A Data-Driven Approach to *Exploring* and *Standardizing* Inpatient Diabetes Care across a Healthcare System

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Outline

- Background
 - Diabetes
 - Our Data Structure
- Quality Improvement (QI)
- Current Diabetes-Related Projects using R
- QI Case Study: Reducing Correctional Insulin (Sliding Scale Insulin)
 Administration Errors





Background: Diabetes mellitus

- A chronic disease in which the body does not produce enough insulin or cannot effectively use the insulin it produces
 - Insulin is a vital hormone that regulates blood sugar (glucose)
- Diabetes is a large driver of quality-related metrics in inpatient settings

9%
Global burden of diabetes

20-30% EHC
Inpatient
admissions are
diabetics

Higher inhospital mortality Higher readmission rates

More high-risk comorbidities





Background: Our Data Approach

Before

Data Silos

Information Silos

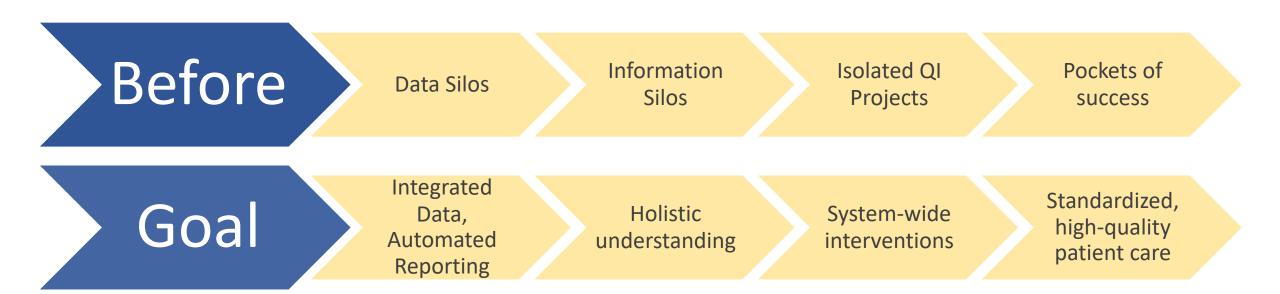
Isolated QI Projects

Pockets of success





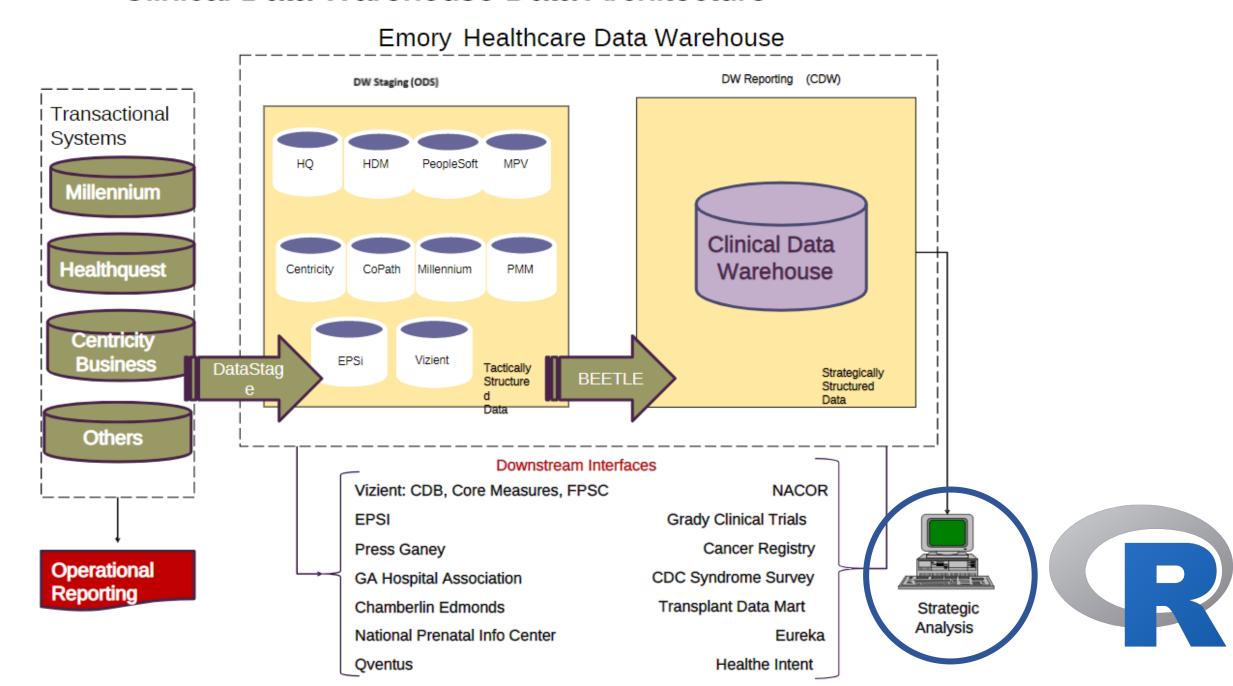
Background: Our Data Approach







Clinical Data Warehouse Data Architecture



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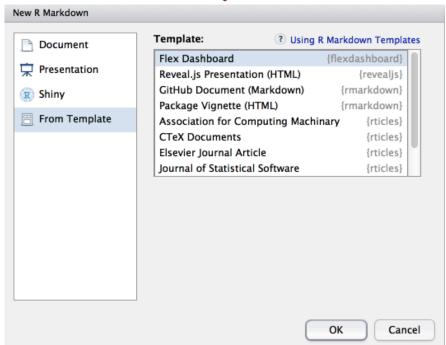


Current Projects

An all-inclusive dashboard reviewing:

- Demographics of our diabetic admissions
- Outcome metrics: mortality, comorbidities, readmissions
- Glucometrics (glycemic control)
- Medication regimens
- Medication errors (correctional insulin)
- Inpatient diabetes education
- Order set use
- Provider ordering practices
- Hospital Medicine/Endocrinology Consults
- Outpatient referrals
- Automated weekly/monthly reports to physicians, nurses, pharmacists, diabetes educators, leaders







Current Projects

Setup as flexdashboard

Global sidebar with embedded definitions pdf

```
title: "EHC Inpatient Diabetes Dashboard"
     output:
       flexdashboard::flex dashboard:
         theme: cerulean
          logo: S:/shares/OfficeOfQuality/data/Quality Analytics Dept/Shanza/logo.png
          output: html_document
          orientation: rows
Column {.sidebar}
**This report contains process and outcome metrics related to inpatient diabetes care.**
_To use, first select a metric of interest from the navigation bar at the top. Then review the
figures using the metric definitions document below._
   {r echo = FALSE}
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Diabetes Dashboard/EHC Inpatient Diabetes Dashboard Metric Definitions.pdf')
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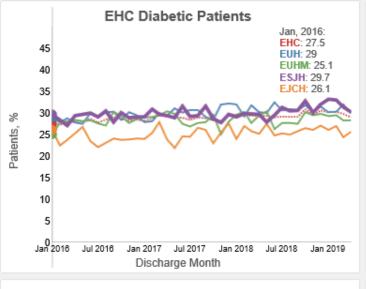


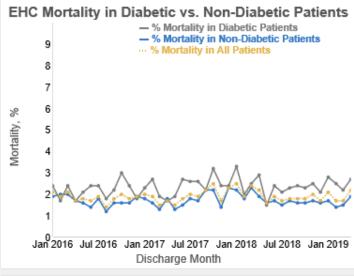
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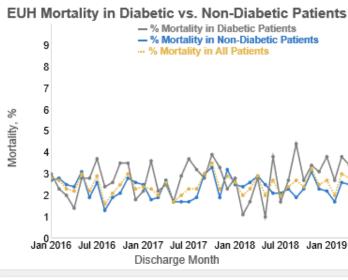
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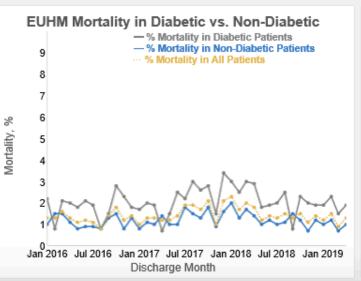
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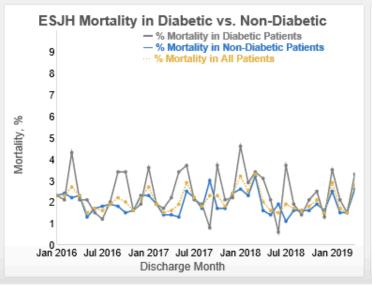
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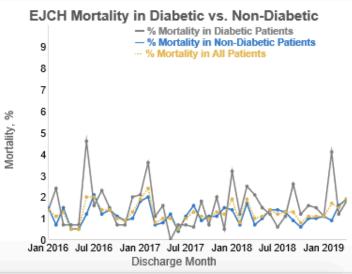
















```
###
```{r}
 library(dygraphs)
#mortality comparison
dygraph((subset(FIGURE1, FIGURE1$`Discharging Unit`=="EHC"))[,5:7],
 main = "EHC Mortality in Diabetic vs. Non-Diabetic Patients",
 xlab = "Discharge Month") %>%
 dySeries("% Mortality in Diabetic Patients", strokeWidth = 2, color = "#7F7F7F") %>%
 dySeries("% Mortality in Non-Diabetic Patients", strokeWidth = 2, color = "#1874CD") %>%
 dySeries("% Mortality in All Patients", strokeWidth = 2, color = "#EEB422", strokePattern =
"dotted") %>%
 dyAxis("y", label = "Mortality, %",
 valueRange = c(0,10) %>%
 dyOptions(fillGraph = FALSE,
 drawPoints = TRUE, pointSize = 2.5,
 strokeWidth = 2,
 drawGrid = FALSE) %>%
 dyHighlight(highlightCircleSize = 7,
 highlightSeriesBackgroundAlpha = 0.2,
 hideOnMouseOut = FALSE,
 highlightSeriesOpts = list(strokeWidth = 5)) %>%
 dyLegend(show = "always",
 labelsSeparateLines = TRUE,
 width = 300) %>%
 dyUnzoom() %>%
 dyCrosshair(direction = "vertical")
```







```
library(crosstalk)
 plotly
shared_together_qhs_EHC <- SharedData$new(qhs_data_EHC)
Column {.sidebar}
```{r}
library(crosstalk)
filter_select("Unit", "Select Unit", shared_together_EUH, ~Unit, multiple = FALSE)
Row {}
###
```{r}
shared_together_qhs_hospital_EUH %>%
plot_ly(
 x = ~`Service Month`,
 mode = "lines",
 hoverinfo = "text") %>%
 add_trace(y = ~QHS, name = "QHS",
 line = list(width = 3, dash = "solid", color = "#000000"),
 text = ~paste("QHS",
 paste0(as.yearmon(`Service Month`, "%Y-%m-%d"), ": ", `QHS`),
 sep = "
")) %>%
```



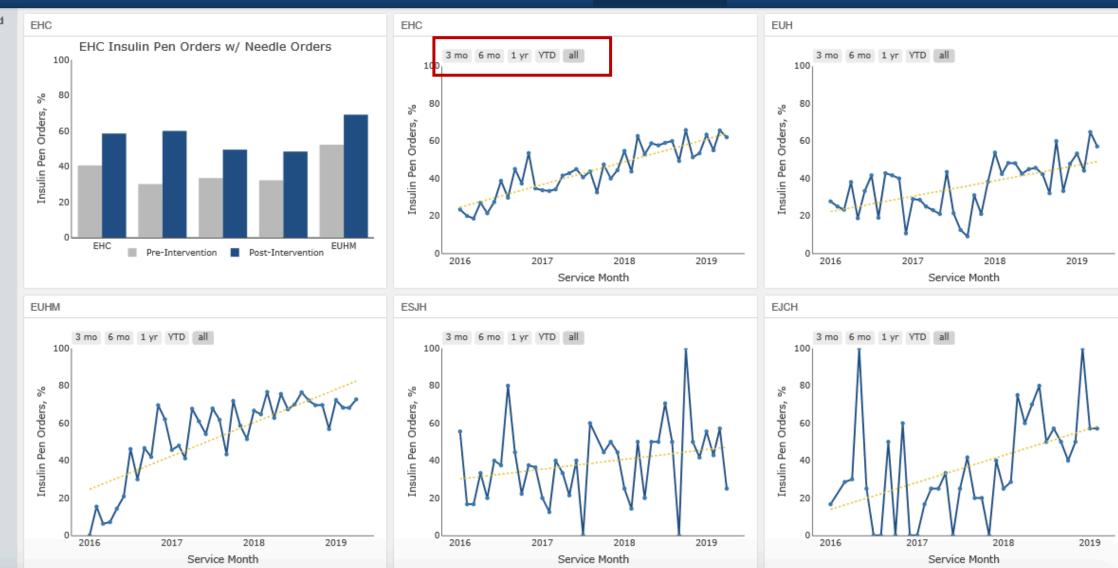


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```
rangeselector = list(
 buttons = list(
 list(
 count = 3,
 label = "3 mo",
 step = "month",
 stepmode = "backward"),
 list(
 count = 6,
 label = "6 mo",
 step = "month",
 stepmode = "backward"),
 list(
 count = 1,
 label = "1 yr",
 step = "year",
 stepmode = "backward"),
 list(
 count = 1,
 label = "YTD",
 step = "year",
 stepmode = "todate"),
 list(step = "all")))),
```





#### **Case Study: Reducing Correctional Insulin (Sliding Scale Insulin) Administration Errors**

- Correctional insulin is insulin dosing meant to correct or lower high blood sugar before meals.
  - Calculated using a "correction factor" determined by the ordering provider.
  - Nursing must interpret the order and administer the correct dose based on the last blood glucose result

#### Example:

• (BG-100)/40 = # units for BG  $\geq$  180 mg/dL, Subcutan AND round up to nearest whole unit

#### Questions:

- How often are correctional insulin doses accurate? How often are we underdosing? Overdosing?
- Do we have a standard system of dosage calculation across the system?
- Is our process in control?





#### **Data Import**



**Data Cleaning** 

**Data Analysis** 

Data Visualization

01\_Insulin Orders

02\_Insulin Admin

03 Blood Glucose



```
#set up working directory
setwd(filename)

#rename files
new.names<-c("sub", "ins_orders", "ins_admin", "bg")

#import all files in path
cd_data<-function(filename, pattern = ".csv$"){
 list1<-list.files(filename, pattern = ".csv$")
 list2<-list(length = length(list1))
 for (i in 1:length(list1)){
 list2[[i]]<-read_csv(list1[i], skip = 2)}
 names(list2)<-new.names
 list2
}

#list to data frames
list2env(list2, envir = .GlobalEnv)</pre>
```

#### **Data Cleaning**





Data Pull

# Data Cleaning

Data Analysis

Data Visualization



Patient

Correctional Insulin Order

Previous Blood Glucose Insulin Dosage Administered

Correct Dose?

# Data Analysis: Statistical Process Control (SPC)/Shewhart Charts

- Line graphs showing measures over time
  - Center: mean
  - Control limits: natural variation limits inherent in the process ( $3\sigma$  limits)
    - Common cause variation

Process is in control!

```
% Correct Administrations at EHC
 Jan 2017 - Feb 25, 2019
library(qicharts2)
#EHC total (4 hospitals)
 72.00%
qic(`Service Month`, Correct, Total,
 data
 = cd1,
 chart
 = 'pp',
 y.percent = T,
 70.00%
 title = '% Correct Administrations at EHC',
 subtitle = "Jan 2017 - Feb 25, 2019",
 ylab = '% Administrations',
 xlab = 'Service Month',
 x.format = "%b %Y",
 print.summary = T
facet1 facet2 part n.obs n.useful longest.run longest.run.max n.crossings n.crossings.min
 66.00%
 aLCL
runs.sianal
 aUCL sigma.signal
 0 0.6532284 0.6868717 0.720515
 Jul 2018
 Jan 2017
 Jan 2019
 Service Month
```





```
#by facility
qic(`Service Month`, Correct, Total,
 data = cd1,
 facets = ~ Facility,
 chart = 'pp',
 y.percent = T,
 title = '% Correct Administrations by Facility',
 subtitle = "Jan 2017 - Feb 25, 2019",
 ylab = '% Administrations',
 xlab = 'Service Month',
 x.format = "%b %Y",
 nrow = 1,
 print.summary = T)
```

```
facet1 facet2 part n.obs n.useful longest.run longest.run.max n.crossings n.crossings.min
1 Hospital 1
 1 1 26
 26
 10
 8
2 Hospital 2 1 1 26
 26
 13
3 Hospital 3 1 1 26 26
4 Hospital 4 1 1 26
 26
 13
 runs.signal
 aLCL
 CL
 aUCL sigma.signal
 1 0.8672278 0.9227914 0.9783550
 0 0.8207258 0.8669745 0.9132233
 1 0.5390817 0.5681902 0.5972987
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% Correct Administrations by Facility Jan 2017 - Feb 25, 2019

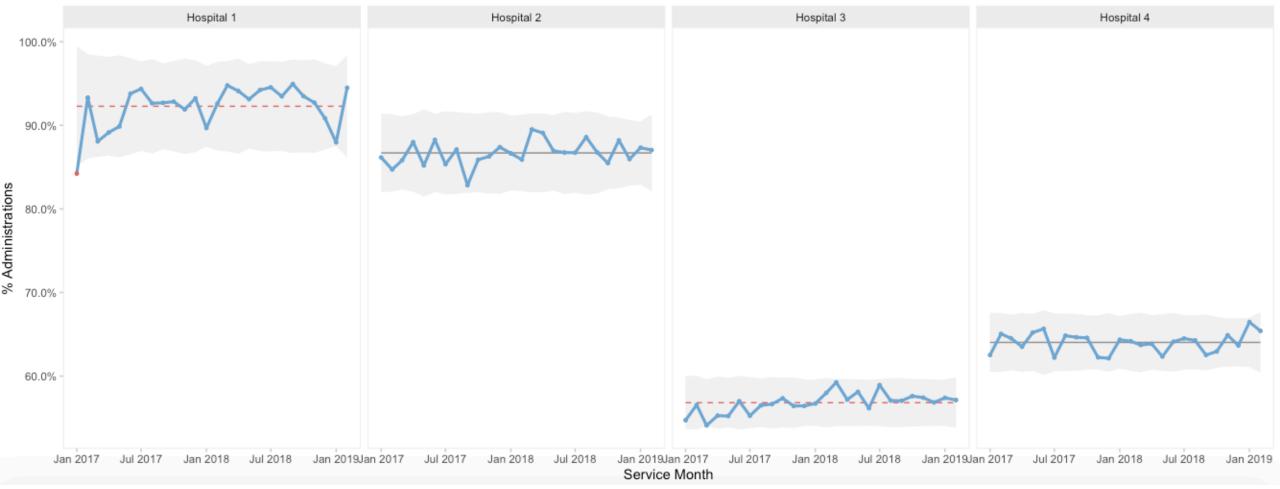


Table-based system

Formulabased system Formulabased system Formulabased system

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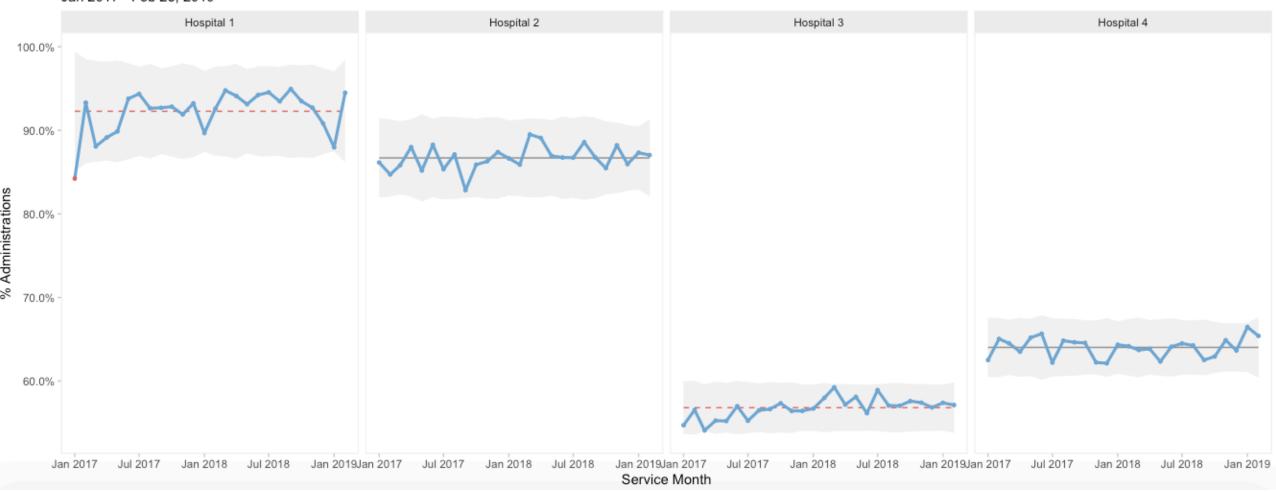
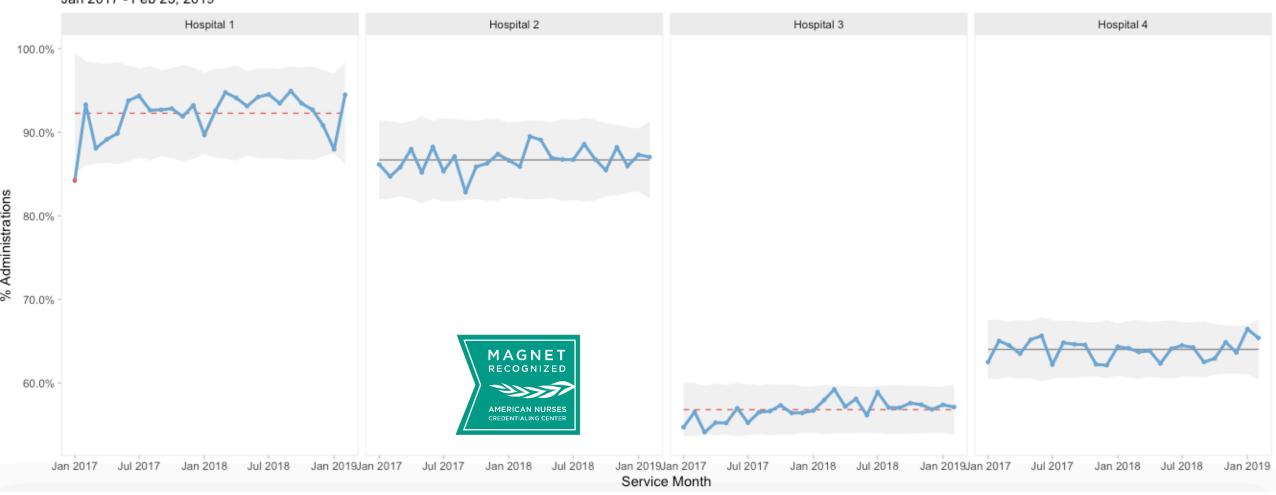


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# **Data Analysis: Pareto Chart**

# Pareto chart of error category 100% 105910 80% 60% 40% 26863 20%

Rounding

0%





Other



Every system is perfectly designed to get the results it gets.

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W. Edwards Deming

source: quotes.deming.org/10141



#### **Process Change**

Using this data, we got buy-in from leadership to change a process that had

been around for decades

In God we trust, all others bring data.

-William E. Deming

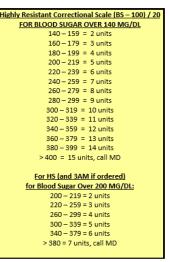


Emory Insulin Correction Chart

#### Standard Correctional Scale (BS - 100) / 40 FOR BLOOD SUGAR OVER 140 MG/DL 140 - 179 = 1 units 180 - 219 = 2 units 220 - 259 = 3 units 260 - 299 = 4 units 300 - 339 = 5 units 340 - 379 = 6 units 380 - 419 = 7 units > 420 = 8 units, call MD For HS (and 3AM if ordered) for Blood Sugar Over 200 MG/DL: 200 - 259 = 1 units 260 - 339 = 2 units 340 - 419 = 3 units > 420 = 4 units, call MD

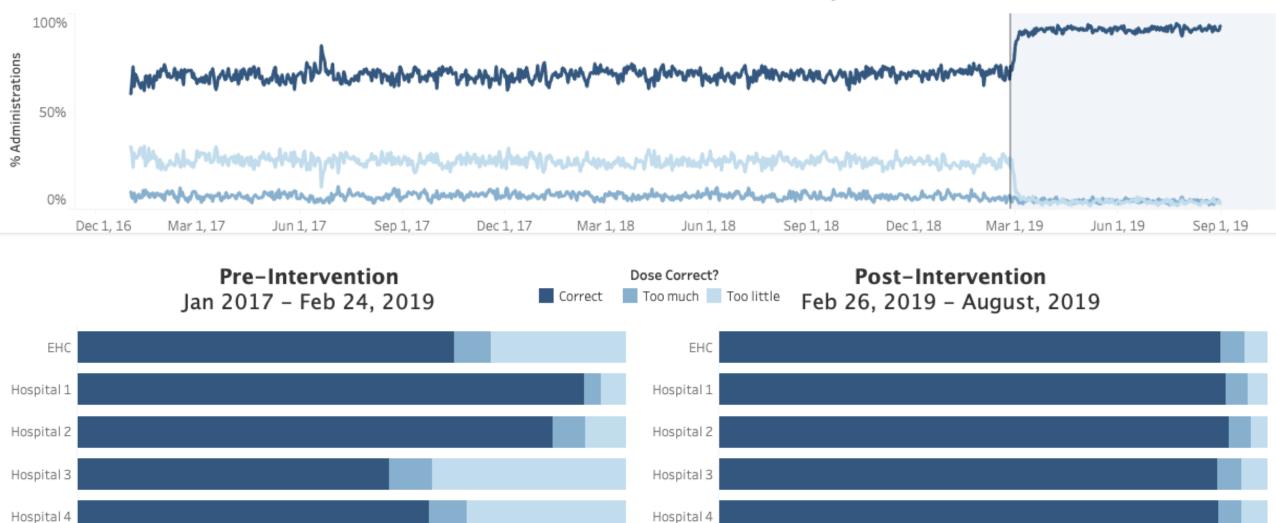








#### **EHC Insulin Administration Accuracy**



10%

20%

30%

80%

70%

90% 100%



10%

20%

30%

40%

50%

% Administrations

60%



80%

90% 100%

70%

50%

% Administrations

60%

Facility Hospital 1 Hospital 2 100% 80% % Administrations 60% 40% 20% 0% 2017 2018 2019 2017 2018 2019 Hospital 3 Hospital 4 100% 80% % Administrations 60% 40% 20%

0%

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