

Establishing a Culture of Quality and Safety and the Journey to High Reliability

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Total Hospitals: 12 (9 Acute, 2 Rehab, 1 Children's)Ambulatory Surgery Centers: 18Heart & Vascular Institutes: 3Imaging Centers: 21Breast Care Centers: 9Sports Medicine & Rehab Centers: 32Diagnostic Laboratories: 21Retirement/Nursing Center: 1Home Health Branches: 3Cancer Centers: 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adjusted Admissions: 256,175Annual Emergency Visits: 450,010Annual Deliveries: 23,111Employees: 20,241Beds (acute licensed): 3,147Medical Staff Members: 5,790Physicians in Training: 1,694Annual Labor Cost: \$1.191 billion |
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Secret to Creating a High Reliability Organization



Create a Quality and Safety culture that is aligned with your employees' personal mission statements.

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How Do I Do That?



Create a leadership environment based on a balanced approach that is tied to your Mission, Vision, and Values.

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What is Required for a Cultural Transformation



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Culture of Quality and Safety



- Servant Leadership Philosophy/ Leadership Development
- Employee/Physician Engagement
- Patient-centered focus
- Open door, open communication, no secrets, organizational transparency
- Results oriented/“No excuses” accountability
- Listening and learning

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Essential Success Factors



- Precise Execution
- Organizational Hardwiring
- Sustainability of Results
- No Excuses Accountability

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What is the Burning Platform for Becoming a High Reliability Healthcare System?



- It is the right thing to do ... “First Do No Harm”
- Higher public accountability
- Transparency of quality data
- Our current healthcare system is harming and killing patients at an unacceptable rate
- Reimbursement is now tied to quality

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Move the organization from Safety as a
priority to
Safety is a Core Value

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What is the leadership behavioral
expectation when safety is a core value?

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Transitioning Toward High Reliability Requires...



1. Highly visible CEO and executive staff continuously emphasizing patient safety as a core value
2. A manager/safety coach team continuously mentoring error prevention techniques through discussions (rounding for influence) and 5:1 feedback
3. Physician champions demonstrating and teaching error prevention techniques and modeling teamwork
4. The frontline associates integrated into the team through reward and information

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“No Excuses Accountability” from Leadership



How Do We Improve Quality and Patient Safety?

- Senior leadership rounding
- Hourly nurse rounding
- “Just culture”
- Patient safety is everyone’s responsibility

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Accountability - Fair and just culture



Leaders treat an employee fairly when performance does not meet expectations

If employees perceive that individuals are unfairly punished:

- Reduced likelihood to report events, errors, and mistakes
- Missed opportunities to find and fix problems impacting performance and outcomes.

Management
“moment of truth”

If employees see management tolerance when there is intentional, disregard for work rules:

- Performance of other individuals and of the team as a whole will decline over time.

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“When Progress is measured, Progress improves ...

When Progress is measured and REPORTED, Progress accelerates ...”

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When Measuring Progress, Remember

“Some is not a number and Soon is not a time.”

Donald Berwick

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10 Leadership Principles

- Relate everything back to reason for being
- Operationalize M V V
- Measure and communicate what’s important
- Quality and Safety as a core value
- Create a culture around patients/customers
- Develop leaders (current and future)
- Relentless focus on employee engagement
- Communicate with everyone
- Celebrate (reward and recognize)
- Insist on results

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Differentiators of High Performing Organizations



- Systematic
- Aligned
- Deployed
- Ongoing Cycles of Improvement
- Ability of an Organization to Execute its Strategy

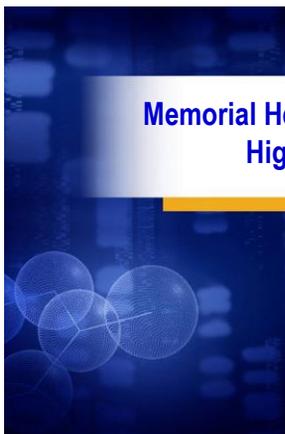
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Critical Success Factors (CSF)



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Memorial Hermann's Journey to High Reliability

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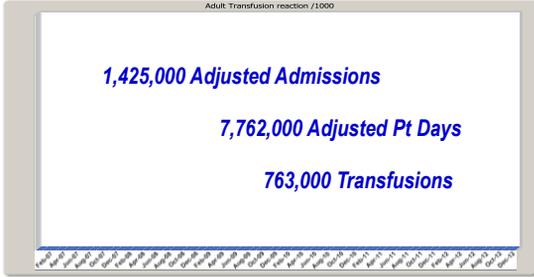


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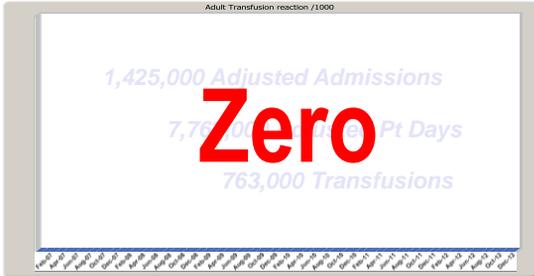


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Leadership – An Evolution in Perspective



"If you do the things you've always done, you'll get the results you've always gotten."

From...	To...
Externally driven safety focus (e.g. Joint Commission, CMS)	Internally driven safety focus (First, Do No Harm – it's the right thing to do)
Safety is a priority	Safety is a core value that cannot be compromised
We are creating a safety culture	We are shaping a reliability culture that creates safety
The board and senior leader support culture change	The board and senior leaders own and manage the culture
Medical staff support culture change	Medical staff own and promote safety culture

**Hospital Acquired Infections,
Conditions and Patient Safety
Indicators**



- Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections
- Ventilator Associated Pneumonias
- Surgical Site Infections
- Retained Foreign Bodies
- Iatrogenic Pneumothorax
- Accidental Punctures and Lacerations
- Pressure Ulcers Stages III & IV
- Hospital Associated Injuries
- Deep Vein Thrombosis and/or Pulmonary Embolism
- Deaths Among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications
- Birth Traumas
- Serious Safety Events

What if ?

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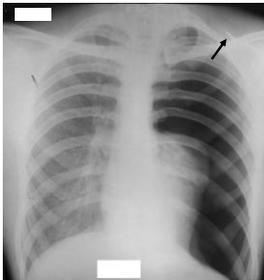
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**Patient Safety Indicator
*Iatrogenic Pneumothorax***



**Central Line Associated
Iatrogenic Pneumothorax**

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High Reliability
Certified Zero Award



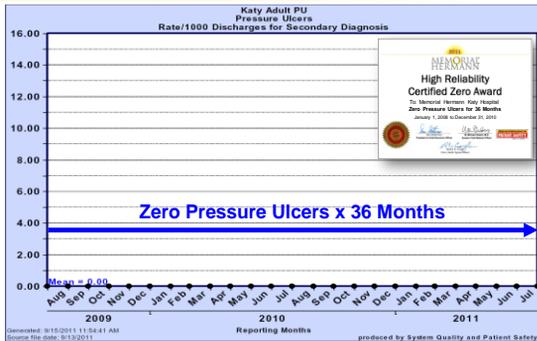
1. Zero Events

2. 12 Consecutive Months

3. Certified Zero Category

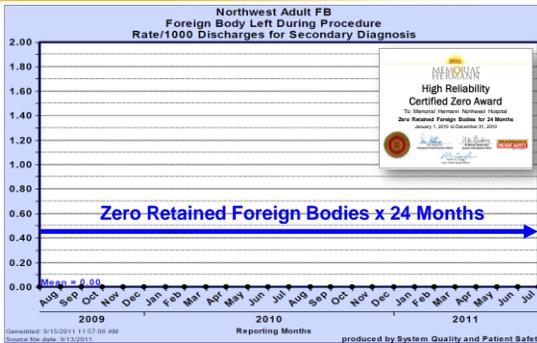
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Katy: Zero Pressure Ulcers
Stages 3 & 4



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Northwest: Zero Retained Foreign Bodies



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Journey to High Reliability



- Getting to **zero** serious safety events
- Commitment from governance
- Senior leadership mandate
- No excuses accountability
- Connecting the heart of your employees with quality and patient safety
- Transparency with your board, physicians and employees

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Does All This Make A Difference at Memorial Hermann?

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Safety/Quality Leader



THOMSON REUTERS
15 TOP HEALTH SYSTEMS 2012
15 Top Health Systems, Top 5 Large Health Systems (2012)

National Patient Safety Leadership Award
Sponsored by VHA Foundation & National Business Group on Health (2009)

National Quality Forum National Quality Healthcare Award (2009)

Joint Commission-NQF John M. Eisenberg National Patient Safety & Quality Award (2012)

Texas Hospital Association Bill Aston Quality Award (2011)

Most Wired 2011
Healthcare's "100 Most Wired" 7th consecutive year

The Delta Group
America's #1 Quality Hospital for Overall Care (2011 & 2012)

HealthGrades®
• America's 50 Best Hospitals (2010, 2011 & 2012)
• Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence (2011, 2012)

TEXAS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AWARD
2011 Texas Healthcare Foundation Quality Improvement Awards (9 Memorial Hermann Campuses)

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