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Improving Staff's Initial Code Response on an Acute Care Unit

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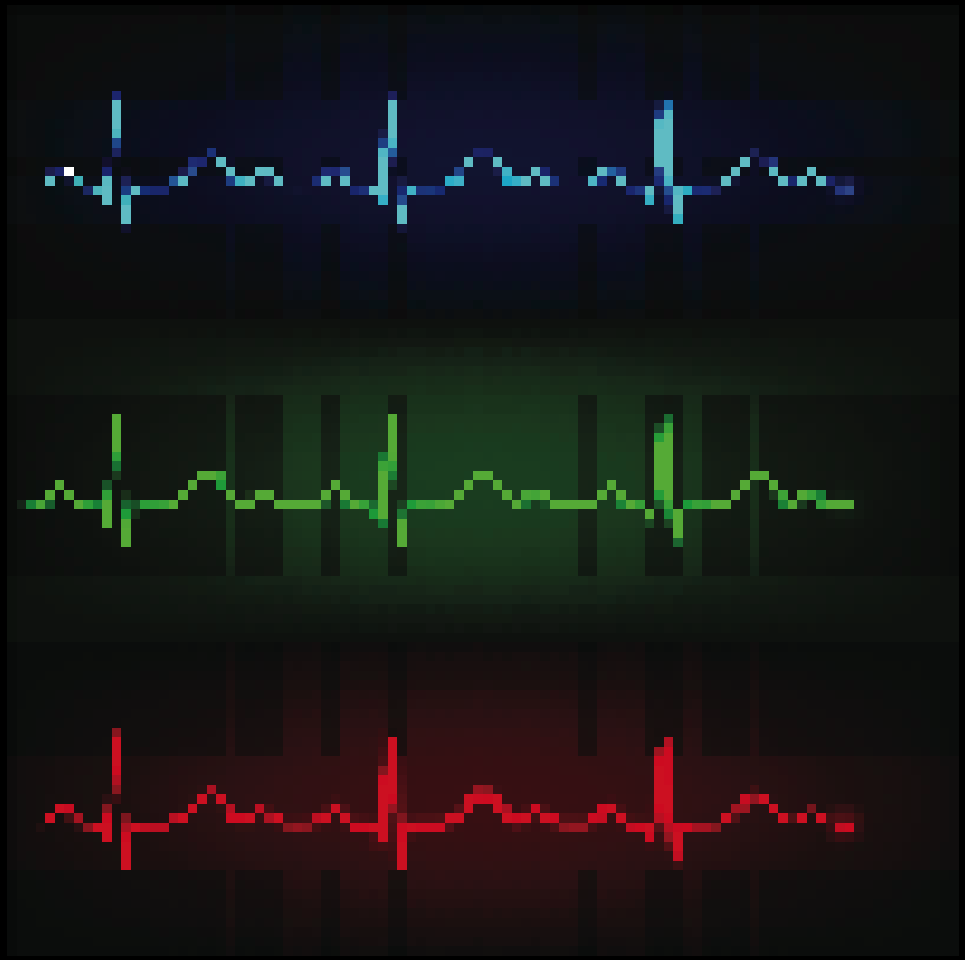

Background

- It was identified that many inpatient acute care units experienced challenges with initial code response.

- We conducted a survey in January of 2019 on an acute care unit regarding perception of the unit's code response (prior to code team arrival)

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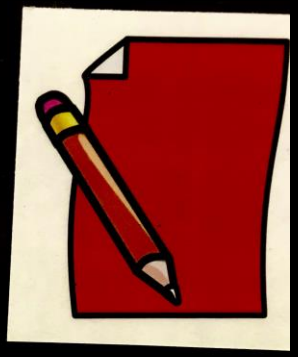
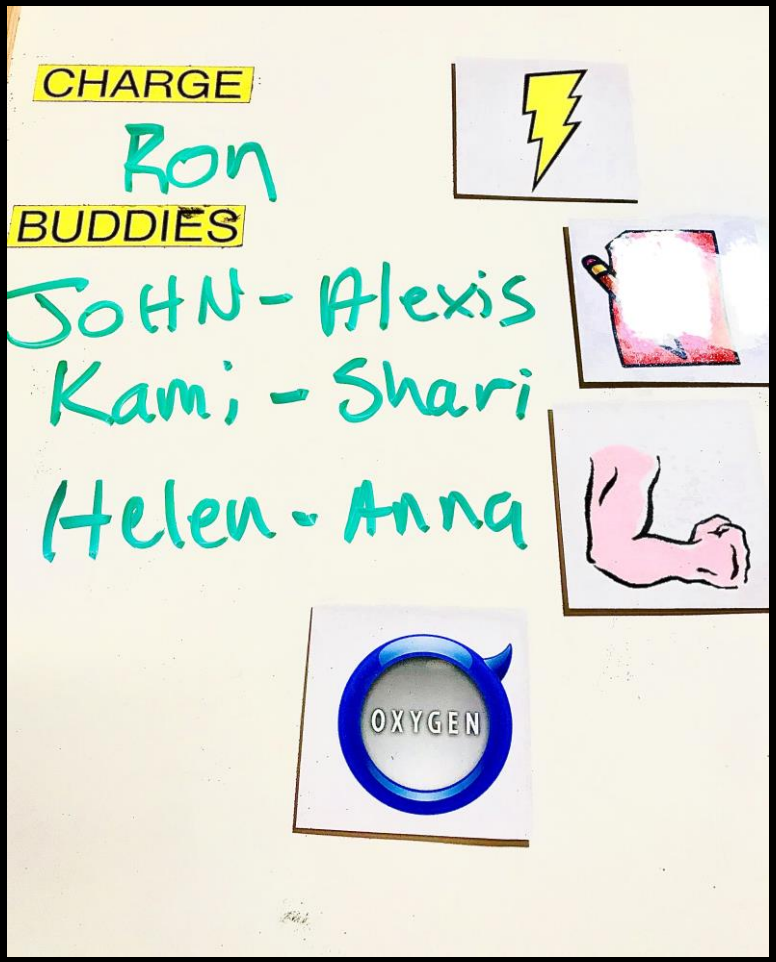
- In the survey, less than 60% of RN's felt the staff was organized in quickly defining roles, confident that all the roles would be assumed, and found ease and minimal anxiety in assuming a role.

- This indicated a opportunity for improvement.

Code Responder Roles



Assigning Code Responder Roles



Improvements in all Elements of Survey

- 84% Staff felt the nursing team was organized in quickly defining Roles.
- 67% Reported confidence that all the roles would be assumed
- 47% Staff reported minimal anxiety in assuming a role.
- 75% Reported ease in assuming a role.

Conclusion

- Developing processes that help create organization and clarify role responsibilities prior to a code response is an replicable, cost neutral intervention that can greatly improve both individual and unit performance in initial code response.

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