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## Quiet Time on Family Maternity Center

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## Background

Interruptions during the postpartum stay negatively affect birthing parents by interrupting breastfeeding, sleep, and bonding time with baby. Literature strongly supports quiet time during the postpartum stay. Quiet time has shown to improve exclusive breastfeeding rates, decreases emotional and physical exhaustion, increase nurse satisfaction, and decreases nursing stress.

## Purpose

The purpose of this study was to determine if the institution of quite time would improve bonding, breastfeeding, and overall patient satisfaction.

As well as show a reduction of charting time, stress levels, and increased ability for nurses take lunch breaks.

#### Methods

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Nurses and patients on a 20 bed LDRP unit completed pre/post quiet time surveys, and Press Ganey scores to compare the number of interruptions, bonding, exclusive breastfeeding, and overall satisfaction and stress levels.

### Results

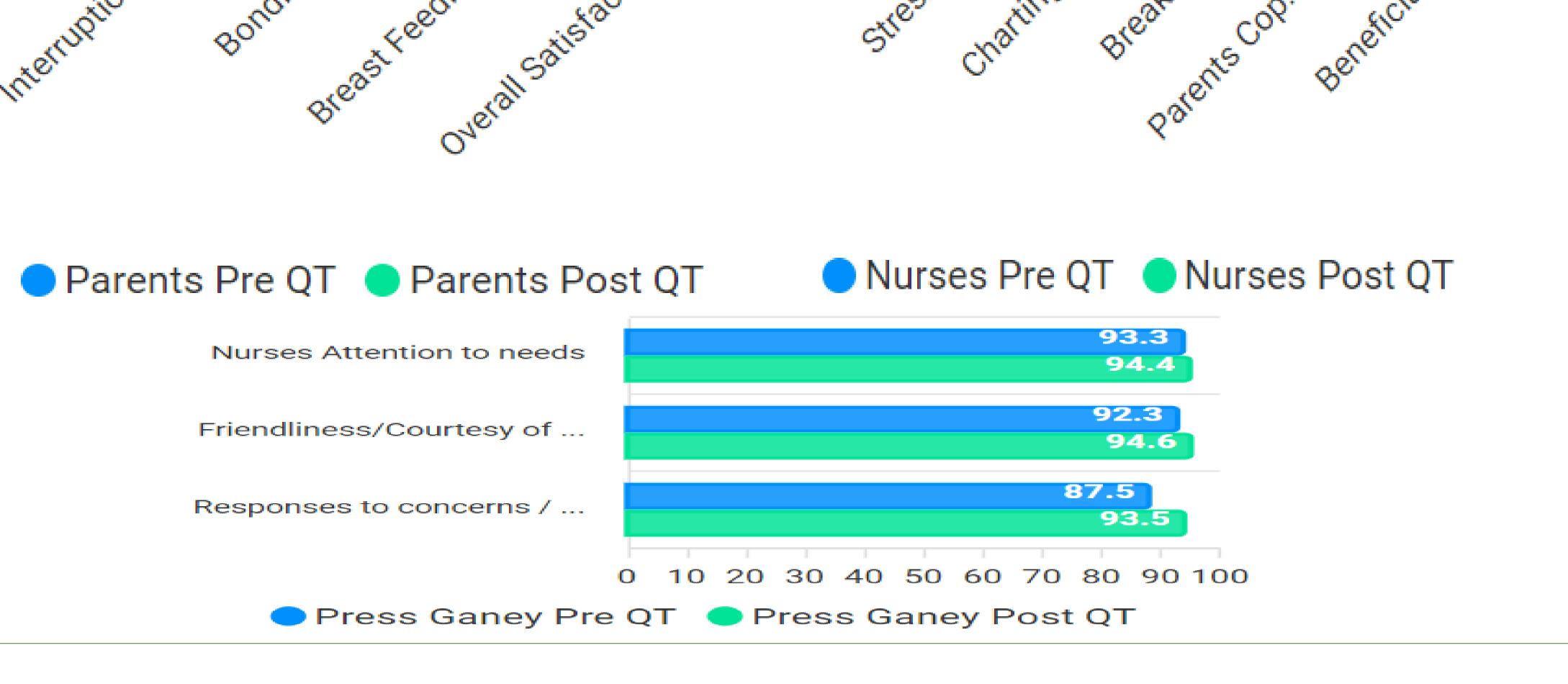
A total of 48 patients and 34 nurses completed the pre survey and 38 nurses and 38 patients completed the post survey. While instances of interruptions were reduced, satisfaction remained relativity the same.

#### Discussion

- Education to unit and ancillary staff is key to success.
- Upgraded lighting on unit to dimmers. Dimmed lighting during quiet time.
- Patient participation high.
- Staff buy-in challenging.

# Implications for Practice

- Sustain Quiet Time on LDRP unit through conversation with staff and patients.
- Culture shift necessary for best practice.
- Potential spread hospital wide.
- Consider adjusting Quiet
   Time hours based on shift
   care routines.



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