



Boosting Bedside Nurse Engagement, Confidence and Collaborative Communication through a Rounding Tool and Process Refinements in Multidisciplinary Rounds



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Background

Multidisciplinary Rounds:

- Ensure collaboration, communication, enhance patient safety and quality care
- A lack of nurse presence creates a breakdown in care collaboration

Objective

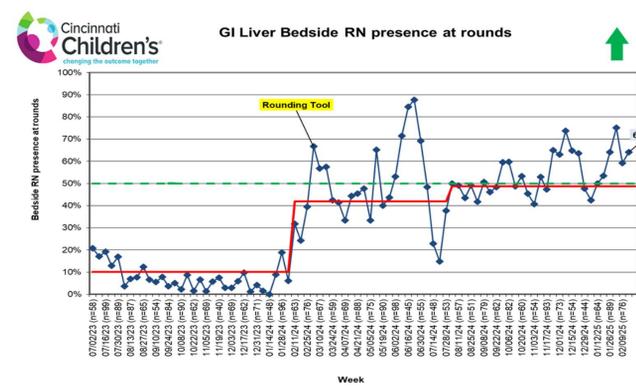
The A4NS Shared Governance team is supported with a Clinical Quality Specialist to embed QI methods during our monthly meetings

The goal is to increase bedside nurse participation on 2 units: for GI lumen unit from 70% to 80% and for GI liver unit from 10% to 50%.

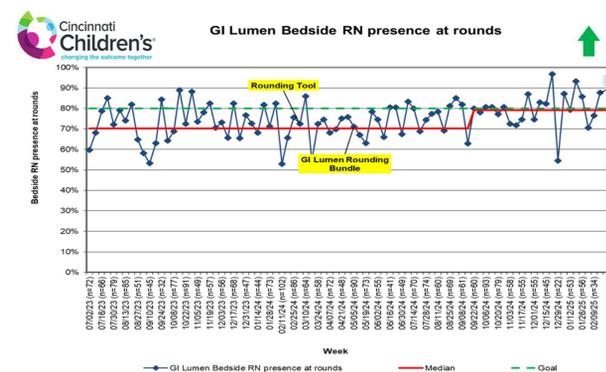


Findings

The Shared Governance group reviewed data and compliance of bedside RN presence monthly.



GI Liver 2 centerline shifts

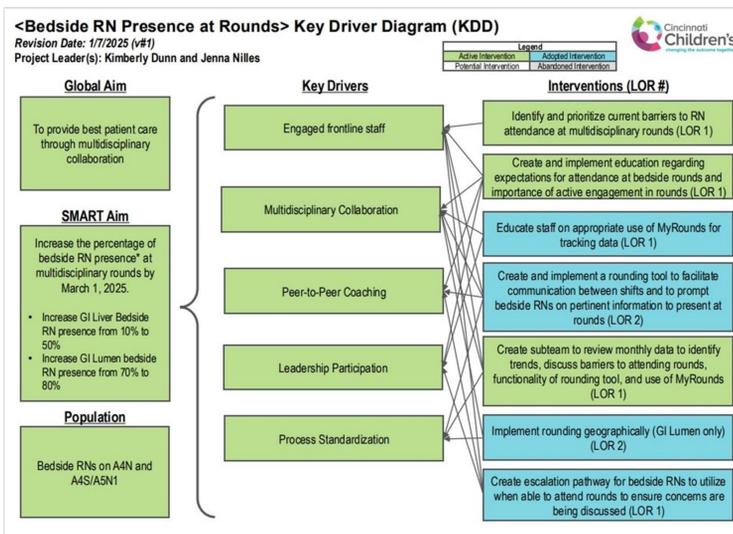


GI Lumen 1 centerline shift

Method/Interventions

Survey Results revealed that nurses were uncomfortable for many reasons:

- Lack of role clarity
- Feelings of low value



- To improve nurses' presence, a rounding tool was developed. The rounding tool was used to improve confidence to actively participate during rounds by prompting the nurse to critically think about patient care and aid in discussion with the multidisciplinary team.
- Education was developed for bedside RNs discussing rounding expectation and why attending rounds is important.
- Education was given to the individuals who would be collecting the data utilizing the MyRounds app.

Nurse Presentation for Rounds		
Date: _____		
Patient Name: _____ Age: _____		
Lines	Current Access (CV, PICC, PIV, Port) Are there any issues with access? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (i.e. redness, drainage, skin breakdown, occlusion, line migration, freq. dressing changes, flushes, draws) What is infusing through the line? (IV, ABX, assistance) Can any of the lines be removed? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Any additional access required? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Comments
LDAs	What tubes are present? (GT, JT, GII, NG, Foley, trach, ostomy, JJ) Pressure ulcer and/or wound issues? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
I & O's	Are they accurate? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If not, why not?	
Weights	Are there issues with feeding? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Most recent weight: _____ (date: _____) Reason not weighed: _____	
Orders	Orders to be DC (i.e. monitors, old POC orders, IVs)	
Medications	Issues with meds? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Any pain issues that need to be addressed? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Labs	Issues with labs? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Discharge	Discharge goals Barriers to DC?	
Social	Any concerns about Patient Safety? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Has the family voiced concerns? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Impact Statements

Newly onboarded nurses report that the tool provided clear guidelines and expectations around communication and boosted confidence.

Nurses with less than two years of experience found the tool beneficial, as the structured report sheet provided clear guidance on specific concerns to address during rounds, enhancing their ability to contribute effectively. These nurses reported increased satisfaction with the relationship between nursing and medical teams.

Nurses with more than two years of experience use the tool when teaching new nurses and students. While they didn't rely on the reference sheet as much, they also observed an improvement in communication between nursing staff and medical teams

Conclusion

MyRounds tracking data currently indicates nurse presence of GI lumen is 88% and GI liver is 64% as of February 2025.

The presence of bedside RNs at multidisciplinary rounds has fluctuated due to various challenges. The overall trend indicates a shift towards recognizing the importance of their critical role in enhancing collaboration, communication, patient safety, and quality care.

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