

# Tips for Successful QI

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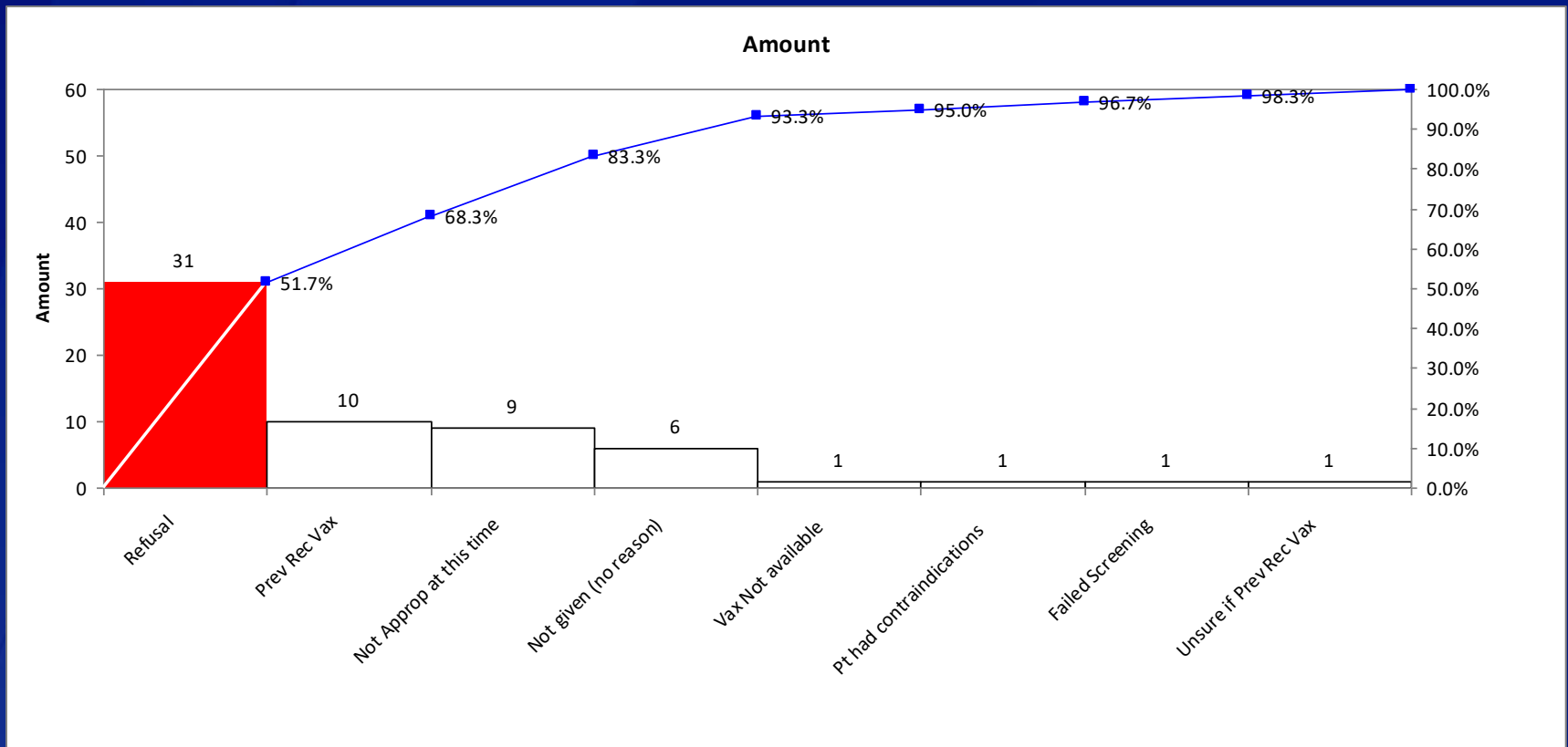
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- Start where you have resources
- Start small – get it right
- Create a non-threatening – safe environment
- See sentinel events as opportunities
- Remember change takes time

# Remember the Pareto Principle –

Also known as the **80/20 rule** (roughly 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes)



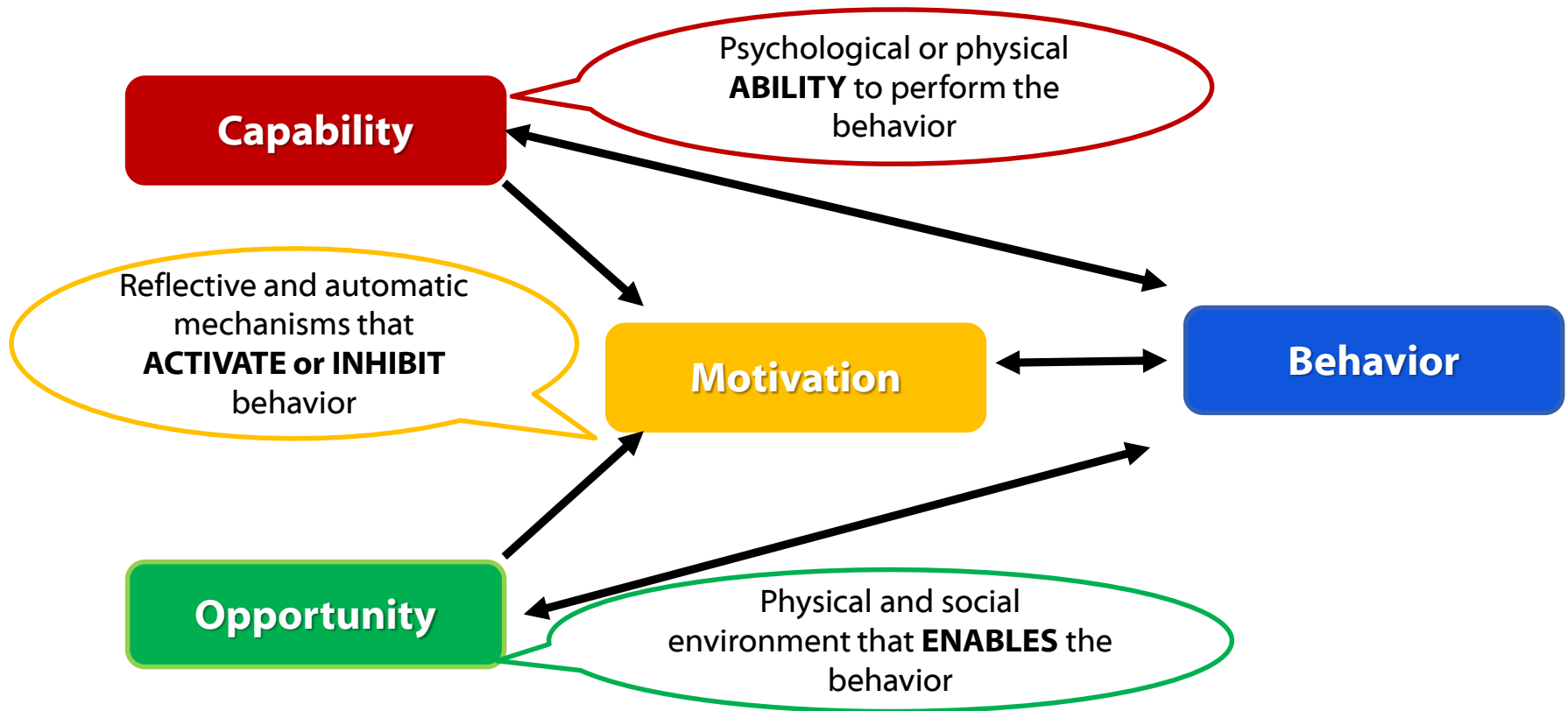
## Involve your audience in the implementation and evaluation of selected behavior change strategies

**Directly** – set up workgroups, committees, or coalitions to go through all the steps together.

**Indirectly** – conduct audience research to inform your decisions and actions

- Focus group discussions
- Intercept or in-depth interviews
- Observations
- Structured discussions
- Surveys

# Consider the three main drivers of behavior



The COM-B model. Michie et al (2011) The behavior change wheel: A new method for characterizing and designing behavior change interventions. Implementation Science. 2011; 6:42.

# Avoid a Piecemeal Approach to QI



# Measure Success



*What gets measured gets done.*

*What gets measured and fed back gets done well.*

*What gets rewarded gets repeated.*

**- John E. Jones**

- Use a bundle approach
- Schedule regular time to think as a team.
- Incorporate QI into your daily routine



Don't reinvent it...



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# Reduction of unneeded CV catheters decreases CLABSI

Systematic review of studies implementing interventions to reduce unnecessary CVC use

- improve appropriateness
- Increase awareness of device presence
- prompt removal

## RESULTS:

- 13 studies (92.9%) found **decrease in CVC** - despite different reporting methods,
  - reduction rate varied - 6.8% to 85%. **decrease in the incidence of CLABSI**
- 7 studies (50.0%) reported
  - range 24.4% to 100.0%.

## CONCLUSIONS:

- Interventions to reduce unnecessary CVC use significantly decrease the rate of CLABSI.

# Reduction of contamination rates saves money

- Meta-analysis of 49 articles that reported immediate or downstream economic costs of blood culture contamination.
  - Up to 59% of patients received unnecessary treatment
  - increased pharmacy charges
  - Increases in total laboratory charges
  - Attributable hospital length of stay increased from 1-22 days.



# How did QI led to decrease in Neonatal sepsis in Accra, Ghana ?

Quality improvement (QI) initiative found poor adherence to hand hygiene in the neonatal intensive care unit was **due to lack of clean towels and leadership for IPC**

Team created **locally acceptable** implementation strategies based on WHO Hand Hygiene bundle

Hand hygiene **compliance rose from 67% to 92%**  
- including a 36% increase on night shifts



# IPCAF used to identify priority areas

IPCAF used in 1472 acute care hospitals in Germany.

## Results

- Components on multimodal strategies and workload, staffing, ward design and bed occupancy revealed the lowest scores.

## Conclusions

- Potentials for improvement were identified for workload and staffing.
- Insufficient implementation of multimodal strategies

## Safety Calendar

			1	2				
			3	4				
			5	6				
7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	
8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	
			23	24				
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			29	30				
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Month  
**September**

Days without incident  
**16**

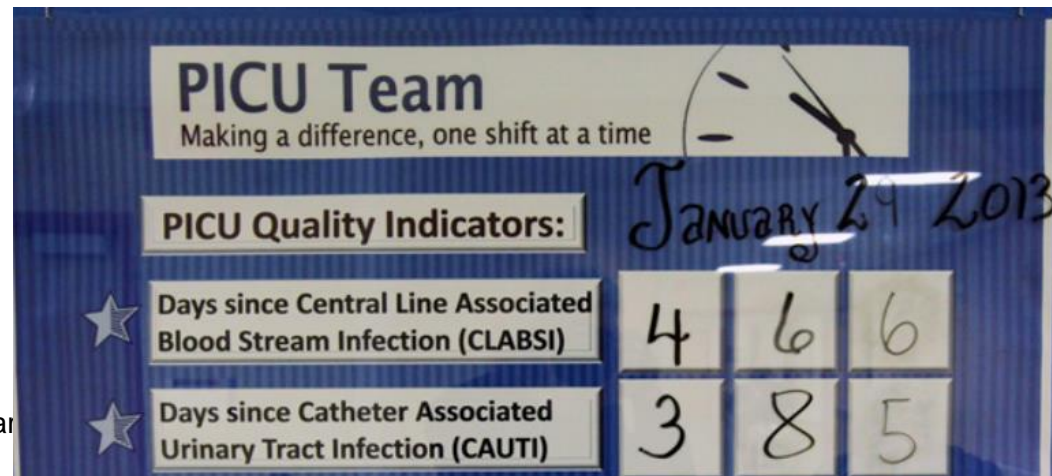
## Instructions (see next tab for blank form)

27	Indicates day without injury, e.g. "On the 27th of the month we had zero accident or recordable incidents."
11	Indicates day with injury, e.g. "On the 11th of the month we had an accident or recordable incident."

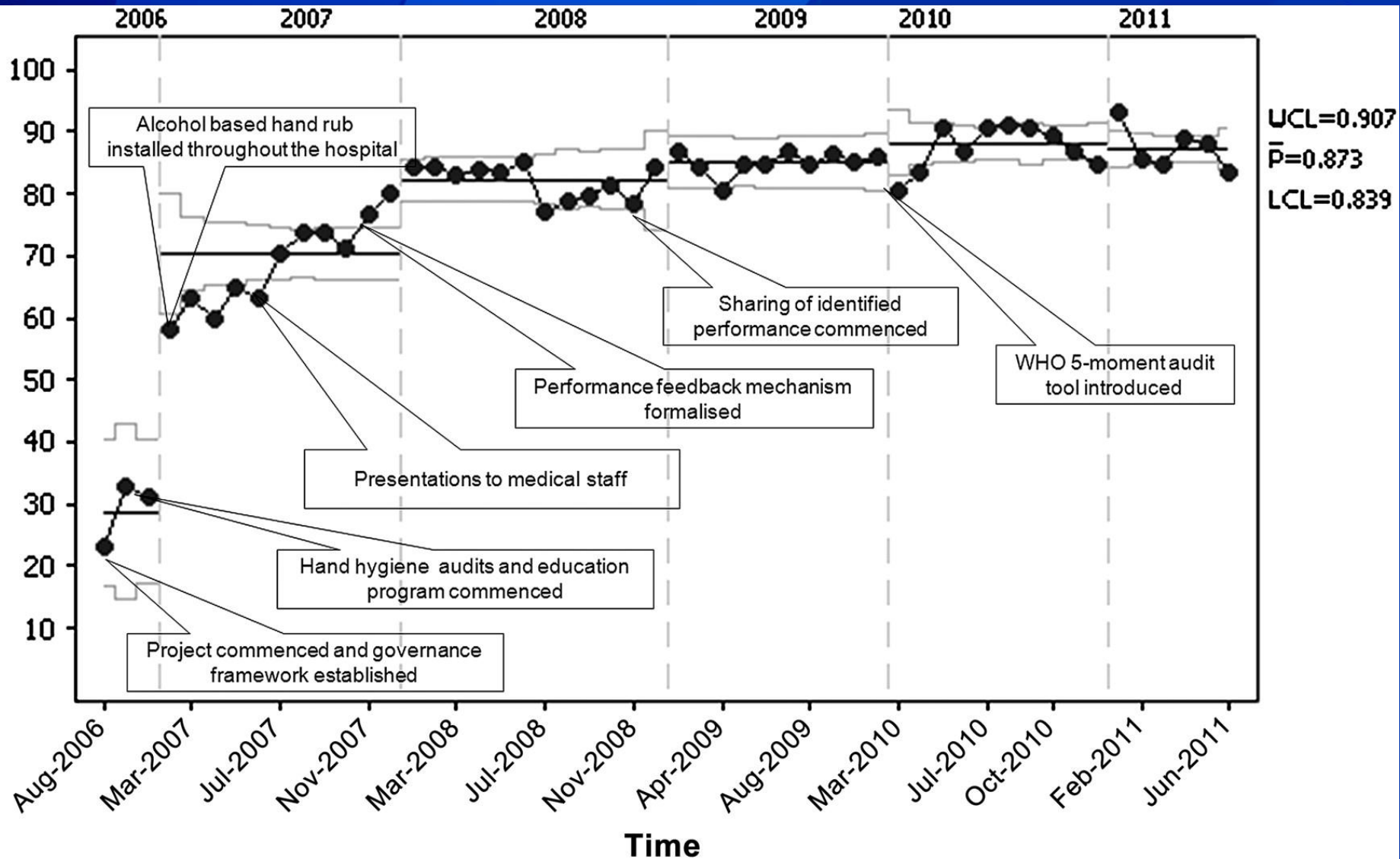
Days without incident

16	Subtract last green date (27) from last red date (11) to get continuous "days without incident" (16).
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The larger this number is the better your safety record.



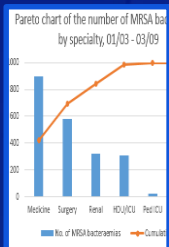




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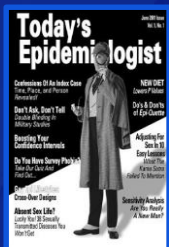
- SENIC study found that hospitals reduced their nosocomial infection rates by approximately **32%** if their infection surveillance and control program included four components:



1) Appropriate emphases on surveillance activities and vigorous control efforts



2) For surgical site infections, feedback of wound infection rates to practicing surgeons



3) A trained hospital epidemiologist



4) At least one full-time infection-control practitioner per 250 beds



- Celebrate success – even small ones with honest and sincere appreciation.

