Successful Implementation of High Sensitivity Troponin Across a Hospital Delivery System



Denise Busman, RN, MSN; William Chopp, MD; Trevor Cummings, MD; Jeffrey Decker, MD; Richard McNamara, MD; Mallory Martens, PA-C; Jeff Uhen; Stephen Wilkinson, MD Frederik and Lena Meijer Heart Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Background

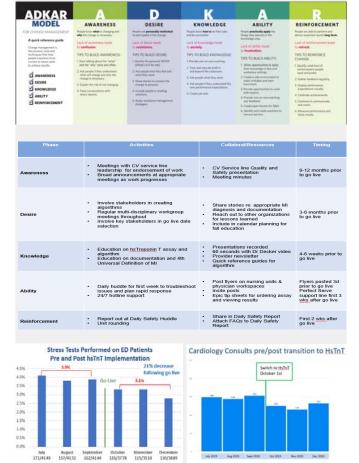
The adoption of a high sensitivity Troponin assay (hsTn) has been reported to trigger significant disruption in workflows for inpatient Cardiology Services. Using change management strategies, we sought to implement a hsTn T assay in a 14 hospital health system with minimal disruption in workflows for clinicians while continuing to provide safe and efficient care.

Methods

- Principles of change management were used as a foundation for the project. A multi-disciplinary team was formed with physician leadership from cardiology, emergency medicine and the laboratory, coupled with an operational lead and a project manager.
- Additional members included a cardiology fellow and physician assistant, inpatient and emergency department clinical nurse specialists, a quality improvement specialist, laboratory operational and support staff, and an information services analyst familiar with the Epic build for the laboratory.
- The team reviewed the literature and consulted with other hospital systems to develop a diagnostic and treatment algorithm.
- A stakeholder analysis was performed to identify persons/roles impacted or influenced by the introduction of the new assay.







Methods - cont.

A detailed communication and education plan was developed that addressed the need for awareness, desire, knowledge, ability and reinforcement (ADKAR) tactics to implement and support the change across multiple hospital sites.

Results

The hsTn T assay was implemented on October 1, 2019. The team met daily during the rollout to identify and manage concerns. In the first 3 months after implementation, there was an 8% increase in discharges home for low risk ED chest pain patients, a 21% decrease in stress testing and no increase in Cardiology consults. In the first 3 weeks after go live, fewer than 15 calls were made to the support hotline. Moreover, leaders and clinicians of multiple specialties across the system offered high praise for the rollout, stating it was the, "smoothest project rollout" they had experienced.

Conclusions

A multi-disciplinary, highly engaged team using principles of change management is an effective strategy for implementation of a system wide change to create minimal disruption in workflows

Percent of projects that meet or exceed their goals when change is managed effectively¹ Percent of projects that succeed when there is ineffective or little/no change management

94%

15%

Reference

1. Prosci Inc. Best Practices in Change Management. 2017



Disclosure Statement: All presenters disclose no conflict of interest relative to this poster: No commercial support, sponsorship or endorsement of products