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External

Internal

- Bedside Leader Fatigue
- New patient tower construction
- Core staffing due low census
  Unable to manage surge/acuity
- Charge nurses taking assignments for 1<sup>st</sup> time and flexing bedside leaders off
- Moving from a unit focus to
- organization team culture Increased focus on patient satisfaction
- Managing immediate patient admission needs/acuity change
   Patient safety EBP patient safer on the unit than in the ED
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- 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of highway construction fluctuating census 90-180 patients Financial due to low census and focus on Medicare
- breakeven Change in payor mix and reduced revenue stream
- Healthcare and organizational focus on innovative solutions to everyday problems

#### Awareness That Change Was Needed

- · Bedside leader feedback was compelling and consistent including -
  - NDNQI RN satisfaction, Q12, nursing forums, town
  - halls, Beth's Bistros and leader rounding
  - Safety net for the unexpected but predictable chaos effective & immediate short term resolution to the stress
- Stealing shamelessly from Baylor Irving and iterating
- Brandy Brite, MSN, RN, PCCN came to us from Baylor Irving and immediately saw the Team Support cultural fit
  - Magnet appraiser noted our hospital "brand" Teamwork & Family

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#### **Positive Programmatic Considerations**

- Program has no cost but invaluable relief
  - Small and infrequent investment of time
  - Quickly implemented no need for capital investment
- Creates a nimble/agile culture
- Breaks down silos within the organization
- We listened to the bedside leader voice

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# What is Team Support?

Purpose – provide impromptu instantaneous support during periods of increased workload or departmental stress

- - Engage and inform the organizational leaders at all levels of
  - "hot spots" in the house

  - Improves morale "you aren't alone"
    Builds relationships and an environment of appreciation
    Promotes a culture of "pay it forward"
  - Enhances a sense of pride
  - Positive experience for those responding feel appreciated and recognized

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# Team Support Expectations

- No barriers to 24/7 activation
- Response process is 15-20 minutes on average
- All Hands on Deck from all roles and disciplines
- Unit lead delegates needed tasks effectively and appropriately
  - Alignment of competency to task
- What matters happens and team support is a priority
  - Joint Commission Stroke Survey
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### How Do We Begin?

- Senior Leadership support, presence, and participation essential
- Organizational Owner
  - Program Leader/Cheerleader
  - Data collector
- Socialize concept to team
- Education Unit Managers
  - Checklist
  - Task/Role Specific Cards
  - Evaluation Tool

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# Operationalizing the Response

- Communication is key
- Consider engaging:
  - Manager review
  - House Supervisor
  - Director
- Ask for guidance but don't permit stopping the process



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#### Potential Bedside Leaders Perceptions

- "No one will show up"
- "No one comes when I need help, so why should I go?"
- "It is easier to do it myself"
- "Who will I get to cover for me?"
- "That unit calls team support all the time . . . Is it real this time?"

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### Potential Leader Perceptions

- "Are you kidding? I'm in my best suit!"
- "They can't call team support without my permission"
- "This will never work"
- "I'm too busy for this right now"
- "I'm not clinical"
- "I am not comfortable with that practice area"
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#### Perceptions of Potentially Everyone

- "I don't have that kind of time on my shift"
- "Help? Do they think I am not doing my job?"
- "Someone else will go"
- "I don't know where anything is on that unit!"
- "They called team support for this, they should see my unit"
- "It's after hours, no one is here to help, why bother?"
- "I'm new, how can I help?"

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## Lessons Learned

- Senior Leadership support is essential for successful implementation and sustainability
- Team Leader must be accountable to turn in required forms for data tracking purposes
- Staff must be confident someone will come to their aid when needed
- Team support is for any unit/department

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