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[Background]

- Blood administration is a high risk, low volume, complex procedure.
- It has strict regulatory requirements for documentation of at least 15 elements over the course of the procedure.
- There are frequently findings for deficient documentation during survey.
- Manual audits are time consuming and inaccurate.
- Every facility in the Providence system faces the same challenges to audit for compliance.

[Purpose]

- Detect the rate of compliance for documentation of blood administration.
- Replace manual audits, which have proven to have limited impact to increase documentation compliance.

Methods

- Identified the required elements of documentation
- Studied the electronic medical record for the location of the documentation.
- Created electronic reports from the Corporate Data Warehouse to retrieve the documentation data.
- Developed visualizations and analysis using PowerBI to understand where documentation was missing.
- Published the report with visualizations as a PowerBI app.

Examples of Rate of Compliance by Unit		
Unit	August 2021	December 2021
Swedish Cancer Institute	76.8%	87.7%
Swedish Orthopedic Institute	80.8%	84.0%
Heme/Onc 12 East	74.8%	88.7%

[Discussion]

- This has simplified the task of auditing for compliance.
- The results are timely (T-1).
- Nurse managers' report tremendous ease of use of the tool.
- Training to use the tool requires less than 15 minutes.
- The tool is available for qualified stakeholders throughout the Providence system.

[Results]

- Improved documentation completion compliance
- Brought awareness to the standards for blood administration documentation
- Enabled managers to monitor the rate of compliance is near real-time.
- The report allows managers to understand compliance at various levels of granularity: patient, nurse, unit, campus.
- For units that have adopted the tool, compliance rates have steadily improved. See table for examples.

[Next Steps]

- Continue to socialize the tool throughout the Providence system.
- Continue to refine the tool to meet the needs of individual unit standards and workflows.

