

# Zapping VAP at MCGG

Strategies to Reduce Hospital Acquired Infections

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## Medical Center of Central Georgia - MCGG

- 637 bed, acute-care academic medical center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest hospital in Georgia
- Magnet designation 2005
- Level 1 trauma services
- 142 ICU beds: 5 adult, neonatal, pediatric
- Certified:
  - Hip & Knee replacement programs
  - Stroke program
  - Ventricular assist device (VAD)
  - Chest pain center
  - Palliative care program



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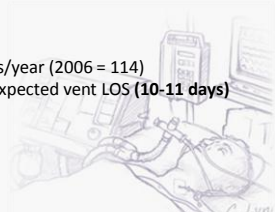


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## Actions for Impact

### Problem 6 years ago / Baseline

- Leading:**
  - < 90% compliance with vent bundle (HOB, turn, Hi Lo ETT, oral care)
- Lagging:**
  - Experiencing > 100 VAP cases/year (2006 = 114)
  - Adult ICUs had higher than expected vent LOS (**10-11 days**)




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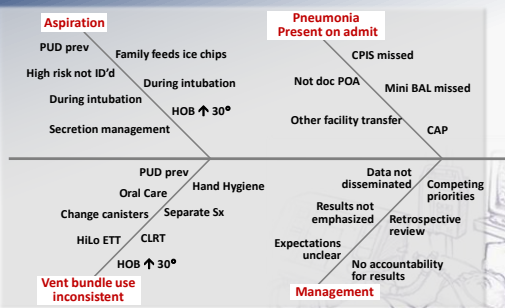
- Care of vent patients inconsistent
- Lack of evidence based practice
- Silo care versus interdisciplinary
- Not following guidelines for IHI, AACN, SSCM, APIC, NACHRI, and CMS

### Root Cause Analysis (RCA)



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## Actions for Impact



**Aspiration**

- PUD prev
- High risk not ID'd
- Family feeds ice chips
- During intubation
- During intubation
- Secretion management
- HOB ↑ 30°

**Pneumonia Present on admit**

- CPIS missed
- Not doc POA
- Mini BAL missed
- Other facility transfer
- CAP

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**Vent bundle use inconsistent**

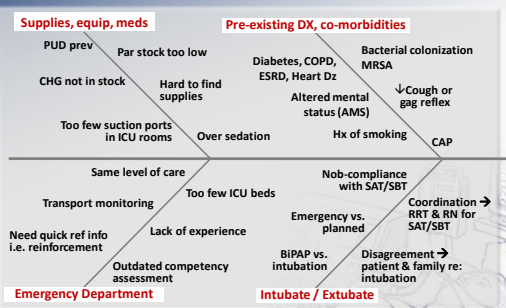
- PUD prev
- High Lo ETT
- CLRT
- HOB ↑ 30°
- Change canisters
- Oral Care
- Hand Hygiene
- Separate Sx

**Management**

- Data not disseminated
- Results not emphasized
- Expectations unclear
- No accountability for results
- Retrospective review
- Competing priorities

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## Actions for Impact



**Supplies, equip, meds**

- PUD prev
- CHG not in stock
- Par stock too low
- Hard to find supplies
- Too few suction ports in ICU rooms
- Over sedation
- Same level of care
- Transport monitoring
- Need quick ref info i.e. reinforcement
- Outdated competency assessment

**Pre-existing DX, co-morbidities**

- Diabetes, COPD, ESRD, Heart Dz
- Bacterial colonization MRSA
- Altered mental status (AMS)
- Hx of smoking
- CAP
- ↓ Cough or gag reflex
- Nob-compliance with SAT/SBT
- Emergency vs. planned
- BIPAP vs. intubation
- Disagreement → patient & family re: intubation

**Emergency Department**

- Coordination → RRT & RN for SAT/SBT


**Intubate / Extubate**

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### Assessment:

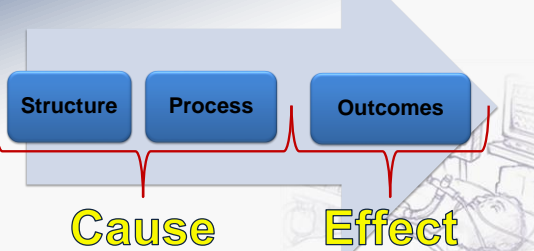
- Most of our infections preventable
- 2006 -2007 VAP reduction became a STRATEGIC focus on quality improvement
  - Initial goal to ↓ VAP by 50%



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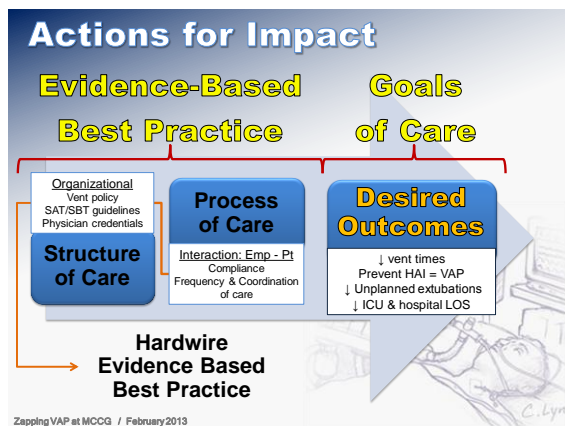
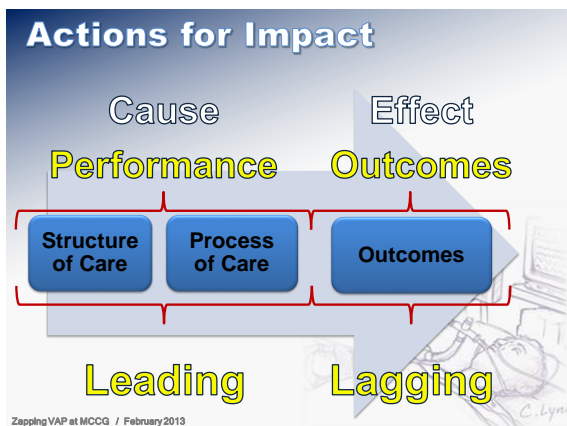
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**Structure**   **Process**   **Outcomes**

**Cause**   **Effect**

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### Actions for Impact

**Actions for Impact: Recap**

**Process Structure** → Evidence Based, Best Practice

**Value of Process** = connect to outcome

**Hardwire Process** → *make right process easy*

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### Engagement/Accountability

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2. **Engagement AND Accountability**  
**Hardwiring the care process**

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### Engagement/Accountability

**Adherence & Infection rates improve when either**

**A**              (Audit & feedback)  
                    ADDED to  
                    (provider reminder systems)

**B**              (Audit & Feedback)  
                    ADDED to  
                    (organizational change)  
                    AND (provider education)

AHRQ: Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections: Closing the Quality Gap  
[www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/final.cfm](http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/final.cfm)

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**Hardwire Best Practice**

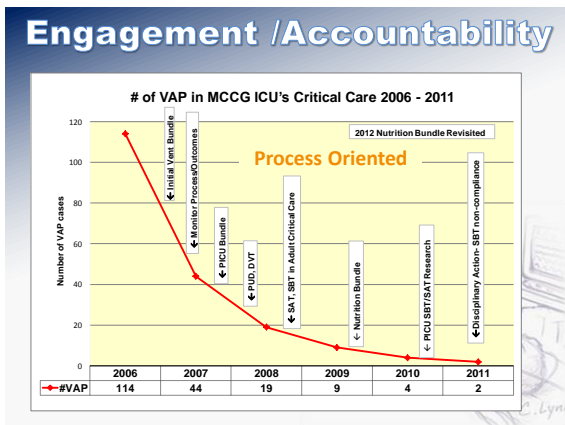
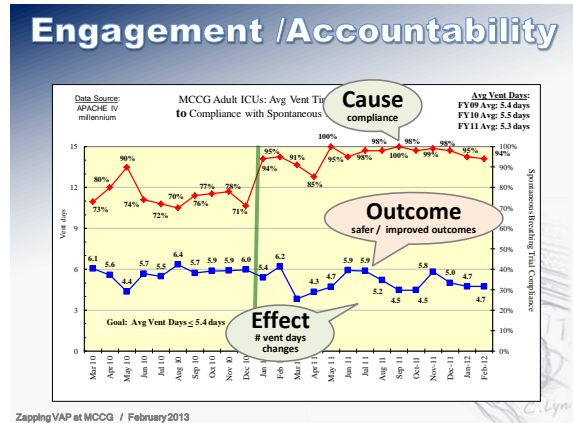
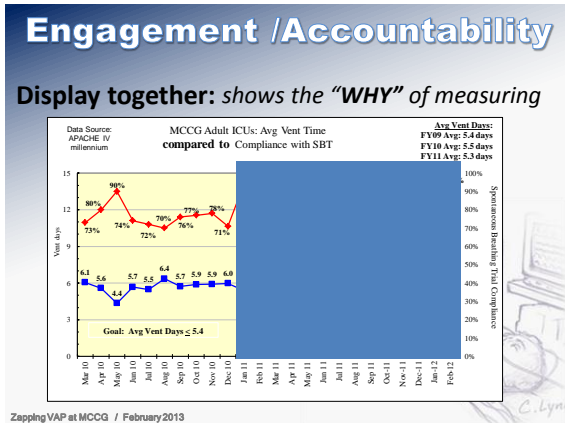
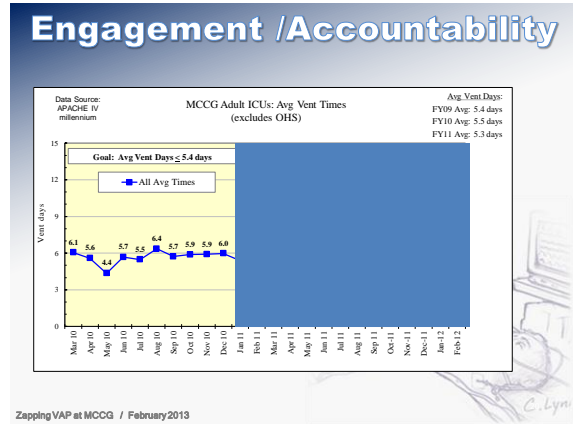
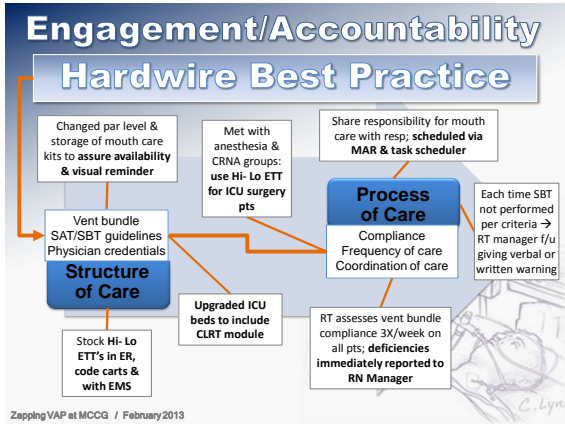
**Audit & feedback**

**Make delivery of evidence-based, best practice EASY AS POSSIBLE.**

**Create alerts (reminders, visual aids, peer pressure) to MAKE POOR CARE DELIVERY DIFFICULT.**

**Provider Reminder Systems**

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### Engagement /Accountability

Communicate → Hardwire "ease the path of EBP"  
→ Link Care Process & Outcomes

**Communication with Individuals / Link performance to job**


- Med Staff Privileges → vent management: individual or group
- Employee performance → individual compliance, accountability, warnings, & annual evaluation

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### Lagging → patient outcome

#### Surveillance for Vent Associated Events

- CDC Prevention Epicenters  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/epicenters>
- Critical Care Societies Collaborative  
<http://ccsonline.org>



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## 2013 & forward

### Lagging: patient outcomes

#### Incidence

Vent Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Population
Acute & long-term care hospitals
Inpatient rehab facilities
≥ 18 years old
Mechanical vent time ≥ 3 calendar days
<b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> patients on rescue mechanical ventilation
• high-freq ventilation (HFV),
• extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), &
• mechanical ventilation in prone position

**NHSN: National Healthcare Safety Network**

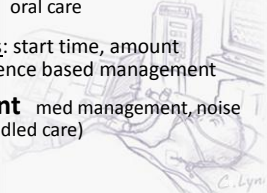


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## 2013 & forward

### Leading: consider these areas

- **Vent utilization** code status, patient/family communication & education
- **Mobility** HAPU, Fall prevention, restraint use
- **Infection prevention** oral care
- **Nutrition** tube feedings: start time, amount delivered vs. ordered, evidence based management
- **Delirium management** med management, noise levels, sleep deprivation (bundled care)



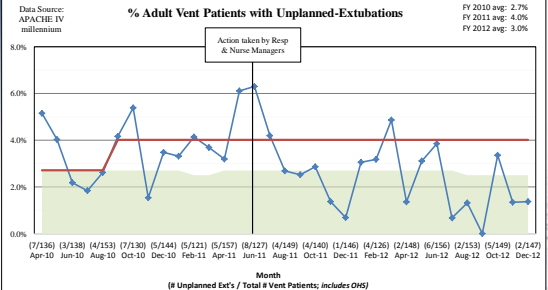
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### % Adult Vent Patients with Unplanned-Extubations

Data Source: ARACTIC IV millionium

FY 2010 avg: 2.7%  
FY 2011 avg: 4.0%  
FY 2012 avg: 3.0%



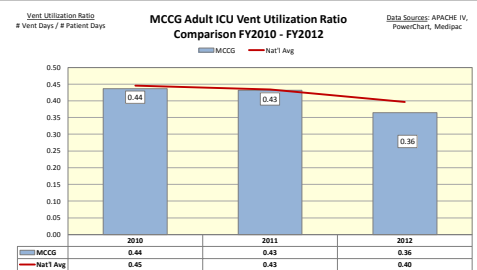
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### MCGG Adult ICU Vent Utilization Ratio Comparison FY2010 - FY2012

Data Source: APACHE IV, PowerChart, Medipac



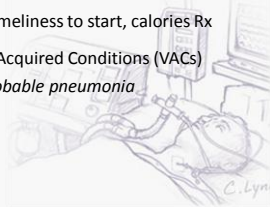
Year	MCGG	Nat'l Avg
2010	0.44	0.45
2011	0.43	0.43
2012	0.36	0.40

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## 2013 & forward

- Awareness** →NHSN - vent utilization
- Mobility** - slow/stop de-conditioning
  - Delirium** - age, withdrawal (tobacco, Rx, ETOH)
  - Nutrition** - timeliness to start, calories Rx
  - NHSN** - Vent Acquired Conditions (VACs)  
*possible & probable pneumonia*



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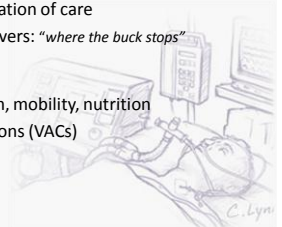
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3. 2013 & beyond
  - Vent utilization, delirium, mobility, nutrition
  - Vent Associated Conditions (VACs)



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## Quality Approach

I believe a vision for quality must start with *ownership*.  
We cannot just do what we are asked, but we must  
take it further by *looking for what we can do to improve*.

**Quality must be integrated into  
our every day caring.**

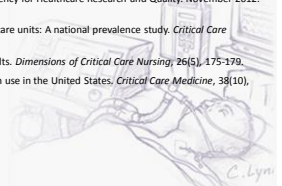
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# Questions



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