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Turning the Tide on HAPIs: A Dedicated Team Initiative

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About PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center



Founded in 1858 by Sister Joseph of the Sacred Heart, PeaceHealth Southwest is the Pacific Northwest's first hospital.

Located in Vancouver, WA

Total Licensed Beds: 450

Average Daily Census: 279

Caregivers: 3,901



Background



HAPI's are a key indicator of care quality and patient safety in acute care settings. However, despite advances in prevention science, rates remain elevated in many organizations. High HAPI rates contribute to:



Increased morbidity



Prolonged Hospitalization



Higher healthcare associated costs



Regulatory Risk

Purpose

The goal of this project was to reduce the incidence of HAPI's through implementation of a dedicated Turn Team. This team was established to standardize patient repositioning and to provide consistent support to bedside staff to ensure that pressure injury prevention activities were performed in a timely manner.



Methods

Turn Team Implementation

- ▶ Turn Team concept developed on a unit with high HAPI Prevalence and went live on April 23rd, 2025.
- ▶ Developed a schedule to indicate the unit staff's time on the team
- ▶ Scheduled patient turns every 2 hours on the odd hours
- ▶ Turn Team cart was created with all required supplies for efficient rounding
- ▶ Dedicated Turn Team computer



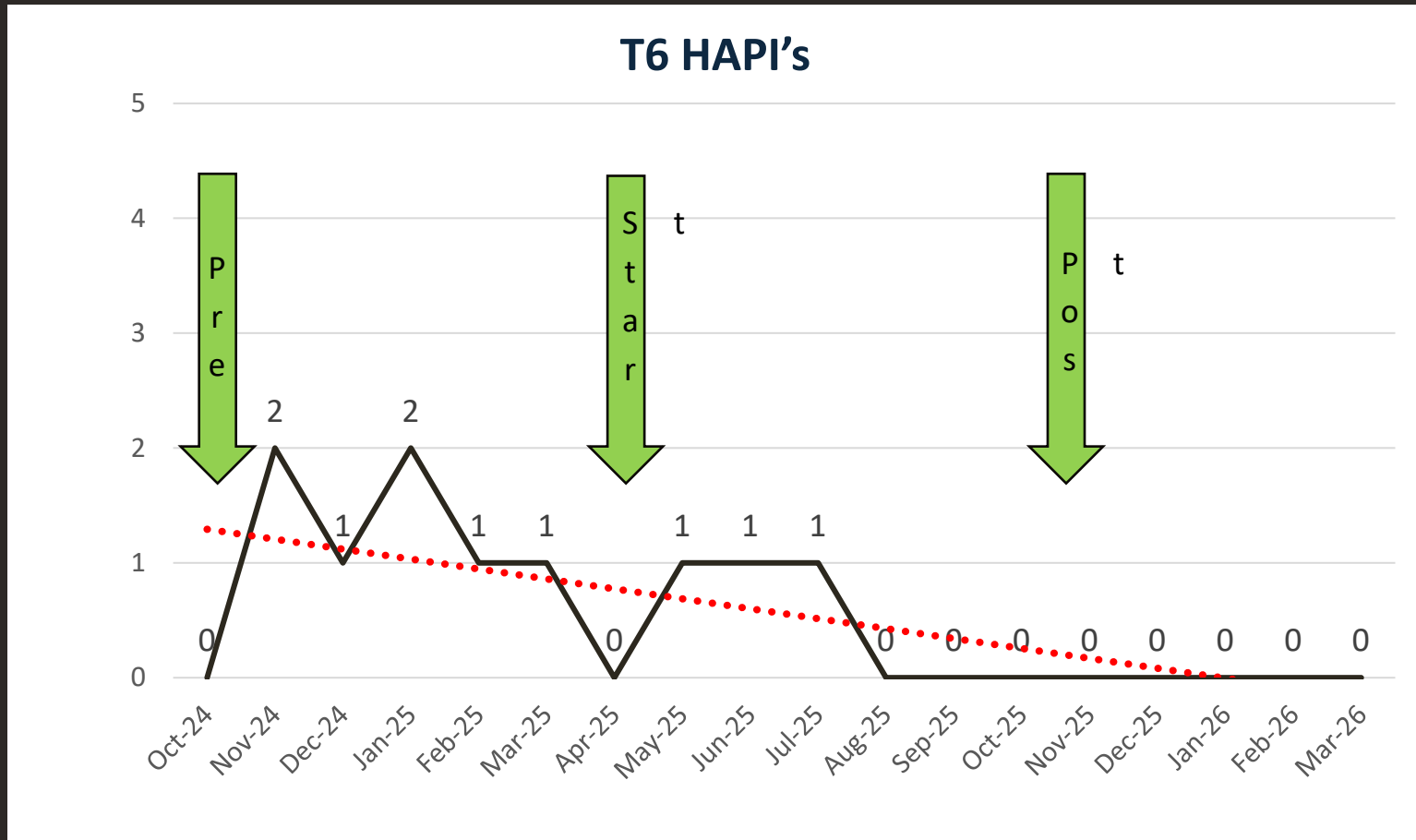
		
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0700	CHG	CNA
	Brandie	Daniel
0900	CNA	PTS
	Kyle	Jenn
1100	RN	RN
	Chris	Lia
1300	RN	RN
	Ellie	Sierra
1500	RN	RN
	Kiannah	Jai
1700	CNA	CNA
	Emily	Monika

Key Components :

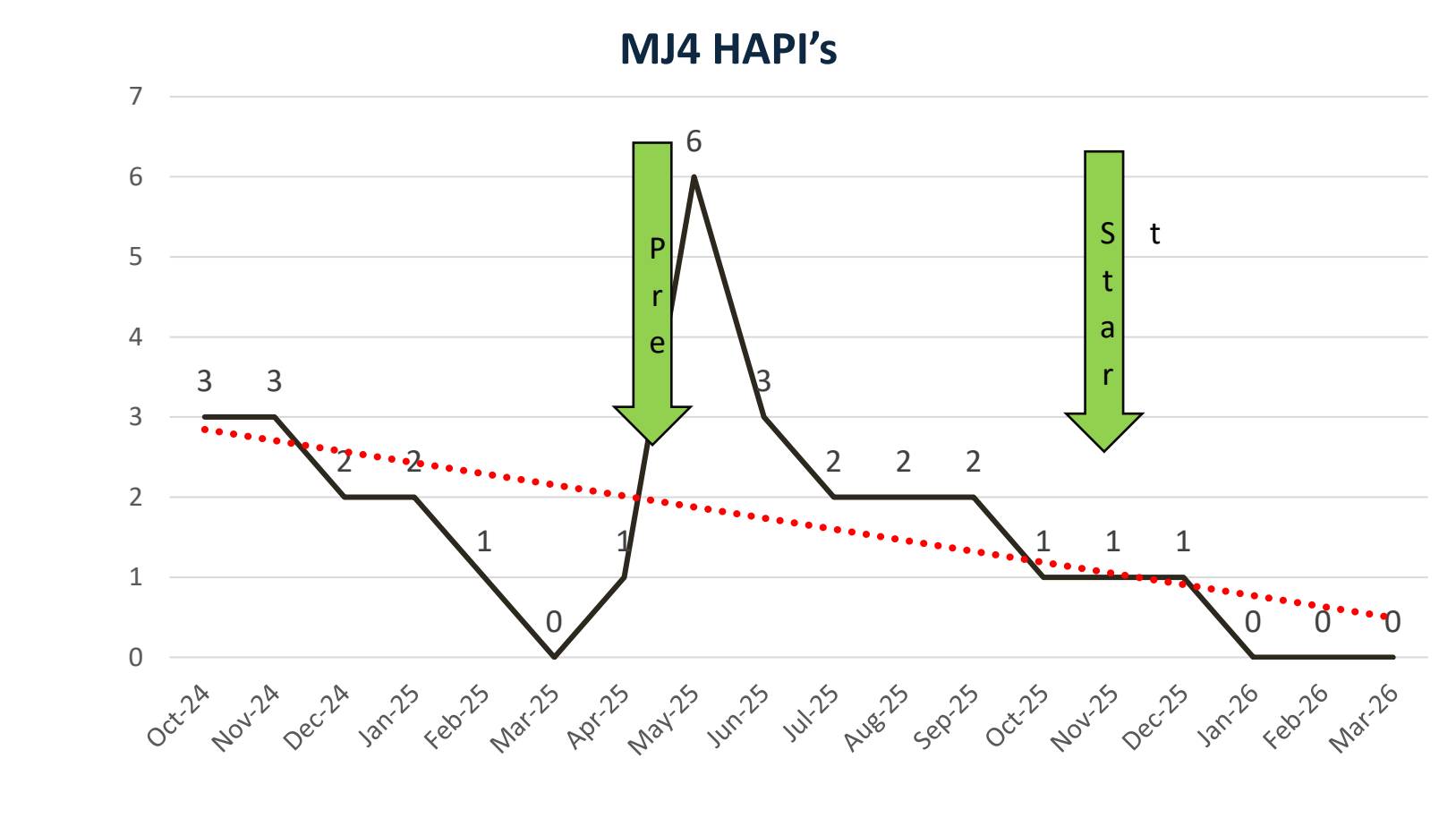
- Staff education
- Standardized turn times
- Standardized documentation

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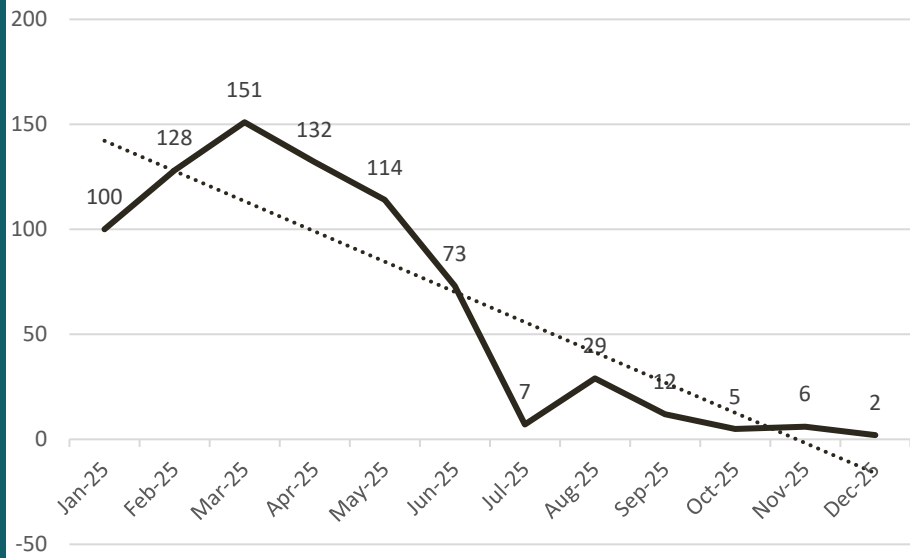


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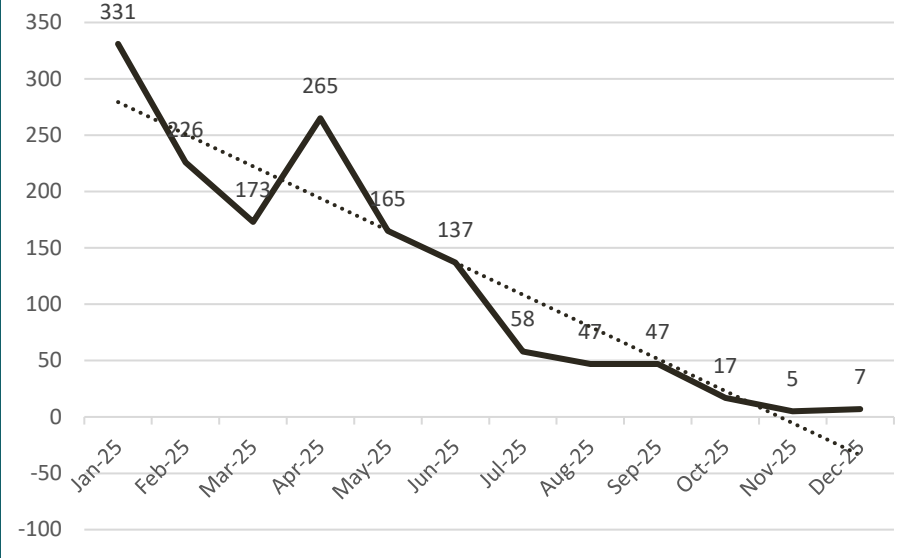


Documentation of turns self for patients with a BMAT of 2 or less and a Braden score of 18 or less was reduced by 70%

T6 - Only Turns Self Documented



MJ4 - Only Turns Self Documented



Results



Following Implementation:

- ▶ HAPI rates decreased by 43% six months post implementation
- ▶ Documentation of 'turns self' reduced by 70% six months post implementation
- ▶ Staff reported increased confidence in repositioning tasks
- ▶ Workload burden related to repositioning decreased
- ▶ Increased compliance with patients turning related to education
- ▶ Increased team morale
- ▶ Early mobility measures improved, showing secondary program benefits

Conclusion



Implementation of a Dedicated Turn Team:

- Improved turning compliance
- Contributed to meaningful reduction in HAPI incidence
- Established a structured, team-based support that strengthened prevention efforts
- Enhanced mobility and repositioning processes which improved outcomes

Sustaining these improvements will require continued monitoring, staff engagement, and integration of the Turn Team into broader nursing workflow and quality initiatives.

Questions?

Thank You!