# IMPROVING PATIENT SATISFACTION ON DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

## Introduction

Brookdale Hospital is a busy 538 bed NYC government Hospital serving one million residents in Metro Brooklyn.

Proper care and follow up is crucial for individual and community health

## **Problem Statement**

Brookdale Hospital patients have poor discharge satisfaction, which could lead to poor overall health and increased readmission rates.

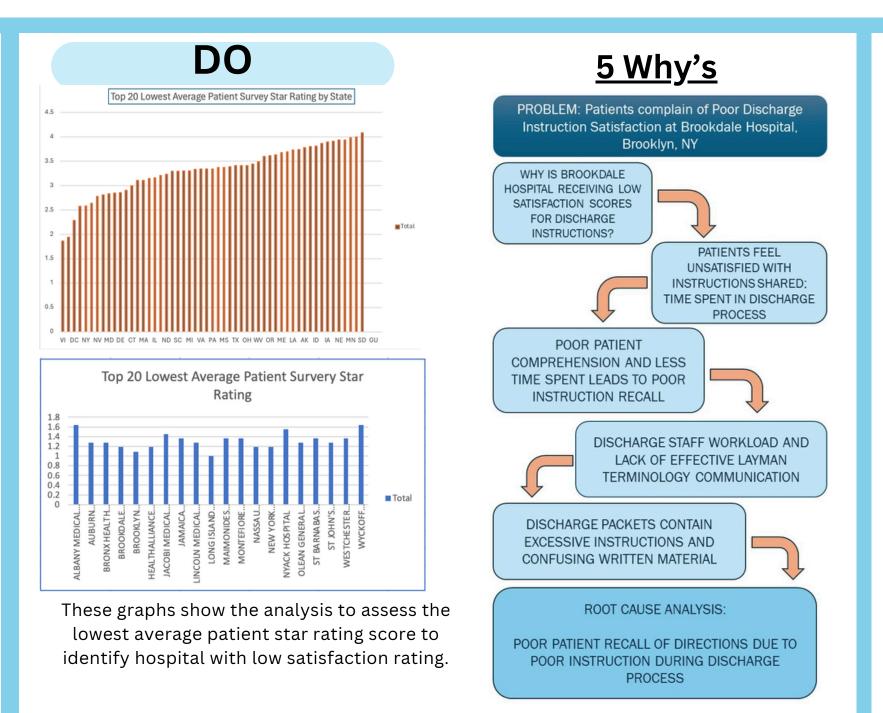
## **SMART Goal**

Increase Brookdale
Hospital patient
discharge satisfaction
average from 1 to 4 by
by April 2025.

### **PLAN**

To improve discharge satisfaction, we plan to:

- Import and analyze the 2023 Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Patient survey data for average patient star rating.
- Filter and sort data to assess hospital with low patient star rating less than value of 3.
- Conduct a Root Cause
   Analysis (RCA) for further
   insights with a fishbone
   diagram, 5 Whys flow
   chart and risk
   management assessment
   to build recommended
   improvements for
   Brookdale Hospital.
- identify specific improvement opportunities and potential interventions aimed at addressing the root causes of low patient satisfaction. Prioritize these opportunities based on their potential impact and feasibility of implementation.



### **STUDY FISHBONE HCAHPS-Improving Patient Discharge Satisfaction Equipment** People lack of training on computer/case poor role definition government bureaucracy management program nurse to patient ratio Poor Discharge Satisfaction poor follow-up minimal opportunities for learning no referral system vercrowding in discharge work overcrowding discharge area lack of coordination amongst **Environment** Process

# ACT Recommendations

- 1. Include animations of discharge instructions for medications or other instructions via personalized link.
- 2. Develop a comprehensive post-discharge follow-up program to ensure continuity of care and support for patients after they leave the hospital.
- 3. Inclusion of Family Members in the discharge process to increase understanding and motivate compliance after discharge.

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