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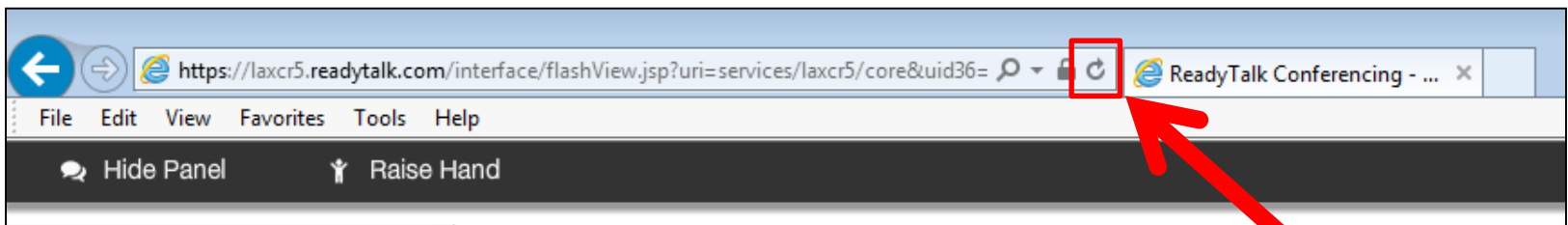
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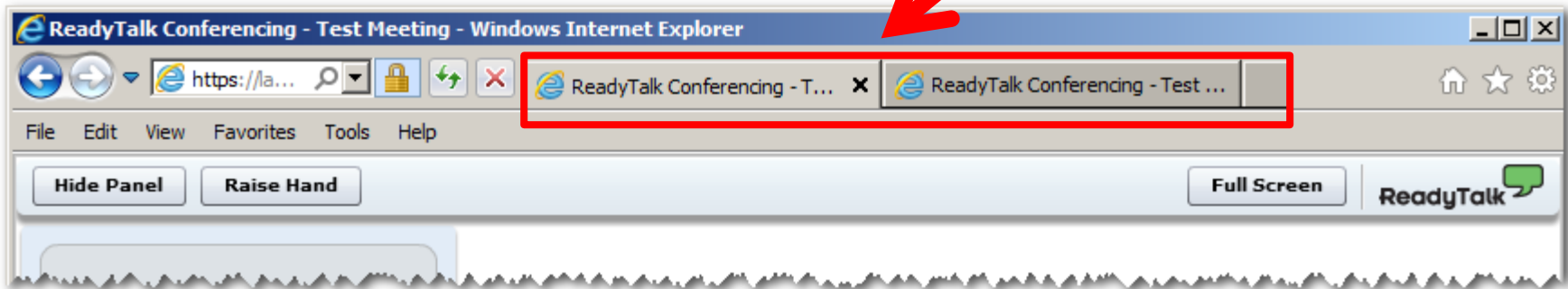


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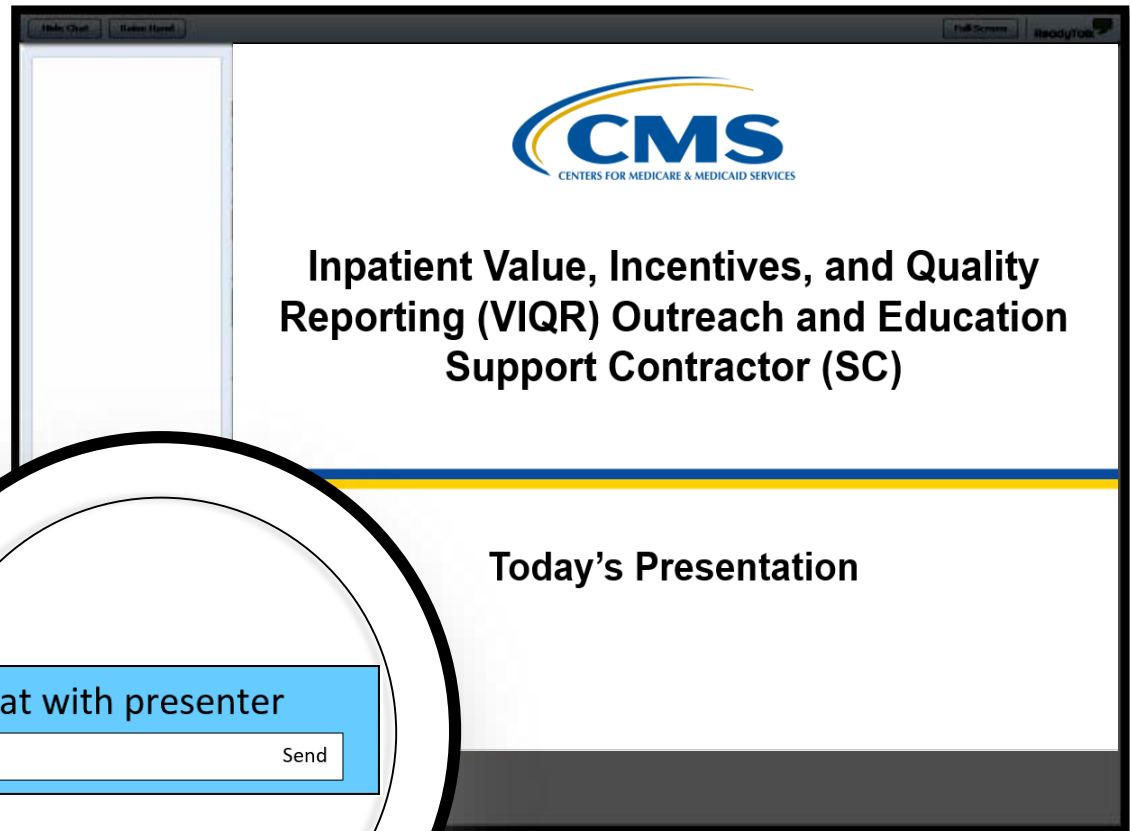
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# **SSM Health's Sepsis Core Measure Journey**

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# Purpose

This presentation will share SSM Health's processes and tools to implement the sepsis core measure and continuously improve results.

*Note:* CMS' sepsis measure support contractor will be on the webinar to answer technical measure questions and will not be able to answer questions about SSM Health's experience. Any question and answer follow-up from this webinar will only address technical measure questions where CMS is providing a response.



# Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to understand SSM Health's experience:

- Building a comprehensive sepsis improvement plan using a multimodal team approach.
- Creating and utilizing daily and monthly reports to monitor compliance with indicators of sepsis care.
- Using advanced analytics (machine learning) to identify opportunities for program improvement.

# Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABX	antibiotic	M	million
ARISE	Australasian Resuscitation in Sepsis Evaluation	MINS	minutes
B	billion	MO	Missouri
CE	continuous education	MRN	Medical Record Number
CI	confidence interval	NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	O/E	observed to expected
Dx	diagnosis	OK	Oklahoma
ED	emergency department	PATS	patients
EHR	electronic health record	PRISM	Protocolized Resuscitation in Sepsis Meta-Analysis
ESICM	European Society of Intensive Care Medicine	Q	quarter
HAR	Hospital Account Record	SCCM	Society of Critical Care Medicine
HR	hour	SEP	Sepsis
ICC	intraclass correlation coefficient	SSC	Surviving Sepsis Campaign
ICU	intensive care unit	SSSP	Simplified Severe Sepsis Protocol
IL	Illinois	Std	standard
IM	internal medicine	STL	St. Louis
IP	inpatient	WI	Wisconsin
IV	intravenous	Y/N	Yes/No
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	YTD	year to date
LOS	length of Stay		

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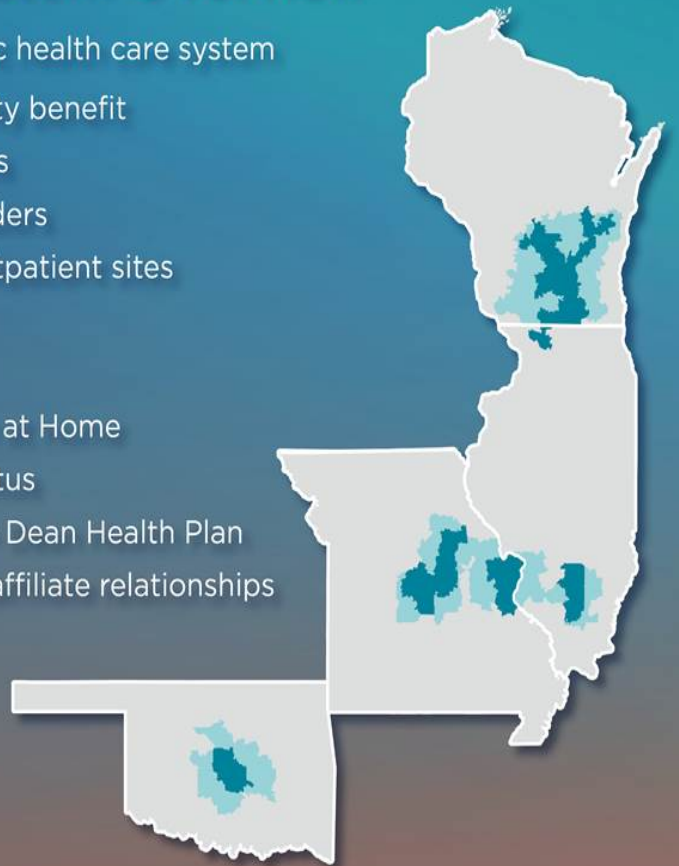
## **SSM Health and Our Sepsis Work**

# SSM Health – Who are We?

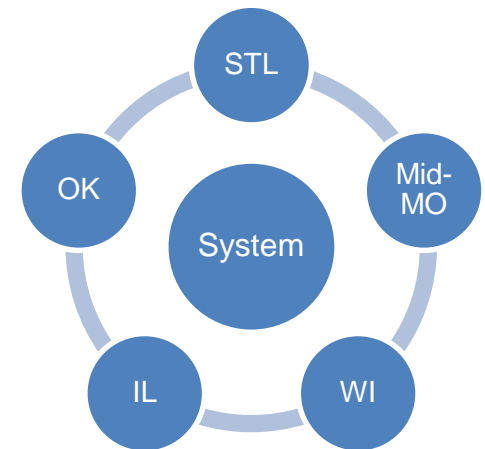
## SSM Health | System Overview

A \$7.5B not-for-profit Catholic health care system

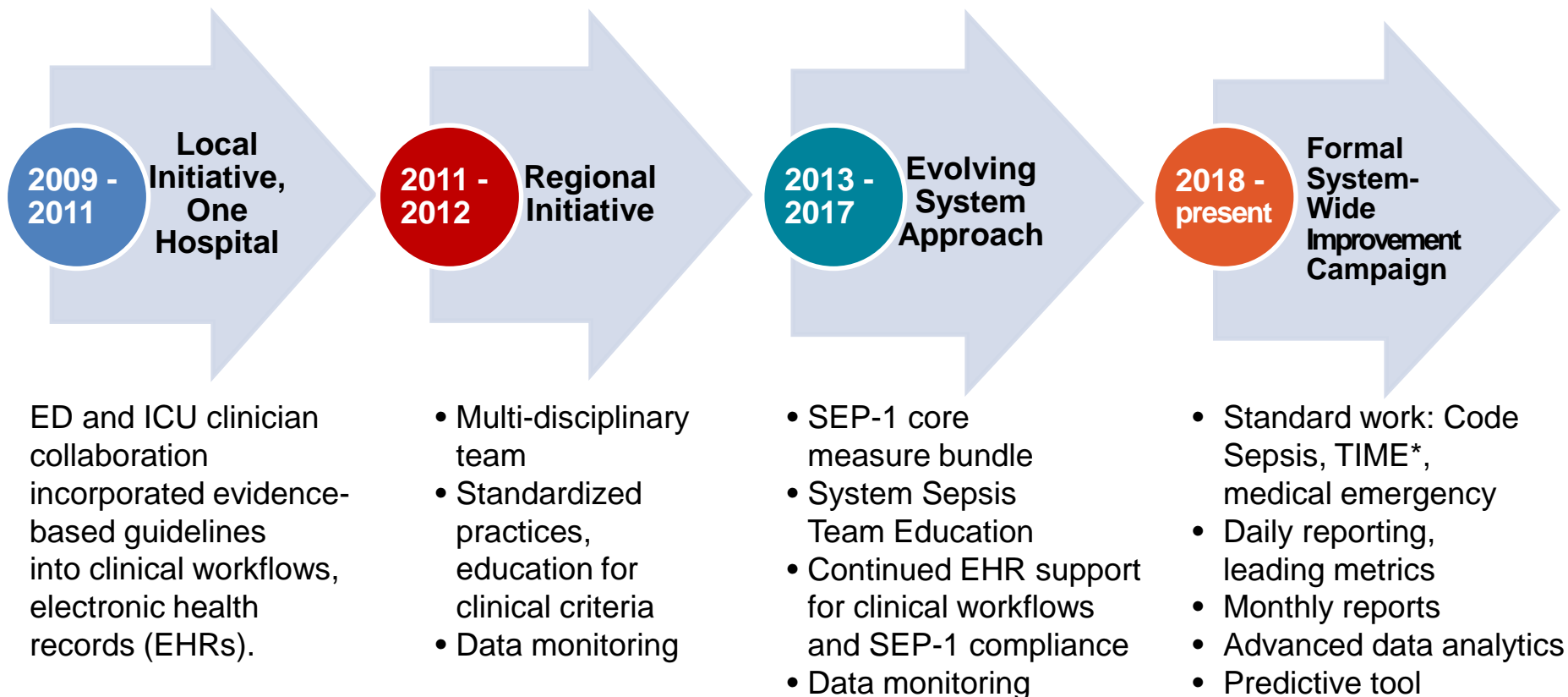
- Over \$450M in community benefit
- Nearly 40,000 employees
- 11,000+ physicians/providers
- 290+ physician office/outpatient sites
- 23 hospitals
- 10 post-acute facilities
- 77 counties - SSM Health at Home
- 5.9M covered lives - Navitus
- 405,000+ covered lives - Dean Health Plan
- 40+ managed hospitals/affiliate relationships



**Geographic regions support the System structure.**



# SSM Health's Sepsis Program Development

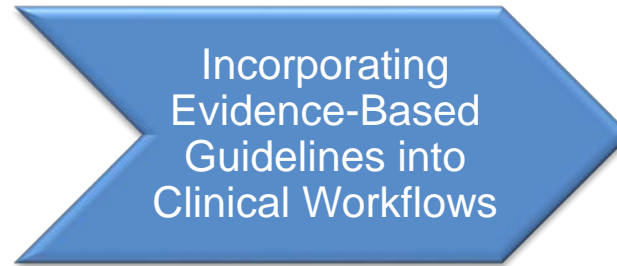


\*Temperature, Infection, Mental Decline, Extremely Ill

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## **Sepsis Overview and Program Development**

# Overview and History of Sepsis Treatment



- 1992: First definition of sepsis implemented
- 2001: Concept of early, goal-directed therapy, Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC) formed
  - Time zero defined. Sepsis better defined and established as a systemic event.
  - Guidelines updated every four years (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016).

# Overview and History of Sepsis Treatment

- 2014: Concept of bundles
  - ProCESS and ARISE, Ferrer et al. Critical Care Medicine
- 2015: Concepts of bundles
  - ProMISe and early goal-directed resuscitation
  - Surviving Sepsis Campaign update
  - CMS SEP-1 implementation
- 2016: SCCM/ESICM Sepsis-3
- 2017: Meta-analysis PRISM
  - Seymour et al. NEJM
  - SSSP2
- 2018: Concept of bundles
  - 1-hour bundle
  - Surviving Sepsis Campaign update
  - Results of the SEP-1 implementation



# Overview and History of Sepsis Treatment

## Diagnostic interventions:

- \* Initial and repeat lactate
- \* Blood cultures

## Therapeutic interventions:

- \* Antimicrobial drugs
- \* IV fluids
- \* Vasopressors

SEP-1: Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock

## Monitoring intervention:

- \* Post-resuscitation perfusion focused assessment

## “All inclusive bundle”:

- \* Goal to achieve ALL 3- and 6-hour requirements

# Comprehensive Sepsis Improvement Program



## System Sepsis Mortality Improvement Campaign

- Clinical leader champions, hospital teams, collaboration
- Gap analysis, standard work, data results

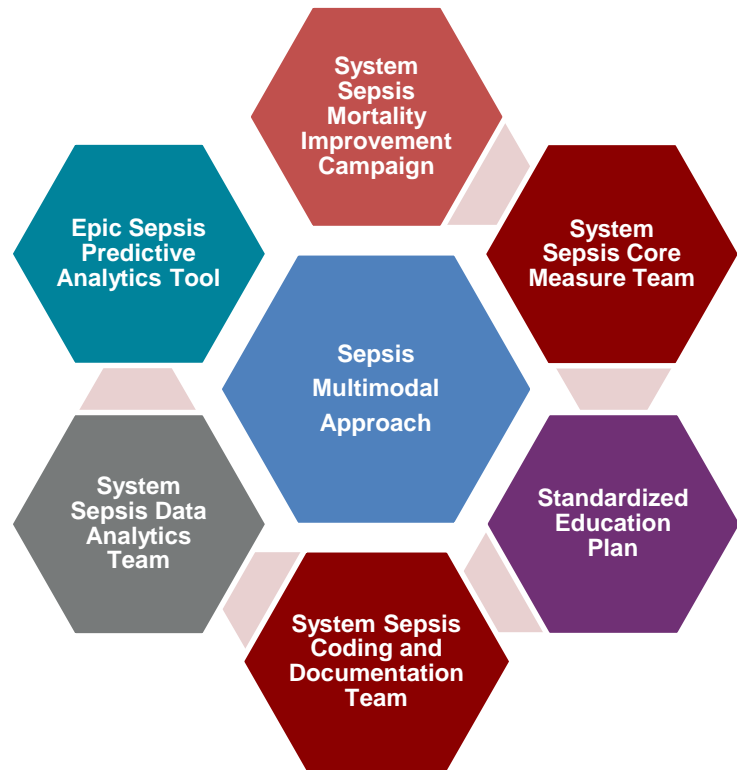
## System Sepsis Core Measure Team

- Workflows and Epic (EHR) optimization
- Outlier review, develop abstraction guidelines, templates
- Code Sepsis process, handoff tool

## Standardized Education Plan

- Tip sheets, online learning module
- Sepsis video for employee and patient education (YouTube)
- September Sepsis Awareness Month activities
- Screen savers and badge cards

# Comprehensive Sepsis Improvement Program (continued)



## System Sepsis Coding and Documentation Team

- Standardize coding and documentation, education
- Review of sepsis coding and documentation data for opportunities

## System Sepsis Data Analytics Team

- Analyze data with various methodologies
- Meaningful reports to drive improvement

## Sepsis Predictive Analytics Tool

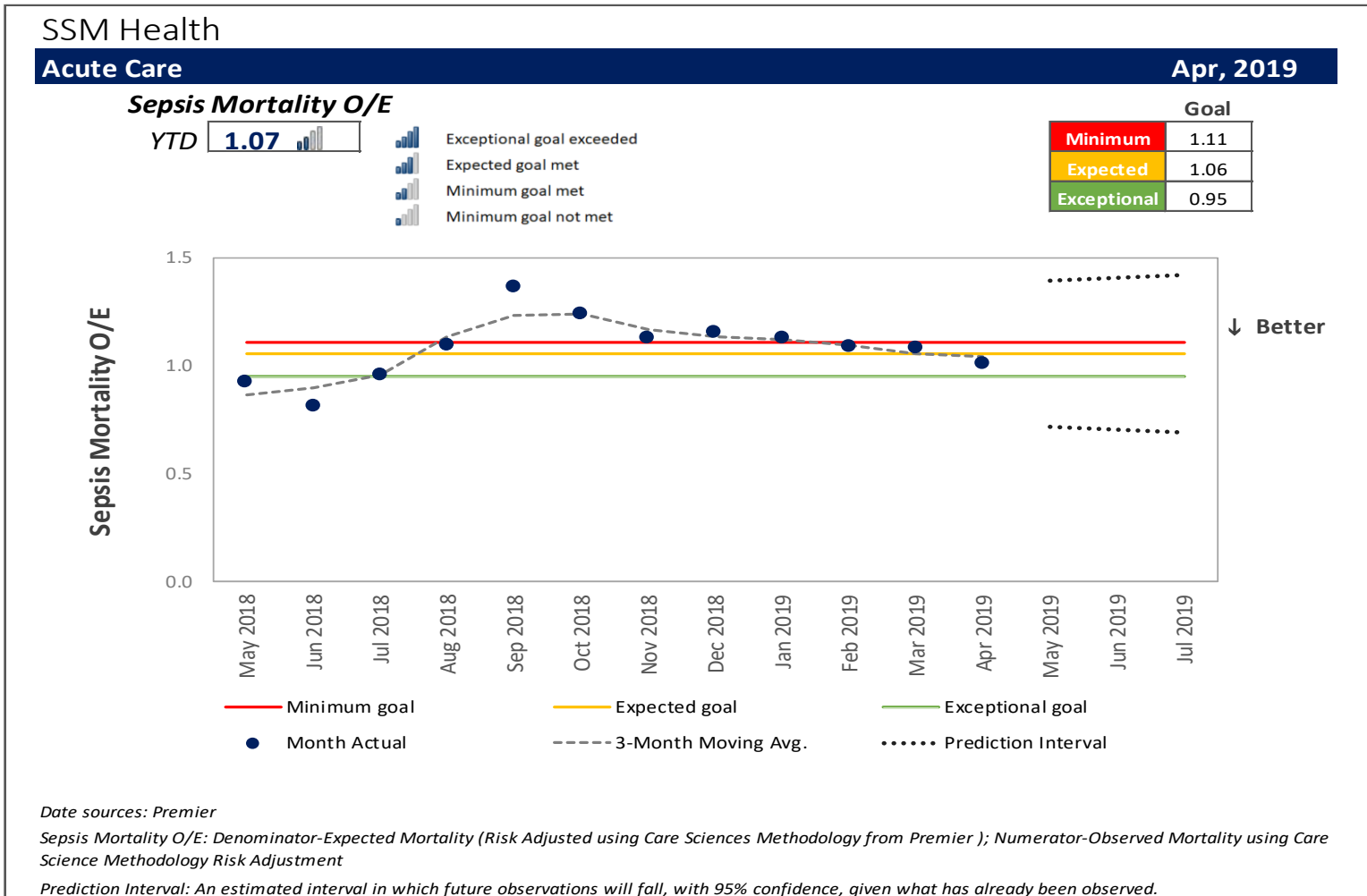
- Epic (electronic health record) tool; assist in predicting when patient has a high probability of developing sepsis
- Phased go-live approach
- Analyze the tool's effectiveness

## SSM Health's Sepsis Core Measure Journey

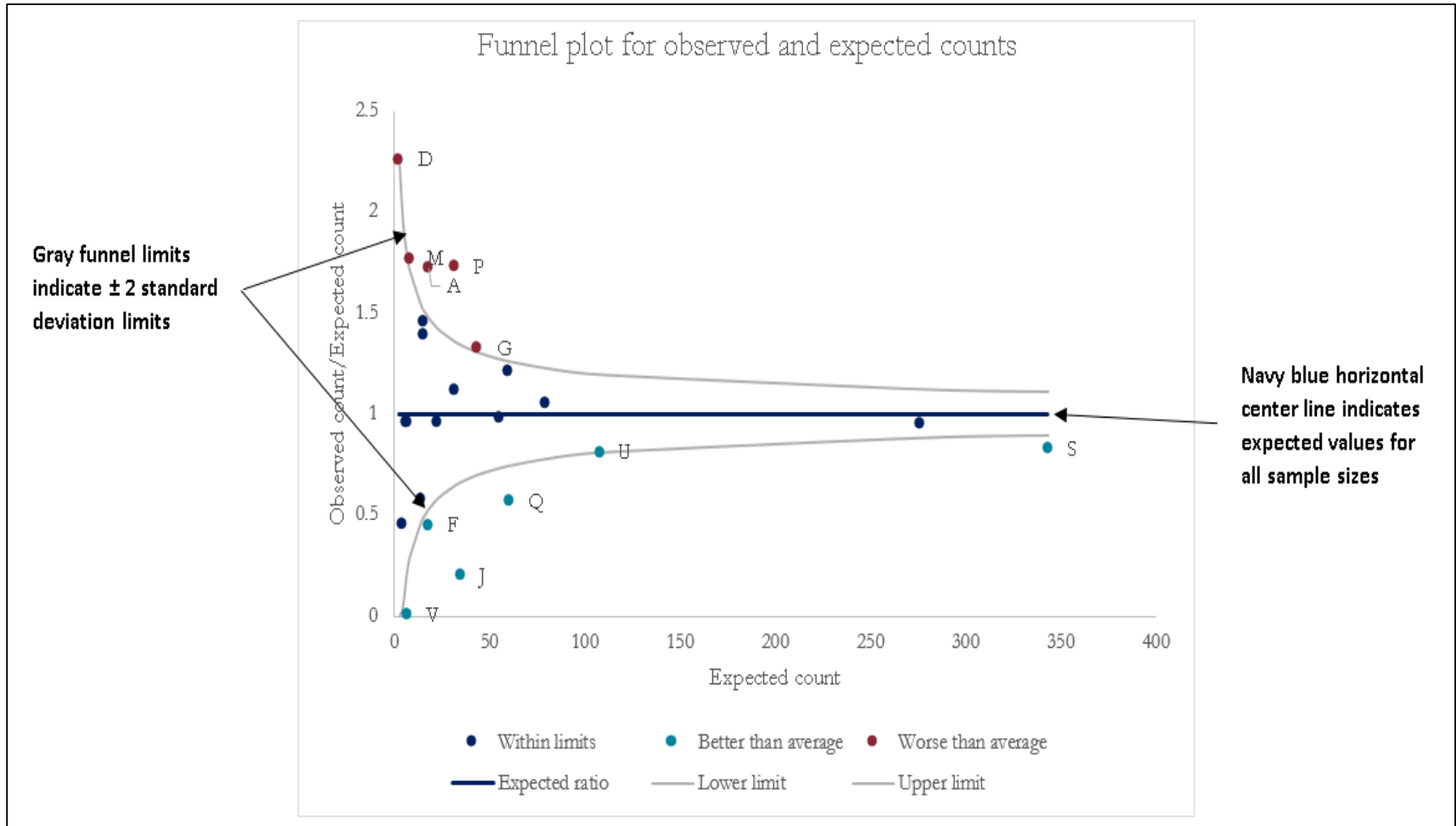
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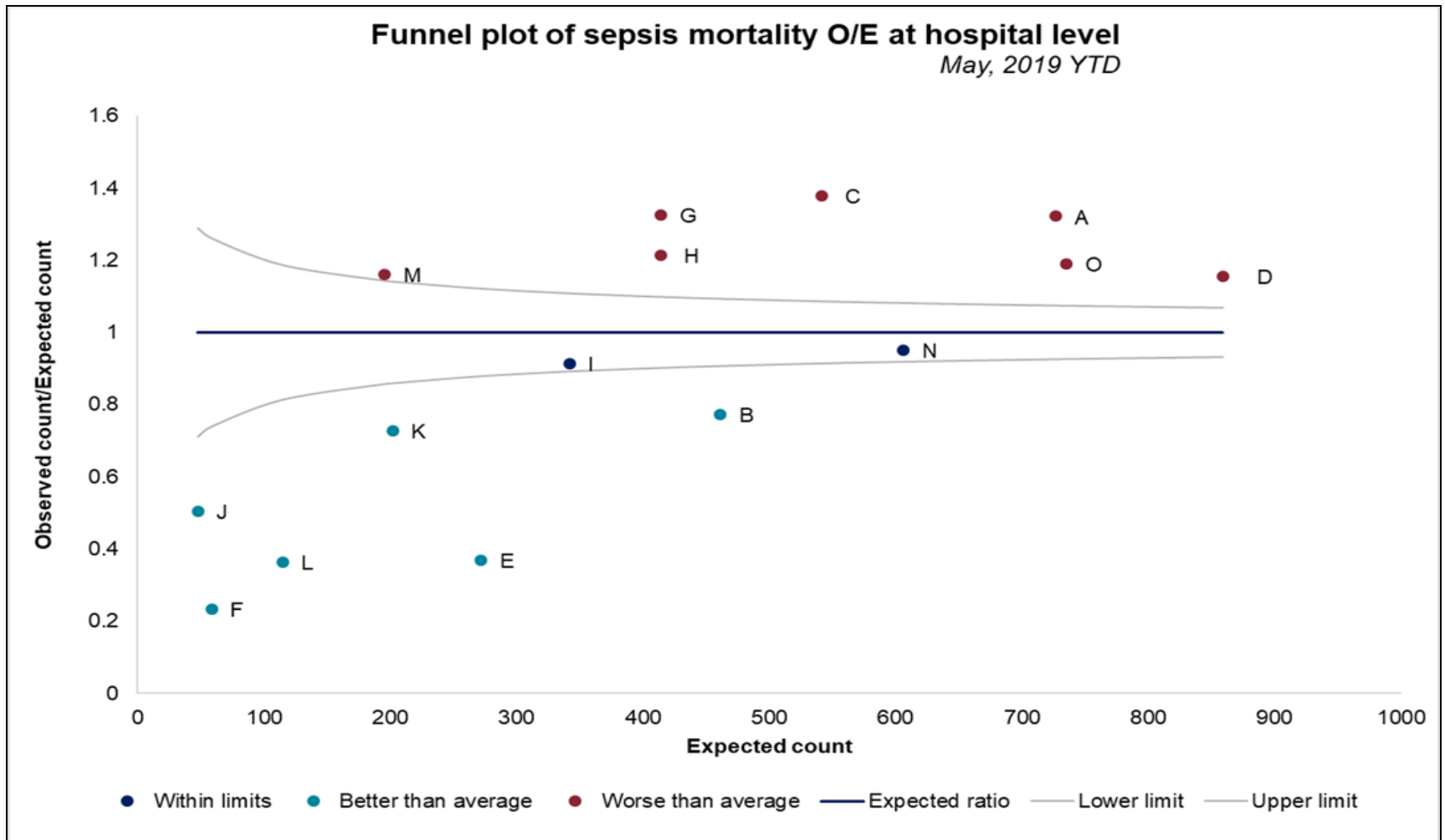
# Monthly Reporting of Measures



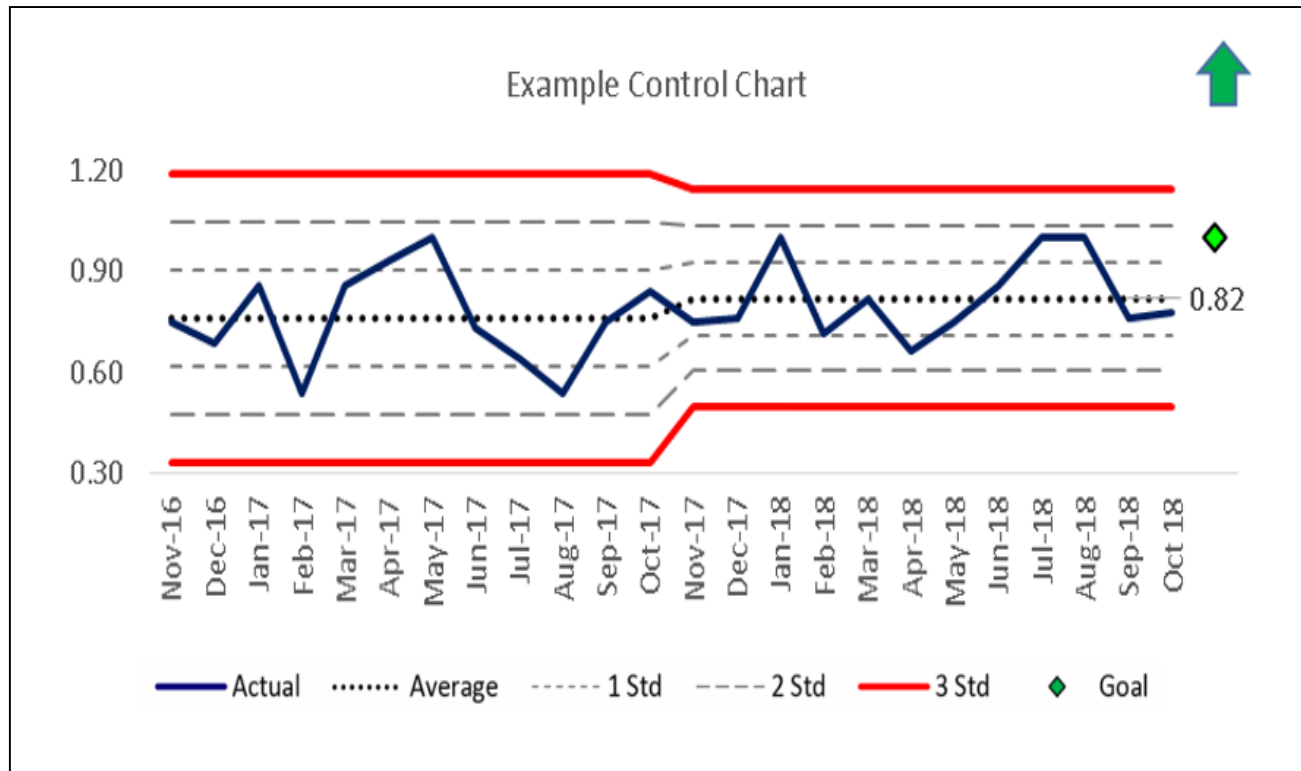
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# Using Funnel Plots: Monthly Reporting

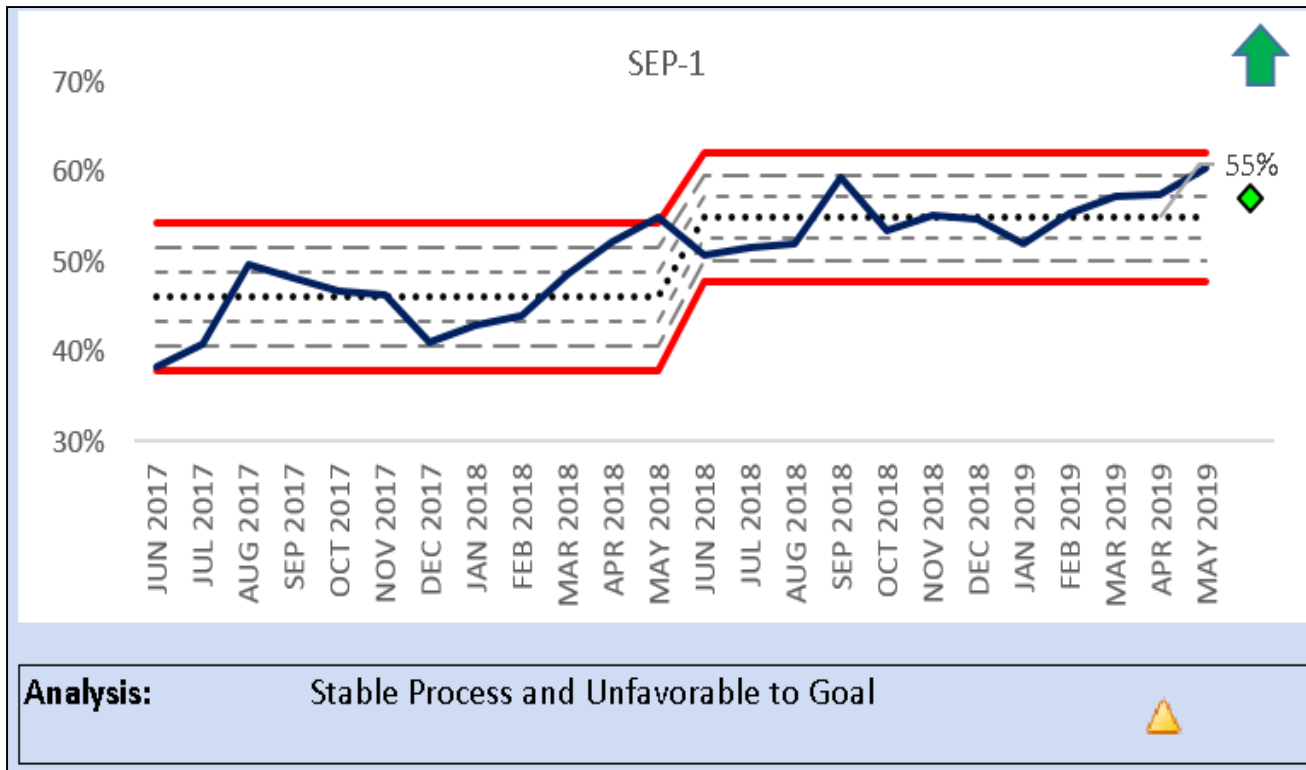


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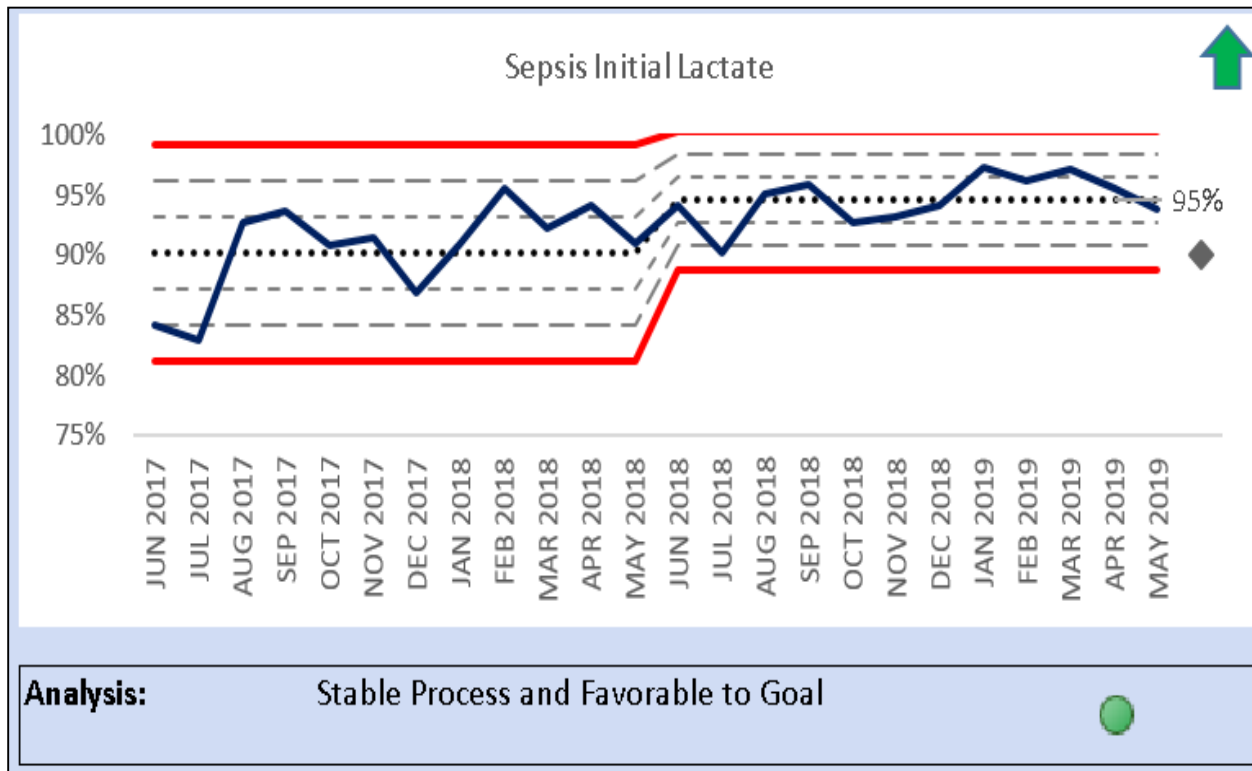




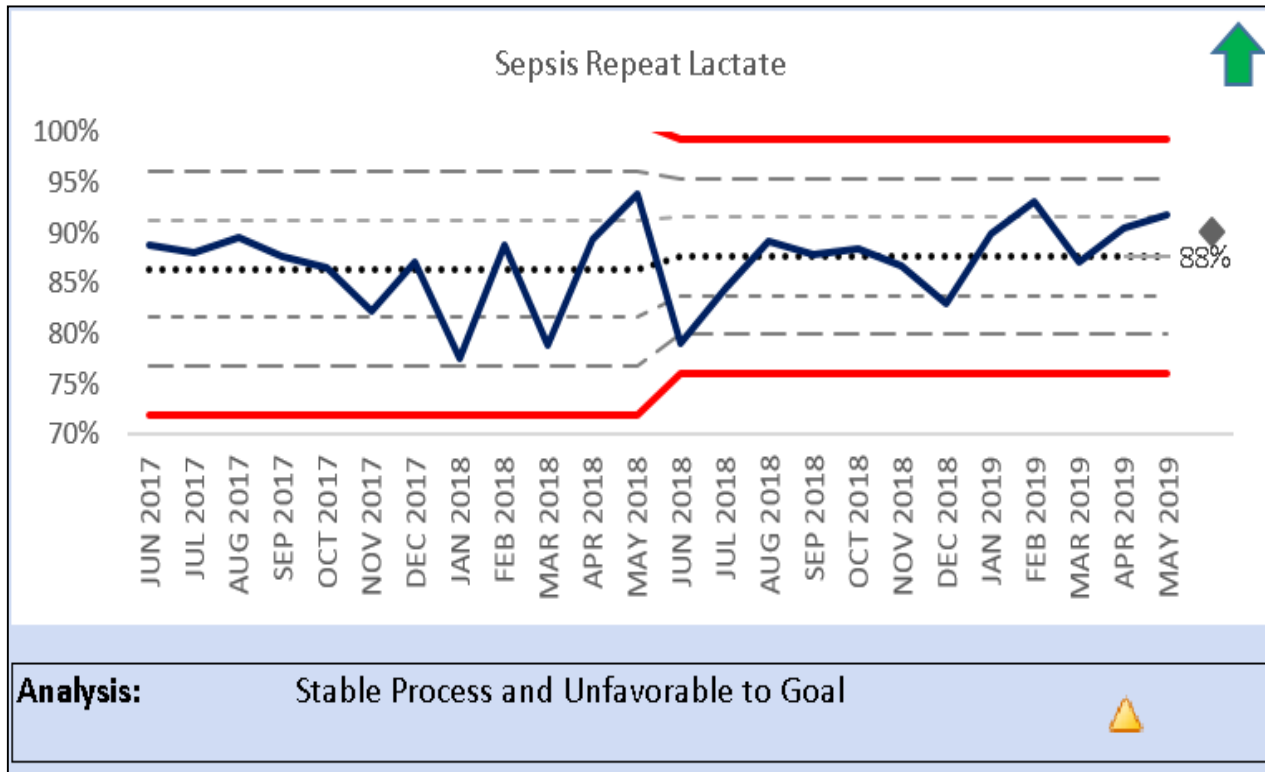
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# Emergency Department Use of Sepsis Order Set: Daily Reporting

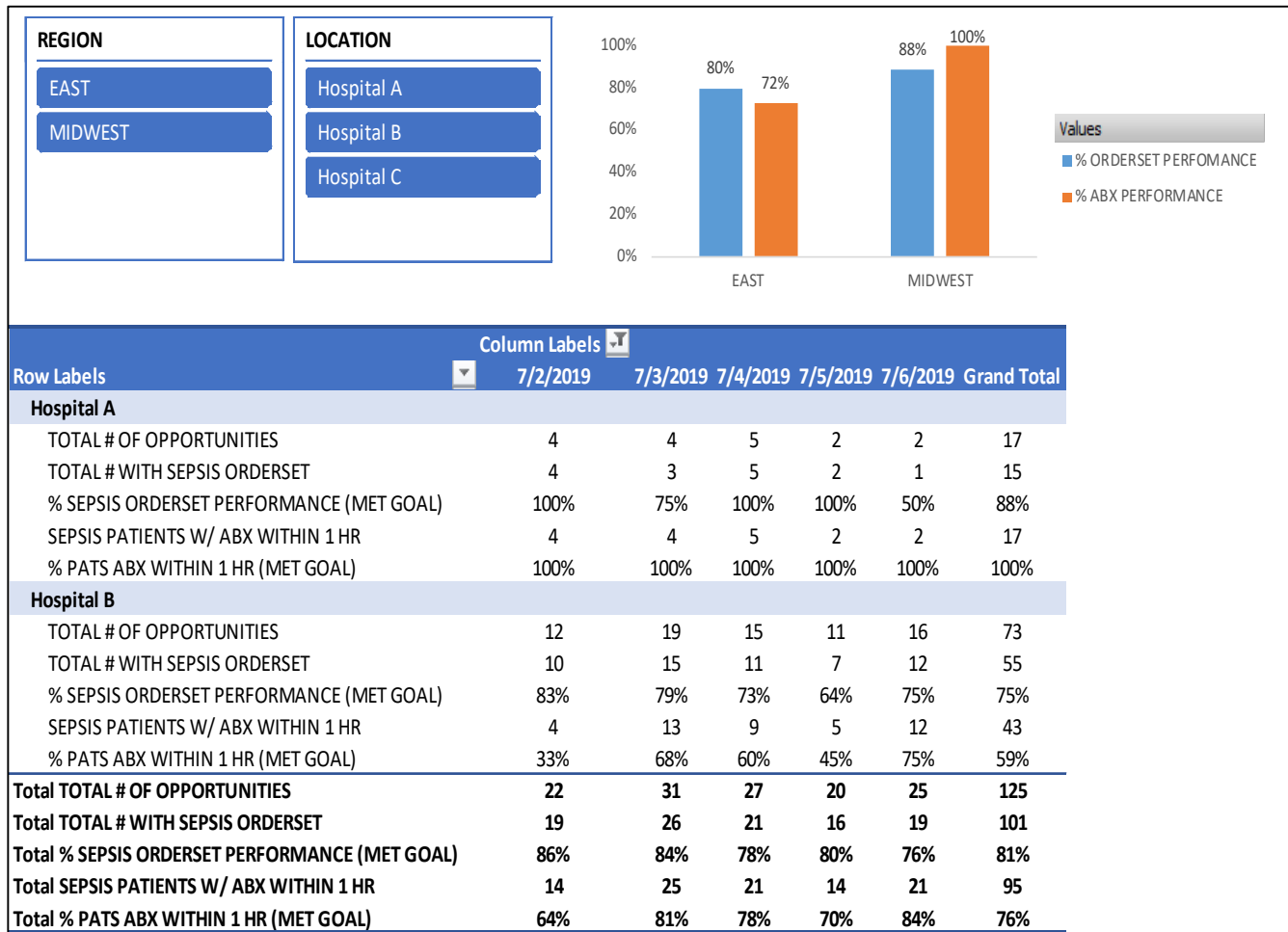
- In April, 2017, SSM Health began generating daily reports of whether providers used the sepsis order set in the emergency department (ED) for patients admitted with a sepsis diagnosis to one region's hospitals. Goal set at 90% order set usage.
- If providers did not use the order set, providers were asked, "Why not?"
- SSM health posted results, including provider name, on the ED performance board, and shared results in sepsis team and leadership meetings.
- Chief Medical Officer followed up with phone calls to ED Medical Directors regarding providers who had a consistent record of not using the order set.

Admit Date	Name	Hospital /Unit	Age	Sex	Admit Dx	HAR	MRN	Sepsis Order Set Used? (Y/N)	Who Initiated Sepsis Order Set? (RN/MD)	Comments
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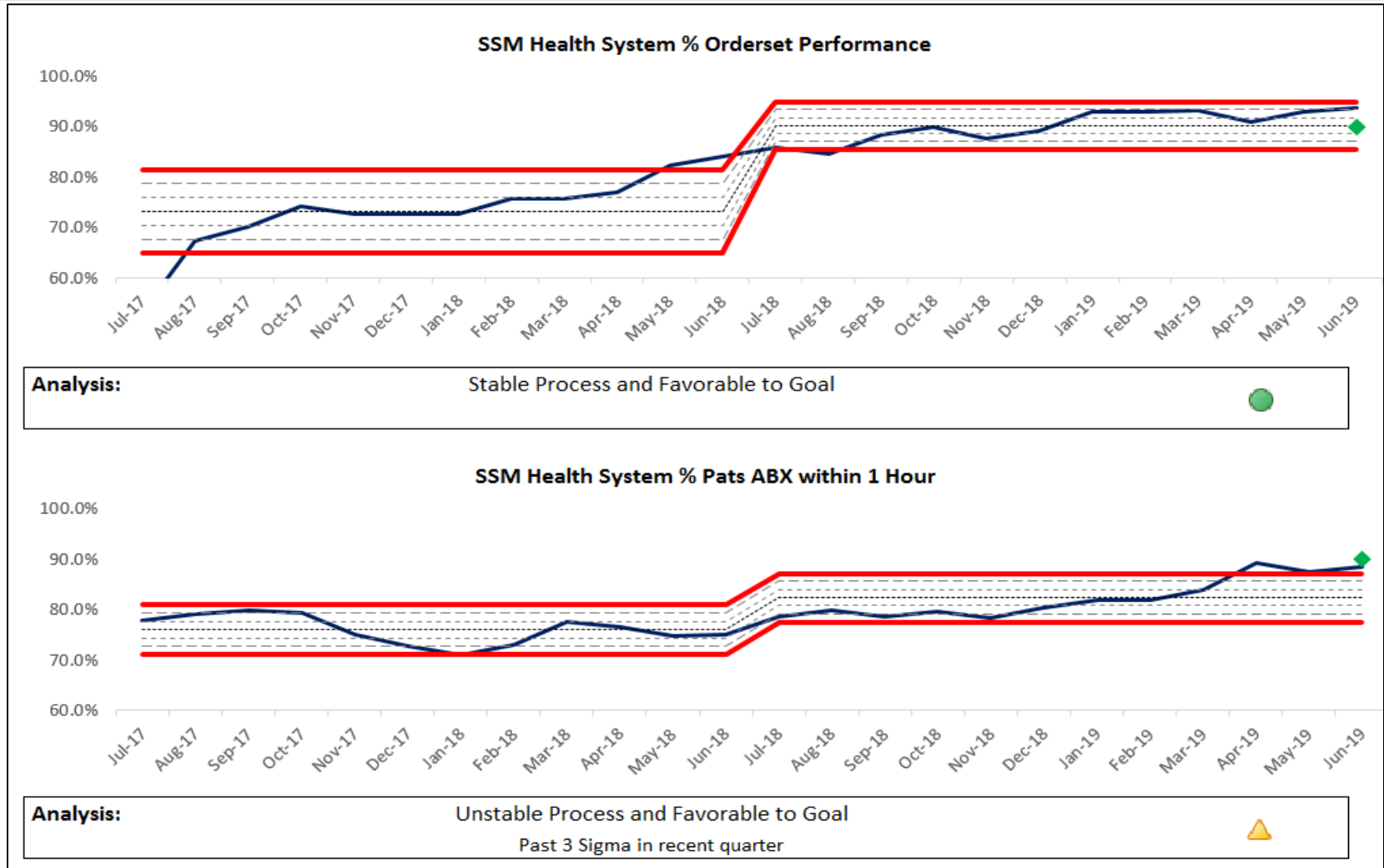
# Ministry and Regional Results: Daily Reporting

- We added daily reporting of antibiotic administration **within one hour of order\*** in December 2018. (Data shown as “back dated” for baseline prior to December 2018.)
- Report has been rolled out system-wide with approximately 200 recipients across five regions.
- We recently added the “percent of Best Practice Alerts responded to in 30 minutes or less” (in pilot phase).

\*SSM Health’s *internal goal*



# Using Control Charts: Monthly Reporting of *Internal Measures*



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## **Advanced Data Analytics**

# Use Case 1: Hospital Differences in Sepsis Mortality

**Question:** How much of the variability in risk of death across ministries is due to differences in SEP-1 compliance?

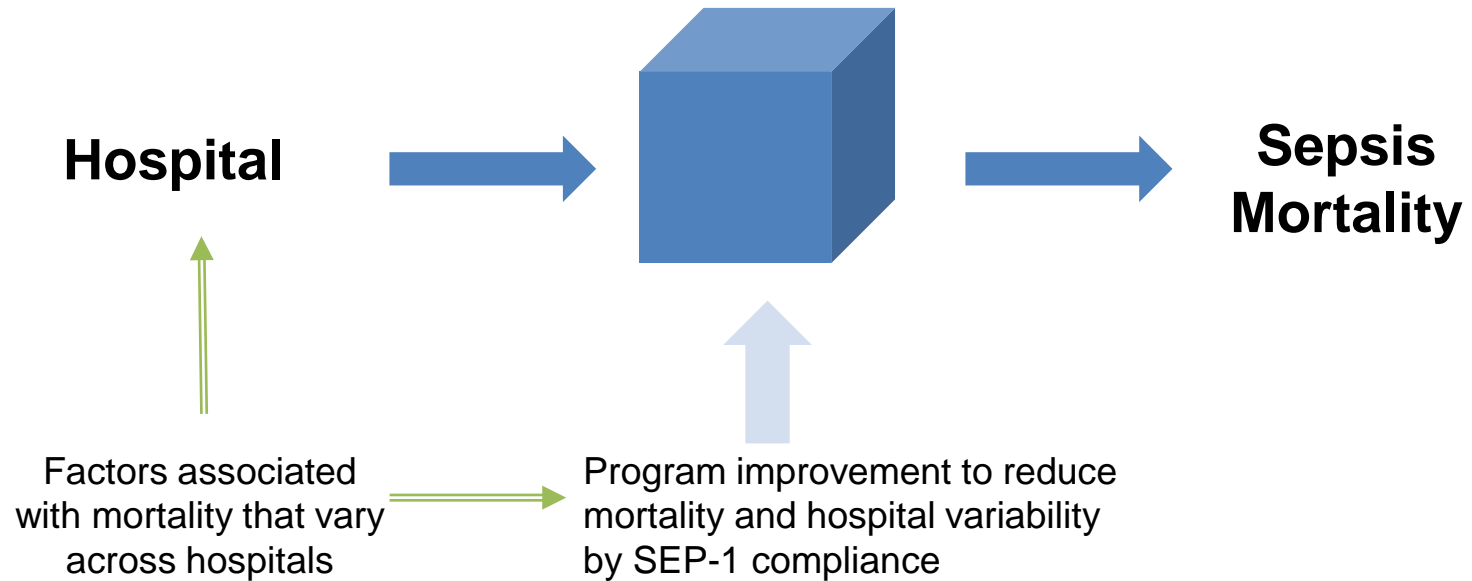
**Why is this important:** How much room for further improvement?

## Methods

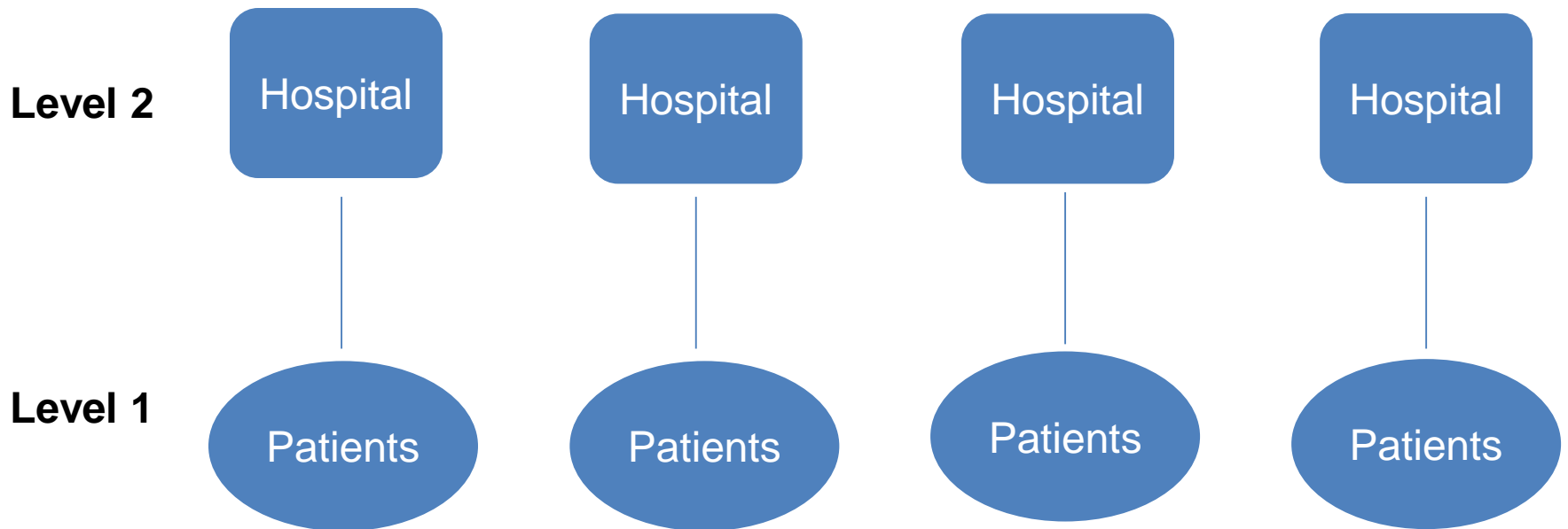
- Use of core measure data managed by Press Ganey vendor
- Severe sepsis and septic shock patients admitted Jan 2017–Dec 2018
- Number of observations = 4265
- Multilevel logistic regression model predicting death



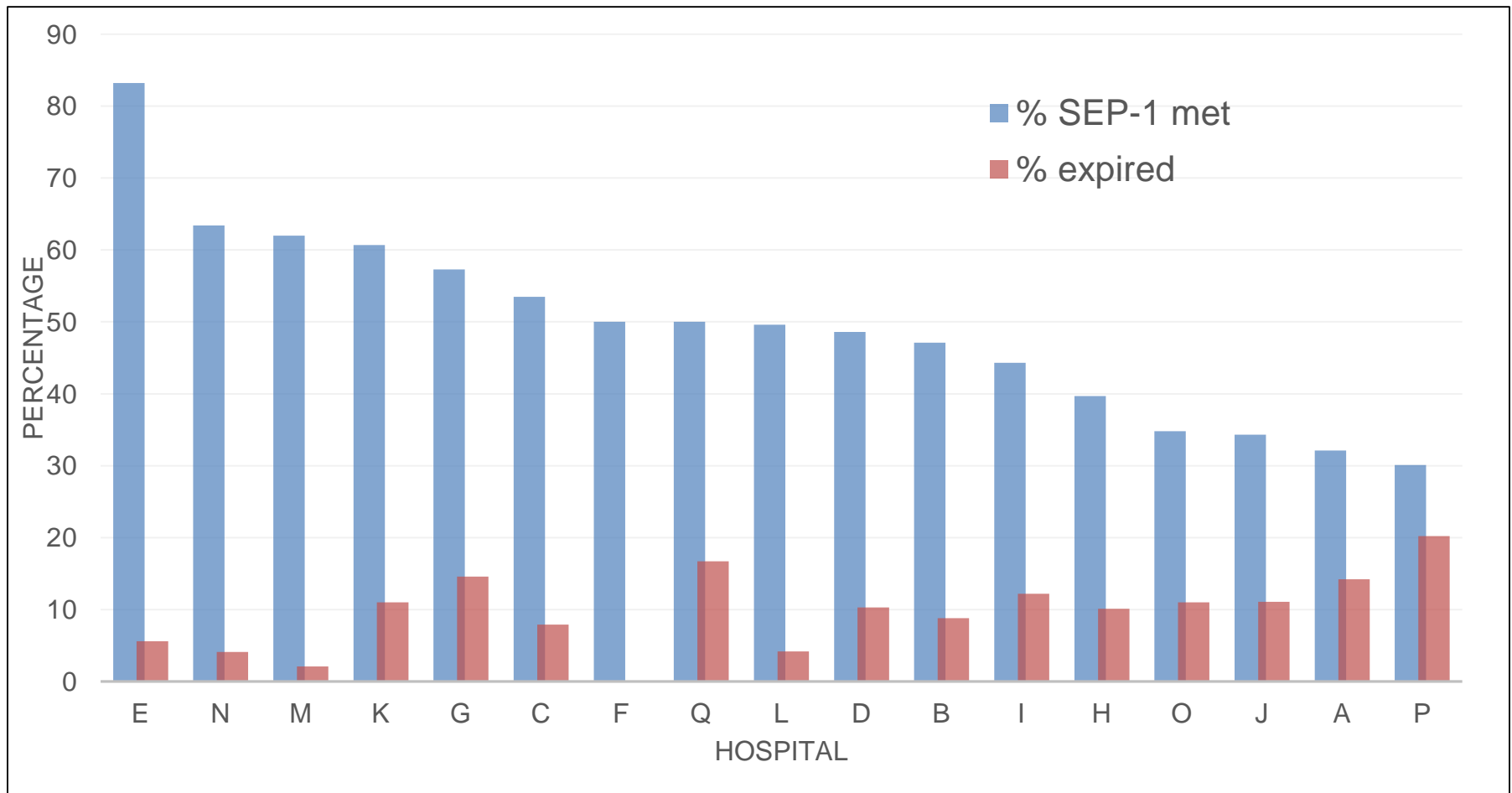
# Use Case 1: Hospital Differences in Sepsis Mortality?



# Multi-Level Structure of Patients Nested Within Hospitals



# Variability in % SEP-1 and Patients Who Expired Across Hospitals



# Results and Implications

- **Model A:** Intra-class correlation coefficient (measure of variability in risk of death across ministries) while adjusting for sex, race, age, comorbidity, primary payer, present on admission, sepsis shock/severe sepsis, ICU stay, day of the week: **0.128**
- **Model B:** Model A + SEP-1 compliance. ICC: **0.117**
- **Results:**  $100\% * (0.128 - 0.117) / 0.128 = 8.6\%$  of the variance in risk of death across ministries explained by differences in SEP-1 compliance after adjusting for patient-level differences
- **Implications:** SEP-1 compliance important, but lots of room for implementation of additional program improvements.

# Use Case 2: Learning from Our Data

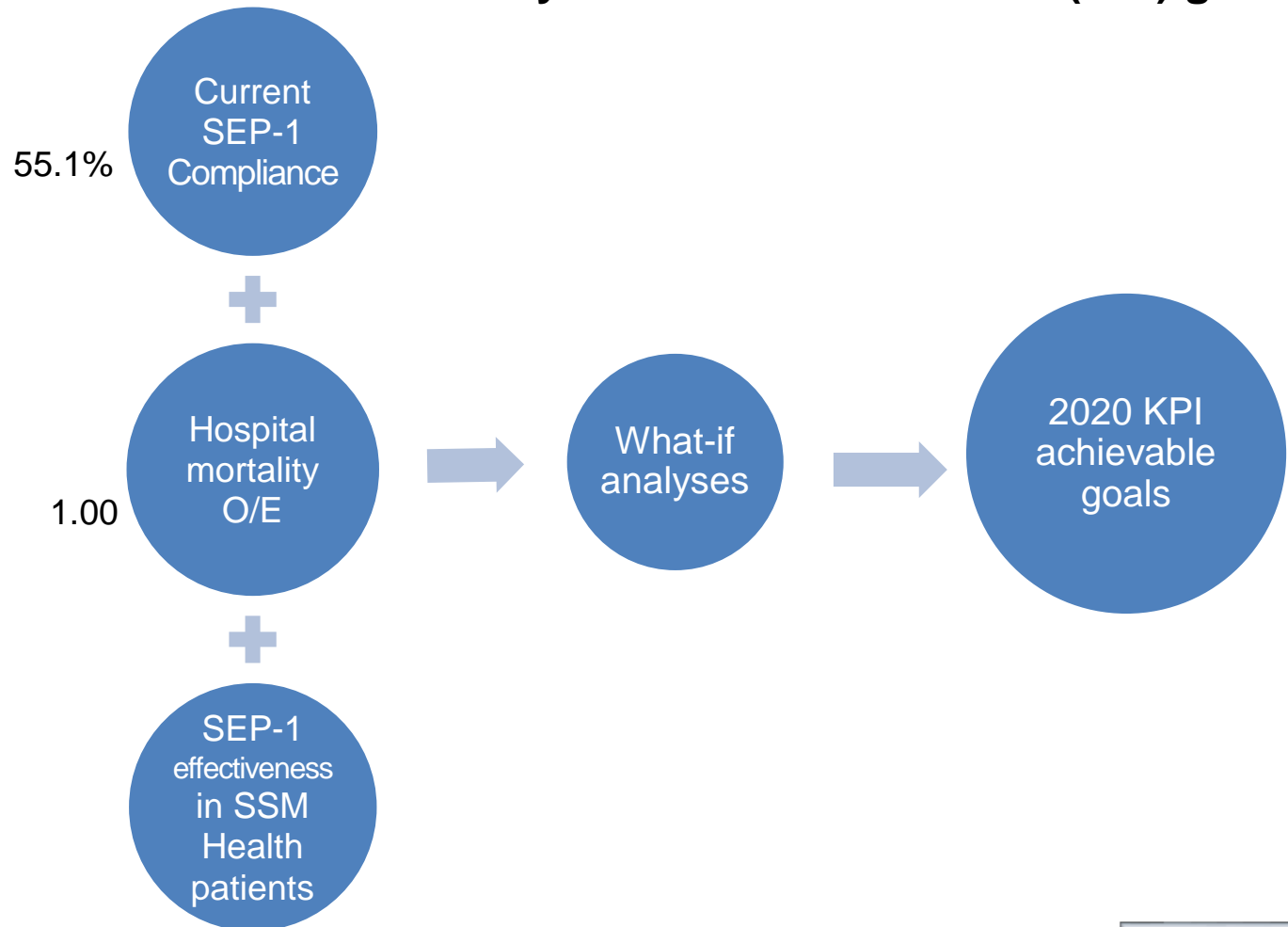
- **What we know:**
  - The SEP-1 bundle reduces the risk of death of SSM Health patients.
  - The SEP-1 bundle reduces length of stay of SSM Health patients.
- **What we don't know:**
  - What is the effect of increasing SEP-1 compliance on hospital-specific mortality?

# Learning from Our Data

## Use of Core Measure data to set 2020 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) goals

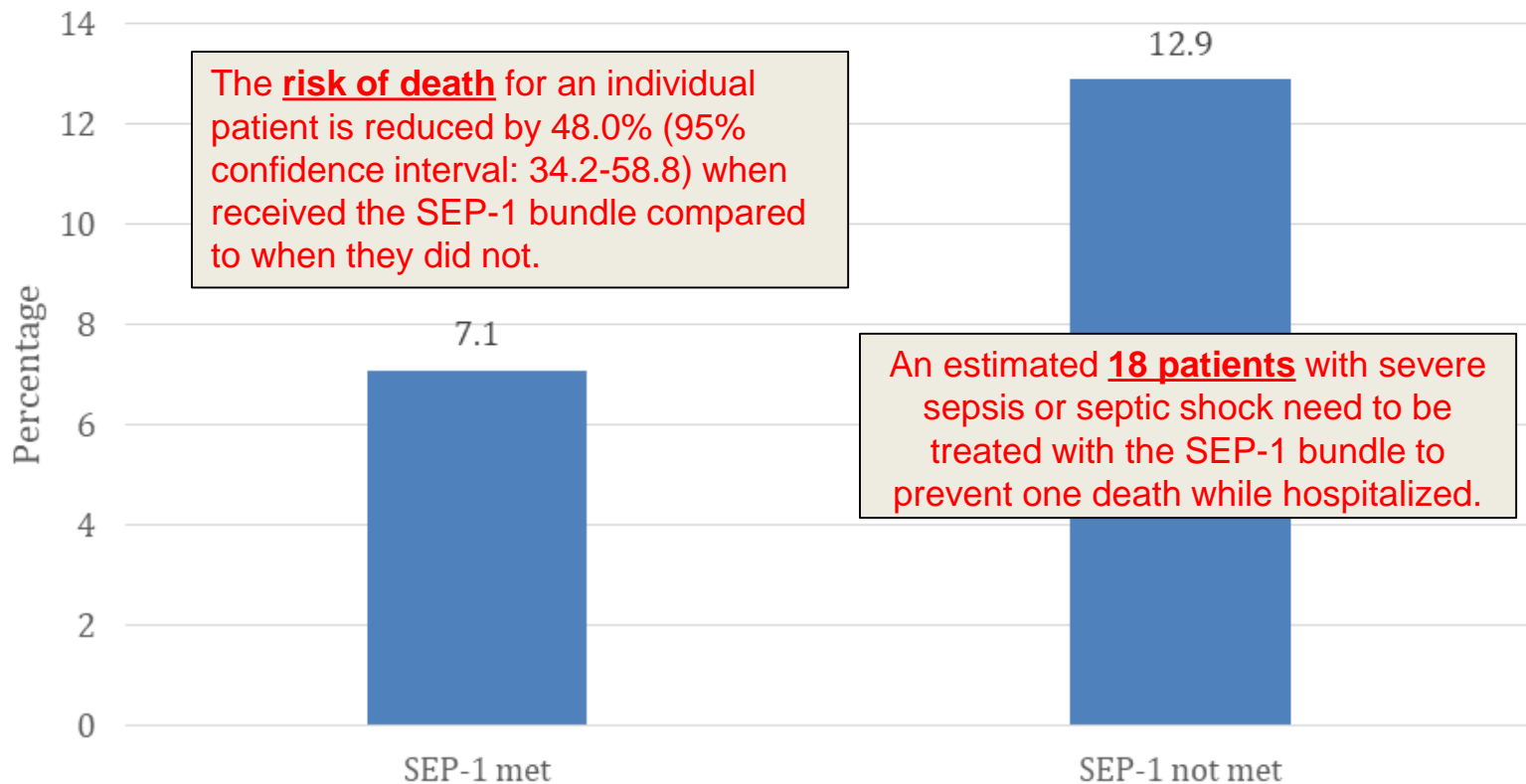
### Example:

An estimated 18 patients with severe sepsis or septic shock need to be treated with the SEP-1 bundle to prevent one death while hospitalized.



# Effectiveness of SEP-1 on Risk of Death Sepsis and Septic Shock Among Severe Patients

Figure 1. Percentage of patients who died by SEP-1 bundle, taking into account patient characteristics and other covariates, 2016-2018 (Q1)



# What-if Scenarios for Estimating 2020 KPI for a Specific Hospital

Scenario	if % SEP-1 increased during May-Dec 2019 to*	Estimated # severe sepsis & septic shock patients during May-Dec 2019**	# additional patients prevented from dying during May-Dec	Observed: Expected during May-Dec 2019
<b>1</b>	<b>65.1%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>75.1%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.91</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.88</b>

\* Increases in SEP-1 Core Measure data

\*\* Estimated based on historical data from Premier Inc.



# Use Case 3: The Impact of the Sepsis Predictive Tool

- Epic Cognitive Computing Model is for early detection of sepsis.
- In late 2017, SSM Health began implementation of a Predictive Model to aid in early detection of sepsis.
  - The model considers data elements in the electronic health record to predict the probability of a patient becoming septic. Data elements used include: demographics, vital signs, recent lab results, counts of medication orders, comorbidities, and invasive lines or drains.
  - The model output provides a probability score of the patient developing sepsis. This score is made visible to the clinicians.
  - The probability score is also used to alert clinicians when it reaches the alert threshold (6% in ED, 8% inpatient). The alert prompts clinicians to defined actions.

# Sepsis Predictive Tool in Epic

The red clock icon displays if a patient has been started on a Sepsis Treatment Protocol.

The Early Detection of Sepsis Predictive model generates the score. A rising score indicates a strong possibility the patient is developing sepsis. Alerts are generated if the score reaches 6 in the ED or 8 on the inpatient units. The colored bubble indicates factors contributing to the score and what the recent score trend had been.

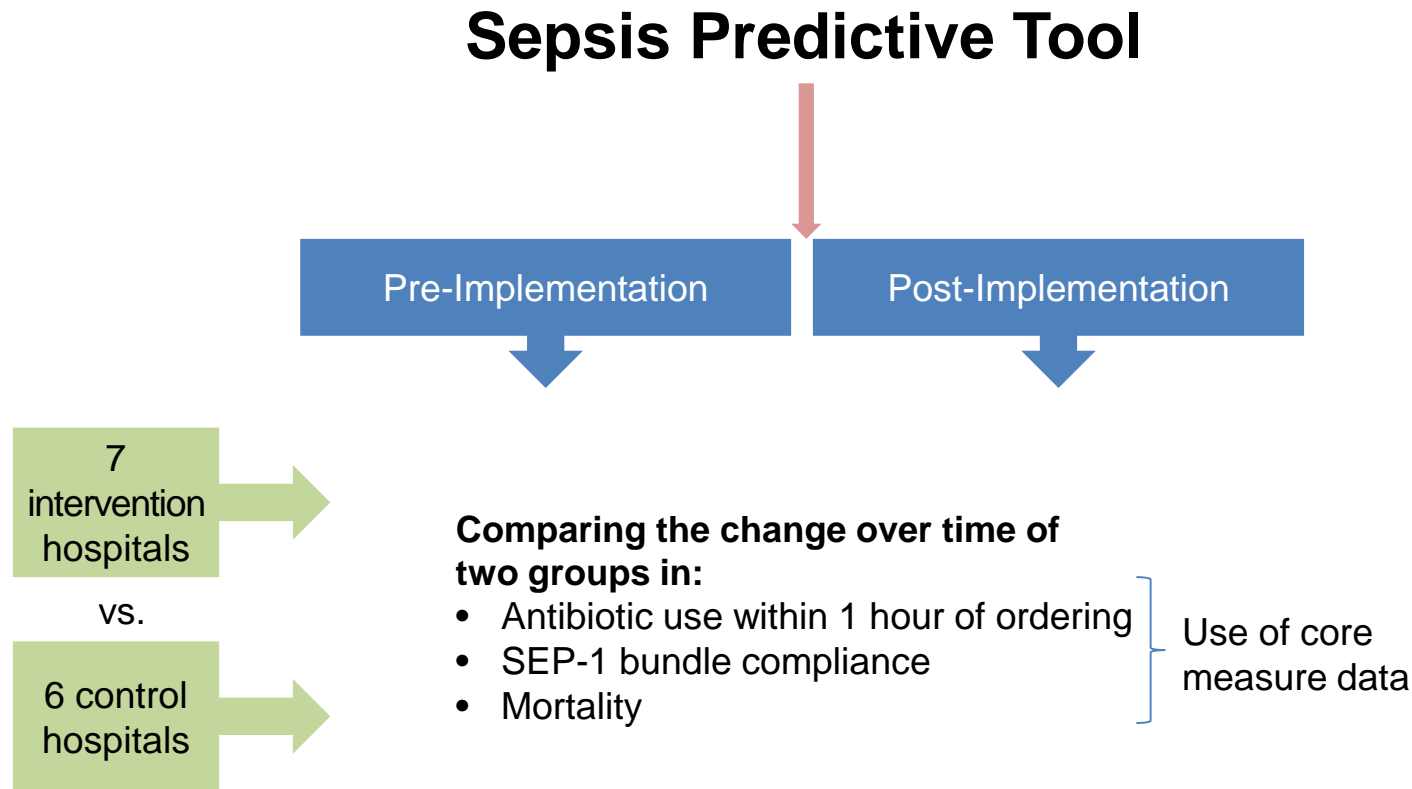
Sepsis Patient	Sepsis Score ▲	Sepsis Score Changed	Sepsis - Time since reviewed
	37	↑ 31	0 hrs 29 mins
🕒	25	↑ 21	0 hrs 26 mins
🕒	5	=	0 hrs 28 mins
	5	=	0 hrs 27 mins
🕒	5	=	0 hrs 27 mins
🕒	4	=	0 hrs 26 mins
	2	=	0 hrs 28 mins

Clinicians can use this column for patients with a score of concern that has not reached the alert threshold. The column marks the time they assessed the patient and tracks the time since the assessment.

This column works with the “reviewed” column to show the amount of change up or down since the time of last review.

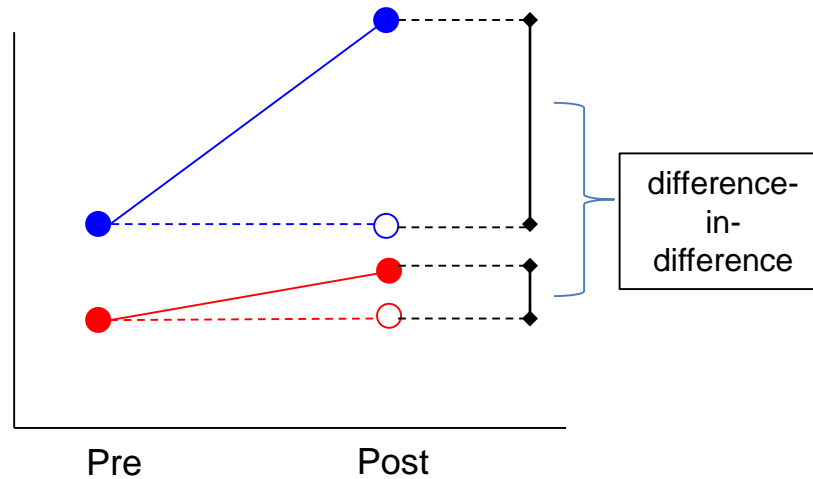


# Evaluation of the Implementation of Sepsis Predictive Tool



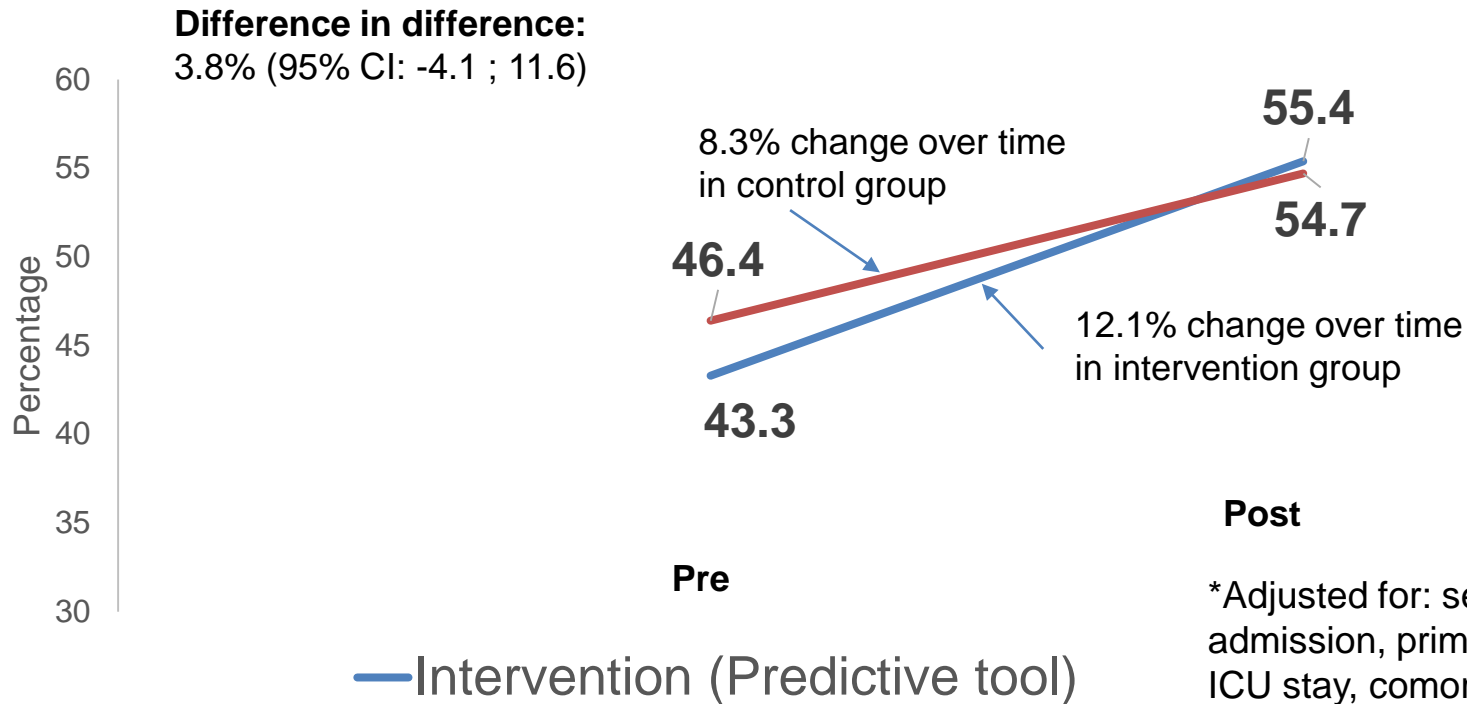
# Evaluation: Difference-in-Difference Study Design

What happened to the **control group** (without predictive tool) over time is what would have happened to the **intervention group** (with predictive tool) in the absence of the program (predictive tool).



Effect of intervention using difference-in-difference approach (taking into account pre-existing differences between Intervention & Control groups and general time trend).

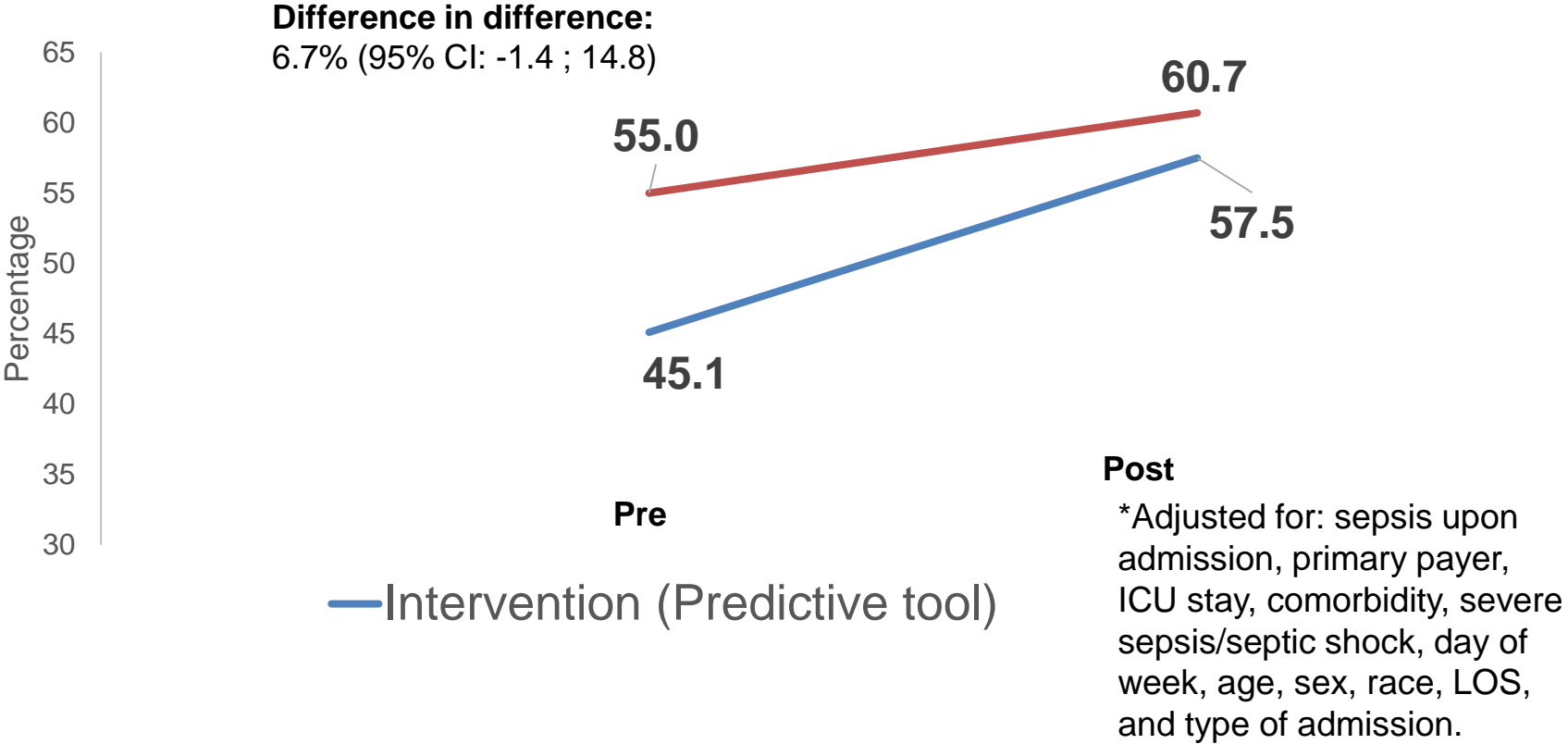
# Adjusted SEP-1 Compliance Among Intervention and Control Groups\*



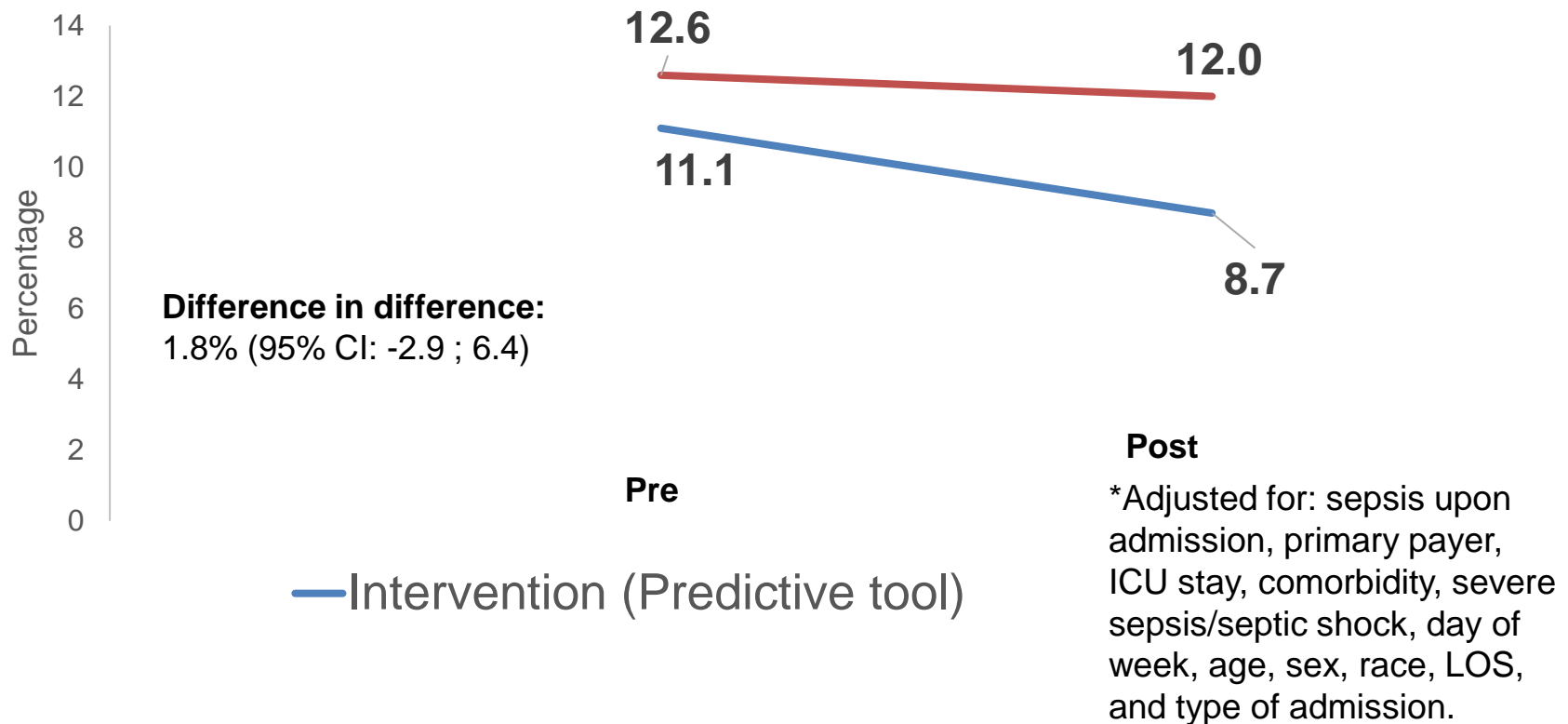
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\*Adjusted for: sepsis upon admission, primary payer, ICU stay, comorbidity, severe sepsis/septic shock, day of week, age, sex, race, LOS, and type of admission.

# Adjusted Antibiotic Use Within 1 Hour Among Intervention and Control Groups\*



# Adjusted Mortality Among Intervention and Control Groups\*





# Limitations

- Limited time following implementation of sepsis predictive tool resulting in limited power to detect differences (preliminary results)
- Use of severe sepsis and septic shock patients only
- Possibly incomplete control of confounding
- Only one aspect of the evaluation of the predictive tool
- Observational study, not randomized design

# Conclusions

- Implementing the sepsis core measure and an improvement initiative requires the following:
  - Education
  - Multi-disciplinary team approach
  - Standardized processes
  - Continuous improvement
- Sepsis data reporting and useful reporting tools should drive improvement.
- Advanced data analytics enables progressive decision-making and improvement efforts .

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