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Don't Skip a Beat, Follow the Sheet!

Designing a Clinical Care Map for Open Heart Patients in the ICU

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Background & Problem





Time to extubation: 43% of open-heart patients are extubated in less than 6 hours (national benchmark)¹

High nurse turn over and new open-heart trained nurses

Increased nurse burn out and low confidence



Literature Review

Does early extubation after cardiac surgery lead to a reduction in intensive care unit length of stay?

- (Taylor et al., 2022)²
- Systematic review 4 studies
- Early extubation defined:
 - in the OR
 - <6 h of surgery
 - <8 h of surgery
- Early extubation associated with reduced ICU LOS in all

The Effect of Care Pathways on Coronary Care Nurses: A Preliminary Study

- (Daghash et al., 2022)³
- Pre/posttest one-group quasiexperimental design
- Statistically significant reduction in nurse burnout
- Slight improvement in autonomy level

Effects of nurse-led clinical pathway in coronary artery bypass graft surgery: A quasi-experimental study

- (Kebapci et al., 2017)⁴
- Prospective, quasiexperimental design
- Clinical pathway group showed significantly decreased time to extubation and both ICU LOS and overall LOS

Purpose/Aim



Reduce time to extubation by 5%



Increase percentage of openheart patients extubated within 6 hours, from 43% to 75%



Reduce length of stay in ICU by 5% for open heart patients



Increase nurse satisfaction by 10%

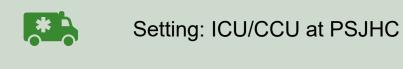


Methods/Approach





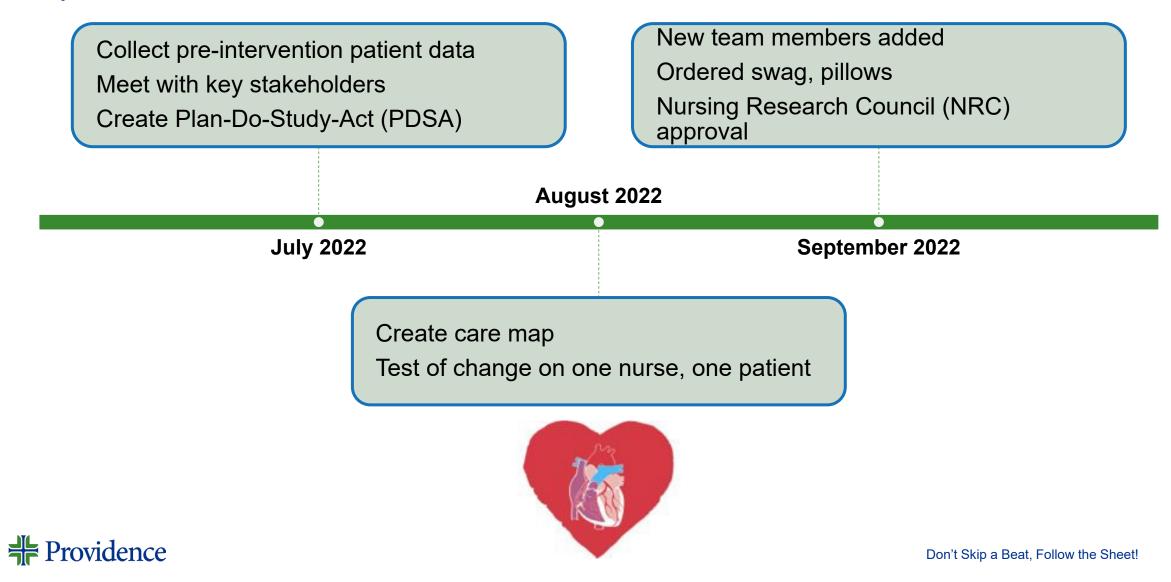
Sample: ICU nurses and openheart surgery patients





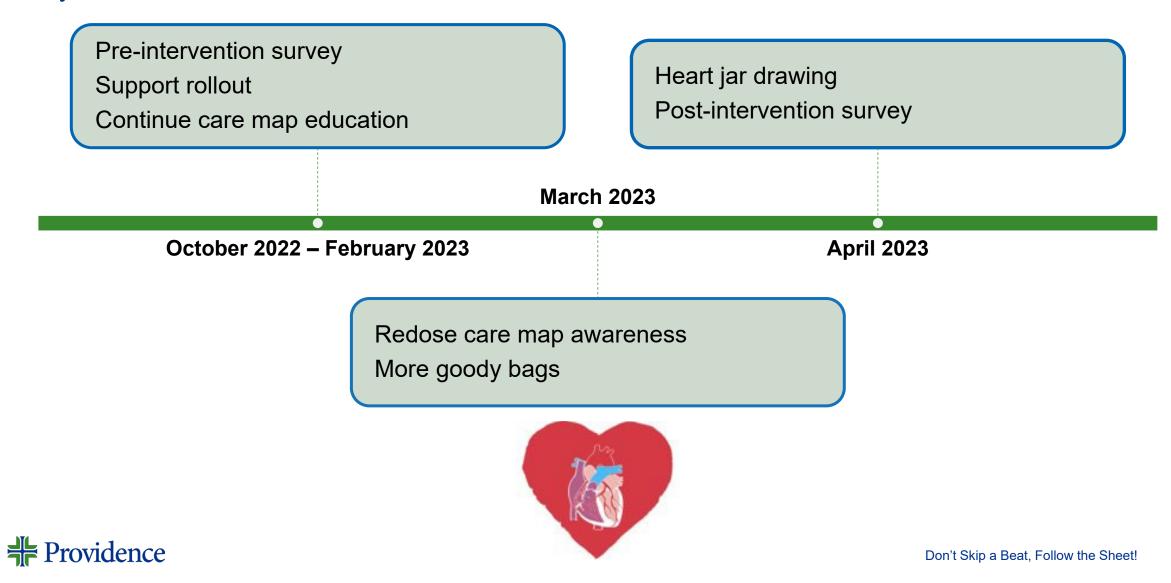


Key Activities and Dates



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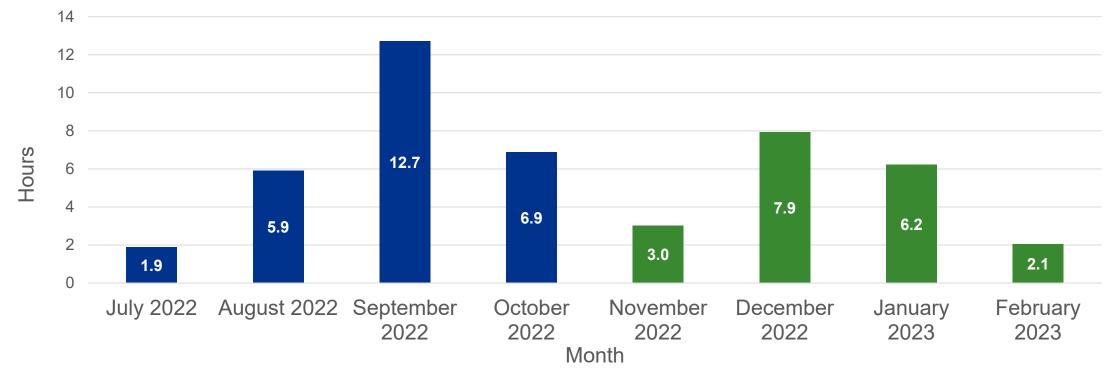
Implement an evidencebased cardiac surgery care map

Date: RN:	Don't Skip a Beat, Follow the Sheet! A general care map for open heart patients in ICU	Saint John's Health Center # Providence	
Hemodynamics:	Cardiac Index: Greater than 2 L/min/m ² Cardiac Output: 4-8 L/min MAP: Greater than 65 mmHg		
Ventilator:	Extubate within 6 hours of arrival to ICU, if possible Wean O2 and keep pulse oximetry > 92% PRN Breathing treatments		
Pain Management & Sedation:	Pain medication on arrival - transition to PO when appropriate Manage patient expectations on pain and educate on pain control options Transition to Precedex if on sedative drip		
Mobility:	Ambulation as soon as possible! Out of bed at 0600. Ambulate 3 times a day, and out of bed for all meals Educate patient on mobility and incentive spirometer		
Diet & Bowel Regimen:	Heart healthy diet when appropriate Mobility! Docusate, Senna, MiraLAX PRN		
Electrolytes & Glycemic Control:	Potassium greater than 4 mmol/L Magnesium greater than 2 mg/dL Insulin gtt protocol should be ordered and followed during the first 24 hours post op, then check blood glucose Q6Hr if NPO, and ACHS if diet is ordered		
VTE:	TED hose, SCD's, etc (not on harvest site. Do not remove harvest site dressing for 24 hours) Subcutaneous heparin if ordered and indicated Mobility!		
LDA's & Infection Prevention:	Chest X-ray upon arrival for existing lines Verify Swan-Ganz position with line markings Chest tube: Document output every hour, check chest tube orders, and frequently assess chest tubes to ensure patency Pacemaker: If in use, verify settings. If not in use, label dressing, label and insulate wires Discontinue foley as soon as possible Discontinue invasive lines as soon as possible. Usually post operative day #2		
Medications:	Atorvastatin at night Beta Blockers to help with prevention of atrial fibrillation Aspirin, subcutaneous heparin Patient specific and will vary from patient to patient		

Note* Orders and medications may vary per patient and patient condition. This is not an order set.



Initial Ventilator Hours

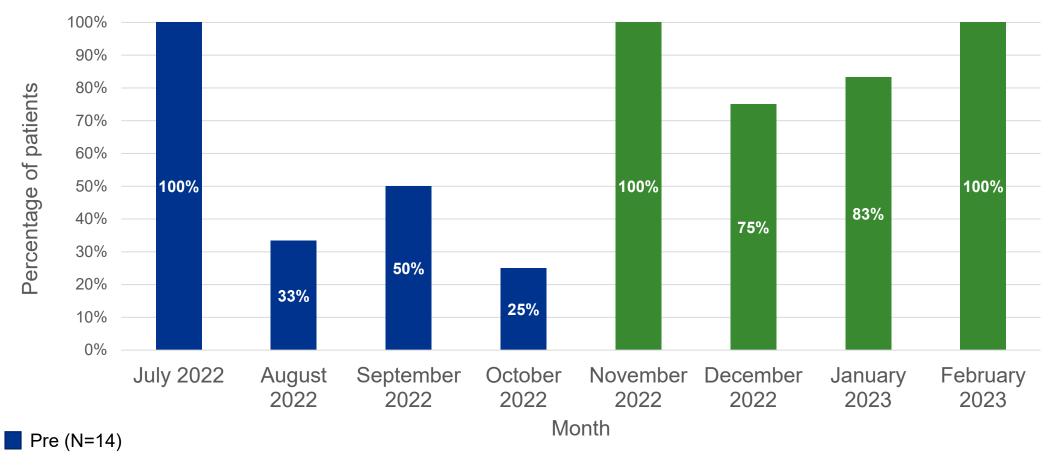


Pre (N=14)

Post (N=16)

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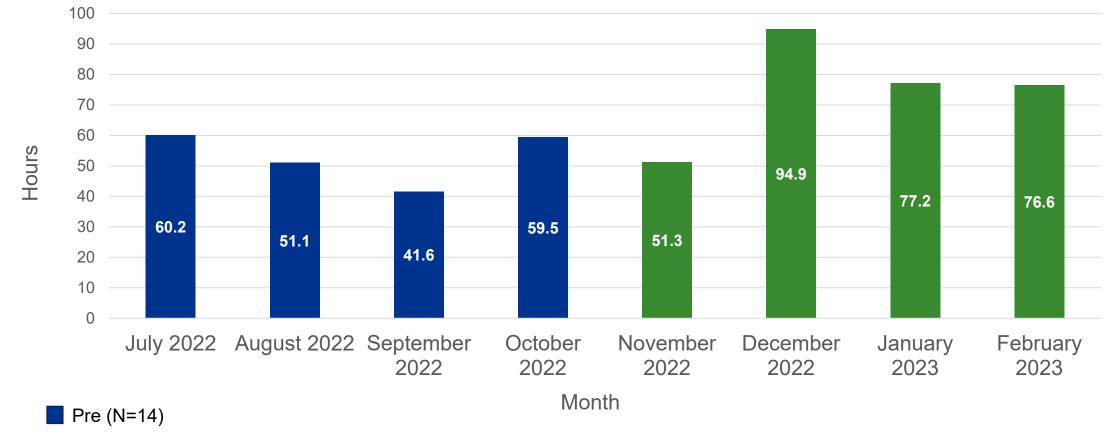
Extubation < 6 Hours



Post (N=16)



ICU Length of Stay Post-Surgery



Post (N=16)

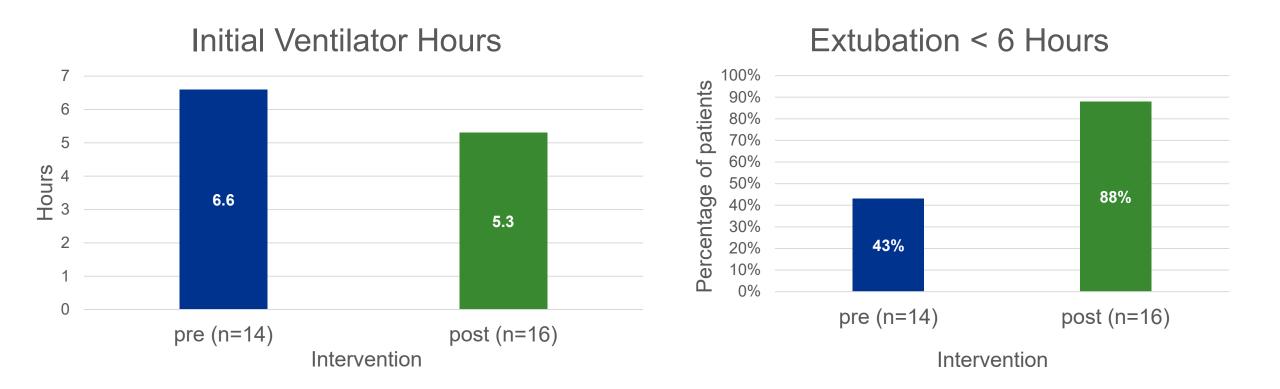
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Length of Stay - Surgery to Discharge

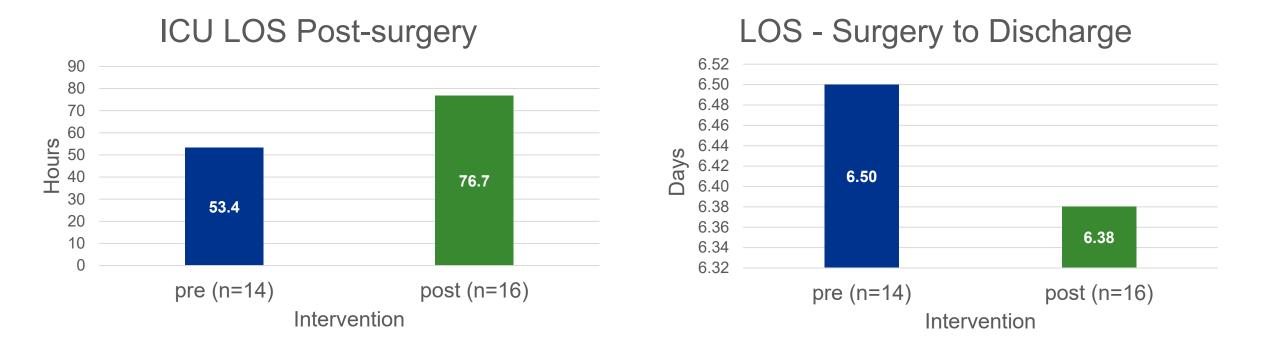


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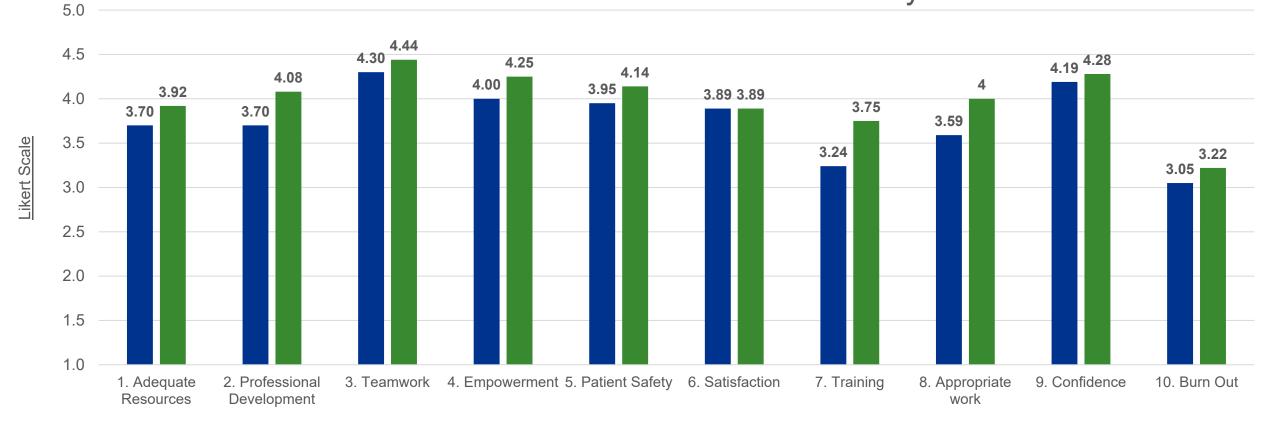


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Nurse Satisfaction/Confidence Survey



Pre-intervention (n=37) November 2022

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Post-intervention (n=36) March/April 2023 Likert Scale 5 Strongly Agree 4 Agree 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree 2 Disagree 1 Strongly Disagree

Conclusion

- Time to extubation decreased 20%
- Compliance of <6hr extubation benchmark increased from 43% to 88%
- Decrease in ICU LOS by 5% not achieved
- Decreased LOS surgery to discharge by 2%
- Nurse satisfaction increased 6%

Throughput

Lack of bedspace outside of the ICU was primarily responsible for the increase in ICU LOS.

Why should we care?

While not replicated here, previous research shows earlier extubation can result in decreased ICU LOS,² and we hope that with continued use of the care map we will be able to achieve this.



Implication for practice

- Incorporate the cardiac care map into training for TIPS residents/fellows, and new hires.
- Explore implementing care maps as a practice change in other inpatient areas such as step down and women's health.
- Care maps set the expectations for minimum safe care
- Reduce variability in care
- Promotes equity in care





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