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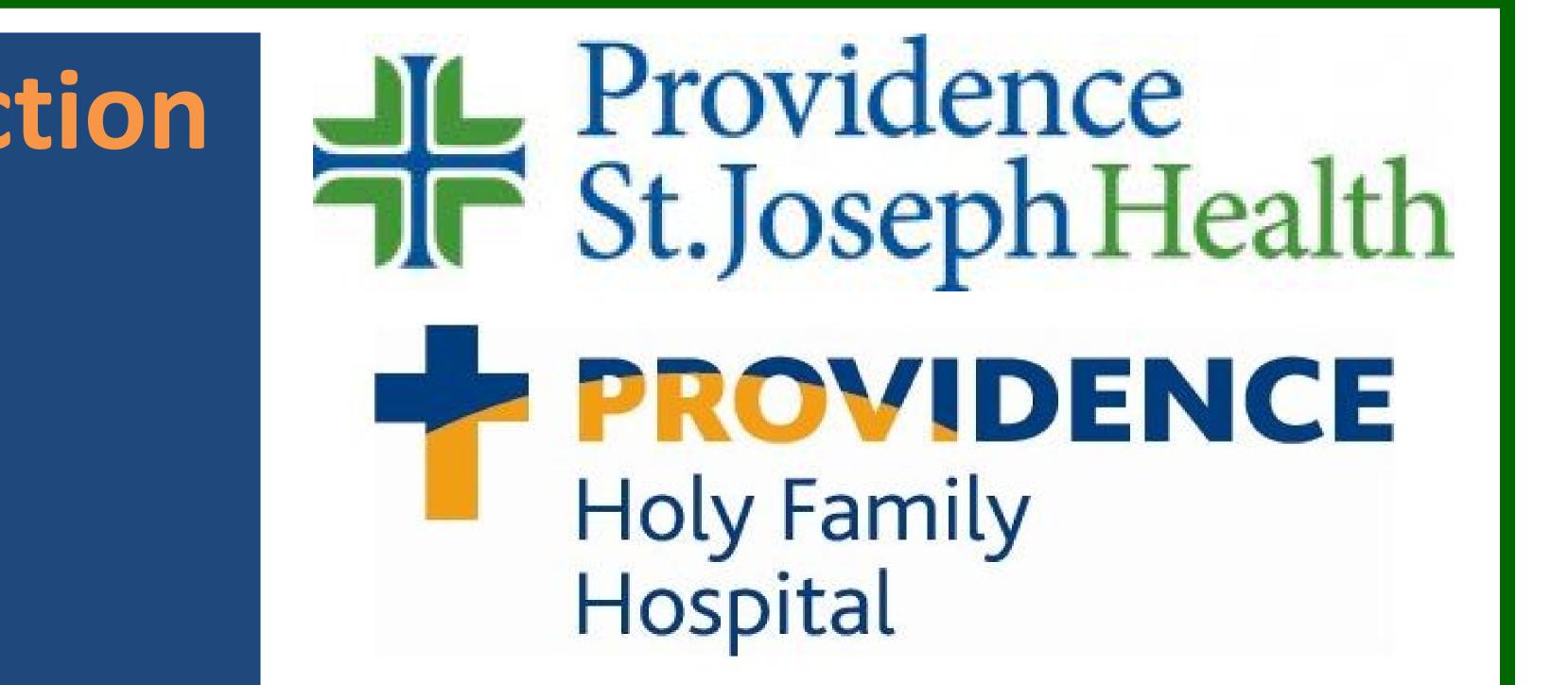
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Objective

 To implement team-based nursing on the Advanced Care Unit (ACU)

Background

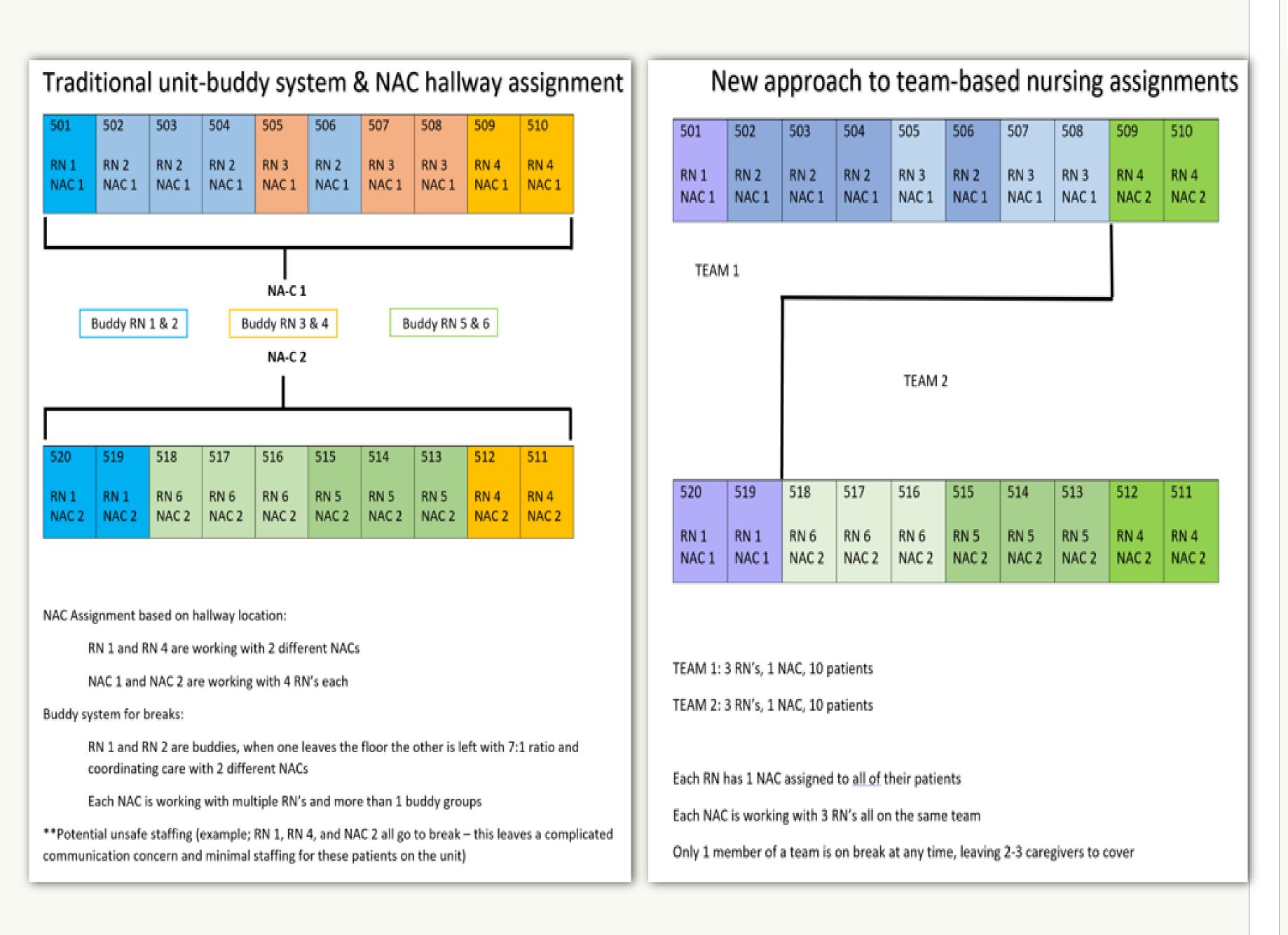
- A team-based nursing model involves pairing nurses and nursing assistants who work as a team to provide better communication.
- Studies show that when nursing teams communicate better at the bedside, quality metrics improve including medication and treatment compliance which reduces readmission and medication errors. (1)
- Team-based nursing has been shown to increase nurse satisfaction because nurses feel supported, the environment is collaborative, and staff communication improves. (2)
- In Q2 2019 the ACU experienced low patient satisfaction scores particularly in areas associated with teamwork and communication

Methods

- Create new team-based model to fit the needs of the ACU nursing team
- Educate the ACU staff on the concepts of team-based nursing
- Review and analyze quarterly Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores
- Evaluate staff satisfaction post implementation

Intervention

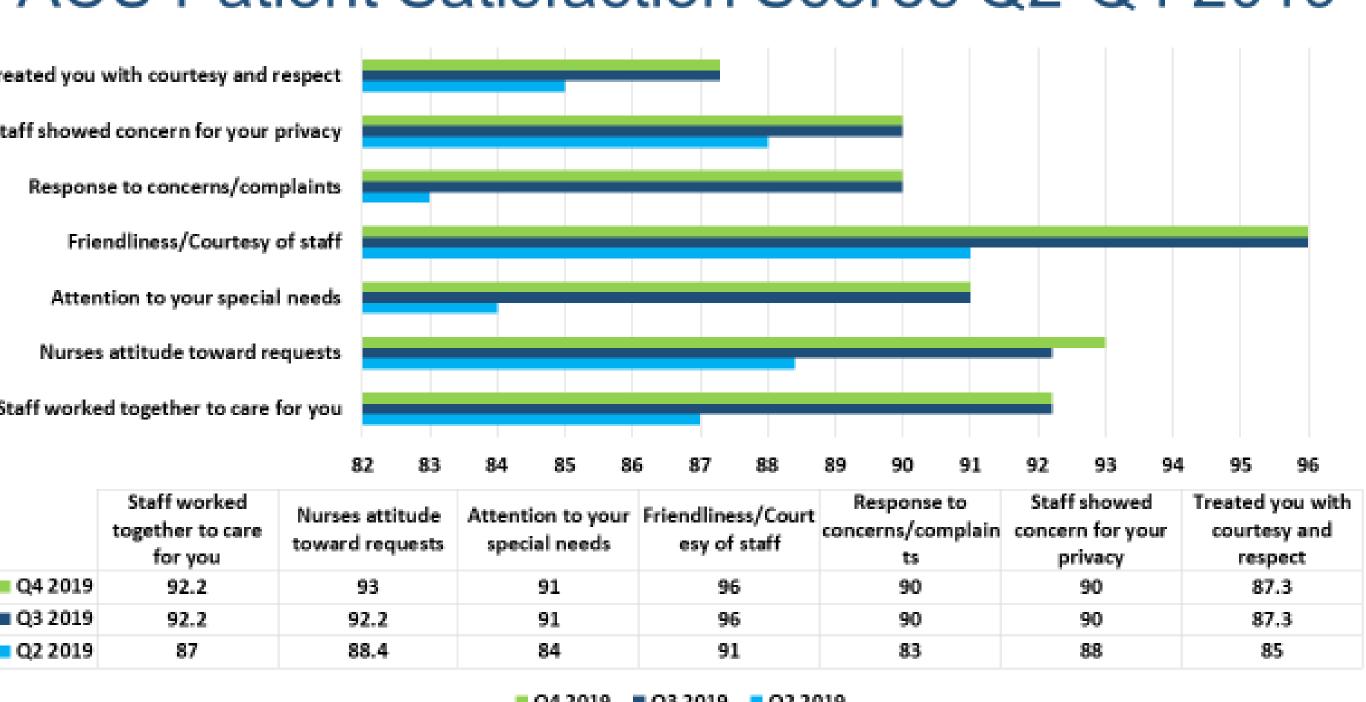
- Q2 2019 the ACU nurse manager met with 94% of staff to review concerns about traditional unit buddy system staffing model.
- New team-based model created and proposed to the ACU Unit-based Council (UBC) and assistant nurse managers for review and approval.
- New team-based model implemented on ACU.
- One month post implementation, UBC reviewed model and added a nursing assistant report tool.
- Post implementation, management team reviewed model and added daily team-based nursing huddles.



Results

 Q3-Q4 2019 patient satisfaction increased by 22.4% overall from Q2 in 7 categories

ACU Patient Satisfaction Scores Q2-Q4 2019



- Nursing staff have expressed that implementing team-based nursing allows for more effective communication and staff are now able to take scheduled breaks
- Overall team-based nursing improved both patient and staff satisfaction.
- Model strongly supports day shift team, but may need additional review for night shift needs

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