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À l'écoute de notre santé



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*Presented by: WRHA Quality, Patient Safety, & Accreditation (QPSA)*

# **Introduction to Quality and Patient Safety**

# QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & PATIENT SAFETY

Ethics Honesty Leadership Transparency Kindness Respect Trustworthiness

## WHAT WE DO

### Client Relations

Receiving and responding to feedback from clients and families.

### Patient Safety

Managing of patient safety events and critical incidents to enhance patient care.

### Clinical Audits

Examines evidence based standards through collection and analysis of data to guide clinical practice.

### Accreditation

An independent review of the quality and safety of services provided.

### RL

Web based software for the submission and management of feedback and patient safety events.

### Education & Workshops

Provides training to staff around patient safety and quality improvement.

### Communications

We would love to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or feedback on this newsletter or quality and patient safety, please contact us at [qipscommunication@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:qipscommunication@wrha.mb.ca)

For more information, please visit our QIPS site at <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/index.php>

Professionalism Collaboration Compassion Innovation Empathy Safety

Resilience Compassion Quality Fairness Perseverance Adaptive Motivated Flexible

Humility Community Dignity Integrity Excellent Patient Care Accountability Knowledge

## About Us



<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/>

# Q 1 - I have been involved/have experience with:



**✓**ote

- Quality Improvement
- Lean or Six Sigma
- Accreditation
- Project Management
- Patient Safety or Safety initiatives
- Client Relations or Patient Representative work

# Objectives



*The participants will increase their awareness about:*

## **Quality**

- *Quality in Healthcare*
- *Culture of Quality & Safety*
- *Quality Frameworks including Accreditation and PDSA*

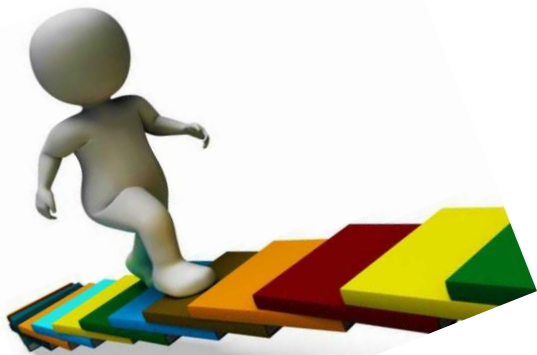
## **Patient Safety**

- *Types of patient safety events*
- *Learning from patient safety events*



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# Quality Improvement



# What is Quality in Healthcare?

Words come to mind when you think of a high-quality health care system?



***Who Is Involved In Quality Improvement?***

***Why is Quality in Healthcare Important?***



# WRHA Mission: To coordinate and deliver **QUALITY**, caring services that promote **HEALTH & well-being**



## VALUES



**DIGNITY** - as a reflection of the self-worth of every person



**CARE** - as an unwavering expectation of every person



**RESPECT** - as a measure of the importance of every person



**EQUITY** - promote conditions in which every person can achieve their

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION





# Quality & Safety are goal & expectation

## Quality & Patient Safety Plan One Focused Initiative includes:



- The WRHA has set a target of 100% for hand hygiene compliance.
- Sites/sectors are responsible for identifying opportunities to improve hand hygiene, equipment cleaning, and environmental cleaning to achieve regional targets and reduce all HAI's including MRSA.



# Group Discussion:

What happens if we don't get it right?

What are some of the costs of poor quality in healthcare?

## TIPs:

- Consider the complexity of the health care
- Look at what we do, ask how can we make it better, include others in the process – what is our purpose?
- Include the client/patient

# Q 2 - What are some of the costs of poor quality in healthcare?



Which of the following could be an outcome of poor quality healthcare? Select all that apply.

- A. Harm or Injury to patient, potential life lost or disability incurred
- B. Increase healthcare resources to manage 'fix' the harm or injury to patient
- C. Negative patient satisfaction scores
- D. Impaired staff morale

# Q 3 - Which resource(s) might be required to respond to an event where there was harm or injury to a patient?



- A. More medical staff for the patient
- B. Increased Time in the healthcare system
- C. More Supplies e.g medication, diagnostics
- D. Client relations / Patient Representative support
- E. Legal representative involvement



# A Culture of Quality & Safety:

## Not an add-on



# Q 4 - Have you heard of the Culture of Safety Survey?



- Yes
- No

Strong  
committed  
**leadership**

Working Conditions

CULTURAL SAFETY TRUST *just culture*

**patients as partners**

Teamwork & Communication

Safety Climate Transparency

Organizational fairness

*Psychological Safety*

Engaged  
committed  
**employees**

**Share**

**Do**

**Learn**

Policies & practices  
that **enable** the pursuit of  
safety

Frontline **enact** to improve  
patient safety

**Elaborate** learning  
practices to reinforce safe  
behaviors

We work together to  
prevent errors  
& support each other

Our family felt  
like a part of  
the team

I feel like patient  
safety is the top  
priority

I KNOW MY CONCERNS WILL BE HEARD

I have access to  
the supports I  
need



# Let's take a 3 minute break







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**Quality**

**Frameworks: Tools**

# Quality Framework/Methodology Examples

- ***Health Standards Organization (HSO) and Accreditation***
- ***PDSA (Plan Do Study Act)***
- Model for Improvement
- Quality Improvement / and TQM
- Lean/ Six Sigma



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Have several tools in the toolbox



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PATIENT  
SAFETY**

# Accreditation Process in WRHA

Updated: January 27, 2020

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## Q 5 - Accreditation

How have you been involved in WRHA Accreditation process?

- A. I have **never** been involved
- B. I am aware of it as a **staff** member at a site/program
- C. I have participated as a **member** of our site/program Accreditation/Quality/Safety team
- D. I am a site/program Accreditation/Quality/Safety **Lead**
- E. I have participated as part of **Leadership** at our site/program
- F. Other



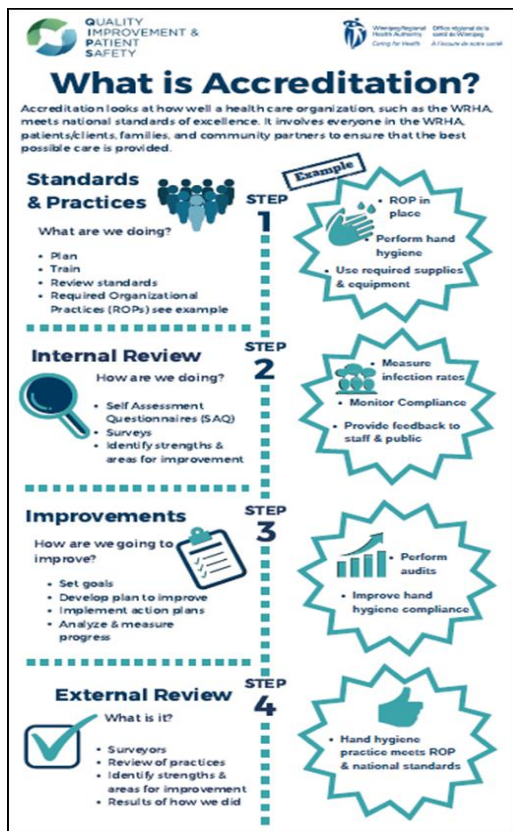
# Accreditation in Healthcare:

**What Is Accreditation?**

**Why Do We Participate?**



# Accreditation as a Quality Framework



The Accreditation Process guides our Quality activities

## What is Accreditation?

<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/regional-accreditation.php>

Last WRHA Accreditation Survey Visit occurred:

**Virtual – February 8-12, 2021**

**On site – September 26 – October 1, 2021**



## What is Accreditation?

Accreditation looks at how well a health care organization, such as the WRHA, meets national standards of excellence. It involves everyone in the WRHA, patients/clients, families, and community partners to ensure that the best possible care is provided.

### Standards & Practices



What are we doing?

- Plan
- Train
- Review standards
- Required Organizational Practices (ROPs) see example

STEP 1

**Example**

- ROP in place
- Perform hand hygiene
- Use required supplies & equipment

### Internal Review

How are we doing?

- Self Assessment Questionnaires (SAQ)
- Surveys
- Identify strengths & areas for improvement

STEP 2

- Measure infection rates
- Monitor Compliance
- Provide feedback to staff & public

### Improvements

How are we going to improve?

- Set goals
- Develop plan to improve
- Implement action plans
- Analyze & measure progress

STEP 3

- Perform audits
- Improve hand hygiene compliance

### External Review

What is it?

- Surveyors
- Review of practices
- Identify strengths & areas for improvement
- Results of how we did

STEP 4

- Hand hygiene practice meets ROP & national standards

# Standards & Practices



STEP 1

What are we doing?

## Internal Review

STEP 2

How are we doing?

## Improvements

STEP 3

How are we going to

## External Review

STEP 4








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## WRHA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2020**

PROGRAM/SITE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF SUBMISSION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF LEAD(S): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>QUALITY ISSUE (WHY)</b> 	<b>OBJECTIVES (OUTCOMES WE ARE LOOKING FOR)</b> 	<b>PLAN OF ACTION (WHAT WILL BE DONE, AND WHO WILL DO IT)</b> 	<b>BY WHEN (WHEN)</b> 	<b>SUCCESS/ EFFECTIVENESS CRITERIA (HOW)</b> 	<b>PROGRESS (WHERE WE ARE AT)</b> 	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b> 
Why are the changes needed? Linked to what Quality Dimension(s)? Is it an ROP or AC Recommendation? Was it flagged on the SAQ?	Identify what team intends to accomplish by when Be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-Based	Describe in detail step(s) to be taken, and who will carry them out	List target completion date for each step	Describe what you will measure to determine success/effectiveness	Progress to date	
Champion for Initiative:  Quality Issue:  Quality Dimension(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Population Focus <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Worklife <input type="checkbox"/> Client-Centered Services <input type="checkbox"/> Continuity <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriateness <input type="checkbox"/> Efficiency  <input type="checkbox"/> ROP or High Priority Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence Submission (AC) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation (AC) <input type="checkbox"/> SAQ Flag						



# Video 1 - Dr Mike Evans



HI! I'M DR. MIKE EVANS  
and TODAY'S TALK is on  
**QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT**





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# PDSA: Plan-Do-Study-Act

*- PDSA is a good tool for your toolbox*

# TIPs to get you Started: Quality Improvement



**What** are we trying to change



**Why?**



What change can we make which will result in improvement? **Why**



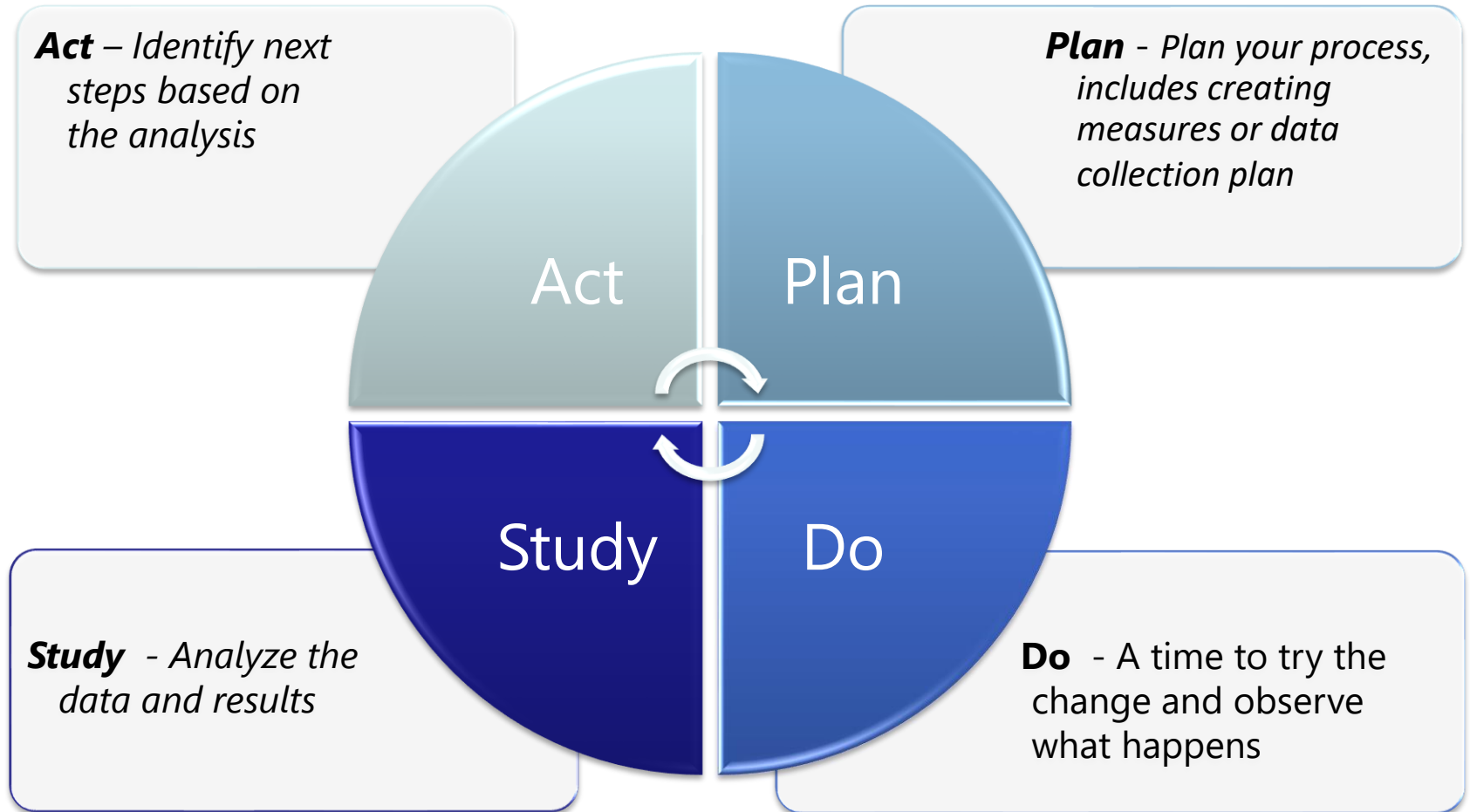
**Who** needs to be part of this? Who will this impact?



**How** will we know the change is an improvement

# Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA)

A structured trial of a process change



Team uses and links small PDSA cycles until ready for larger scale implementation

*The PDSA cycle will naturally lead to the Plan step of a subsequent cycle*

# SMART Goals

S

Specific

M

Measurable

A

Achievable

R

Realistic

T

Time Sensitive

# **Q 6 - Which is the best SMART goal statement?**

- A. To improve hand hygiene compliance on unit 2 by 100 % by December 31st, 2020**
- B. Make compliance to hand hygiene successful**
- C. To provide hand hygiene education to unit 2 staff by October 31st, 2020**
- D. Staff will improve health associated infections by washing hands**
- E. None of the above**



# Let's Try a PDSA

## Hand Hygiene

- Let's walk through the PDSA cycle for HH



## To improve hand hygiene compliance by 100 % by December 31st 2020

- What are we changing – hand washing practice on unit two
- Why – staff, family feedback, increased HAIs
- What will we do? add more hand sanitizer stations
- Who should we consult with? Include?
- How will we measure it? Amount of product used per month? Audit of behavior? Survey Staff?
- What happened? How much product was used? Audit findings?
- Change did not meet goal – revise. Place hand sanitizer stations on BP machine, Pyxis, Bedside





# Where/How can I use QI Results?





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# Break

**10 minute break**

Recognizing



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Reporting

Responding

..... Reviewing

..... **patient safety events**

..... Learning ...



# Recognizing & Reporting Patient Safety Events

Patients may experience unintended harm, this is known as a Patient Safety Event. It is important to know how to recognize & report events to ensure safe patient care.

## 1. Recognize

### What Happened?



#### Types of Events:

- Near Miss
- Occurrence
- Critical Incident

## 2. Respond

### Is the Patient Safe?

- Assess & treat the patient
- Notify the care team

### Communicate

- Huddle with the care team
- Support patient & family
- Evaluate need for staff support



### Equipment

- Secure equipment & environment



RL

## 3. Report

- Submit report in RL6
- Notify leadership



When you report a patient safety event you make it safer for everyone.

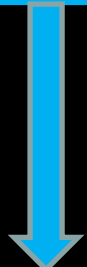


<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/files/InitialManagement.pdf>

***But not all of the time.....***



**Canadian Adverse  
Event Study**  
(CMAJ, 2004)



**Beyond the Quick Fix**  
(2015) Institute of Health Policy,  
Management and Evaluation,  
University of Toronto



# What is a PSE - Recognizing

## 1. Recognize

### What Happened?



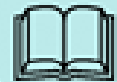
#### Types of Events:

- Near Miss
- Occurrence
- Critical Incident

An event, situation or circumstance that resulted or could have resulted in an unintended and/or undesired outcome such as an injury or illness.



### DEFINITIONS



# Types of Patient Safety Events

## Near Miss



An event or situation that took place, and could have resulted in an unintended outcome, but was 'caught' before adversely impacting the Patient



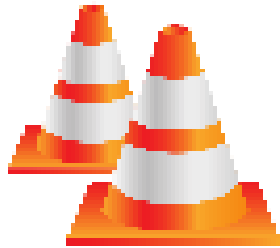
## Critical Incident

An unintended event or situation that occurred in the provision of health care services to a patient that resulted in or has the potential to result in a serious or life-threatening injury to the patient or death of the patient or from a risk inherent in providing health services

- is serious or life-threatening
- harm, injury to a patient that did not meet the definition of a critical incident
- does not result in a patient's death
- or from a risk inherent in providing health services



## 2. Respond



### Is the Patient Safe?

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### Communicate

- Huddle with the care team
- Support patient & family
- Evaluate need for staff support



### Equipment

- Secure equipment & environment

What is the importance of reporting PSEs

- document what happened
- accountability and learning
- promote a supportive environment

**RL** **3. Report**

- Submit report in RL6
- Notify leadership



The image shows a dark blue rectangular box with a white border. At the top left is a green speech bubble containing the letters 'RL'. To its right is the text '3. Report' in white. Below this are two bullet points: '• Submit report in RL6' and '• Notify leadership'. In the center is a grid of eight colorful icons on a dark background. The icons are: a red speech bubble (Patient Care), a blue person icon (Emergency), a red blood drop (Blood Bank), a red line graph (Diagnostic), a purple microscope (Diagnostic Imaging), a blue hospital bed (Regional Clinical Services), a blue building (Facilities), and a yellow person walking (HR).



*To improve the safety and quality of care  
for our patients*

# Let's take a 3 minute break



# Q 7 - Have you been involved in the review of a patient safety event?



- Yes
- No

Every reported patient safety event is an opportunity to learn and improve the care we deliver to patients & families.

## Reviewing

### What happened?

- Explore processes in place
- Focus on the gaps in the system
- Identify how similar events can be prevented



**fair & just  
culture**



## Learning

### What will we do to improve?

- Collaborate with patients, families & other care providers
- Identify improvements
- Implement changes to enhance patient safety

**SHARE**



# REVIEWING AND LEARNING

Near  
Miss/Good  
Catch &  
Occurrence

- Program/Unit Manager

Critical  
Incident

- Critical Incident Review  
Committee(CIRC)

**Goal is to have a Safety Culture focused on System Learning**

# Reviewing Events in RL

## quality improvement & PATIENT SAFETY

### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & PATIENT SAFETY UNIT

Vision, Mission, Values

Communications

Workshops & Education

### AREAS OF PRACTICE/SPECIALTY

Client Relations

Patient Safety

Accreditation

Clinical Audits

## Patient Safety -Standard Operating Procedures

Initial event management

CI review process

Recommendation development

Escalation process

Privileged and Confidential Information

Second Party Requests for Information

Patient Safety Learning Advisory



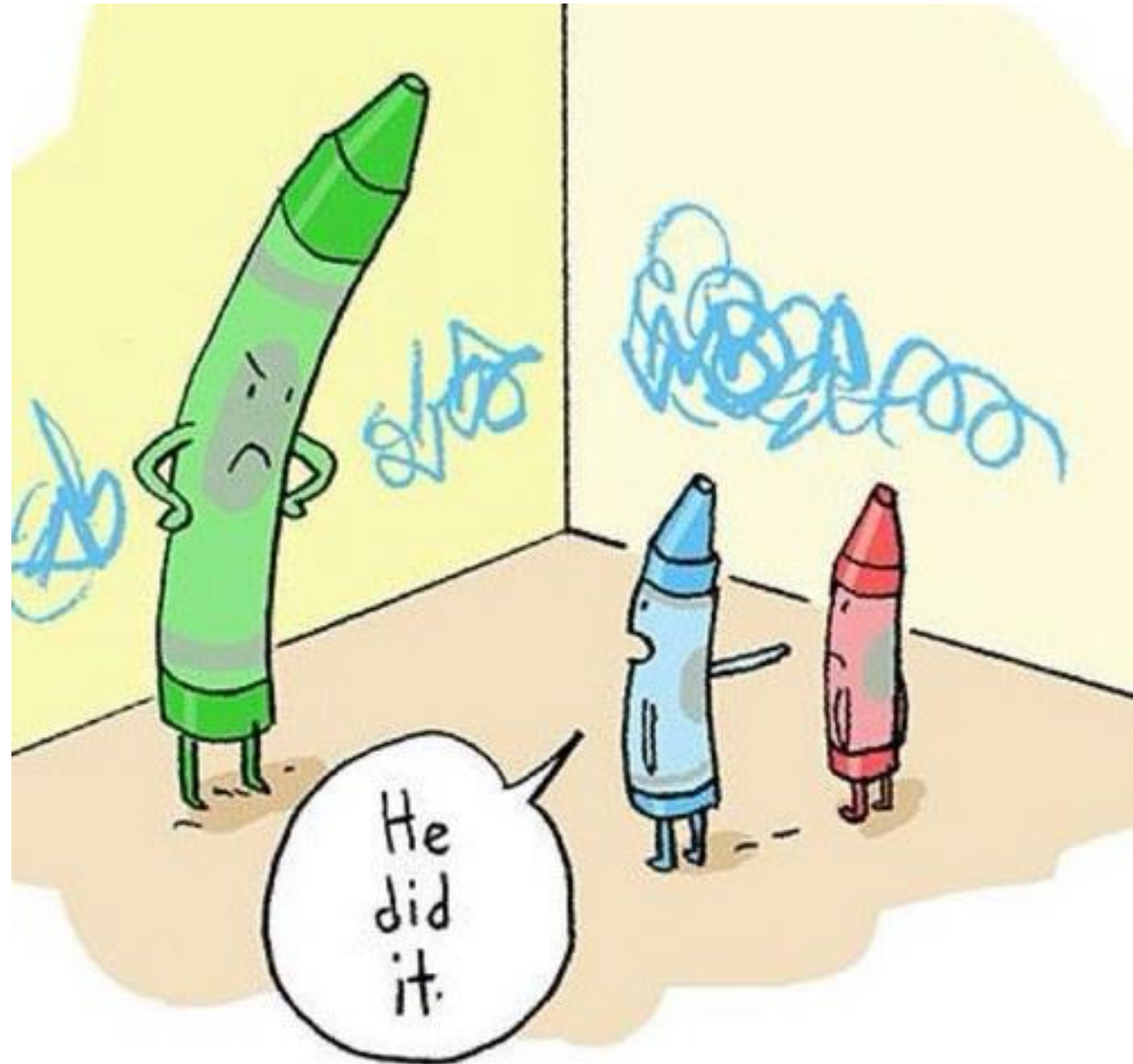
- <https://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/SOPs.php>

# How to do a Review

## Learning from PSEs

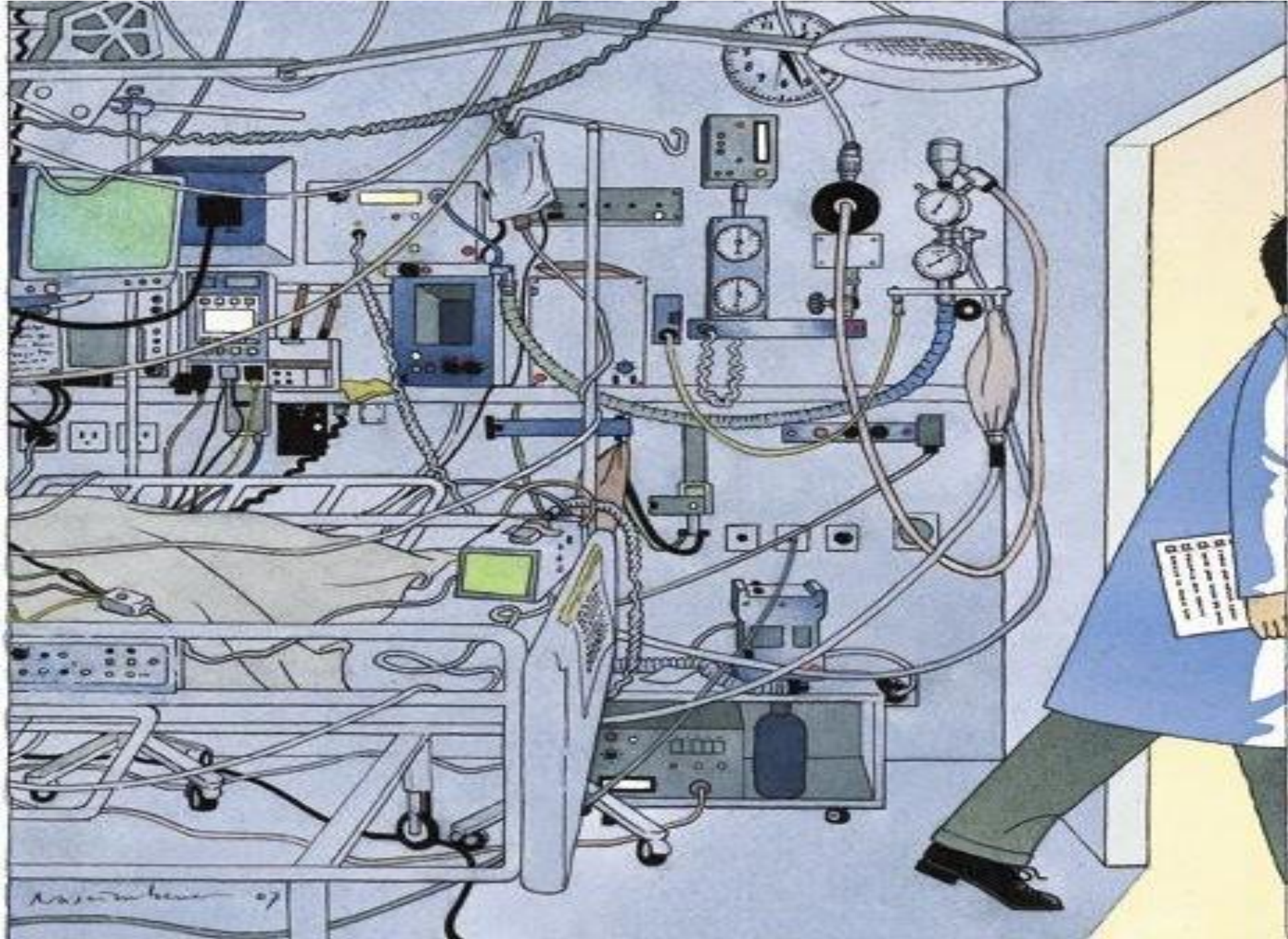
Focus on learning, not blame

*Inquire about why the decisions and actions made sense to staff at the time.*









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# *System Factors to Consider*



The phenomenal power of the human mind:

According to research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are,

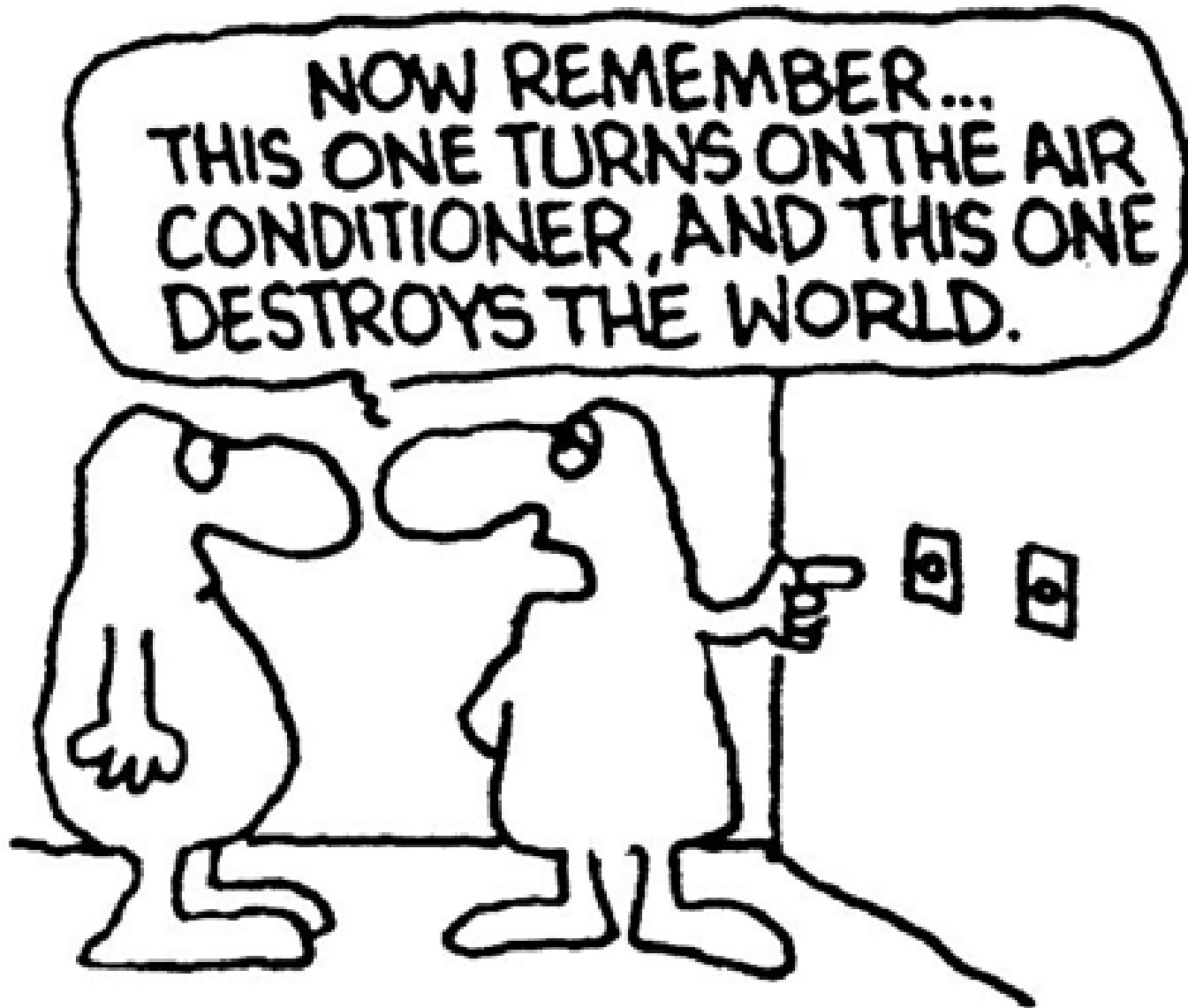
the only important thing is that the first and last letter be at the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem.

This is because the human mind does not read every

letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Amazing huh?

# System Design & Human Factors



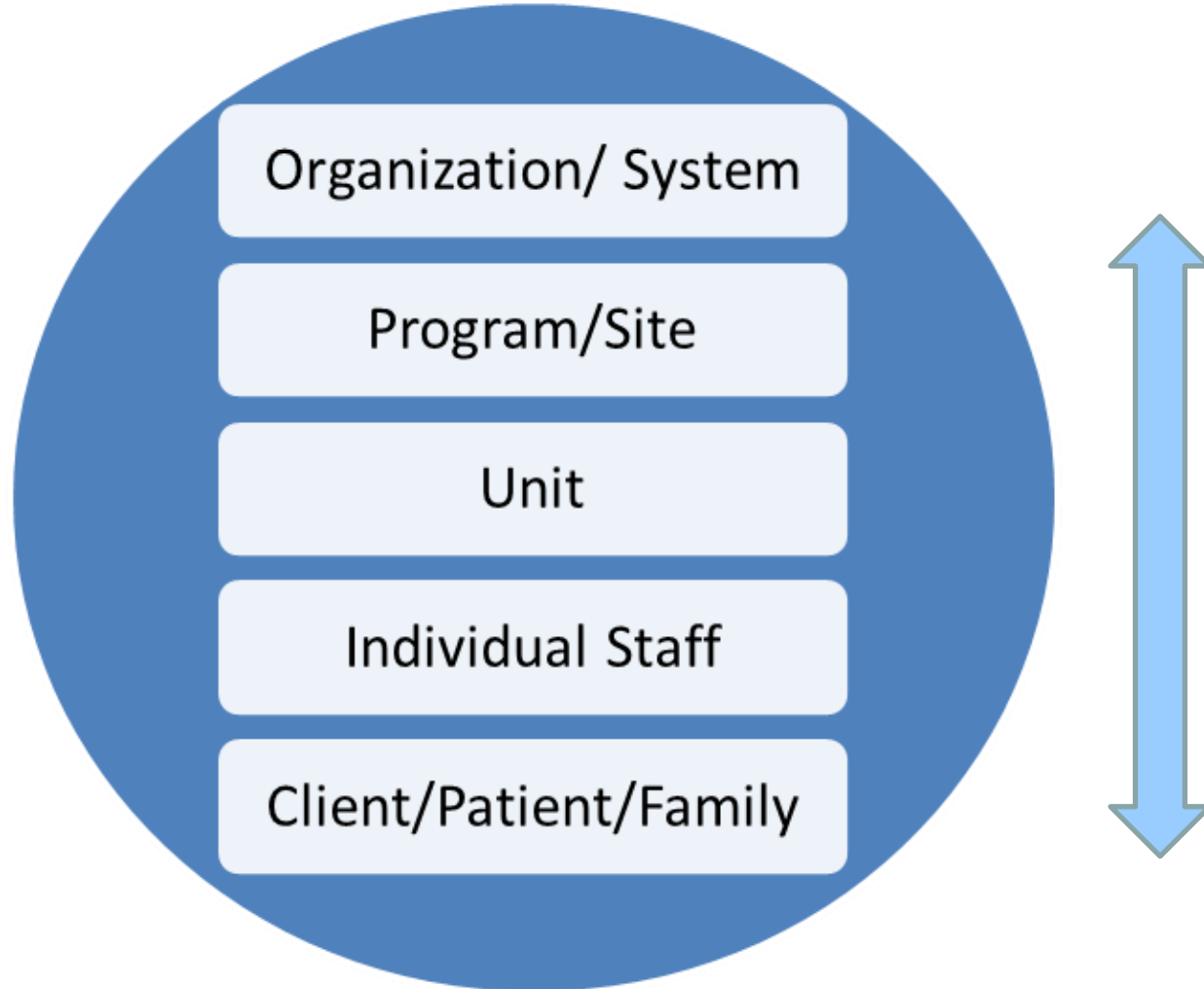
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# Learning from PSEs



# Target for Improvement/Learning: Scope



**The goal is to embed excellence into everyday work and operations.  
Moving to being proactive instead of reactive.**



# Who leads Improvement Planning in response to a PSE?

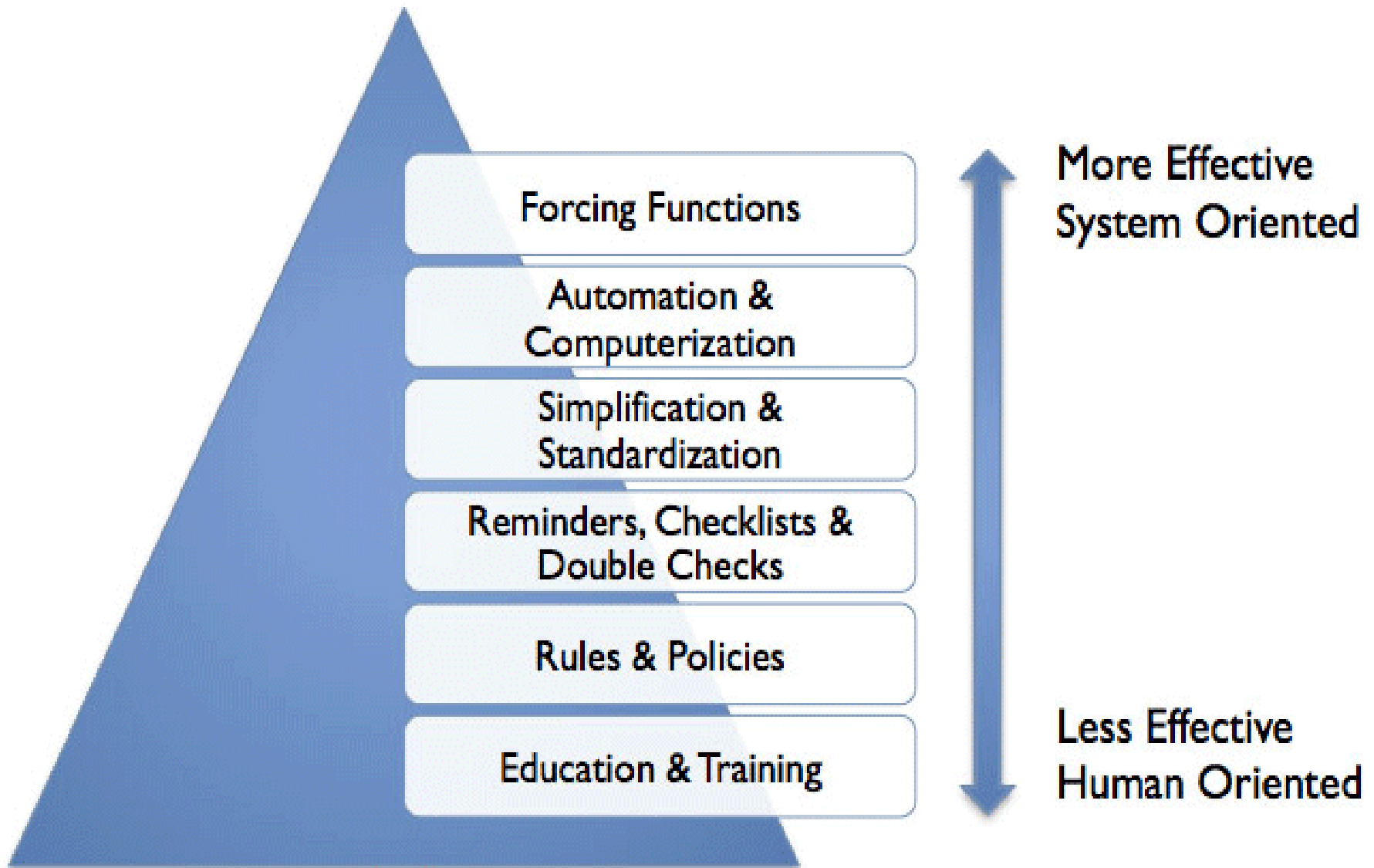
Near Miss/Good Catch & Occurrence

- Site/Program/Unit Manager or QI Lead

Critical Incident

- Program/Site/Unit/Senior Management or QI Lead(s)

# Hierarchy of Effectiveness



# How is learning shared on your unit?

## PATIENT SAFETY LEARNING ADVISORY

Lessons from patient safety event reviews



### Updating Personal Health Information in ADT/EPR

#### Safety Event

A recent patient safety event review revealed a risk to patients related to the process for updating personal health information in ADT/EPR.

#### What occurred?

A patient was brought to an emergency department. The patient did not have a Manitoba Health Card with them at the visit and historic demographic information was generated through the ADT/EPR system. The information was not confirmed with the patient, which resulted in incorrect contact numbers for the patient and family.

Patient health information is an important component of a patient's health record. Incorrect or incomplete demographic information prevents the health care team from contacting a patient or their emergency contacts.

Phone numbers and addresses can change from one visit to another. Each time a patient arrives to the hospital, confirm their personal health, demographic and emergency contact information.

#### Recommendations

- 1) Confirm with the patient and/or patient's family current demographic and emergency contact information for each admission to hospital.

#### References

Section 4.15 WRHA Emergency Program  
Guideline: [WRHA Standardized Roles and Responsibilities of the Emergency Program Triage Team: REGISTERED NURSE](#)

[WRHA Collection of Personal Health Information Policy 10.40.070](#)

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To see additional Patient Safety Learning Advisories go to  
<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/event-learning.php>

This alert represents de-identified information from one or several patient safety reviews and is intended for system-wide learning. If you have any questions, please contact the WRHA Patient Safety Team at [patientsafety@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:patientsafety@wrha.mb.ca) or contact Client Relations at 204-926-7825.



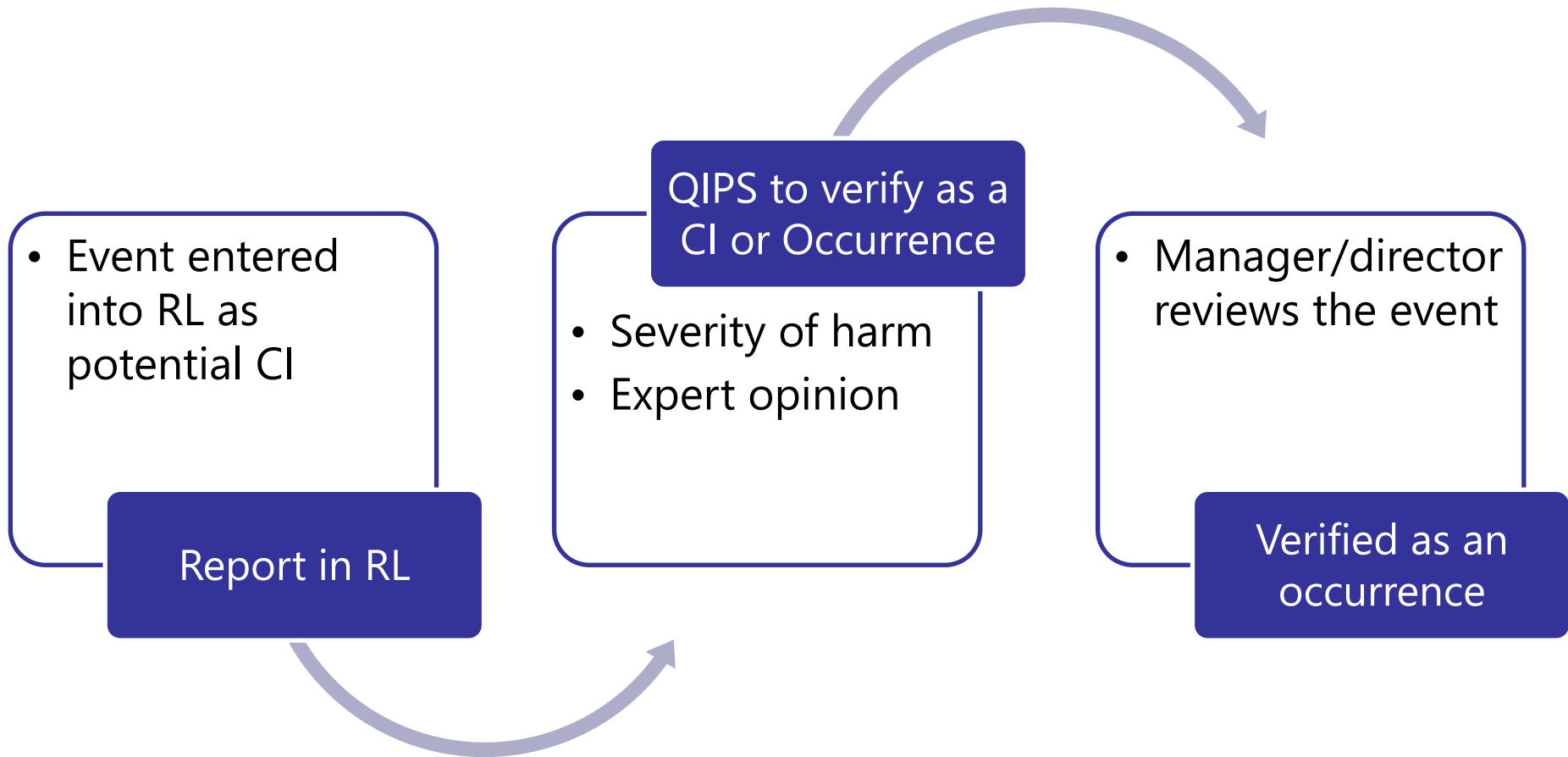
# Group Exercise – WRHA Clinic

- A man has been experiencing more difficulty breathing.
- The man has emphysema, Type II diabetes and high blood pressure.
- He quit smoking two years ago after smoking for most of his adult life and has gained weight since he quit smoking.
- He is on inhalers for his emphysema, oral medication for his high blood pressure and insulin for his diabetes.

# Group Exercise – WRHA Clinic

- A chest X-ray is ordered and is completed at an outpatient facility.
- Having heard nothing further, he contacts the clinic three weeks later and is informed they have not received the results of the X-ray.
- The clinic contacts the X-ray facility which has difficulty finding the original order or results.
- Two days later, the clinic contacts the patient and informs him that the X-ray indicates a spot on his lung and that additional testing is required.

# Type of Patient Safety Event?



# Type of Patient Safety Event?

## Occurrence



*Based on severity of harm:*  
in this case, he was assessed by a consultant and it was determined:

- Spot is not cancerous
- further monitoring would occur

## Critical Incident

Versus a Critical Incident (CI) had the consultant deemed it cancerous and it was too late to provide life saving treatment.

# Group Exercise



## From the example

- How would you review this occurrence?
  - What approach could you take; what factors would you consider
- Take 10 minutes to discuss in your group
- Jot down some notes



# Summary of Case Scenario

- Approach with a view to **understand**
- Areas to explore during the review:
  - the complexity of all the activities and seeks to understand what works and what doesn't, and where there are risks.
    - Work environment factors?
    - Individual factors?
    - Task factors?
    - Team factors?
    - Client factors?
- Recommendations based on the findings?

What is our goal in all this?

*To create a safer health system by learning from safety events*



# Resources

**“Need other Quality & Accreditation Education Resources and Tools?** These resources can be used to create staff awareness or to inform the content of your staff education. “

- 1) Accreditation Standards <https://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/Standards2019.php>
- 2) ROP Handbook <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/rops.php>
- 3) ROP Resources & Posters <https://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/ROPResources.php>
- 4) Quality Improvement Template and Plans <https://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/ProgramTeams.php>
- 5) Regional Client Experience Survey <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/clientexpsurveys.php>
- 6) Canadian Culture of Safety Regional Report and Power Point  
<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/ptsafetysurvey.php>
- 7) Improvement Frameworks Getting Started Kit by CPSI and SaferHealthcare now
  - <http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/en/toolsResources/ImprovementFramework/Pages/default.aspx>
- 9) Institute for Healthcare Improvement (2017)  
<http://www.ihl.org/Pages/default.aspx> <http://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/Tools/default.aspx>
- 10) Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Cycles
  - <http://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/HowtoImprove/ScienceofImprovementTestingChanges.aspx>
- 9) Culture Change Toolbox - BC Patient Safety & Quality Council <https://bcpsqc.ca/blog/knowledge/culture-change-toolbox/>
- 10) Medication Reconciliation <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/quality/medrec1.php>