

# How Safety Bags are “Releasing Time to Care” (RT2C) in the Intensive Care Unit

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# Disclosures

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# Introduction – Who Are We?



*“The Intensive Care/High Acuity Unit aspires to be a respectful and supportive environment where patients and families can expect timely, compassionate care from a highly skilled interdisciplinary team.”*  
- RT2C Vision Statement

# Introduction – What is Releasing Time to Care?



# The Issue

- Lack of consistency in the storage of safety equipment



# Goals

- With this project, we intended to improve:
  - Patient safety
  - Time spent with our patients
  - Staff satisfaction
  - Infection Control
  - Cost savings for our unit

# What We Did – Step 1

- Modified how safety equipment was stored in each patient room
  - Created two separate ‘safety bags’
    - 1. Respiratory supplies
    - 2. Medications
  - Created a designated place for each bag
  - Collaborated with housekeeping and infection control to have each bag wiped down when the room is cleaned after patient transfers/discharges

# Respiratory Safety Bag

Before:



After:





# Medication Safety Bag – Step 1

Before:



After:



# Medications Safety Bag – Step 2

- Collaboration with Professional Practice
- Medication moved to the Omnicell and crash cart
- Communication



# Medications - Step 3

- We will continue to collaborate and work with all team members to explore any further quality improvement opportunities

# Key Results

- Time savings
  - The time required to check safety equipment was reduced by 69%
- Cost savings
  - \$26,174/year
- Improved consistency and visibility of safety equipment
- Staff satisfaction

# Struggles

- Product quality



# Struggles

- Compliance from staff

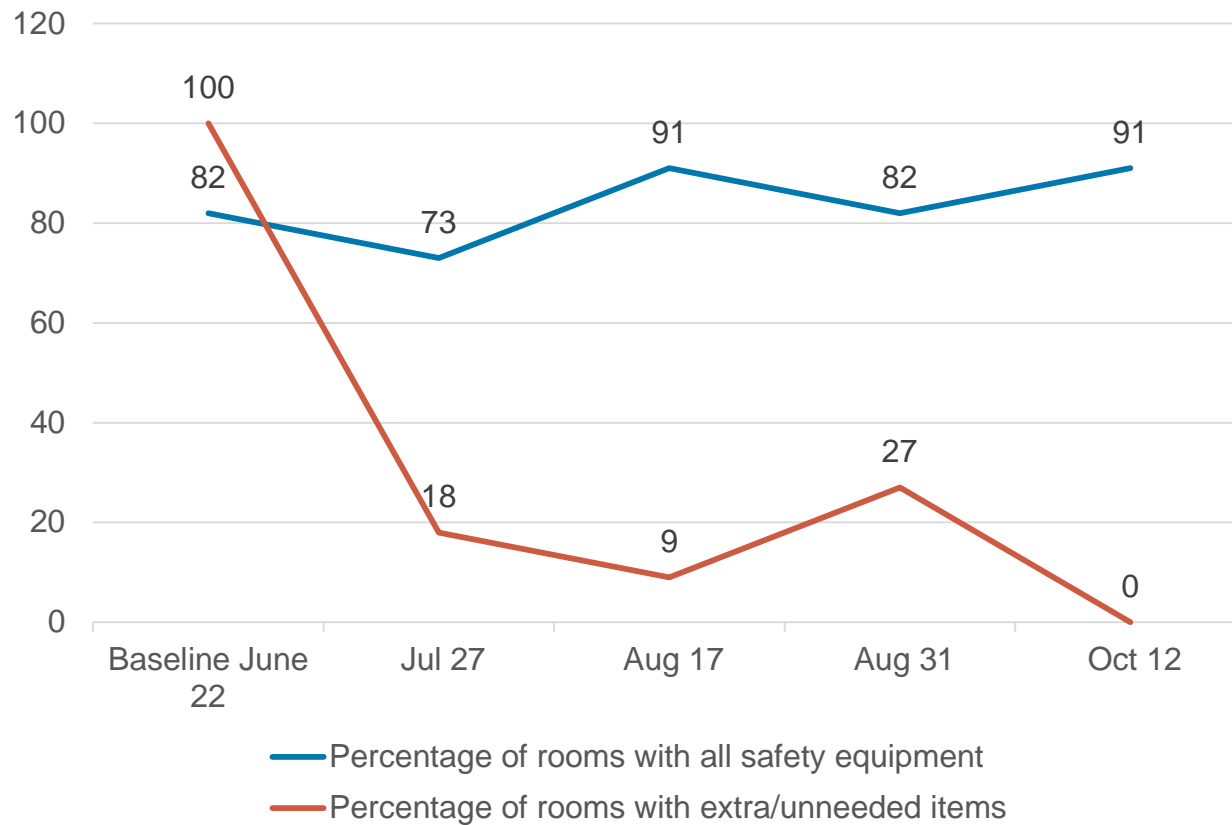


# Struggles

- Ongoing issues/questions
  - compliance?
  - infection control?



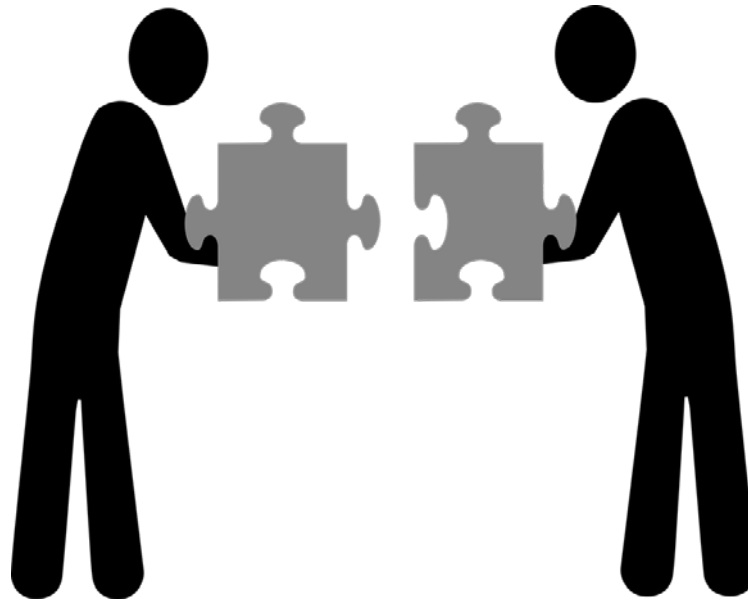
# Improvement over Time





# Lessons Learned

- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Pre-planning and communication
- Small changes can make a significant impact



# What Made Us Proud

- We had the opportunity to improve patient safety, improve infection control, increase interdisciplinary staff satisfaction, increase time spent with our patients, and save our unit money!

Any Questions or  
Comments?

# Discussion Questions

- What are some of the pros and cons you could see with including your interdisciplinary team when making changes in your area of work?
- Have you made changes before without including members of other disciplines? How did this go?



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