



CASE STUDY: IMPROVING PATIENT FLOW IN THE ED

A Hospital in the South

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Key Opportunities:

- + Patients awaiting admission/discharge/transfer causing increased length of stay
- + No bedside registration and slow lab test results
- + Staff/physician communication needed improvement, specifically related to patient care

Soyring Solutions:

- + Track patient flow by volume/timestamps and develop processes for decreasing LWBS and AMA
- + Eliminate diversion and work with lab and staff to understand the exact reasoning of low quality lab draws
- **+** Work with admitting departments to receive patients, keep physicians informed of patients awaiting discharge, and transfer patients
- Use mid-level practitioners to lower costs and stay within budget

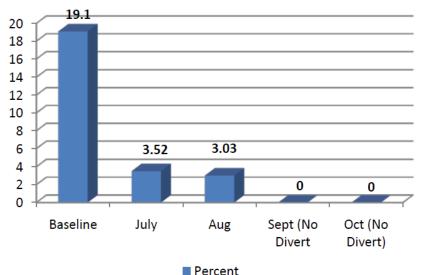
Project Results:

- Instituted immediate bedding that allowed patients to go straight to a bed (if available) and institute bedside triage
- + Educated staff to keep physicians aware of patient care when discharges may be appropriate
- + Successfully worked with lab to perform higher quality lab draws and decrease turnaround time
- **→** Decreased LWBS patients by 4.23% and reduced hours of diversion to zero

Percent of LWBS per Month



Percent of Hours of Diversion





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