# **Ochsner Medical Center - New Orleans** Ensuring Access for the Next Patient

# Why Ochsner Exists....



"Our Goal is to Keep People Well and Functioning" Alton Ochsner, MD



# **Ochsner Health System**











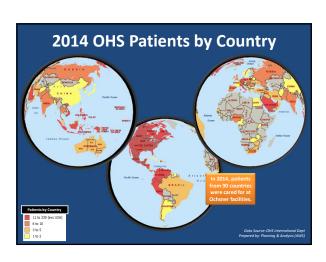
- **Profile**
- 380K Unique Patients
- \$2.3B in Revenue
- Largest Integrated Health System in Gulf Coast
- 12 Hospitals and 45 Health Centers
- 1,200 Clinically Integrated Physicians
- Largest Private Employer in Louisiana
- Top 15 Large Teaching Hospital in U.S.

# Nationally Recognized Quality Top 1% Clinical Quality in U.S. Top 100 Hospitals in U.S. Ranked in 9 Specialties

- #2 Overall Hospital Care in U.S.
- **Top Liver Transplant Center in U.S.**









# **OMC New Orleans** Facts

- •556 Beds
- 650 Employed Providers
   Over 80 specialties and subspecialties
- •One of the largest independent academic medical centers in U.S. •200 residents in 19 programs
- Multi-Organ Transplant Institute





### OMC New Orleans Figures (2014)

- 25,537 Discharges
- •62,532 ER Visits
- •10,791 OP Surgeries •8,363 IP Surgeries
- 44.5 Owner Trans
- •415 Organ Transplants
- •6,442 Transfers through Regional Referral Center

## The Case for Improved Throughput

- OMC-NO strategy focused on inpatient growth
  - Regionally: the preferred referral center for the Gulf South
- Internationally: Transplant program; relationships with Australia, Saudi Arabia, Central and South America
- Success has led to capacity issues
  - Greater than 90% occupancy
  - Added critical care capacity filled immediately
- Length of stay opportunities
  - Observed LOS exceeding expected LOS (Truven)
  - Transfer patients stay 25% longer than expected (2 days)



# **Other Factors Impacting Capacity**

- Excessive readmissions
  - Penalized by Medicare
  - Full risk for 16,000 MA lives and 10,000 employees
- Majority of discharges occur late in day
  - > 15% by noon; > 35% by 2p
  - Leads to patients being held in ER and PACU waiting for beds
  - Lower satisfaction with discharge process
- Bottlenecks lead to lost admissions
  - ER Saturation/Diversion
  - Patients leaving ER without being seen



# **Our Challenge**

- How do we better transition patients through the care continuum to allow for continued growth?
- How do we get the <u>right patient</u> in the <u>right bed</u> at the <u>right time</u>?
  - Evaluate case management model
  - Implement daily multidisciplinary huddles
  - Institute patient placement processes
  - Build accountability and sustainability

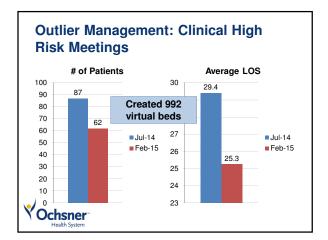


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# Case Management Redesign "Pace the Case"

- Shift in culture from utilization managers and discharge planners to *Transition Navigators*
  - Case manager will handle both UM/DP responsibilities
  - Service-based vs. unit-based assignments
  - Ensure appropriate level of care (inpt vs obs vs outpt)
  - Discharge evaluations initiated within 24 hrs of admission
- Establish weekly "Clinical High Risk" meeting
  - Patients who have been in-house for an extended time
- Implemented Physician Advisor program
  - Advocates for CM/SW





# **Daily Multidisciplinary Huddles**

- Implemented on all med/surg, step-down and critical care units (17 total)
- Participants include MD, CM, SW, RN, Pharm, PT/OT and post-acute
- Essentials of every huddle:
  - Discuss expected discharge date (EDD)
  - Medical milestones
  - Discharge needs/barriers
  - Patient/family communication
- Use EDD to drive patient placement and bed prioritization



## **Daily Multidisciplinary Huddles**

- Where was the patient prior to admission?
  - Home, home with home health, nursing home, snf, ltac, rehab
  - Is the patient capable to return to that setting?
- Why is the patient here?
  - Diagnosis, procedure, elective, non-elective, readmit, high risk patient
- \*Does the patient have telemetry, tubes, lines, drains, Foley, oxygen?
  - Can any/all be discontinued?
  - Does the patient need to continue any/all upon discharge?

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# **Daily Multidisciplinary Huddles**

- \*Where is the patient going upon discharge?
  - PT/OT requirements
  - Needs identified in the discharge planning assessment
  - Needs identified by the physician
- Needs identified by the patient/family
- \*What is the earliest expected discharge date?
  - Has the patient/family been notified of the earliest discharge date?
  - Can the patient be discharged today? If no, why not?
  - Did we miss the expected date of discharge? If yes, why?

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## **Daily Multidisciplinary Huddles**

- \*What are the barriers to the patient moving to the next level of care?
  - What is the patient/family's concern with moving to the next level of care?
  - Transportation?
  - Funding for medications?
  - Follow-up appointment/transportation to follow-up appointment?
  - Is there an alternative discharge plan?

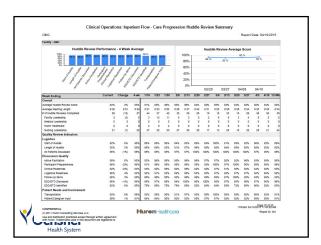
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# **Daily Multidisciplinary Huddles**

- Leverage physician leadership
  - Create clear roles and responsibilities
    - Physician advisors
    - Unit-based medical directors



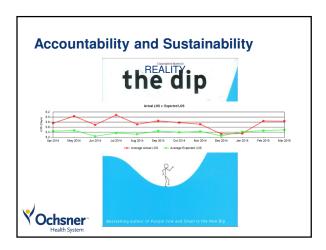


# **Patient Placement**

- Implement a centralized model to improve capacity management
- Update "Patient Placement Matrix" with goal to better cohort patients
- Accelerate Epic bed board utilization
- Leverage house supervisors to manage bed capacity
- Establish a "Capacity Alert" plan











# Accountability and Sustainability

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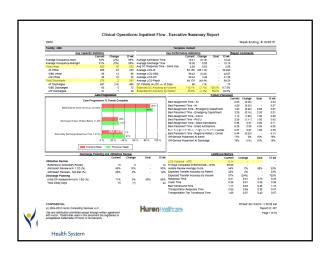
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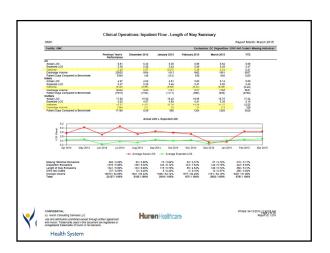


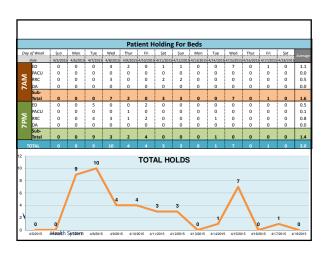
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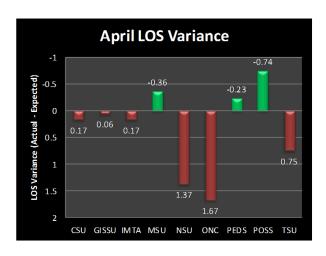
- Weekly "Patient Progression" meeting
  - Discuss multidisciplinary huddles successes/barriers
  - Share capacity issues and solve collectively
- Consistently discuss Key Dashboard Reports
  - Full transparency
  - Ensure integrated (MD, RN, Case Manager) patient flow
  - Align with "how we feel we are doing"

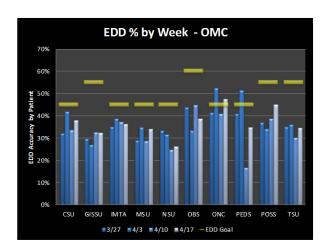


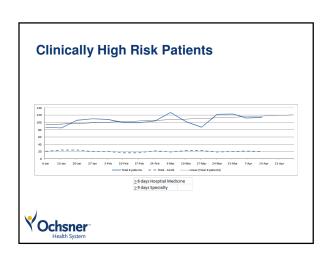


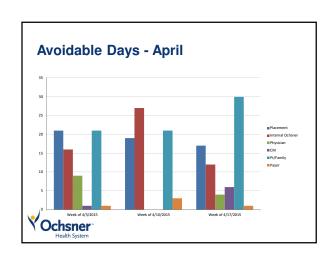


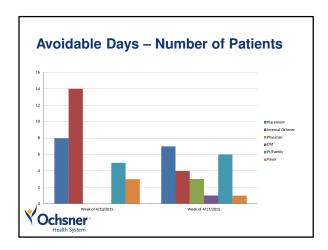


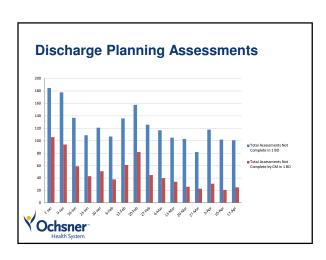


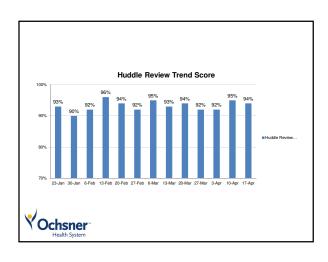




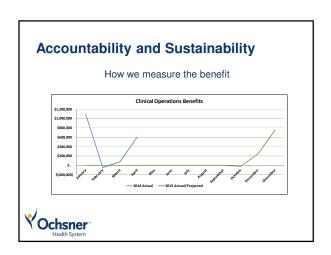














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