

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prevention: It's easy as 1-2-3!

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GOAL: To disseminate best practices in evidence-based, interprofessional, and patient-centered care. The objective for this project was to decrease VTE occurrences at Detroit Medical Center's Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.



Relevance/Significance

Adverse events related to VTEs are common and problematic, leading to poor clinical outcomes and prolonged hospital stays. In late 2012, the presenters then Clinical Improvement Specialists noted a higher than average rate of VTE occurrences amongst their patient populations in comparison to other MI hospitals in their respective consortiums .

Strategy and Implementation

The presenters analyzed the data and collaborated to co-lead the VTE Process Improvement which rolled out in January 2013. Primary initiatives included:

1. Education and increasing awareness of VTE
2. Multidisciplinary involvement
3. Ongoing monitoring

The education and promotion was presented to all HVSH staff members in 2013 including, but not limited to: all medical staff, residents, midlevel providers, pharmacy staff, nursing staff, quality department, clinical transformation, physical and occupational therapy staff, hospital administration, and select board members. The education included a PowerPoint presentation and the auditory 'sing along' "VTE, It's Easy and 1,2,3." The catchy VTE jingle reinforced prevention and prophylactic interventions.

Clinical process improvements included: better utilization of the electronic medical record (EMR) to facilitate ordering prophylaxis or documenting contraindications and communication amongst healthcare workers.

Metrics – PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act)

Indicator/Metric	Plan			Action Plan	Standard #/W/PP SQ/FG/PC	Responsible Person/Committee	Check				Barriers Identified	Action Plan Follow up	Responsible Person/Committee	Complete Date	
	Baseline Date	Baseline Num Den Per	Target				Reassess Date	PI Data Date	PI Data Num Den Per	Target					
VTE-2 CU VTE Pharmacological prophylaxis	Jan-13	4 / 4	100.00%	>80%				Oct-13	02/2013	11 / 11	100.00%	>80%			
VTE-3 DV of VTE overlap of appropriate anticoagulation for 5 days w/ documentation of bridge at DIC	Jan-13	8 / 8	100.00%	>80%				Oct-13	02/2013	23 / 23	100.00%	>80%			
VTE-4 Heparin monitoring by protocol	Jan-13	9 / 9	100.00%	>80%				Oct-13	02/2013	24 / 24	100.00%	>80%			
VTE-5 Discharge Expectations: Written anticoagulation instructions	Jan-13	5 / 7	71.43%	>80%				Oct-13	02/2013	21 / 21	100.00%	>80%			
VTE-2 Received anticoagulation 24 hrs after anesthesia end time	Jan-13	51 / 51	100.00%	>95%				Oct-13	02/2013	119 / 121	98.35%	>95%	EHR Changes	Ongoing monitoring via the responsible committees	
STK-1 VTE Prophylaxis	Jan-13	13 / 14	92.86%	100%				Oct-13	02/2013	18 / 18	100.00%	100%	Culture change		
VTE Risk Assessment on Admission	Q2 2012	191 / 179	89.94%	100%				Oct-13	02/2013	178 / 168	89.86%	100%	Disproving Myths regarding VTE prophylaxis (i.e. ambulating in halls and/or Out of Bed is sufficient; holding Heparin SQ prior to surgery; SQs; adequate application needed to provide prevention for VTE, not needed when pharm. prophyl ordered, etc)	VTE Report to Daily Huddle	
Phs with contraindications who received acceptable pharmacologic prophylaxis	Q2 2013	101 / 117	86.32%	>90%				Oct-13	02/2013	17 / 22	77.27%	>90%		EHR VTE Alert changes implemented 09/17/2013	
Phs with contraindications who received acceptable mechanical prophylaxis	Q2 2014	6 / 11	54.55%	>90%				Oct-13	02/2013	1 / 2	50.00%	>90%			
High-risk Patients without contraindications who did not receive any prophylaxis	Q2 2015	10 / 117	8.55%	0%				Oct-13	02/2013	2 / 22	9.09%	0%			
VTE during 90 day follow-up	Q2 2016	5 / 179	2.78%	< 0.8%				Oct-13	02/2013	1 / 198	0.51%	< 0.8%			
Post-op PE or DVT requiring therapy (within 30 days of DCS)	Q3 2012	1 / 20	5.00%	0.80%				Oct-13	02/2013	1 / 199	0.50%	0.80%			
Adherence to VTE Guidelines	Q3 2012	149/152	98.03%	100%				Oct-13	02/2013	22 / 22	100.00%	100%			
Complications-VTE	Q3 2012	0 / 15	0.00%	0%				Oct-13	02/2013	0 / 22	0.00%	0%			

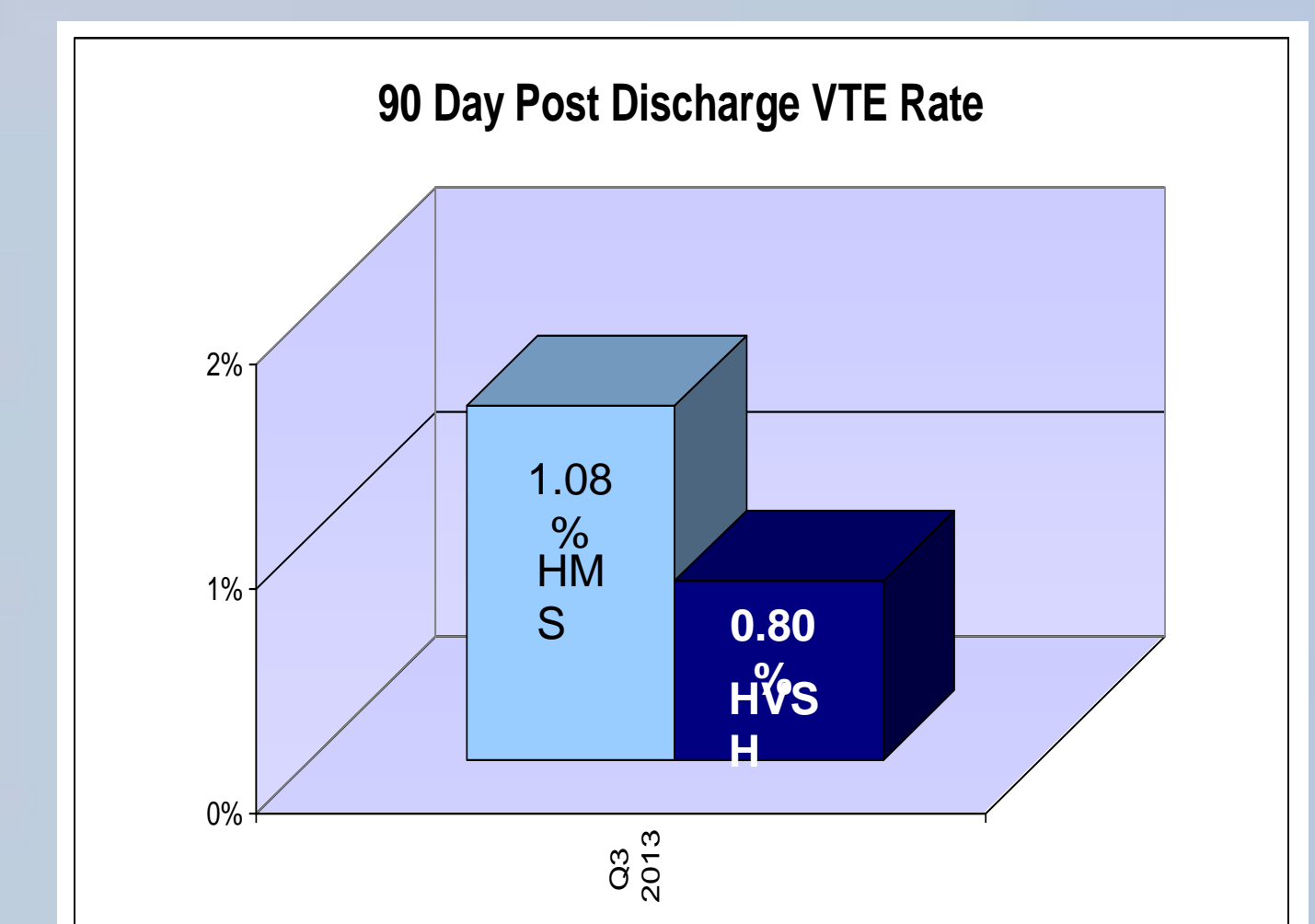
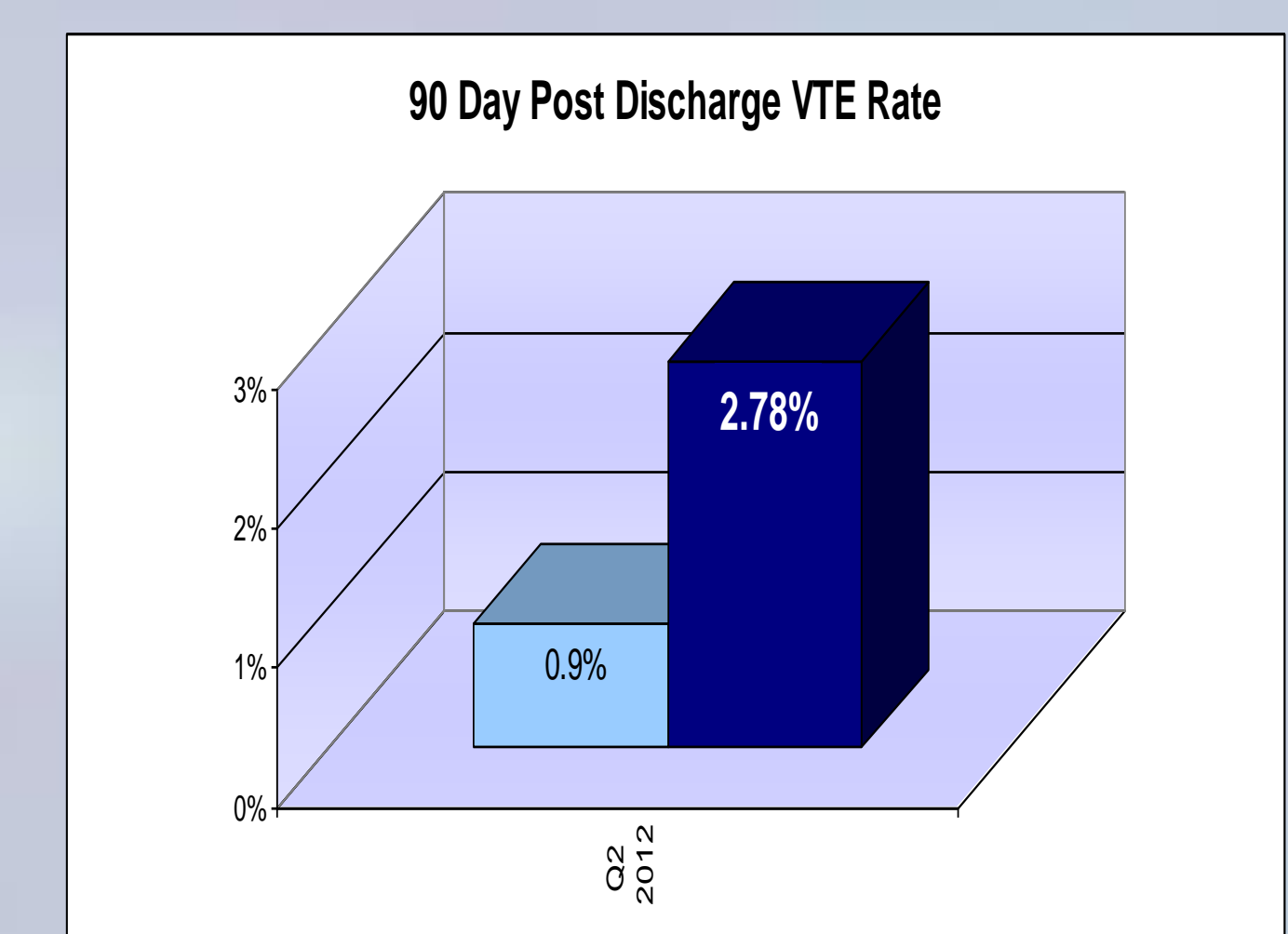
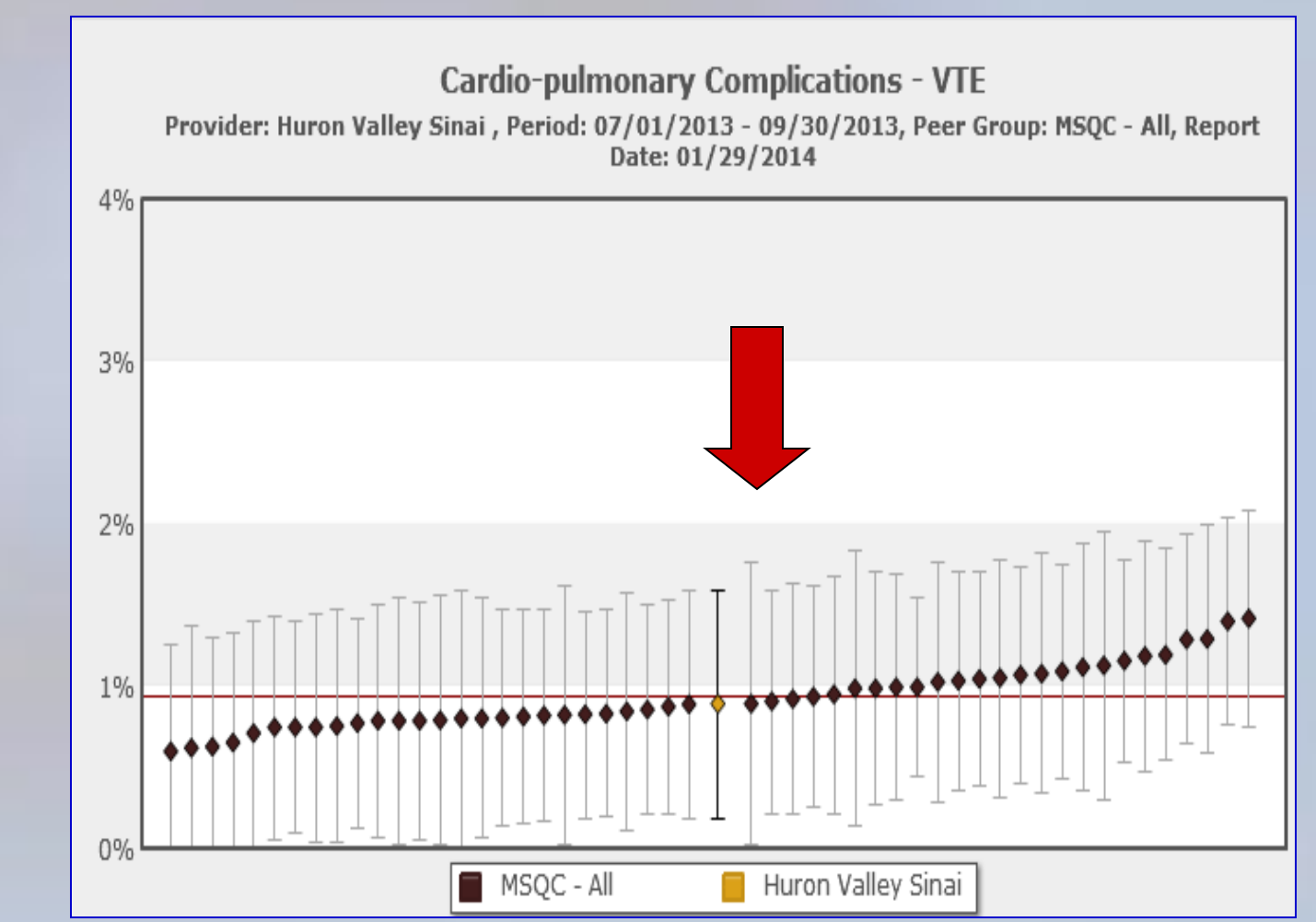
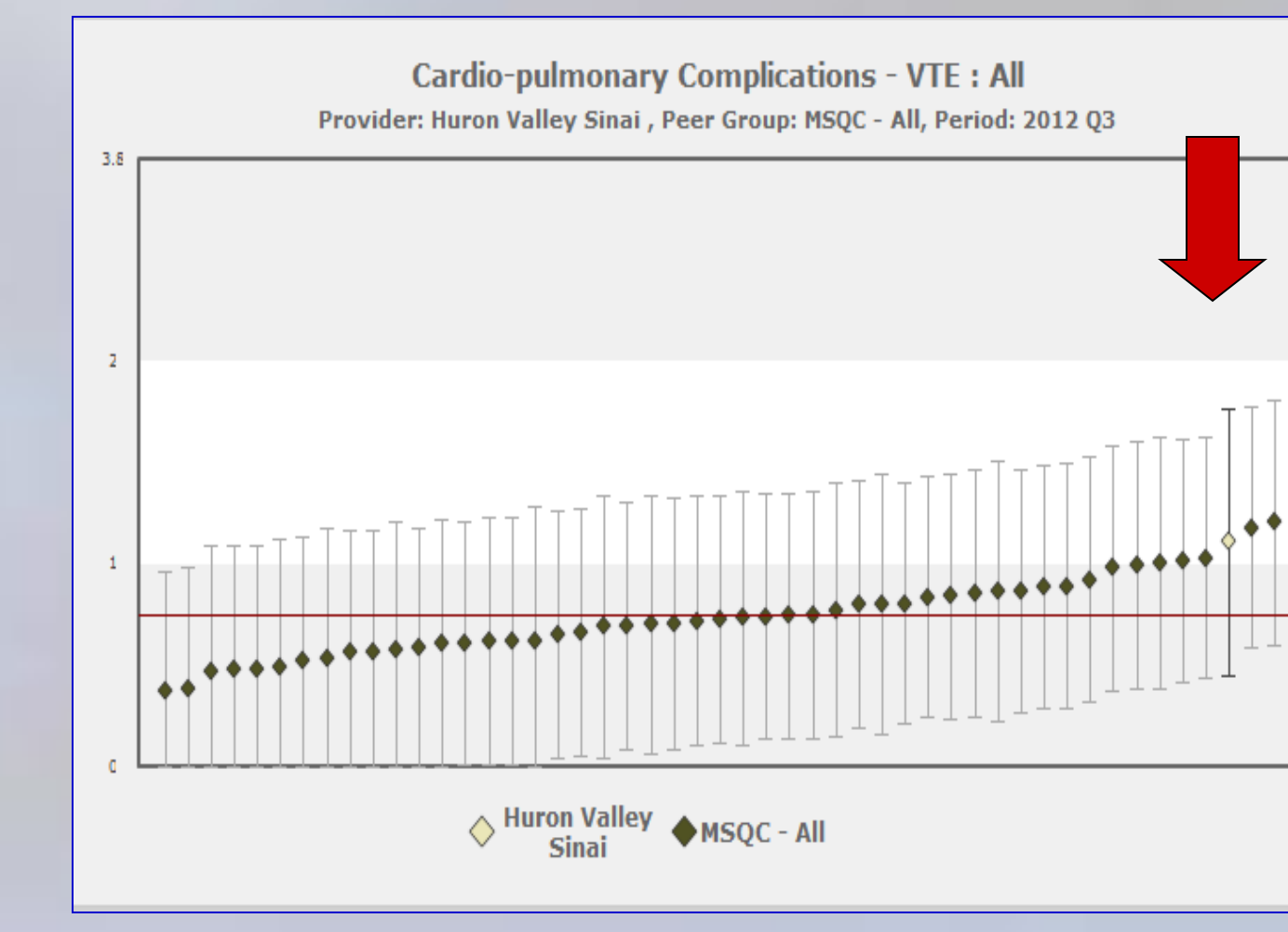
V-T-E ... (prohylaxis!)
It's easy as 1-2-3! ... (prevention!)
It's up to you and me,
VTE! 1-2-3!
Patient, you and me! Yeah!
(Sung to the tune of "ABC" by the Jackson Five)

Disclosure

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Evaluation



Significant improvements were realized. The cumulative rate for surgical patients went from 2.4% to 0.6% and for medical patients from 2.78% to 0.84%. Both populations were at three times the state mean and were reduced to at or below the state average in one year's time.

Implications for Practice

Clinical practice changes resulted. *By collaborating with others and working together we were able to transform the culture at DMC's HVSH! Our rigorous effort to supply data served a practical purpose - we identified changes in process to improve quality of care and reduce costs.*

Knowledge and understanding related to the prevalence of VTE and importance of prophylactic measures, as well as contraindications, improved nursing care. RNs provide patient education related to VTE prevention resulting in improved compliance.

