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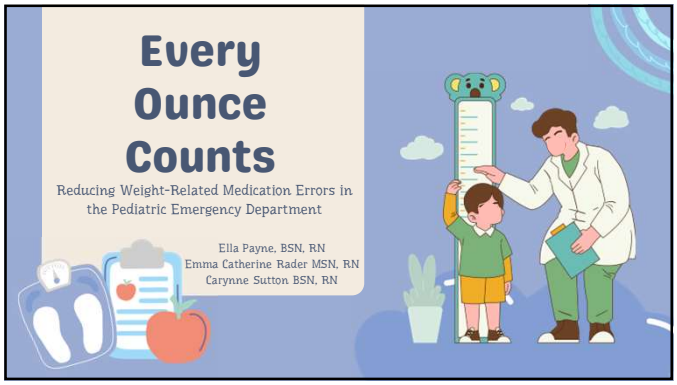
Every Ounce Counts
Reducing Weight-Related Medication Errors in the Pediatric Emergency Department
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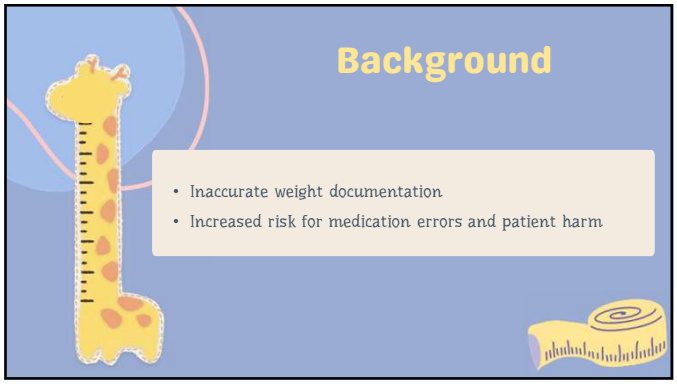
Background
• Inaccurate weight documentation
• Increased risk for medication errors and patient harm

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Cook Children's Emergency Department

Medical Center Campus

Emergency Department Entrance

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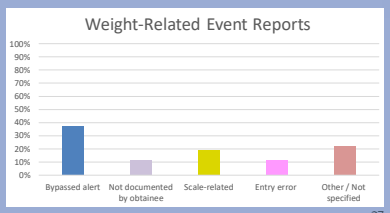
Review of Weight Related Events



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Time for some quality improvement!

Purpose Statement

To reduce the occurrence of weight-related medication safety events in the emergency department by at least 50% within a 6-month period.

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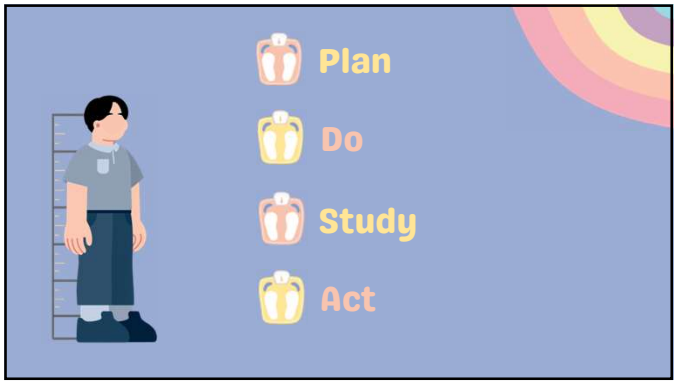
Plan
Do
Study
Act

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Plan
Collaborate with nursing leaders
Create staff education, workflow reminders, and visual reference tools
Target education for staff who obtain weights
Share information with frontline staff

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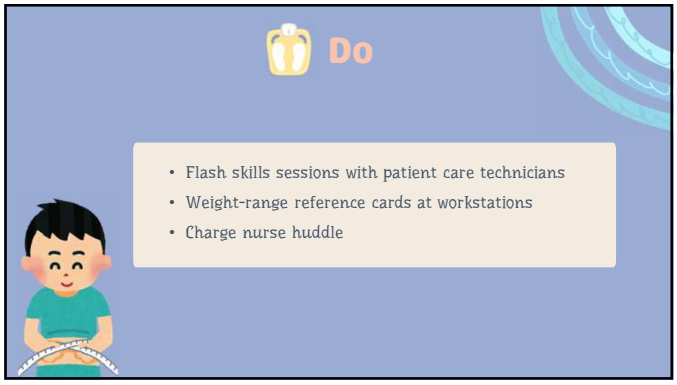
Do
Flash skills sessions with patient care technicians
Weight-range reference cards at workstations
Charge nurse huddle

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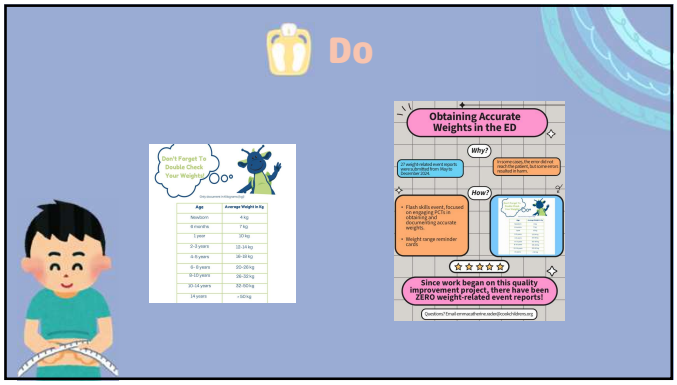
Do
Don't Forget To Double Check Your Weight!
Obtaining Accurate Weights in the ED
Why?
How?
Since work began on this quality improvement project, there have been ZERO weight-related event reports!

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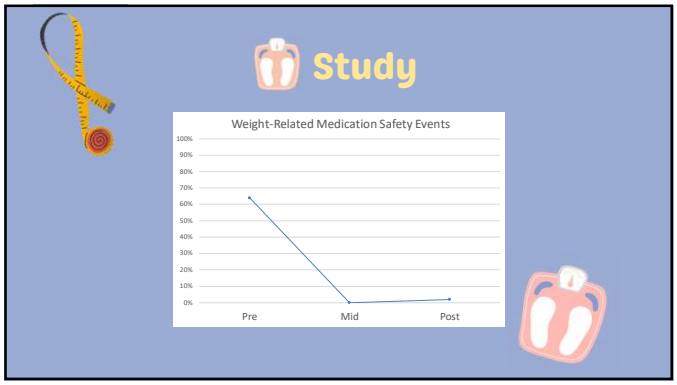
Study
Weight-Related Medication Safety Events
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
Pre
Mid
Post

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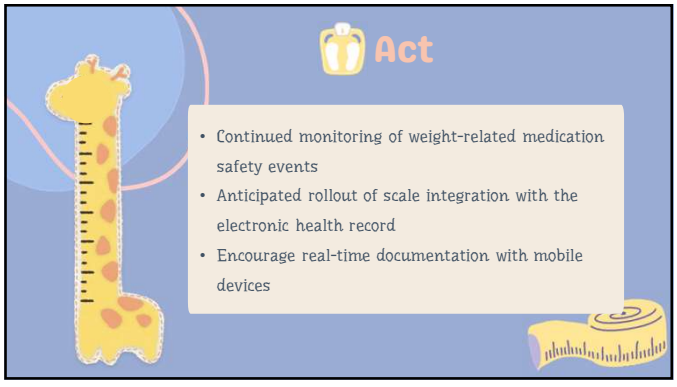
Act
• Continued monitoring of weight-related medication safety events
• Anticipated rollout of scale integration with the electronic health record
• Encourage real-time documentation with mobile devices

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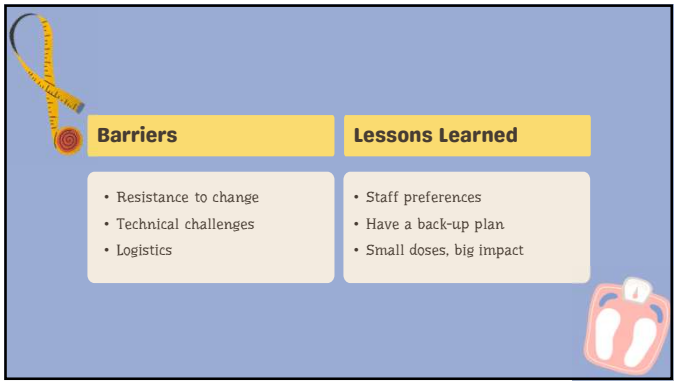

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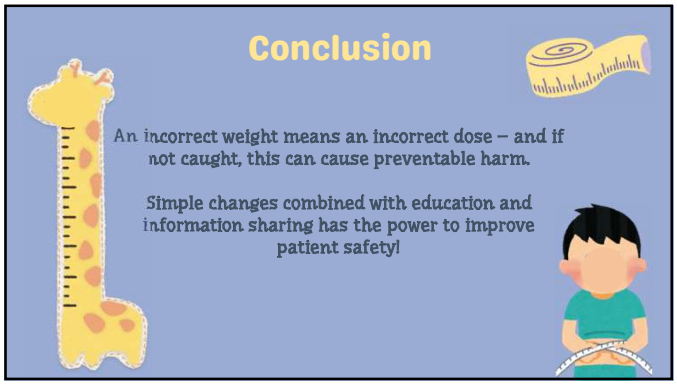

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