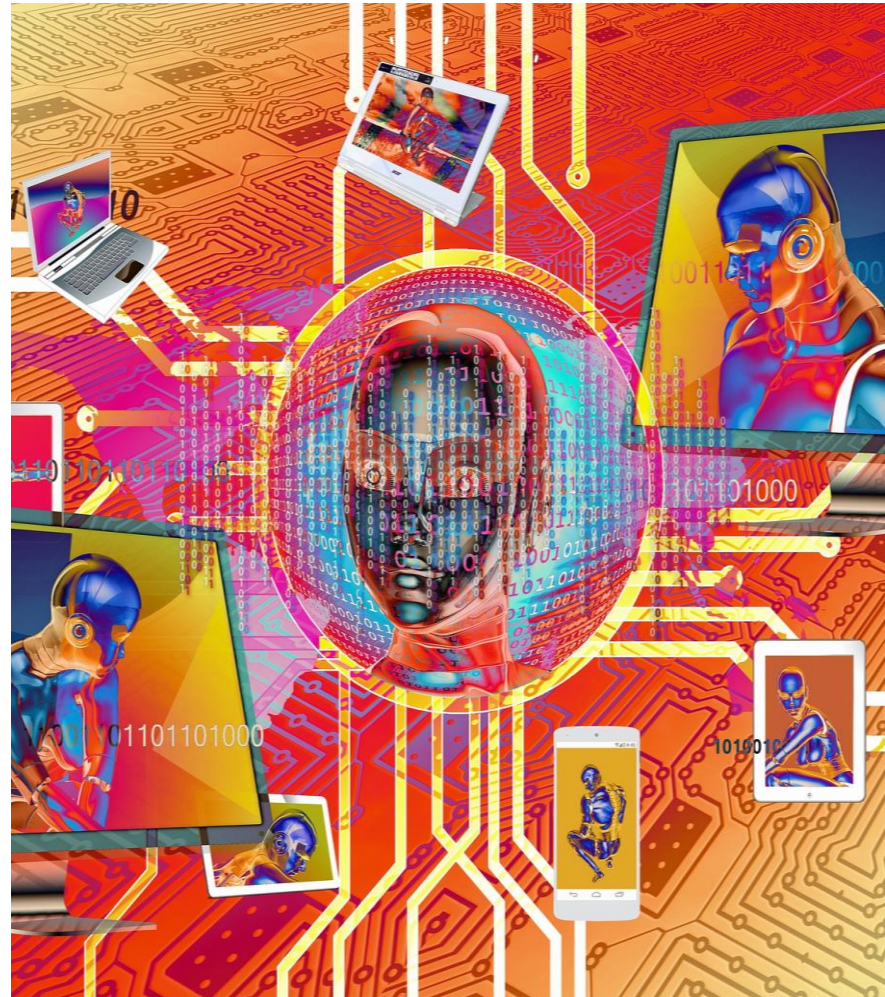




# MUST DO #3

## Multi-Modal Pain Management

Pharmacological and  
Non-pharmacological





# MULTIMODAL PAIN MANAGEMENT

- Combination of opioid and one or more other drugs
  - acetaminophen (Tylenol, others)
  - ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others)
  - celecoxib (Celebrex)
  - ketamine (Ketalar)
  - gabapentin (Gralise, Neurontin)
- Non-pharmacological interventions

[www.mayoclinic.org/pain-medications/art-20046452](http://www.mayoclinic.org/pain-medications/art-20046452)



# CAN WE MANAGE PAIN WITH NON-PHARMACOLOGIC METHODS?

## What do we do at home?

### Comfort measures:

- Pet therapy
- Warm compresses, blankets
- Ice packs
- Extra pillows
- Aromatherapy
- Massage
- Herbal tea
- Stress ball
- Music



# DO COMFORT ITEMS HELP?

- These modalities can:
  - Reduce anxiety
  - Reduce pain
- Reducing anxiety can reduce pain
- Non-pharmacologic pain reduction methods reduce the need for pain medications



# POSITIVE RESULTS

- Pain scores
- Nausea scores
- Anxiety scores....

All decreased by more than 50%

NEXT: Looking to see if opioid usage and opioid ADEs are both decreased.



# WAKE UP

## Success, Barriers & Help

### Must Do's

1. Establish Expectations
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### Next Steps

- ✓ Are you setting pain management expectations ("0" is not the goal) prior to admission?
- ✓ Are you asking about comfort level in addition to pain score?
- ✓ Are you using the Pasero Opioid-induced Sedation Scale (POSS) prior to and after opioid administration?
- ✓ Do you offer multimodal pain management; both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic modalities?



# # 2 Early Progressive Mobility



Falls



PrU



Delirium



CAUTI



VAE



VTE



Readmissions



Worker Safety

**G E T - U P**



# Polling Question

- In our facility, we do the following for our alert critically ill patients who happen to require ventilation support:
  - Keep them on strict bedrest
  - Try to get them up in a chair
  - Actively assist them to ambulate





# Pathophysiological changes within 24H of bed rest

## Onset of complications— Pathophysiological changes within 24 hours of bed rest:

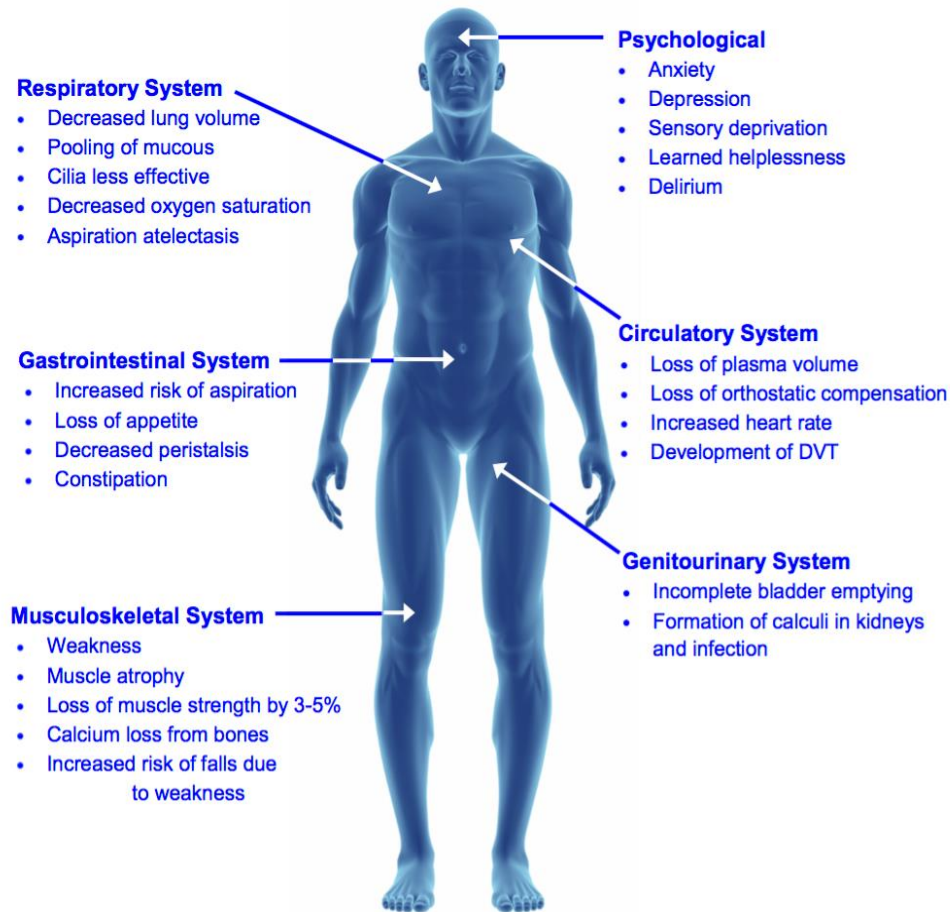


Image retrieved at: [Mobilization of Vulnerable Elders in Ontario \(MOVE ON\)](#)



# What happened to mobility?



“There is an inherent tension between preventing falls and promoting mobility” [Growdon, Shorr, Inouye 2017](#)



# Cumulative impact on quality of life

- “New Walking Dependence” occurs in 16-59% in older hospitalized patients (Hirsh 1990, Lazarus 1991, Mahoney 1998)
- 65% of patients had a significant functional mobility decline by day 2 (Hirsh 1990)
- 27% still dependent in walking 3 months post discharge (Mahoney 1998)





# It's Simple

If they came in  
walking, keep  
them walking



# Use mobility to accelerate progress



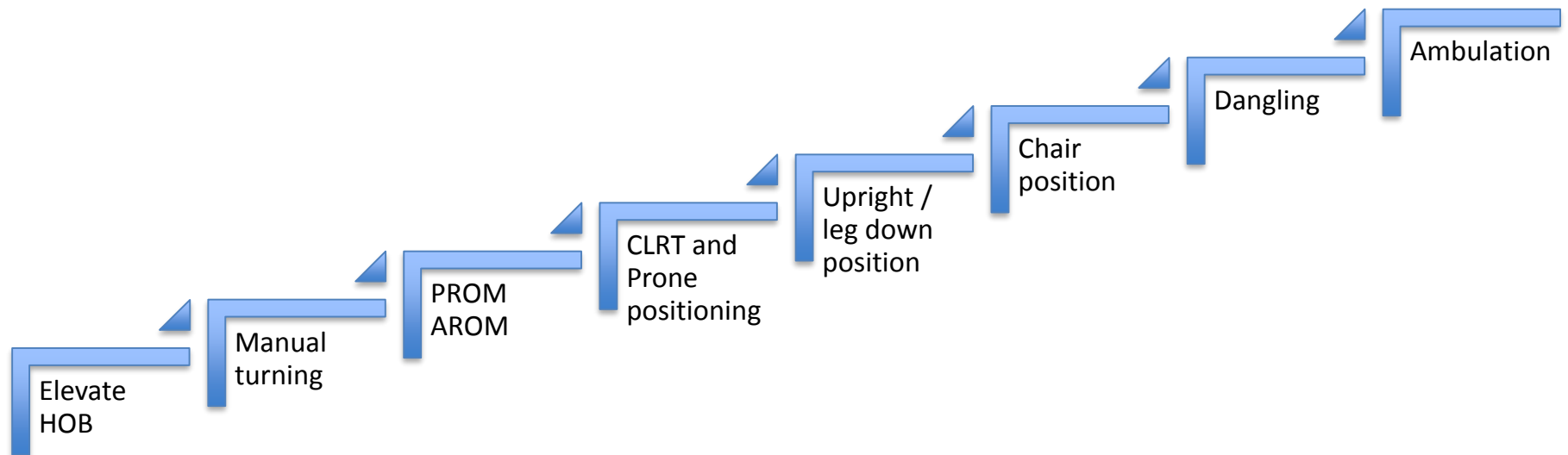
*“When am I going to walk? I walked yesterday. It’s better than just being in the chair. I feel better when I am walking.”*



# What is progressive mobility?

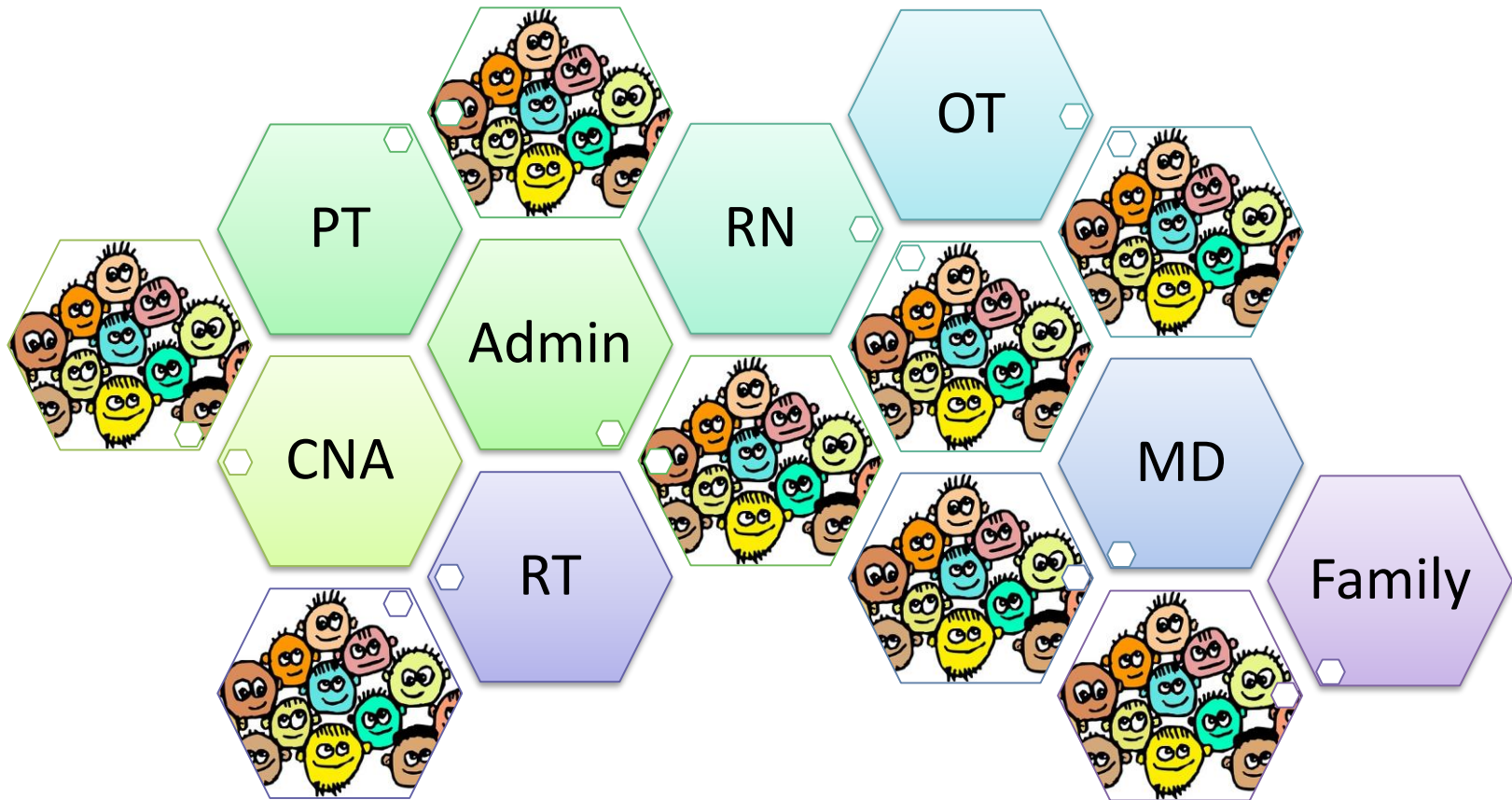
- Progressive mobility is defined as a series of planned movements in a sequential matter beginning at a patient's current mobility status with goal of returning to his/her baseline

(Vollman 2010)



Vollman, KM. Introduction to Progressive Mobility. Crit Care Nurs. 2010;30(2):53-55.

# TEAMING UP TO MOBILIZE





# MUST DO's



# GET-UP MUST DO'S!

1. Walk in, walk during, walk out!
2. Grab and go mobility devices.
3. Three laps a day keeps the nursing home away!



# MUST DO #1

## Walk In, Walk During, Walk Out!





# MUST DO #1

## Walk In, Walk During, Walk Out!



- Determine pre admission ambulation status
- Don't assume a frail appearance means weakness
- Use Get Up and Go test to assess ambulation skills

# Mobility begins on admission

Tier Level	Defining Characteristics	Intervention <sup>a</sup>
Tier 1: Nonambulatory	Patients who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• require more than a one-person assist for ambulation/transfers</li> <li>• are unable to maintain weight on their lower extremities</li> <li>• require any form of lift equipment</li> </ul>	Active range-of-motion exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ankle pumps</li> <li>• heel slides</li> <li>• hip abduction</li> <li>• quad sets</li> <li>• shoulder flexion</li> </ul> Passive range-of-motion exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ankle dorsiflexion</li> <li>• hip flexion</li> <li>• hip abduction</li> <li>• shoulder flexion</li> </ul> Sit on side of bed  Get out of bed and into a chair with appropriate equipment
Tier 2: Ambulatory	Patients who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are able to ambulate independently</li> <li>• require a one-person assist with ambulation</li> </ul>	Ambulate with or without assistance in the hallway as tolerated  Get out of bed and into a chair for all meals

<sup>a</sup> To be performed three times a day (in accordance with a patient's ability).

Wood W, et al.(2014) A Mobility Program for an Inpatient Acute Care Medical Unit.

[http://www.nursingcenter.com/pdfjournal?AID=2591440&an=00000446-201410000-00023&Journal\\_ID=54030&Issue\\_ID=2591321](http://www.nursingcenter.com/pdfjournal?AID=2591440&an=00000446-201410000-00023&Journal_ID=54030&Issue_ID=2591321)



# MUST DO #2

## Grab and Go Mobility Devices!

- Gait Belts in every room\*
- Patients and staff have access to mobility devices
- Safe mobilization and patient handling training for staff

Gait belts are used to help control the patient's center of balance.



\*with the exception of rooms for behavioral health patients



# MUST DO #3

## 3 Laps a Day, Keeps the Nursing Home Away!





# Facing the Facts about Mobility

## Mobility interventions are regularly missed

- Nursing perceptions
  - Lack of time
  - Ease of omission
  - Belief it is PTs responsibility
- Survey results
  - Concern for patients level of weakness, pain and fatigue
  - Presence of devices – IVs and Urinary Catheters
  - Lack of staff to assist

Doherty-King, B Bowers, B. How nurses decide to ambulate hospitalized older adults: development of a conceptual model. Gerontologist. 2011 Dec;51(6): 786-97



# Tips for Promoting Mobility

- **Order Modifications**
  - Delete orders for
    - Bedrest
    - Ad lib
  - Replace with specific orders
    - Times, activities, distance
- **Promote Team Mobility Management**
  - Delegation of patient mobility
    - Replace sitters with a mobility aide
  - Rehab and Nursing face-to-face bedside handoffs
    - Document plans and progress on white boards



# GET UP

## Success, Barriers & Help

### Must Do's

1. Walk in, walk during, walk out!
2. Grab and go mobility devices.
3. Three laps a day keeps the nursing home away!

### Next Steps

- ✓ Do you have a mobility team?
- ✓ Do you have a mobility protocol?
- ✓ Have you clearly identified staff that have the capacity to ambulate patients daily?
- ✓ Do your nurses or rehabilitation/physical therapists evaluate each patient's mobility status upon admission?
- ✓ Is mobility equipment readily available for nurses and patients to access? (canes, walkers, lifting and safe patient handling devices, gait belts)
- ✓ Do you have a way to document and monitor daily mobility?



# # 3 Hand Hygiene



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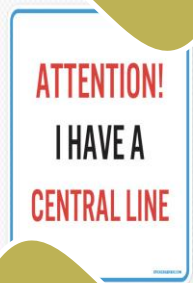
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VAE



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Sepsis



MDRO

**S O A P - U P**



# Hand-washing an OLD intervention

- Since 1847 we have understood that hand hygiene (HH) makes a difference in the spread of infections
  - Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis in Vienna – Childbed fever
  - Dr. Lister – Operating Room
  - 1980's concepts of hand hygiene in health care emerged
  - 2002 alcohol based hand rub adopted
  - 2007-2008 WHO Global clean hands initiative
- Yet the average HH compliance is 48%

<https://www.cdc.gov>



# We need to get it right!

- Protect our patients from HAI by performing HH.
- Promote patient and family engagement- give them permission to “speak up for clean hands.”
- Promote patient HH for patients.



# Polling Question

- In our facility, if a nurse observes another nurse who forgets to perform hand hygiene, s/he will:
  - Likely ignore it
  - Say something to the nurse later on in the shift
  - Speak up immediately to remind the nurse to perform hand hygiene





# MUST DO's





# SOAP-UP Must Do's - beyond your current plan

1. Prompt Peer Performance
2. Track Quietly and Trend Loudly
3. Drive Drift Down



# MUST DO # 1

## Prompt Peer Performance



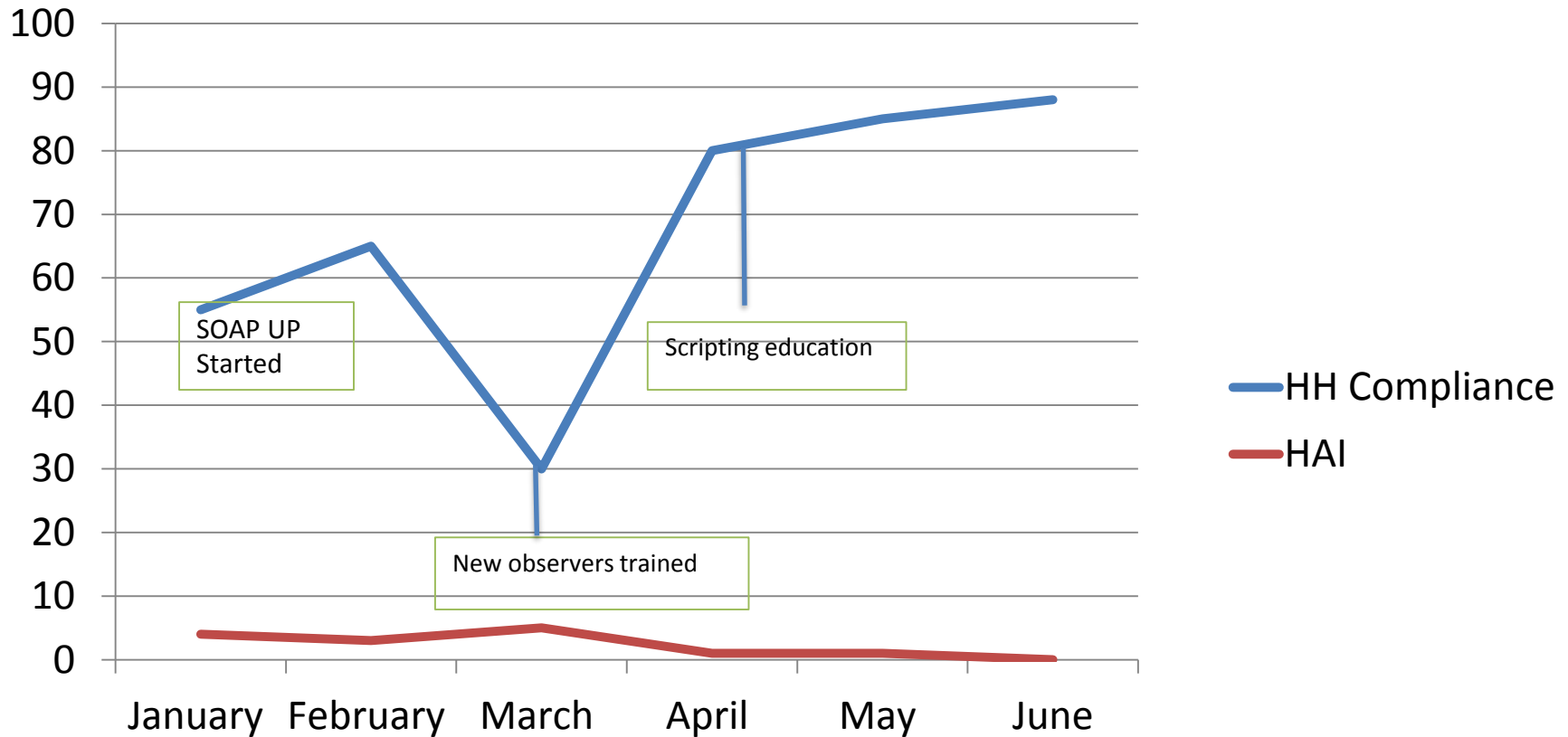
# MUST DO #2

## Track Quietly and Trend Loudly

**Hand Hygiene  
vs.  
Healthcare-Associated  
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# Track Quietly and Trend Loudly

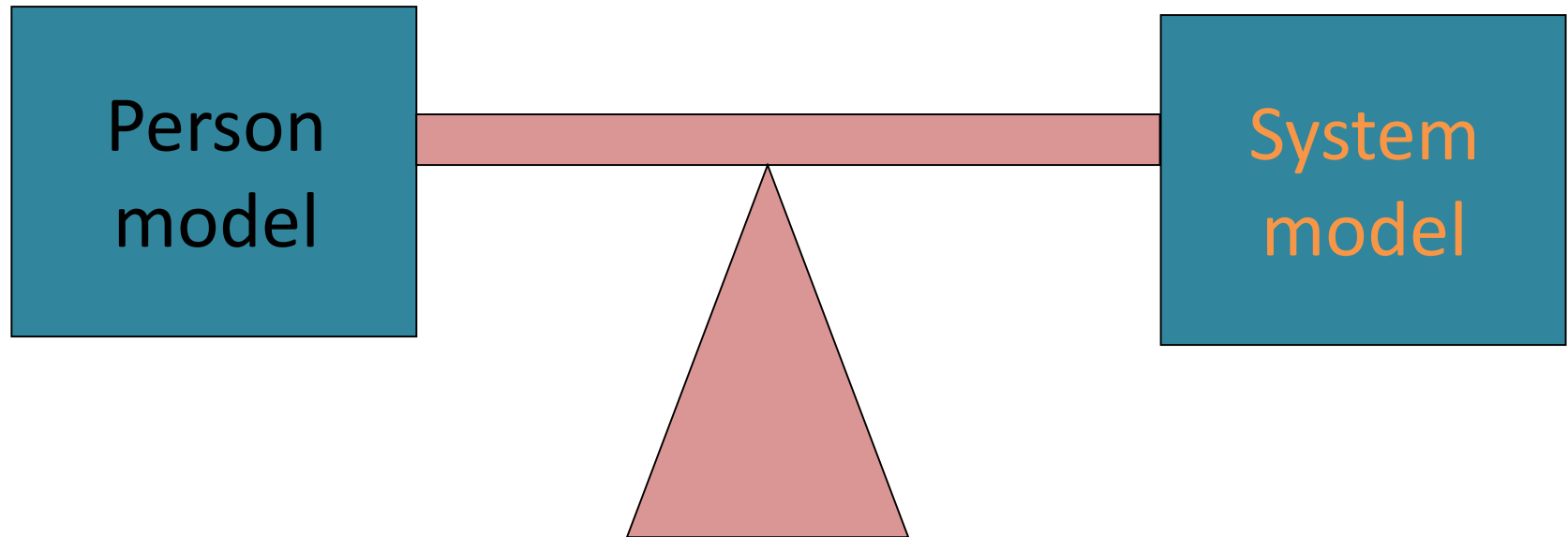


# MUST DO #3

## Drive Drift Down



# The Right Balance



Important to get the balance right.  
Both extremes have their pitfalls.



# Shared Accountability

## Instructions:

- Do not share with anyone that you are conducting the audit
- Observe all staff-nurses, physicians, RT's, housekeeping staff, etc. (see other side of form for Staff Codes)
- Observe for 30 minutes. This may be broken up in small increments of time. OR,
- Observe at least 15 staff members

Unit/Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate below what activity was observed and check the one box that applies to that activity

PERSON ENTERED THE ROOM FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT OR ENVIRONMENT	HAND HYGIENE SUPPLIES (SOAP, HAND SANITIZER, TOWELS) ARE ADEQUATE		DID YOU SEE HIM/HER USE SOAP OR ALCOHOL GEL WHEN ENTERING THE ROOM?		PERSON EXITED THE ROOM AFTER DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT OR ENVIRONMENT	DID YOU SEE HIM/HER USE SOAP OR ALCOHOL GEL WHEN EXITING THE ROOM?		PERSON EXITED THE ROOM WITH GLOVES ON AFTER DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT OR ENVIRONMENT	DID YOU SEE HIM/HER USE SOAP OR ALCOHOL GEL AFTER REMOVING GLOVES?	
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# What Works?

- Observation and surveillance of hand hygiene is the best way to ensure appropriate compliance.
- Schedule an unscheduled observation by trained observers.
- Intervene immediately if a breach in HH is observed.
- Provide scripts for reminding peers to perform HH.
- Promote culture of safety .





# SOAP UP

## Success, Barriers & Help

### Must Do's

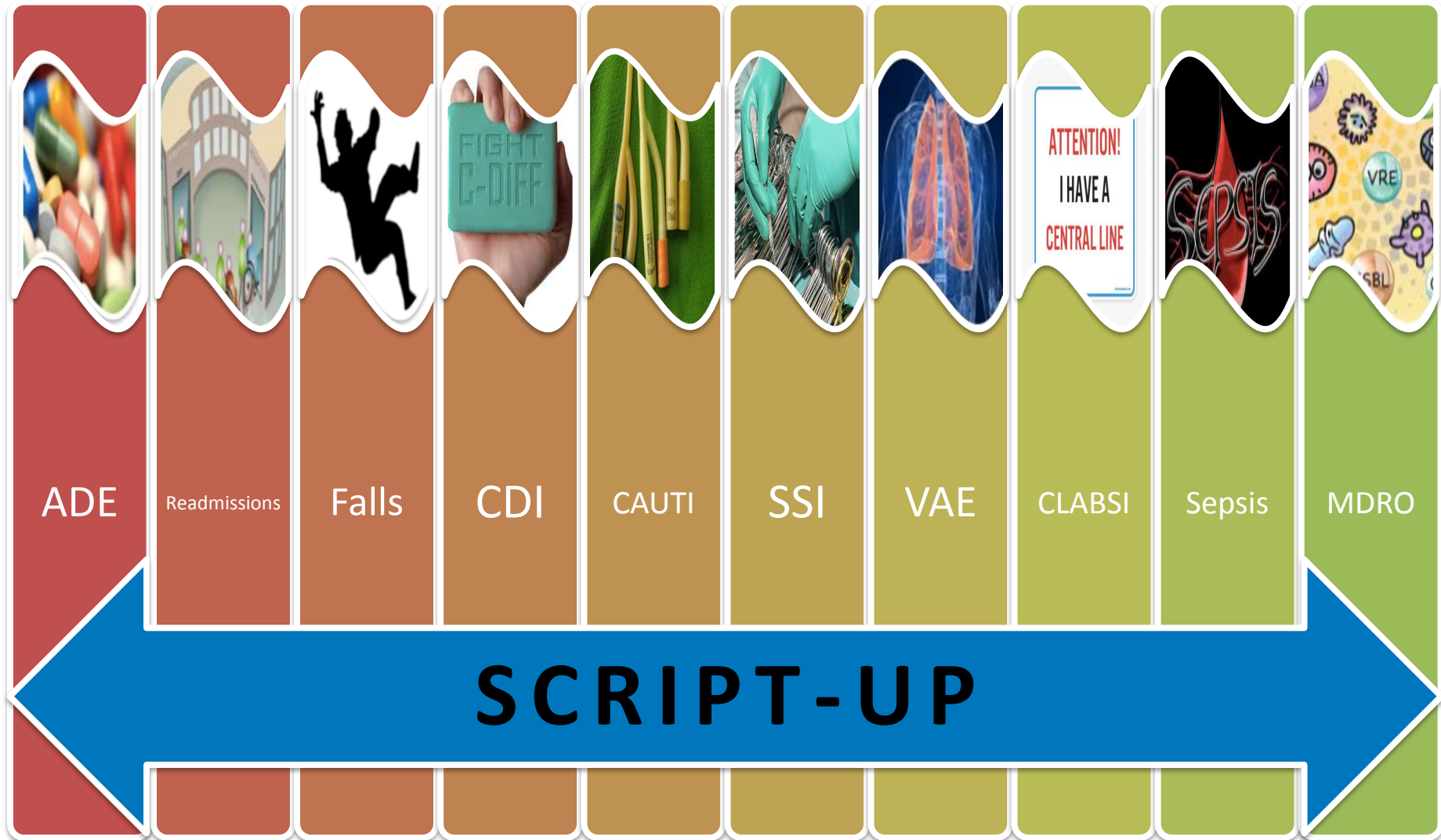
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### Next Steps

- ✓ Do you display hand hygiene (HH) compliance results in highly visible places at the department/unit level?
- ✓ Have you implemented scripting to remind other team members to perform HH when it is not observed?
- ✓ Do you have a system in place that holds all team members accountable to the HH expectations?



# #4 Optimize Medications



# Polling Question

- In my facility, Antibiotic Stewardship is:
  - Firing on all cylinders
  - Just getting started
  - Gaining traction
  - Not a priority due to resource limitations



# Why It Matters

- Adverse drug events are the most common cause of harm (AHRQ)
- Overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics is the key cause of antibiotic resistance (CDC)
- Beers Criteria Medications are linked to poor health outcomes, including confusion, falls, and mortality (Am. Geriatric Society)
- Risk of ADEs almost doubles with  $\geq 5$  meds (Bourgeois, Shannon et al, 2010)



# MUST DO's



# SCRIPT UP- MUST DO's

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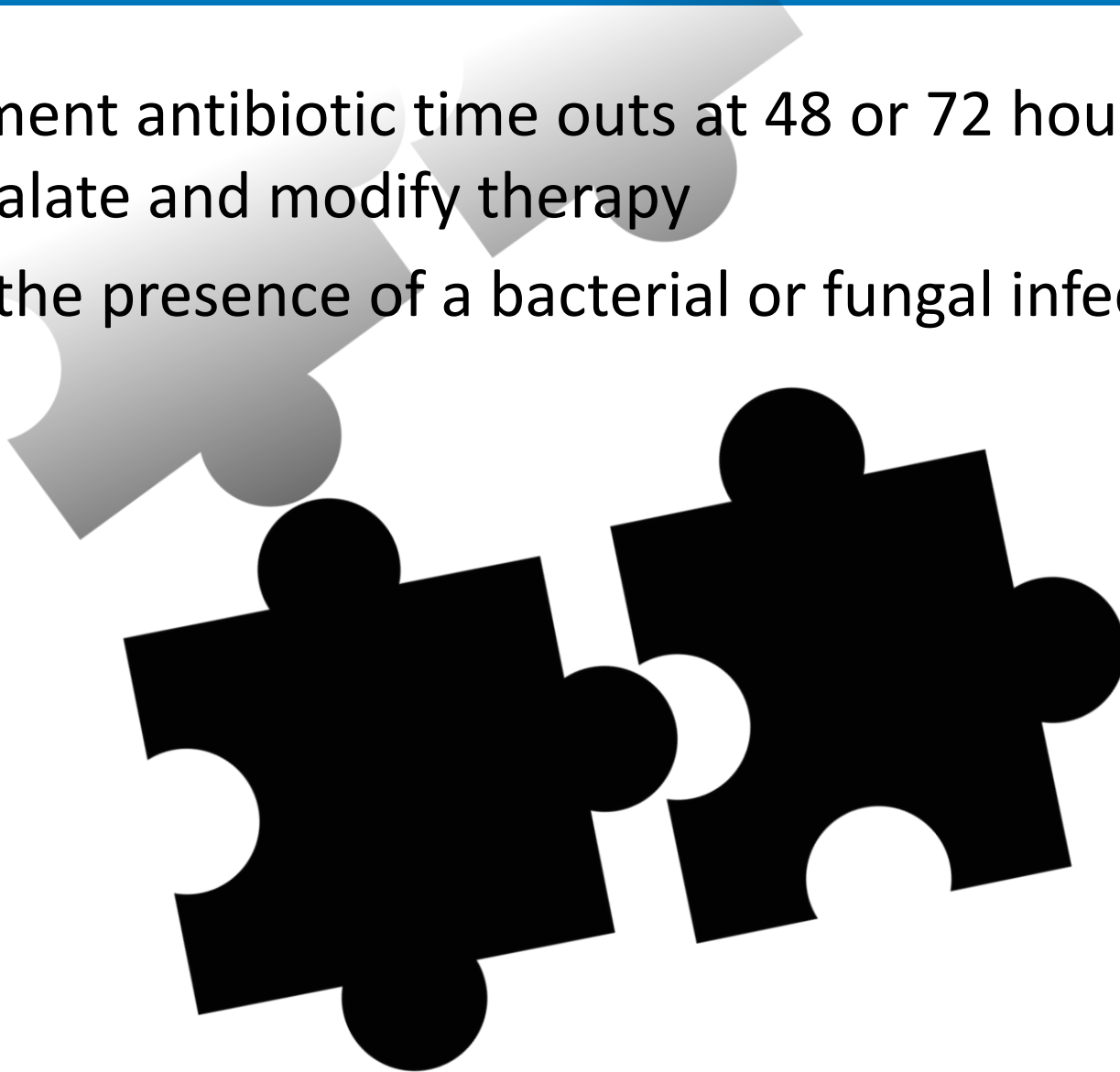




# Must Do #1

## Match the Bug to the Drug

- Implement antibiotic time outs at 48 or 72 hours to de-escalate and modify therapy
- Verify the presence of a bacterial or fungal infection



# One Idea

## Antibiotic Tracking Sheet

Patient Background:				Known MDRO Risk Factors (check all that apply)			
Patient Name:				<input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic tx within last 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Dialysis within last 30 days			
RN#:		Age:	Gender: M / F	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalization of $\geq 2$ days within last 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> Home Infusion/Wound Care			
Admit Date:		MRN:		<input type="checkbox"/> LTCF Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member with MDRO			
Antibiotic Allergies/Reaction:				<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

Antibiotics							
Today's Date	Antibiotic Name /Dose	Start Date of Therapy	Prescriber	Indication	WBC	Appropriateness	IV to PO Switch

IV to PO Exclusion Criteria	
• CCU setting	• NPO
• Received < 48 hours of IV therapy	• WBC > 11
• Positive Blood Cultures within 14 days	

Cultures			
Today's Date	Specimen	Culture & Sensitivities	Comments & Plan

Provider Contacted	
Date	Result

- Pharmacists focus review on patients with a fluoroquinolone order  $\geq 48$  hours if cultures are back
  - ✓ Review 7-10 patients daily
  - ✓ ~50% require intervention
- Antibiotic monitoring form is completed by pharmacists
- Recommendations made during interdisciplinary rounds or by phone call



# Getting Started

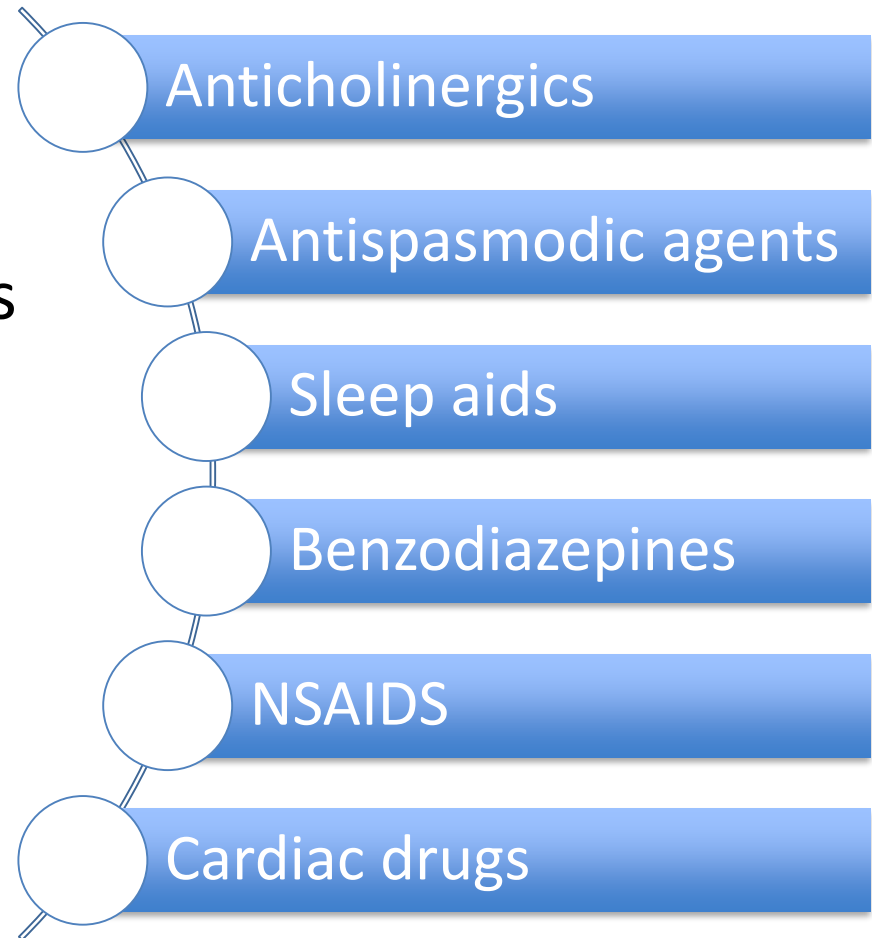
- Decide what antibiotic to target by considering:
  - Potential risk
  - Volume used
  - High cost
- Set up a review process
- Monitor your results
- Spread to other antibiotics when you can




# Must Do #2:

## Follow Beers, if they're up in years

- Flag, stop and replace medications on the Beers list
- If needed, switch to a safer agent
- If not needed, discontinue medication



# Medications to avoid in those over 65yrs



Anticholinergics	Benadryl®, Phenergan®, Vistaril®
Antispasmodic agents	Donnatal®, Bentyl®, Librax®, Probanthine®
Sleep aids	Ambien®, Luminal®, Dalmane®, Nembutal®
Benzodiazepines	Ativan®, Valium®, Xanax®, Librium®, Klonopin®
NSAIDS	Advil®, Motrin®, Aleve®
Cardiac drugs	Digoxin > 0.125mg/day, Procardia®, Catapres®



# Provide Alternatives

Drug Class	Preferred Alternative	Special dosing considerations for the elderly
Benzodiazepines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For insomnia:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- emphasize sleep hygiene</li><li>- treat for underlying disrupters</li><li>- evaluate timing of other medications and alcohol</li></ul></li><li>- For chronic anxiety:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- consider buspirone or SSRIs or SNIRs</li><li>- consider psych referral</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Risk of fall doubled if used more than 14 days</li></ul>
Pain Medications		Avoid meperidine





# Provide Alternatives

Drug Class	Preferred Alternative	Special dosing considerations for the elderly
Cardiovascular agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For HTN alone<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ACE inhibitors, betablockers, or calcium channel blockers preferred</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Most significant risk is orthostatic hypotension</p> <p>Monitor closely and educate patient</p> <p>Slowly increase to full dose</p>
Skeletal muscle relaxants		<p>Monitor length of use and discontinue as soon as no longer indicated; recommended for short use only</p>

Help your physicians by providing guidelines about alternatives and any special dosing or monitoring considerations.



# Must Do #3

## Use appropriate meds -- less may be more

- Consider shortening med lists, especially PRN medications
  - When adding a med, ask “What can I discontinue?”



# Why Less May Be Better

- There is no set number of medications defining polypharmacy – The CDC uses 6
- Concerns
  - Increased ADE
  - Increased drug interactions
  - Increased costs
  - Prescribing cascade
- Associated with
  - Decreased quality of life, mobility and cognition



# Script UP

## Success, Barriers & Help

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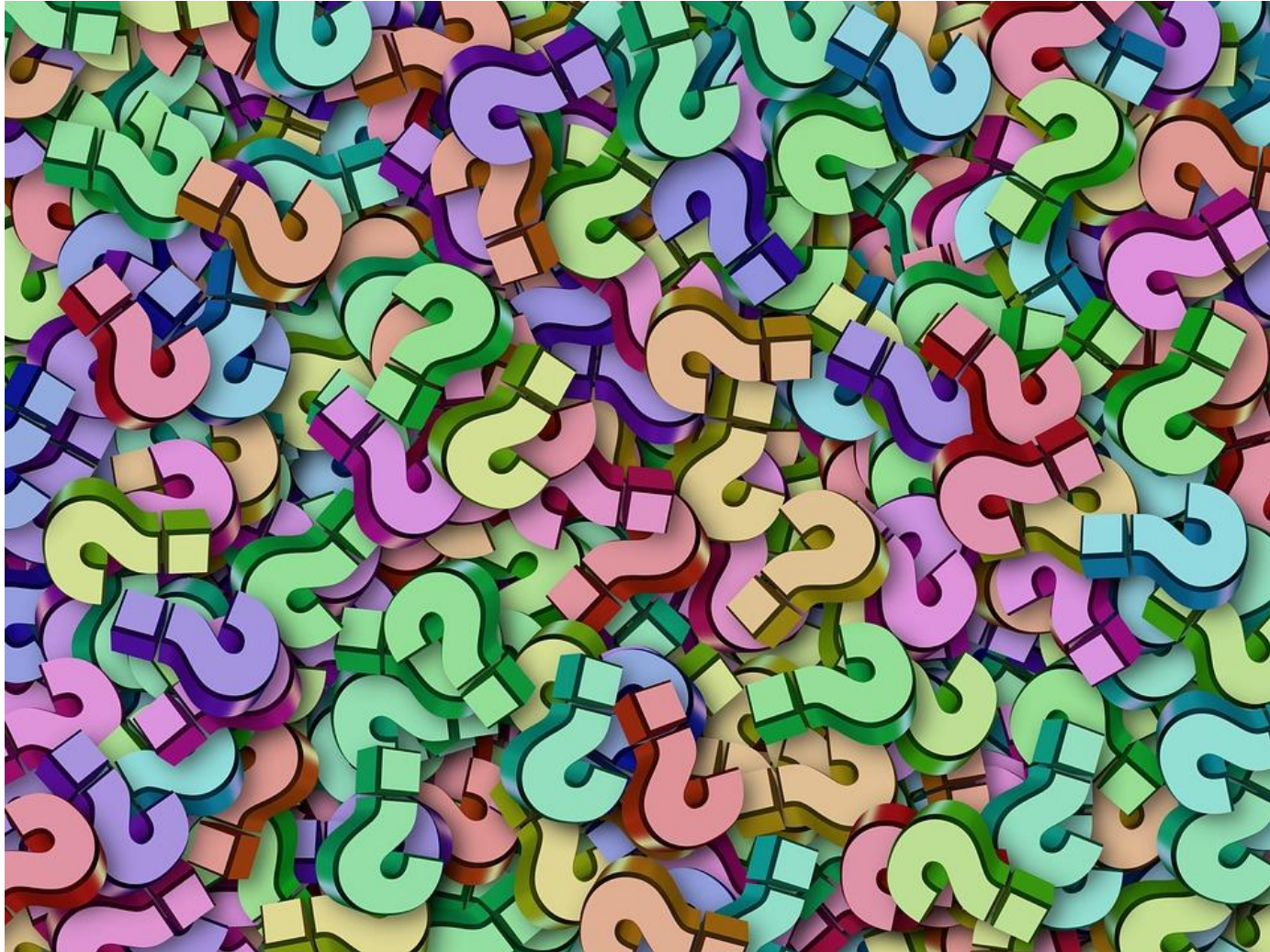
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### Next Steps

- ✓ Have you implemented a “time out” after 24-48 hours of antibiotic therapy to re-assess and optimize therapy?
- ✓ Do the staff, providers, and pharmacists have ready access to reminders and alerts to avoid medications on the Beers list for patients over 65 years old?
- ✓ Is there a specific number of medications on a patient's medication list (e.g., 10) that will trigger a review by a pharmacist?



# Summary & Discussion



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