Laboratory Utilization Initiatives

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Good People. Great Medicine."





Less is better?

Finance – healthcare changes will reward cost-effectiveness

Patient safety – reduction of anemia and transfusionassociated complications

Resource constraints

- Personnel
 - Aging workforce
 - Pathologists: average age = 55 yrs, average retirement age = 66
 - Technologists: average age = 49.2 yrs in 2010, and 40% of the current workers will retire in 10 years
 - Closure of many MT/CLS programs: 709 programs in 1975, 225 in 2012
 - "Right size"?
 - Thomson-Reuters and other benchmarks
- Space
- Capital equipment



Strategies for Optimizing Lab Utilization

Pathologist-controlled

- In-sourcing of sendout tests
- Implement laboratory procedural changes that reduce utilization
- Pathologist consultation service to provide advice about appropriate test utilization
- Pathologist review of sendout test requests after they are ordered, with intervention for questionable or inappropriate test orders 🔷

Multidisciplinary

- Reflex testing algorithms
- IT decision support-test selection, blood utilization
- Creation of IP and OP test formularies, implementation of restricted ordering
- Reduction of duplicate test orders
- Pathologist and/or service or committee review of standing ordersets for appropriateness of lab test components
- •Other physician approval of specific sendout tests prior to ordering
- Education about appropriate test selection and blood utilization, targeted to non-pathology residents, faculty, medical students



Reduction in sendout costs



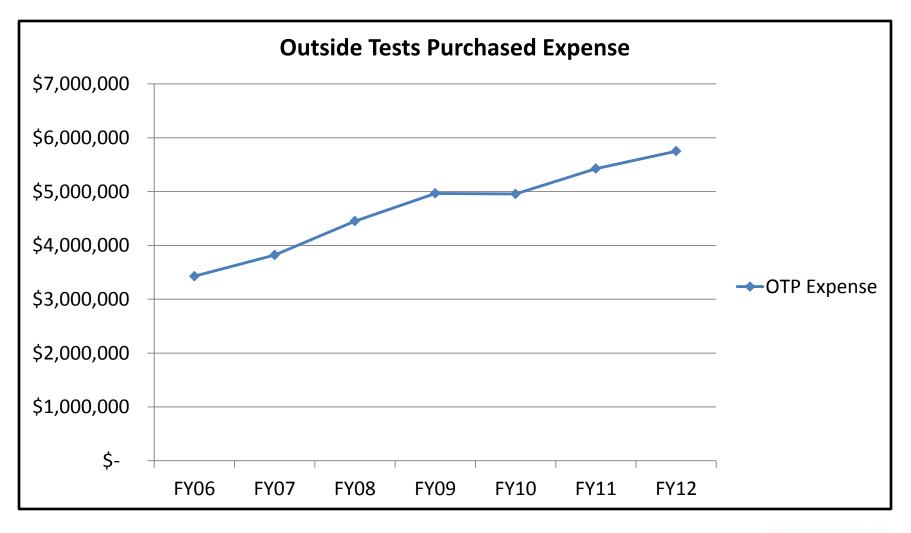
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Growth of clinical lab sendout tests at PSHMC (despite insourcing of 58 tests [tests performed in-house = 425])





Our Top 20 Sendout Tests

TEST NAME	ANNUAL VOLUME	TOTAL VENDOR COSTS
Chromosomes, Hematology, Bone Marrow	684	259,961.53
BENCE JONES PROTEIN	1010	136,512.32
MICROALBUMIN W/CREATININE	3386	128,873.57
Chromosomes, Congenital, B	270	101,536.39
BORRELIA BURGDORFERI AB; INDEX FOR CNS INFECTION	249	73,719.12
Complete Ataxia Evaluation	6	72,761.36
BCR/ABL, p210, Quant, Monitor	225	71,113.66
MYOSITIS ASSESSR(TM) PLUS;JO-1 AUTOAB	69	66,761.69
ADENOVIRUS DNA, QUANT.; REAL-TIME PCR	218	63,451.23
Fragile X Syndrome Molecular Analysis	228	63,226.84
HPV DNA, HIGH RISK	972	54,491.01
PML/RARA Quantitative, PCR	122	53,458.05
Epstein-Barr Virus PCR, Quant	575	53,193.66
TTG AB, IGA	2049	51,349.40
Electron Microscopy, Tissue	71	47,929.31
Antinuclear Ab	2816	47,761.36
AML, FISH	172	47,112.64
ASPERGILLUS ANTIGEN	465	46,528.23
STRATIFY JCV(TM) AB;W/REF INHIBITION ASSAY	36	44,199.39
MDS, FISH	160	43,825.71
TOTAL		1,527,766.47

Savings associated with in-sourcing

Specific Test	Annual Vendor Payment	Savings
PCR for CMV	\$233,000	\$72,585
PCR for BK virus	\$191,268	\$119,011
PCR for HIV viral load	\$335,160	\$122,336
Vitamin D	\$246,000	\$183,000
High-resolution HLA typing for bone marrow transplantation	\$248,000	\$200,000



Real-time review of high cost sendout tests

- Primary purpose is to review inpatient high cost sendout tests
 - Limited (most likely no) reimbursement possibility
 - Can schedule sample collection without inconvenience to patient
 - Able to discuss reimbursement and cost issues with team
- Will review outpatient tests when patient is drawn by our outpatient phlebotomy service at the main hospital
 - Balance patient unhappiness with cost and likelihood of reimbursement
 - Difficult to "reject" samples that already have been drawn by clinic.



Process

- 1. Request identified by Sendouts
- 2. Query referred to resident on Clinical Pathology Consult Service
- 3. Resident reviews clinical situation in the EHR and via discussion with clinical service
- 4. Resident reviews the request with clinical pathology attending on service, then discusses clinical needs/test appropriateness, alternatives, and costs to patient with the clinical team
- 5. Decision is made based on clinical need and family acceptance of financial responsibility



Three month outcome

- Seven interventions
 - Four pediatric, two neurologic, one GI
 - Two approved (one partially by prioritized multiple tests)
 - One facilitated
 - Patient's family received discount by paying for test directly
 - Laboratory collected specimen and transported
 - Four deferred or never ordered after discussion



Cost savings

- Cost of ordered testing:
- Cost of approved testing:

• 3 month cost savings:

\$16,062 \$2,472

\$13,590

Annualized savings = 1 job!!

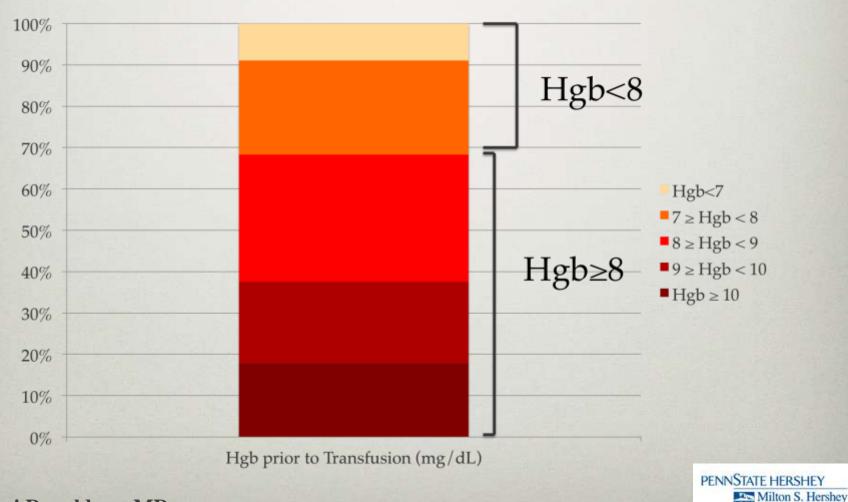


Automated Decision Support for Blood Product Utilization Based on AABB Guidelines

- Recommendation 1: The AABB recommends adhering to a restrictive transfusion strategy (7 to 8 g/dL) in hospitalized, stable patients (Grade: strong recommendation; high-quality evidence).
- Recommendation 2: The AABB suggests adhering to a restrictive strategy in hospitalized patients with preexisting cardiovascular disease and considering transfusion for patients with symptoms or a hemoglobin level of 8 g/dL or less (Grade: weak recommendation; moderate-quality evidence).
- Recommendation 3: The AABB cannot recommend for or against a liberal or restrictive transfusion threshold for hospitalized, hemodynamically stable patients with the acute coronary syndrome (Grade: uncertain recommendation; very lowquality evidence).
- Recommendation 4: The AABB suggests that transfusion decisions be influenced by symptoms as well as hemoglobin concentration (Grade: weak recommendation; low-quality evidence).



Most Recent Hgb Prior To Transfusion-2011



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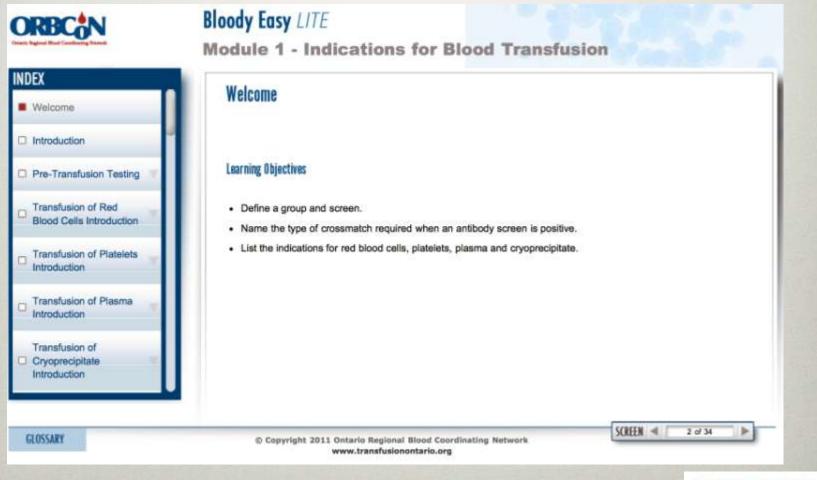
Quality Improvement-Education

Education (changing cognitive error)

- Inspiration (bottom-up approach) more effective than supervision (top-down edict)
- Achieving physician buy-in, involving and collaborating with physicians to change behavior
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Develop guidelines and educational "road show" and training module



Quality Improvement-Education



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Quality Improvement-Education

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What's New?

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Quality Improvement-Decision Support

Automated Decision Support

- Reinforces education
- Does not impede workflow
- Establish a uniform process to track individual performance metrics
- Tool needs to inform about best-practice in real-time



Automated Decision Support-RBCs

	08/13/2012 01:00	07/18/2012 15:00	Details for Transfuse Red Cells.		
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Automated Decision Support-PLTs

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			Special Instructions:	Plt <= 10 K/uL Plt <= 20 K/uL (bleeding disorder)	
			Duration:	Plt <= 50 K/uL (active bleeding)	
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Automated Decision Support-FFP

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			Rate to transfuse each unit:		
			*Start date/time:		*
			Hold Maintenance Fluids:	C Yes C No	
			*Indication:	No.	~
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Quality Improvement-Feedback

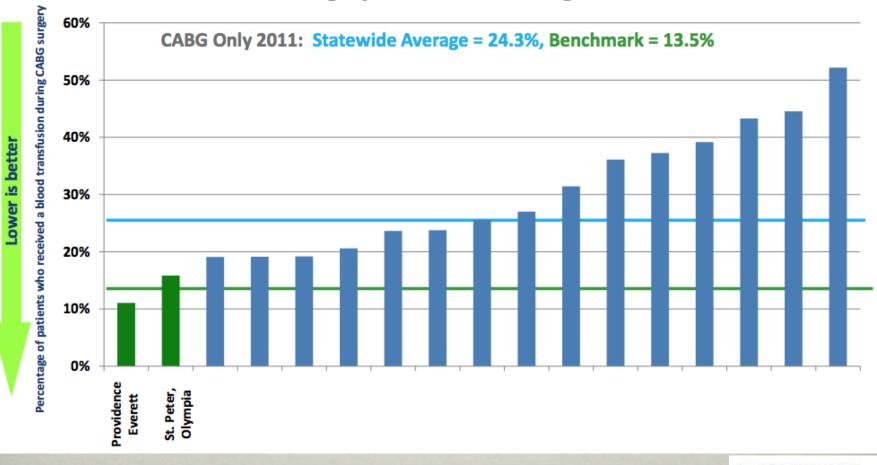
- Essential to long term effectiveness of intervention
- Metrics will be automatically generated by the CQI and tracked through the BUC

Design and implement a meaningful tracking output for monitoring and comparing performance measures of utilization practice (by institution, group, floor, center, service, ordering party)



Quality Improvement-Institutionallevel Feedback Illustration (P4P)

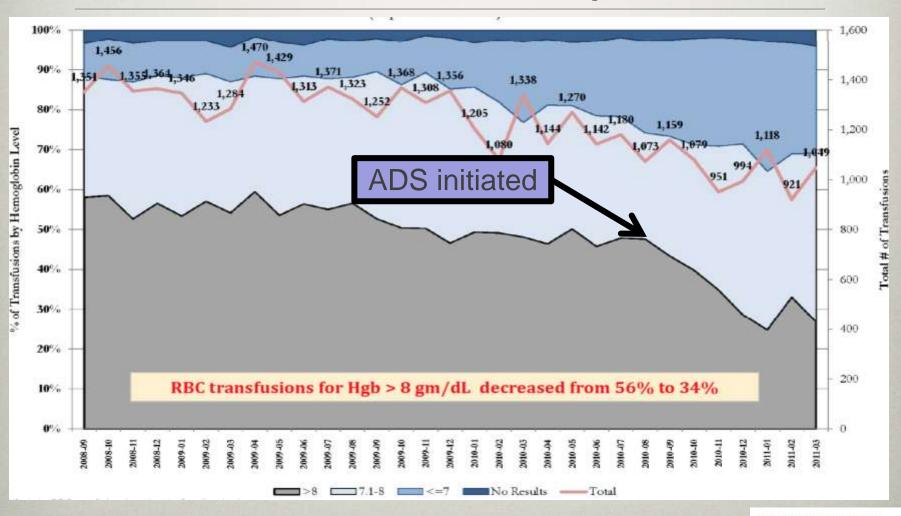
Blood Use in Cardiac Surgery: WA State "Average" vs. "Benchmark"



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What Can We Expect?



Maggio, P. Decreasing Blood Utilization. Stanford University. 4/26/2011

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Early Results

	Change in Transfusion Rate, 2012 vs 2011	Product	Estimated Savings on Product (2013)
RBC/Admit	-0.1818766	-5055.0778	-\$1,061,566
PLT/Admit	-0.0288937	-803.07036	-\$409,565
FFP/Admit	-0.1043171	-2899.3902	-\$289,939
TOTAL			-\$1,761,071

* Normalized by admission, extrapolated to total IP population



CLINICAL LABORATORY TESTING ALGORITHMS

Laboratory Utilization of Thyroid Tests

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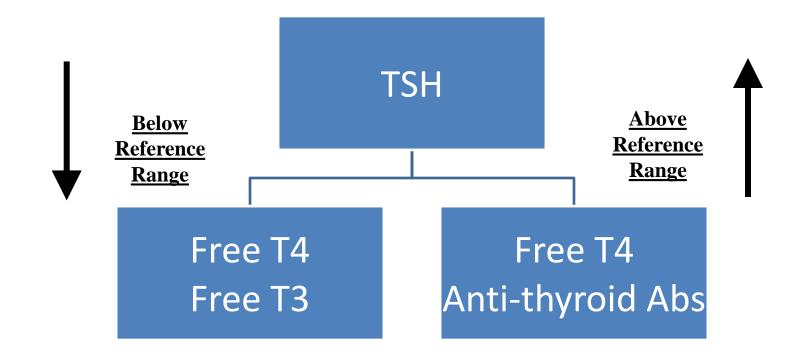


Inpatient Thyroid Tests

Order group description and number of times ordered in past year on inpatients

FREET3	15	FREET4 T3Q TSH	11
FREET3 FREET4	54	FREET4 TOTT4	3
FREET3 FREET4 T3Q TOTT4 TSH	2	FREET4 TOTT4 TSH	16
FREET3 FREET4 T3Q TSH	1	FREET4 TSH	1076
FREET3 FREET4 TOTT4	5	FT4 FT4 *	1
FREET3 FREET4 TOTT4 TSH	11	FT4 FT4 TOTT4 *	1
FREET3 FREET4 TSH	190	FT4 FT4 TSH *	1
FREET3 T3Q	1	T3Q	2
FREET3 T3Q TOTT4	1	T3Q TOTT4	3
FREET3 TOTT4	2	T3Q TOTT4 TSH	7
FREET3 TOTT4 TSH	6	T3Q TSH	1
FREET3 TSH	15	TOTT4	5
FREET4	106	TOTT4 TSH	24
FREET4 T3Q	7	TSH	1464
FREET4 T3Q TBG TSH	1		PENNSTATE HERSHEY
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Reflex Testing Algorithms

	Annual Volumes
Thyroid Screen	66
Anemia Screen	16
Hypercoagulable Panel	220



Modification of Test Formularies

- Make it difficult to order tests with a high probability of error
 - Cycloserine levels 20 orders on IPs sent over 2 years during which cycloserine was not available from the hospital pharmacy. Vendor charge = \$145/test.
 - No sample had a detectable level of cycloserine present.
 - No physician who ordered the test more than once, and no patient had a cycloserine level ordered more than once.
 - Cycloserine levels sits adjacent to cyclosporine level on the order screen.
 - Removed from formulary, no orders since.



Modification of Test Formularies

- Elimination of high-sensitivity CRP from IP formulary
 - Predictive marker for arteriosclerotic disease, not needed acutely
 - 734 IP orders between 7/1/11 and 3/31/12, @
 \$35.87/test, reduced by 60% (annual savings ~
 \$20K).
 - Test remains on the IP stroke orderset (future target).



Test selection: Buffet-style or menu?





Hematopathology Test Selection

Team composed of hematologist/oncologists and hematopathologists defines reflex testing algorithms for evaluation of bone marrow specimens for hematologic and lymphoid diseases.

Memo

Effective March 26, 2012

•Triage and ordering of bone marrow ancillary testing will be performed by a Pathologist in the Special Hematology Laboratory rather than by the physician performing the bone marrow procedure. The ordering process through CPOE for bone marrow evaluation will require a single new order: "Bone Marrow Pathology Consult." Ancillary testing will then be ordered by the Pathologist based on clinical history, consensus guidelines and communications with the treating physician.

Approved reflex testing - Hematopathology (bone marrow, blood, other samples as appropriate)

New leukemia:

•All: Flow cytometry, cytogenetics.
•If AML: add FISH for PML-RARA. If age < 75 and suspected de novo, add FLT3, NPM1 and CEBPA.
•If ALL: add FISH for BCR-ABL1 and RT-PCR for BCR-ABL1.

AML for followup:

•Day 30: If history of prior positive markers in flow cytometry, cytogenetics, FISH or molecular, order the appropriate test(s) to evaluate for MRD.

ALL for followup:

•All: Flow cytometry.

•If history of prior positive markers in flow cytometry, cytogenetics, FISH or molecular, order the appropriate test(s) to evaluate for MRD.

Possible MDS:•All: Cytogenetics, AML and MDS flow cytometry, MDS FISH.

MDS for followup:

•All: Cytogenetics.

•If history of prior positive markers in flow cytometry, cytogenetics, FISH or molecular, order the appropriate test(s) to evaluate for MRD.

Possible CML:•All: Cytogenetics, BCR/ABL1 FISH, BCR/ABL qualitative and p210 quantitative.•If increased blasts: Flow cytometry.

CML in followup:•All: Cytogenetics, BCR/ABL p210 quantitative if not ordered on peripheral blood.•If increased blasts: Flow cytometry.

Possible MPN:•All: Cytogenetics, JAK2, BCR/ABL1 FISH.•PRN: Flow cytometry, FISH studies, molecular studies.

Possible lymphoma: •All: Flow cytometry.



Bone marrow assessment for lymphoma

Charges/Case	Pre	Post	Change	%Change
Lymphoma Total	\$5,701.94	\$5,479.80	-\$222.14	-3.90%
Lymphoma TC	\$4,369.86	\$4,115.90	-\$253.96	-5.81%
Lymphoma PC	\$1,332.09	\$1,363.90	\$31.81	2.39%

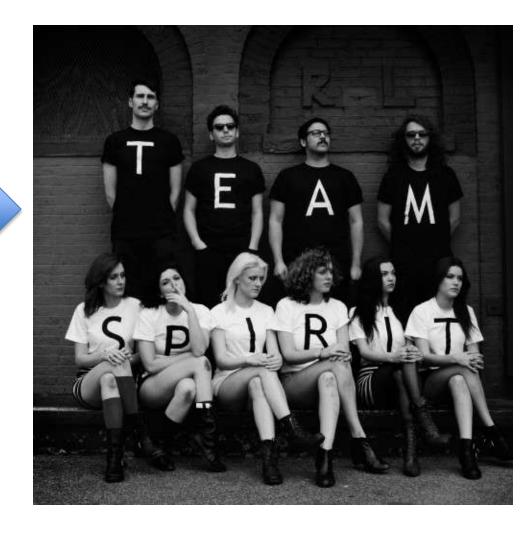
Charges/Case	Pre Other	Post Other	Change	%Change
Lymphoma Total	\$1,467.54	\$1,370.80	-\$96.74	-6.59%
	Pre Flow	Post Flow	Change	%Change
	\$2,461.09	\$2,789.40	\$328.31	13.34%
	Pre Chrom	Post Chrom	Change	%Change
	\$1,086.26	\$288.00	-\$798.26	-73.49%
	Pre FISH	Post FISH	Change	%Change
	\$530.40	\$694.00	\$163.60	30.84%
	Pre Mole	Post Mole	Change	%Change
	\$156.66	\$337.60	\$180.94	115.5 PENNSTA



Who controls standing ordersets?



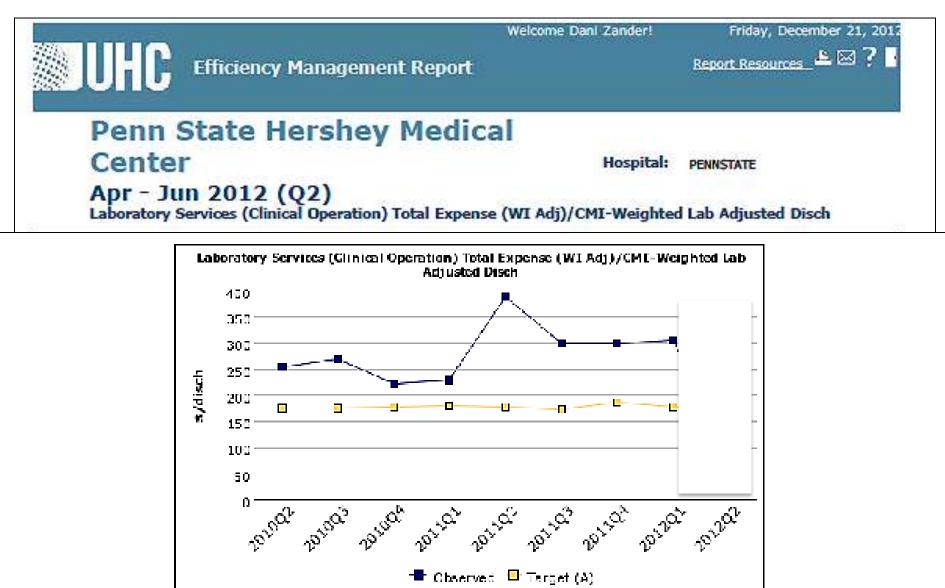




Pathologist review of OP standing ordersets for appropriateness of lab tests

					<u>% change in</u>
	<u>order set</u>	number tests initially preselected	number tests finally preselected	<u>difference</u>	preselected tests
1	FCM STD Screening Amb	9	0	-9	-100%
2	FCM Stool Studies Amb	5	0	-5	-100%
		8(170HP,ACTH,Aldo,Andro,Cortisol,DHEA,Re			
3	Endocrinol Adrenal Amb	nin, Electrolytes)	8(same list)	0	0%
		9(HCG,Estradiol,Prog,freeTesto,17OHP,FSH,L	5(removed HCG, estradiol, Prog,		
4	Endocrinol Gonads Amb	H,TotalTesto)	freeTesto)	-4	-44%
	Endocrinol Parathyroid, Ca & Bone	9(albumin,AlkPhos,bone-spec Alk Phos,Ca2+,	0 (como list)		
5	Amb	ion a2+,Phos,PTH,RenalProfile,25-OHVitD)	9 (same list)	0	0%
		7(ACTH,FSH,GH,IGF1,LH,Prolactin,alpha	6(removed alpha subunit Pituitary		
6	Endocrinol Pituitary Amb	subunitPituitary glycoprotein hormone)	glycoprotein hormone)	-1	-14%
l		9(freeT3,totalT3,freeT4,TSH,T3 by	4(removed T3 by dialysis, freeT4 by		
		dialysis, freeT4 by dialysis, totalT4, thyroid	dialysis, totalT4, thyroid ab, thyroid stim		
7	Endocrinol Thyroid Amb	abs,thyroid stim Igs)	lgs)	-5	-56%
8	Derm Accutane Amb	3(CBC,Lipid,Liver profile)	3(same list)	0	0%
9	Derm Biologics Amb	4(CBC,CMP,HBsAg,HepCAb)	4(same list)	0	0%
10	ONC Vit D Panel	1(250HVitD)	1(same)	0	0%
11	Hepatitis B Vaccine	0	0	0	0%
12	Hepatitis A Vaccine	0	0	0	0%
13	HPV Vaccine	0	0	0	0%
14	Urinary Tract Infection Ambulatory	0	0	0	0%
15	Ambulatory GI	0	0	0	0%
16	ID Comprehensive Care	0	0	0	0%
17	Anemia Screen Ambulatory	2 (CBC + Retic)	2(same)	0	0%
18	Endocrinol Diabetic/Lipid Scrn Amb	4 (BMP,Lipid Profile, A1C, ALT)	3 (removed ALT)	-1	-25%
19	Rheumatology FCM	7 (CBC,RF,ANA,Lyme,CRP,UA,ESR)	3 (removed Lyme, CRP, UA, ESR)	-4	-57%
20	FCM Male Comprehensive	0	0	0	0%
21	FCM Female Comprehensive	0	0	0	0%
22	FCM Executive Health Assessment	6 (CBC,CMP,Lipid,TSH,UA,A1C)	5 (removed A1C)	-1	-17%
23	FCM Gastric Bypass	6 (CBC,BMP,Ferritin,Iron,B12,VitD)	6(replace BMP with CMP)	0	0%
24	Hepatitis Serology	0	0	0	0%
25	STD Screening	0	0	0	0%
26	Medicare Annual Ambulatory	0	0	0	0%
27	Medicine GYN Ambulatory	0	0	0	0%
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	Total	89		-30	-34%

And finally a word about benchmarks



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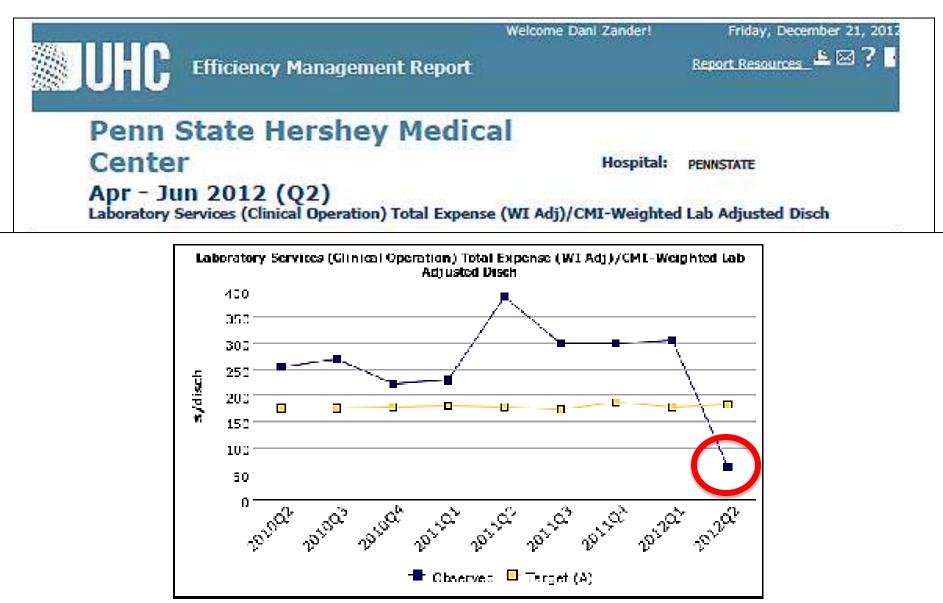
Per your request, below is a listing of the more major items that Karen and I have "cleaned up" since the FY13 budget hearing. There were some other small items but they had very minimal dollar impact. These were the items that caused the metrics to change.

Changes:

- Blood Bank:
 - Normalize out nursing FTE costs, apheresis supply expenses and billable statistics related to apheresis due to Action OI requiring the elimination of all apheresis services.
 - Normalize out FTE for managers w/budgetary responsibilities per Action OI rules
 - Normalize out a portion of an FTE due to that FTE supporting OP patient registration
 - Normalize out a portion of an FTE due to that FTE supporting bench teaching
- AP (Cytology, Histology and Molecular (AP per Action OI definition)):
 - Normalize out FTEs for managers w/budgetary responsibilities per Action OI rules
 - Normalize out a portion of an FTE due to that FTE supporting transcription services
 - Normalize out the Decedent Care per Jeff Lerman
- CP (HCT, ATL, Special Hem, Phlebotomy, SPA, Micro, HLA, Virology and PSU Lab):
 - Normalize out FTEs for managers w/budgetary responsibilities per Action OI rules
 - Normalize out a portion of an FTE due to that FTE supporting OP patient registration
 - Normalize out a portion of an FTE due to that FTE supporting bench teaching
 - Corrected a multi-year over accrual of reference testing expenses
 - Have mostly corrected the reference lab test counts continuing to work on this.

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And finally a word about benchmarks



Internal CP Data Summary - Includes HCT, ATL, Special Hem, Phleb, Factor, SPA, Micro, HLA, Virology and PSU Lab

	Jun_09 YTD FTES	Jun_10 YTD FTES	Jun_11 YTD FTES	Actual FY12 YTD FTES	FY12 Annualized	
Total FTE Equivs (Removed Managers / Supervisors responsible for budget and OP Registration FTEs)	151.87	154.00	153.41	161.52	161.52	Normalized
Total Paid Hours	315,890	320,320	319,093	335,962	335,962	
Primary Units					2,659,656	
Total Billed Primary Units per Lab FTE					16,466	
Normalized Hours Paid / 100 Primary Units					12.63	

Action OI Benchmark Data - Standard Total Operating Beds 401 - 600

	НМС	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	Lab % ile	FTEs Needed to achieve 50th %ile
Total Billed Tests per Lab FTE	16,466	13,576	14,764	17,555	65.25	
Hours Paid per 100 Billed Test	12.63	11.66	14.05	15.33	35.16	18.13

Action OI Benchmark Data - Standard Major Teaching Hospitals

	НМС	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	Lab % ile	FTEs Needed to achieve 50th %ile
Total Billed Tests per Lab FTE	16,466	12,135	15,395	17,725	61.50	
Hours Paid per 100 Billed Test	12.63	11.61	13.45	16.78	38.88	10.46

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Big dogs

- Blood utilization ADS
- Large-scale insourcing of tests

<u>Little dogs</u>

- Modifying test formularies
- Real-time review of sendout tests
- Orderset interventions

Algorithms

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