

Translating Evidence Into Practice: VON NICQ Next2 Quality Improvement Teams Share Data Driven Improvement Multi-Systems Outcomes



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Sunflower Neonatology group and they provide neonatology services to 7 hospitals in the Kansas City area.

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Homeroom:
Multi-System Homeroom



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Setting

- Community based hospital
- Average daily census of 35 patients.
- 4 "Care By Parent" rooms
- Families from all socioeconomic levels and a widely diverse ethnic profile
- Infants at all gestational ages (as low as 22 weeks)
- Medical and surgical patients
- "Center of Excellence" for infants with NAS
- Active whole body cooling program
- Neonatal and perinatal transport programs
- Active Maternal-Fetal Health Center and infertility services
- Pediatric Subspecialists, PICU and Pediatric ER

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Aims: Minimizing Lung Injury

We aim to reduce our rate of CLD to 25% by the end of 2017.

Subaims:
Implement a cohesive strategy to begin CPAP in the delivery room and maintain effective CPAP until the infant is ready to transition off of CPAP

Implement a delivery room strategy to promote non-invasive transitional respiratory care, including use of Tpiece resuscitators in DR's where they are available

Implementation of strategies to improve success of CPAP in ELBW infants (Caffeine, NIPPV modes)


Continued strategies for increasing family knowledge and involvement in hands on care of their infant who are receiving non-invasive ventilation.

Evaluation of weaning tool with possible implementation as an RT driven weaning tool.

Refinement of physiologic criteria for discontinuing oxygen before 36 weeks CGA

Continued implementation of respiratory care rounds

Standardization of inSurE process



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Drivers of Change

Aim	Primary Drivers	Secondary Drivers
Lower CLD in VLBW	Reduce use of mechanical ventilation	Use CPAP in DR (PBP 1)
		Delivery Room Transition (PBP 1)
		Lower oxygen as able
		Use of surfactant (PBP 4)
		Move off ventilator promptly (PBP 2)
	Maintain consistent CPAP for targeted duration of time (PBP 1)	
	Improve strategies for ventilation (PBP 3)	
	Administer Caffeine	Prescribe caffeine prior to extubation and to promote timely extubation, optimally in the first day of life. (PBP 5)
	Improve Nutrition	Continue to promote the use of Mothers Own Milk Utilize Human Milk Based Human Milk Fortifier

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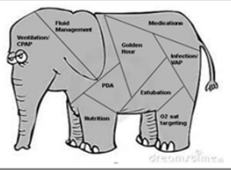
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Interventions / Tests of Change

How do you eat an Elephant?



- Our journey started 6-7 years ago as part of our annual VON data review.
- Chose low hanging fruit initially (O2Sat targeting, nutrition, fluid management, VAP/infection)
- PDA. Serendipity sometimes helps you!
- That left us with
 - Medications
 - Golden Hour
 - Extubation
 - Ventilation/CPAP





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Implement a cohesive strategy to deliver CPAP in the delivery room and maintain effective CPAP until the infant is ready to transition off of CPAP.

- Defined who would be managed on CPAP and/or NIPPV
25 to 30 6/7 weeks
- Defined how long they would be managed on CPAP/NIPPV
Until >1000 gms and 10% above birthweight AND ready to come off
- Defined how they would be transitioned off of CPAP/NIPPV
Does the infant need pressure, oxygen, or neither?

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CPAP Buddies & CPAP Families



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Measurement

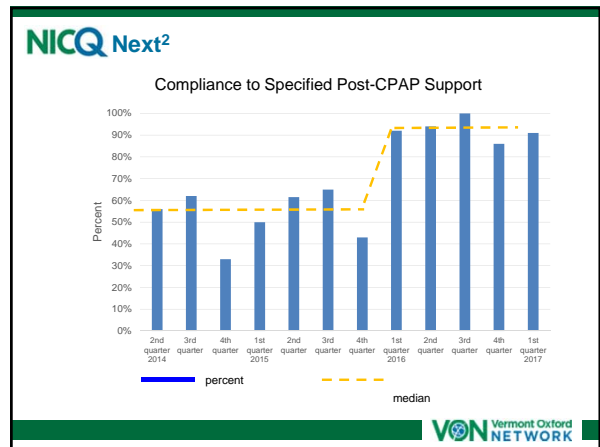
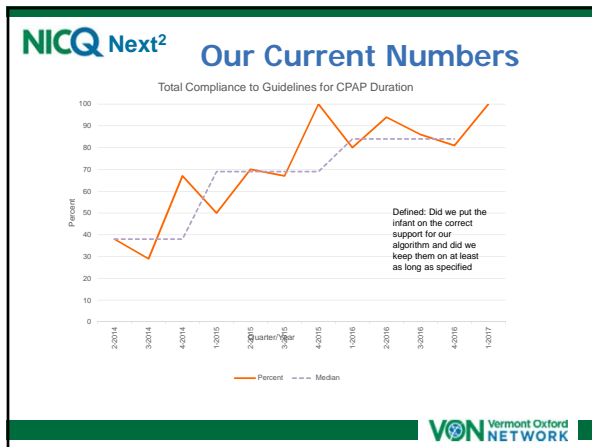
Each section of this project has had different measurements. These include the following:

- Ease of use of CPAP device
- Compliance to "CPAP buddies" care guidelines and to CPAP staffing guidelines.
- Compliance to CPAP guidelines**
- Compliance to guidelines for transition off of CPAP**
- Delivery room intubations overall**
- Delivery room intubations in compliance with guidelines
- Time to first dose of caffeine
- Infants on O2 past 34 weeks CGA eligible for evaluation as part of physiologic weaning strategy
- Infants on O2 at 36 weeks CGA
- Duration of ventilation
- Infants ventilated in 1st week of life without evidence of PPHN for whom use of ventilator weaning tool is appropriate and use of tool in appropriate patients.
- Ability to wean infants who remain on nasal cannula support in the 34-36 week CGA window
- Administration of surfactant via InSurE process

Balancing measures

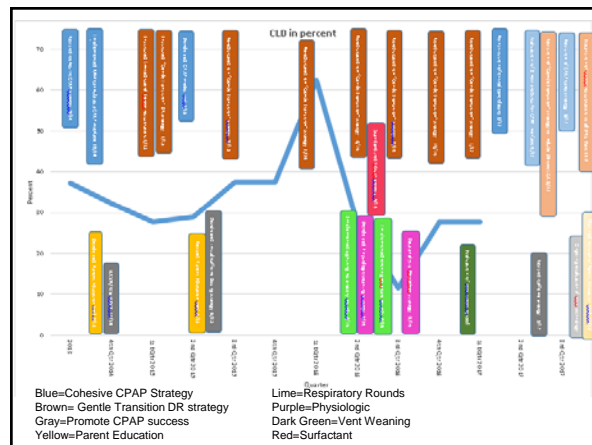
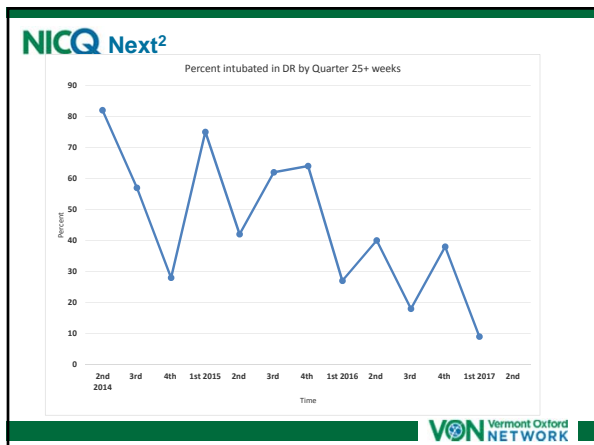
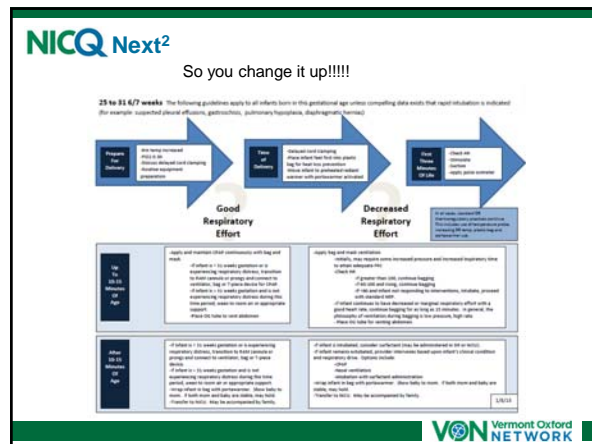
- Pneumothorax Rate
- Skin Breakdown (includes septum and columella as well as areas around nares and bridge of nose, forehead).

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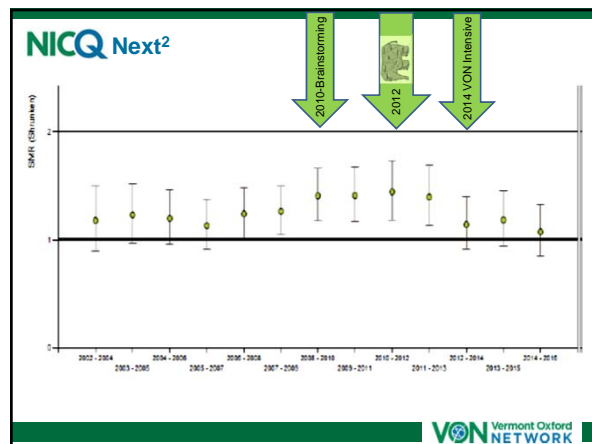
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Discussion

1. Data is important.
2. Time passes quickly. Regular team meetings are the only way to continually move the most difficult of dots.
3. You need a Champion. Or two. Or three.
4. Sometimes your dot will go up. Keep plugging away.
5. Time is precious. Streamline data collection whenever possible.
6. Re-educate, re-educate, re-educate. Then do it again.

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