



## Neonatal NAS Initiative Webinar

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September 10, 2019  
2:00-3:00pm



# Key Driver Diagram

Please watch the following VON Micro-lessons this month (September 2019): Lesson #6 and Lesson #9



**Key Driver Diagram for VONNAS initiative**

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## VON Vermont Oxford Network Micro-lessons

- Lesson 1. Improved Family-Centered Care at Lower Cost & Improvement Story: Using Standardization to Create a High Reliability
- Lesson 2. The Prescription Opioid Epidemic and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome – A Public Health Approach
- Lesson 3. Virtual Video Visit Chapter 1: Linking Attitudes with Outcomes
- Lesson 4. Substance Use 101: Mythbusters
- Lesson 5. Virtual Video Visit Chapter 2: The Face of Trauma
- Lesson 6. Substance Use 101: Frequency and Neonatal Impact by Agent**
- Lesson 7. Standardizing Care to Improve Outcomes
- Lesson 8. Screening and Obtaining a Complete Drug History for Substance Use in Pregnancy
- Lesson 9. Presentation and Typical Course**
- Lesson 10. Non-Pharmacologic Strategies for Symptom Management
- Lesson 11. Virtual Video Visit Chapter 3: The Birth Story
- Lesson 12. Scoring Redux: Pitfalls and Perils
- Lesson 13. Scoring: Cases, Controversies
- Lesson 14. Withdrawal, Toxidromes, and Confounders
- Lesson 15. Lactation and the Substance-Exposed Mother-Infant Dyad
- Lesson 16. Engaging Families in Feeding and Nutritional Support
- Lesson 17. Developmental Outcomes of Substance-Exposed Infant
- Lesson 18. Virtual Video: Two Stories of Recovery and the Long Road Home



QI discussion  
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# Key Driver Diagrams and Change Concepts

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# Learning objectives

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At the end of this, you will be able to:

1. Understand the construct of a key driver diagram
2. Apply change concepts to guide possible interventions to test in PDSA cycles

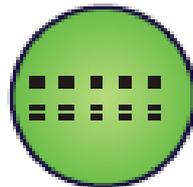
# QI goal



Doing the right thing  
(evidence based care)



For every patient  
(equal care)



Every time  
(consistent care)

SPECIAL ARTICLE

# The Quality of Health Care Delivered to Adults in the United States

Elizabeth A. McGlynn, Ph.D., Steven M. Asch, M.D., M.P.H., John Adams, Ph.D.,  
Joan Keesey, B.A., Jennifer Hicks, M.P.H., Ph.D., Alison DeCristofaro, M.P.H.,  
and Eve A. Kerr, M.D., M.P.H.

**Participants received recommended care  
55% of the time.**

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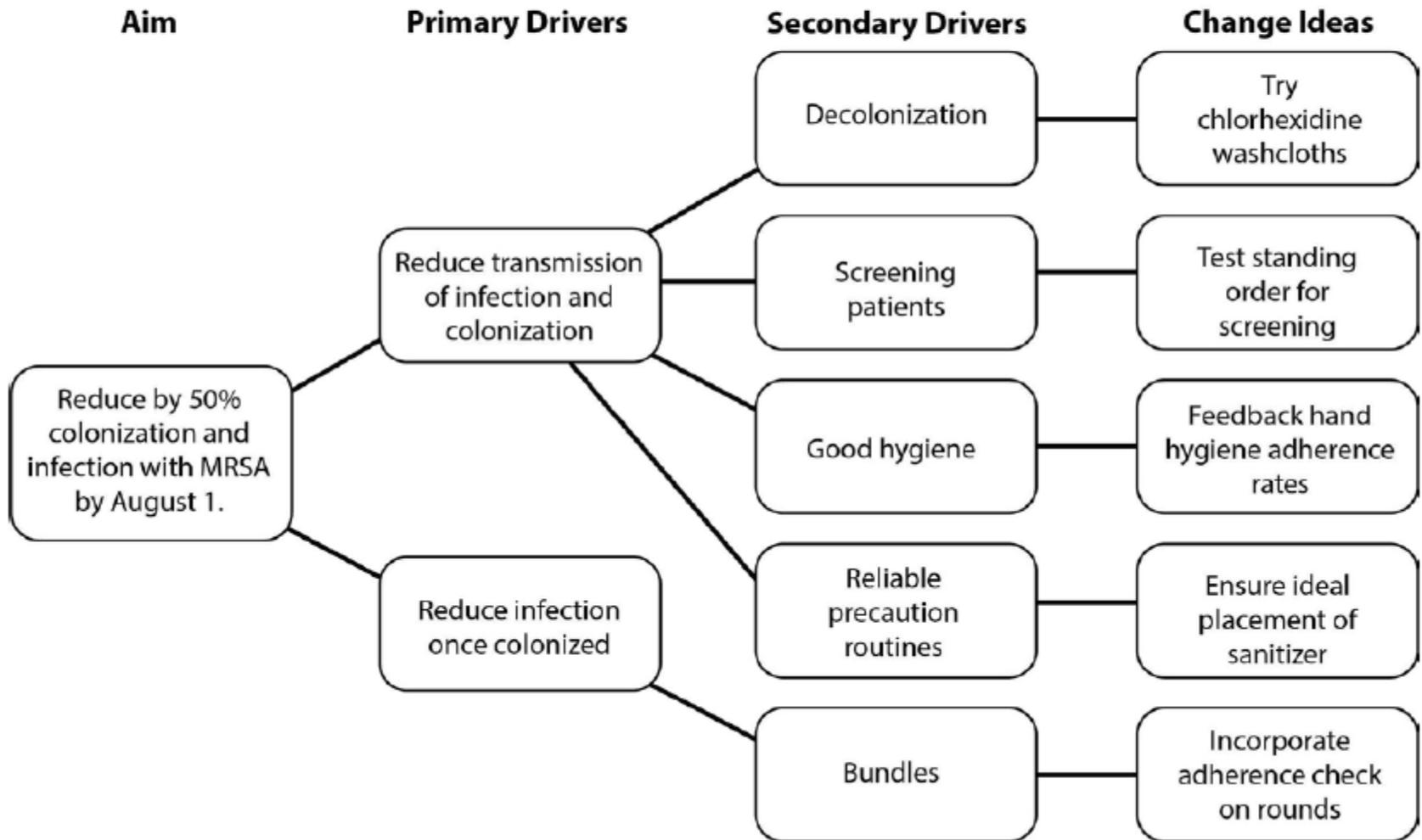
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## QI Essentials Toolkit

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- [Cause and Effect Diagram](#)
  - [Driver Diagram](#)
  - [Failure Modes and Effects Analysis \(FMEA\)](#)
  - [Flowchart](#)
  - [Histogram](#)
  - [Pareto Chart](#)
  - [PDSA Worksheet](#)
  - [Project Planning Form](#)
  - [Run Chart & Control Chart](#)
  - [Scatter Diagram](#)

*IHI's QI Essentials Toolkit* includes the tools and templates you need to launch and manage a successful improvement project. Each of the nine tools in the toolkit includes a short description, instructions, an example, and a blank template.

## Example: Driver Diagram



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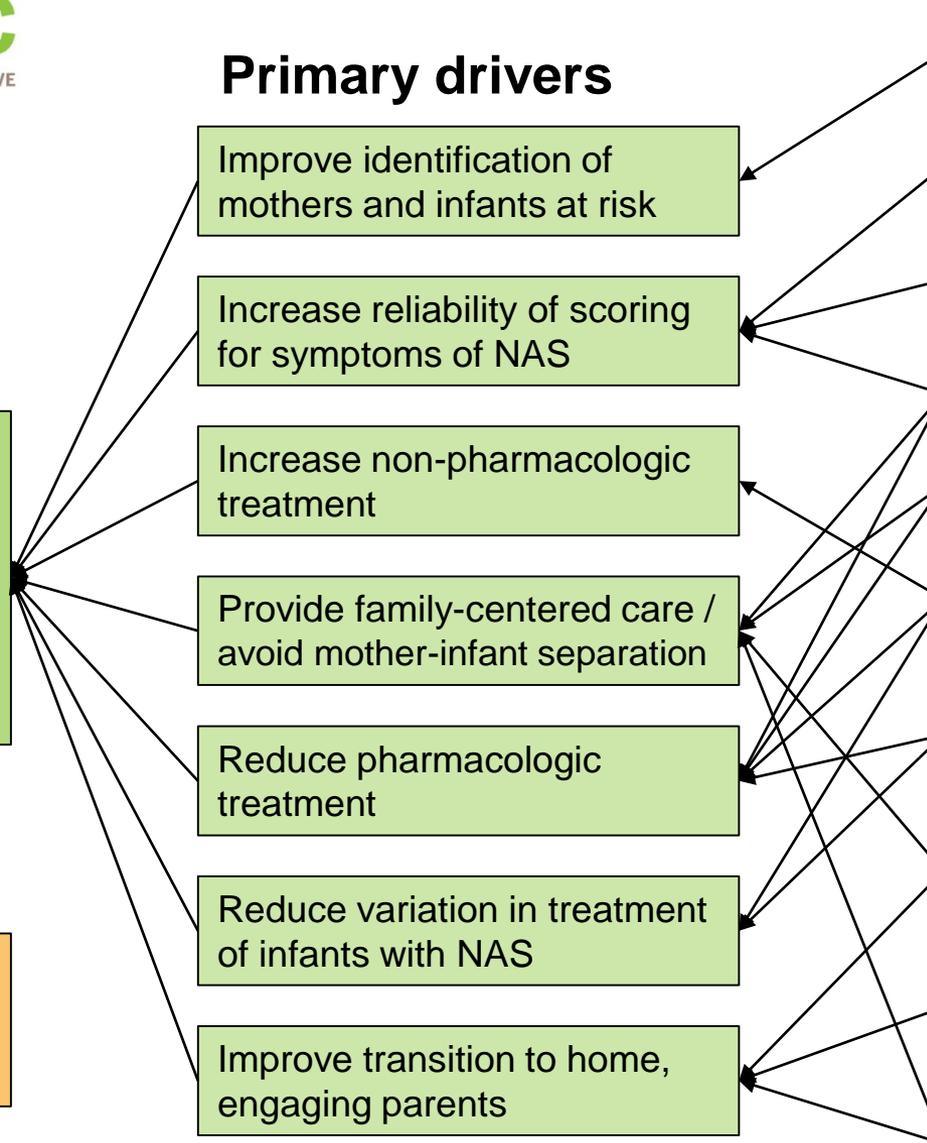
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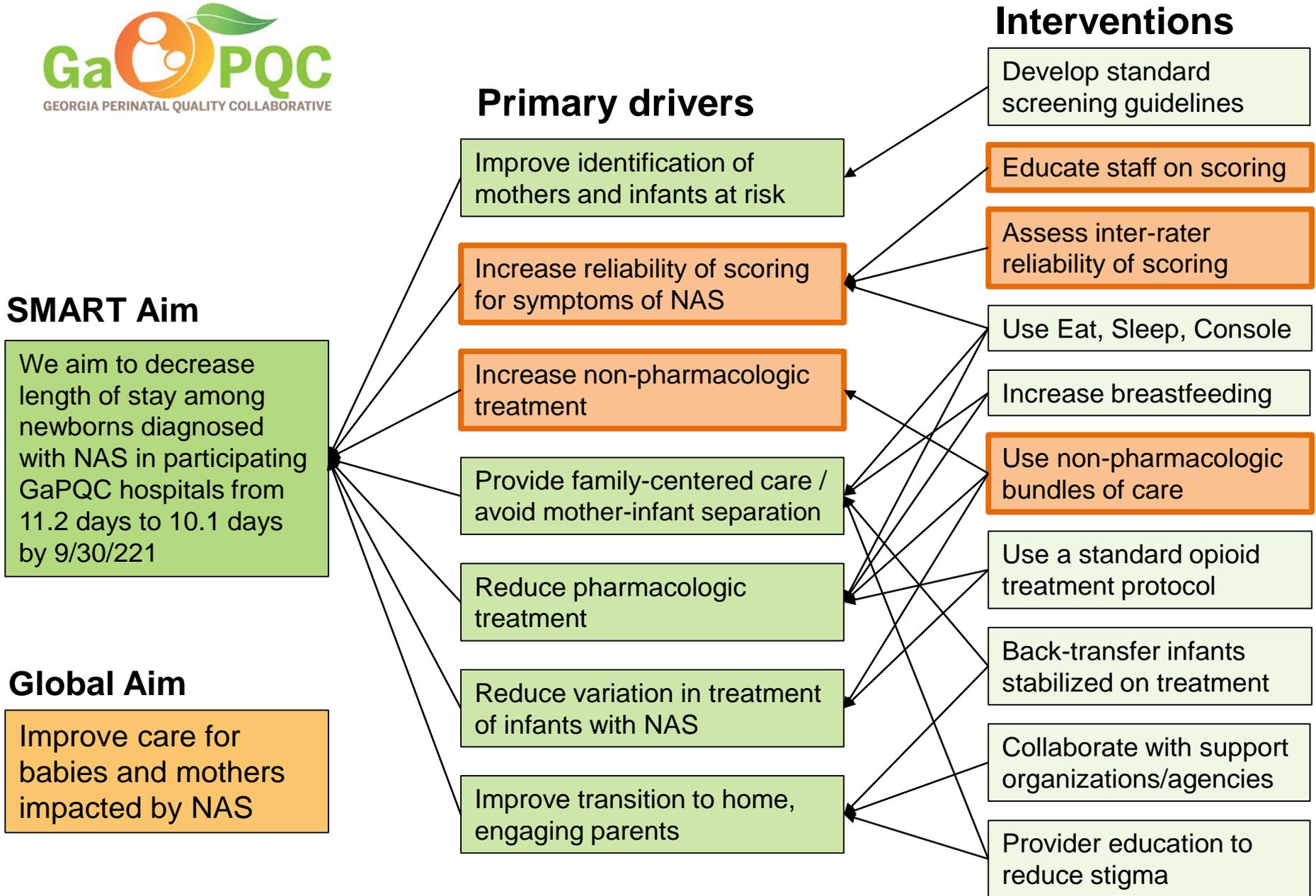
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# Key Driver Diagram

Project Name: OPQC Neonatal NAS

Project Leader: Walsh

## GLOBAL AIM

To reduce the number of moms and babies with narcotic exposure, and reduce the need for treatment of NAS.

## SMART AIM

By increasing identification of and compassionate withdrawal treatment for full-term infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), we will reduce length of stay by 20% across participating sites by June 30, 2015.

## KEY DRIVERS

Prenatal Identification of Mom  
Implement Optimal Med Rx Program

Improve recognition and non-judgmental support for Narcotic addicted women and infants

Attain high reliability in NAS scoring by nursing staff

Optimize Non-Pharmacologic Rx Bundle

Standardize NAS Treatment Protocol

Connect with outpatient support and treatment program prior to discharge

Partner with Families to Establish Safety Plan for Infant

Partner with other stakeholders to influence policy and primary prevention.

## INTERVENTIONS

- All MD and RN staff to view "Nurture the Mother- Nurture the Child"
- Monthly education on addiction care

Fulltime RN staff at Level 2 and 3 to complete D'Apolito NAS scoring training video and achieve 90% reliability.

- Swaddling, low stimulation.
- Encourage kangaroo care
- Feed on demand- MBM if appropriate or lactose free 22 cal formula

- Initiate Rx If NAS score > 8 twice.
- Stabilization/ Escalation Phase
- Wean when stable for 48 hrs by 10% daily.

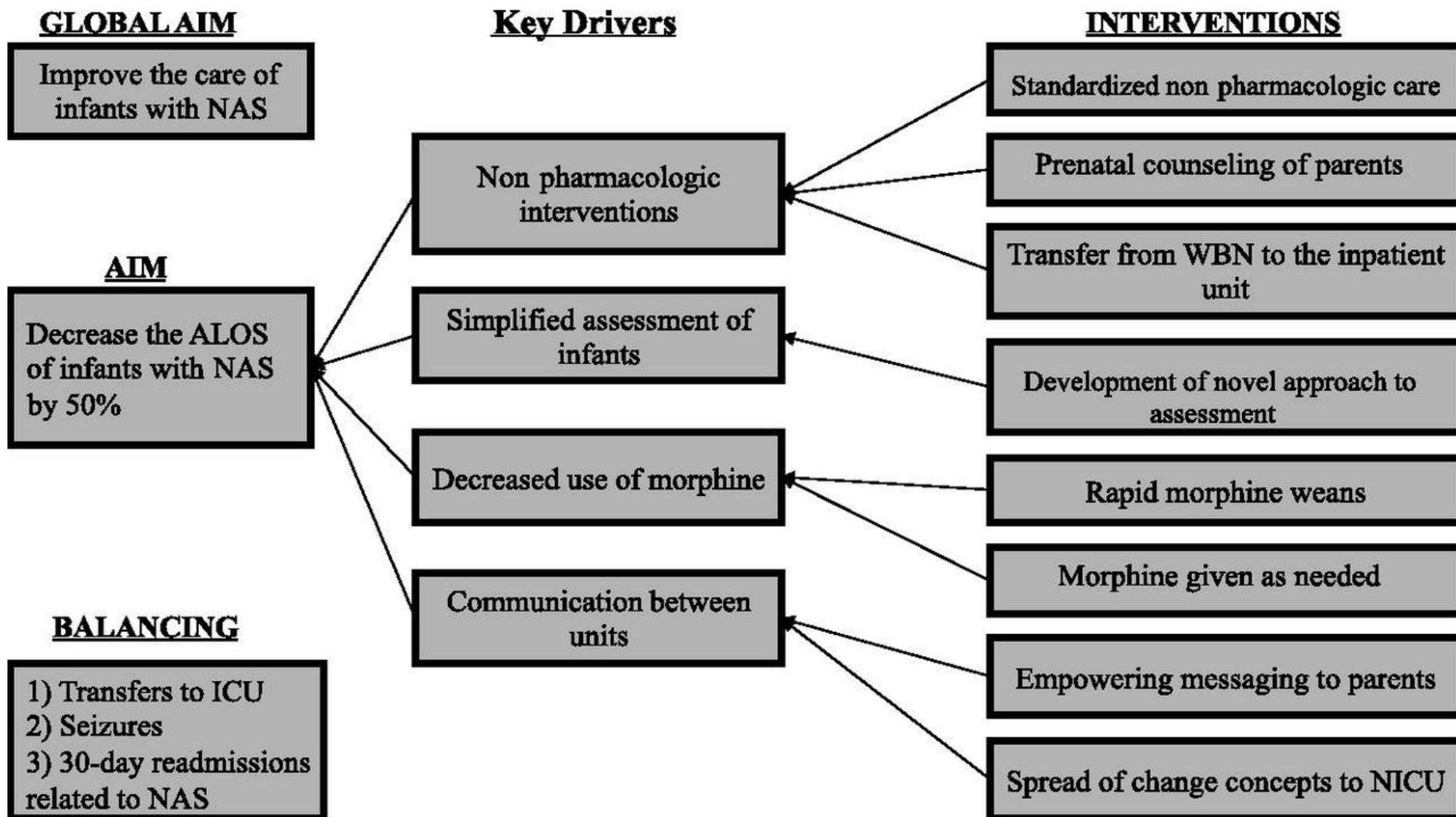
- Establish agreement with outpatient program and/or Mental Health
- Utilize Early Intervention Services

Collaborate with DHS/ CPS to ensure infant safety.

Engage families in Safety Planning.

Provide primary prevention materials to sites.





# KEY DRIVER DIAGRAM

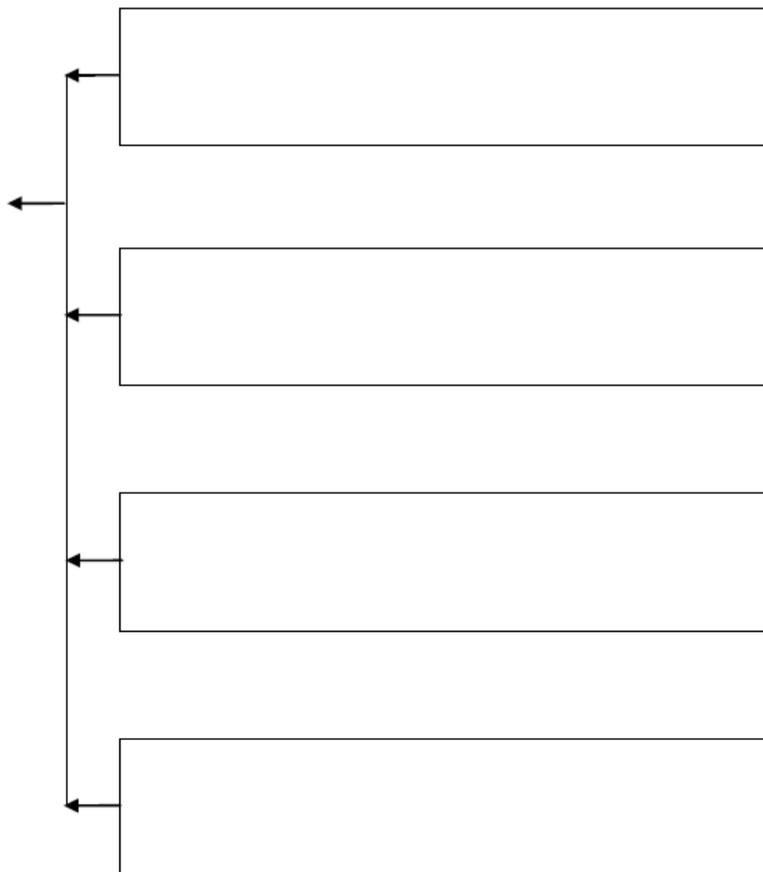
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Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Health System Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

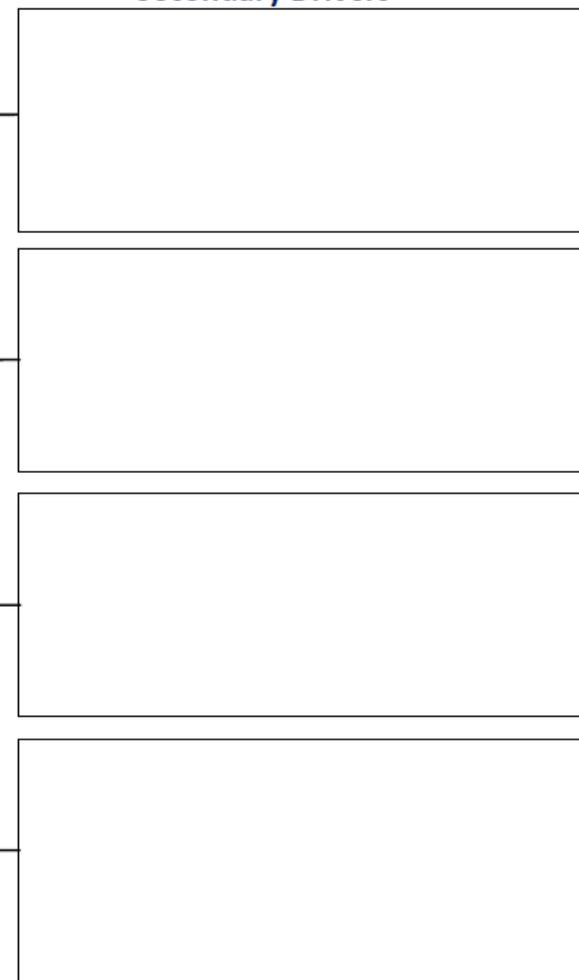
Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

**Aim:**

**Primary Drivers**



**Secondary Drivers**



**Measures:**

Aim/Primary Driver-  
Outcome Measure(s):

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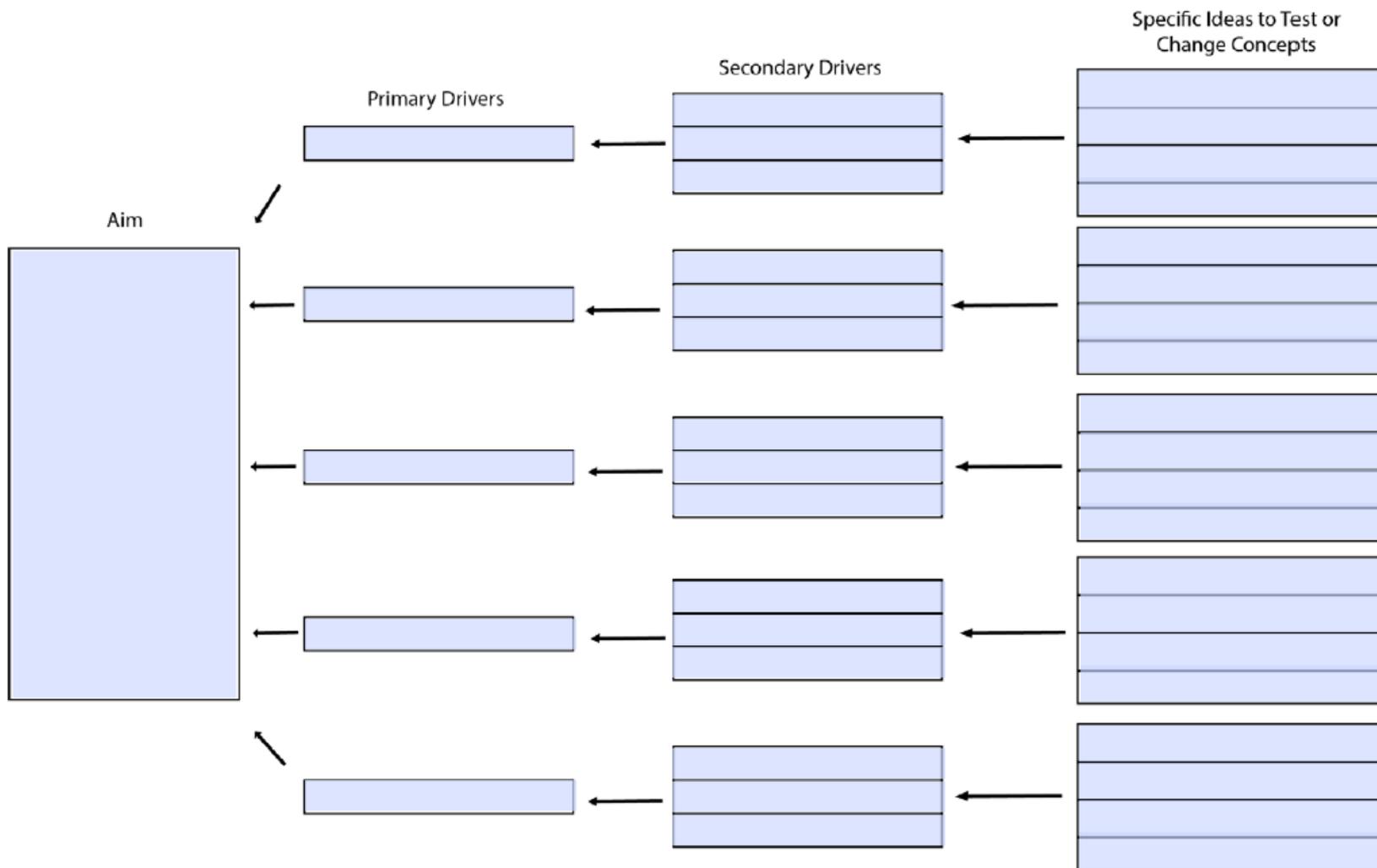
Secondary Drivers-  
Process measure (s)

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## Template: Driver Diagram



# Using Change Concepts to Come Up with Ideas\*

(To learn more, see *QI 102: How to Improve with the Model for Improvement*.)

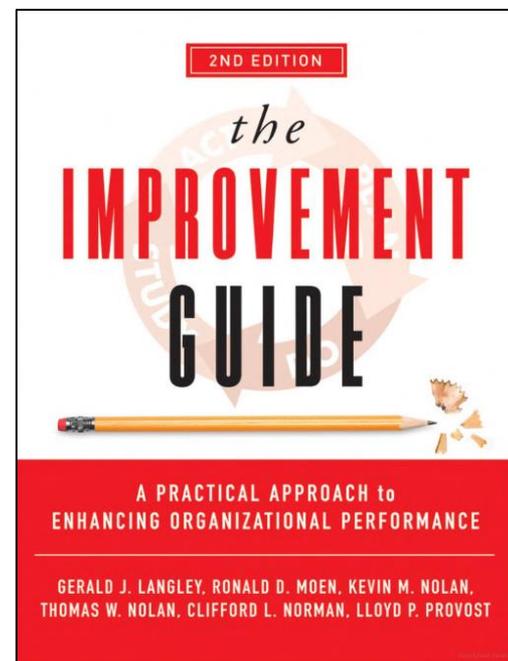
Eliminating waste, improving workflow, optimizing inventory (1-27, 40-45, 71)
Enhancing producer-customer relationship and changing the work environment (28-40)
Better managing time (46-50)
Managing variation, designing systems to avoid mistakes (51-62)
Design of products and services (63-70, 72)

1. Eliminate things that are not used
2. Eliminate multiple entries
3. Reduce or eliminate overkill
4. Reduce controls on the system
5. Recycle or reuse
6. Use substitution
7. Reduce classifications
8. Remove intermediaries
9. Match the amount to the need
10. Use sampling
11. Change targets or set points
12. Synchronize
13. Schedule into multiple processes
14. Minimize handoffs
15. Move steps in the process close together
16. Find and remove bottlenecks
17. Use automation
18. Smooth workflow
19. Do tasks in parallel

20. Consider people as in the same system
21. Use multiple processing units
22. Adjust to peak demand
23. Match inventory to predicted demand
24. Use pull systems
25. Reduce choice of features
26. Reduce multiple brands of the same item
27. Give people access to information
28. Use proper measurements
29. Take care of basics
30. Reduce demotivating aspects of the pay system
31. Conduct training
32. Implement cross-training
33. Invest more resources in improvement
34. Focus on core process and purpose
35. Share risks
36. Emphasize natural and logical consequences

37. Develop alliances and cooperative relationships
38. Listen to customers
39. Coach the customer to use a product/service
40. Focus on the outcome to a customer
41. Use a coordinator
42. Reach agreement on expectations
43. Outsource for "free"
44. Optimize level of inspection
45. Work with suppliers
46. Reduce setup or startup time
47. Set up timing to use discounts
48. Optimize maintenance
49. Extend specialist's time
50. Reduce wait time
51. Standardization (create a formal process)
52. Stop tampering
53. Develop operation definitions
54. Improve predictions

55. Develop contingency plans
56. Sort product into grades
57. Desensitize
58. Exploit variation
59. Use reminders
60. Use differentiation
61. Use constraints
62. Use affordances
63. Mass customize
64. Offer product/service anytime
65. Offer product/service anyplace
66. Emphasize intangibles
67. Influence or take advantage of fashion trends
68. Reduce the number of components
69. Disguise defects or problems
70. Differentiate product using quality dimensions
71. Change the order of process steps
72. Manage uncertainty – not tasks



# More on Key Driver Diagrams

<http://www.ihl.org/education/IHIOpenSchool/resources/Pages/Activities/GoldmannDriver.aspx>





# Improving Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Outcomes: Creating a Culture of Recovery

**September 10, 2019**

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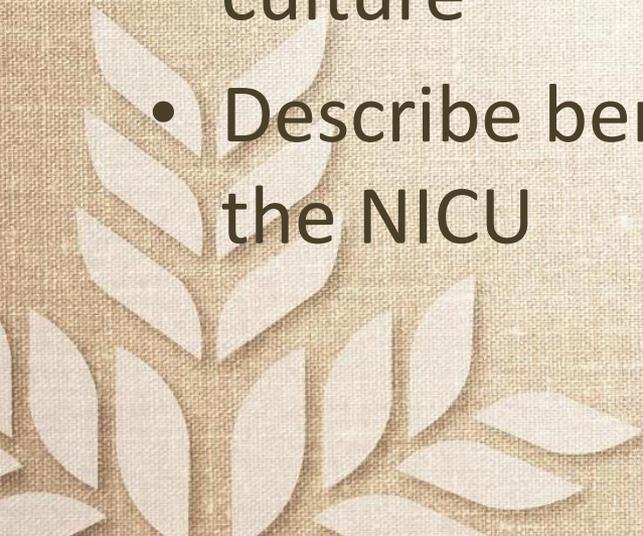
# Conflict of Interest

None



# Objectives

- Discuss Evidence Based Practices for NAS
- Assess personal perceptions of substance use in patient families
- Discuss the impact of recovery language and culture
- Describe benefits of PEER Recovery Coaches in the NICU

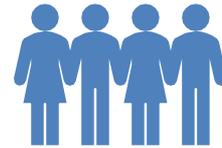


# Evolution of NGMC NAS Taskforce

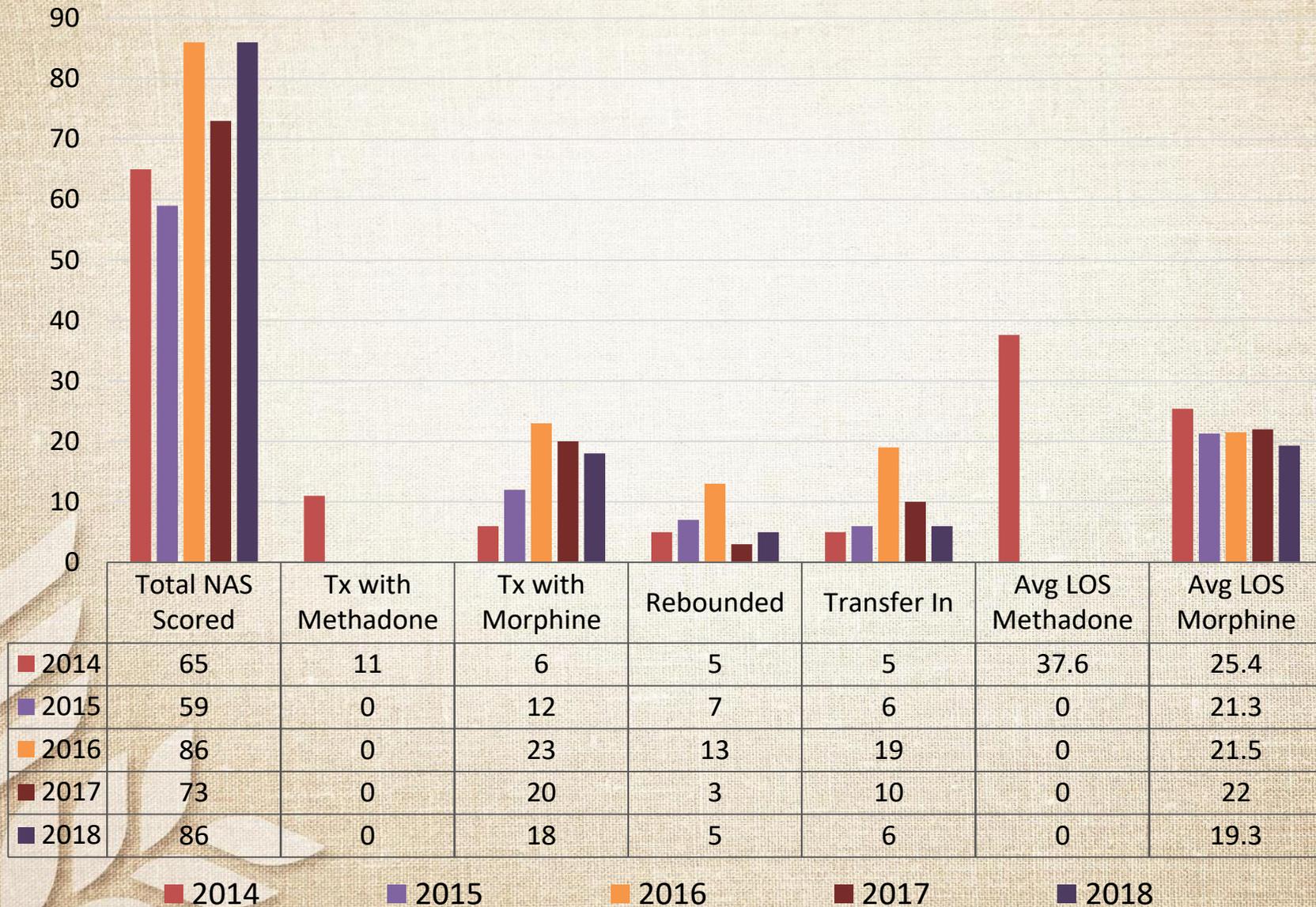
- Team created:
  - **Multidisciplinary**
    - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
    - Registered Nurses
    - Physical Therapists
    - Pastoral Care
    - Chief Neonatologist
- Grown to include:
  - **Multidisciplinary**
    - DFACS representatives
    - Family Treatment Court representative
    - Partners for a Drug Free Hall representatives
    - Georgia Council on Substance Abuse representatives
- Voluntary reporting to state: State Electronic Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (SendSS)
  - **Results of mother's and infant's drug screens**
  - **Treatment required or not**
  - **Infant's clinical symptoms**
  - **Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) referral**
  - **Head Start Program referral**
- Hospital data collection
  - **Length of stay**
  - **Length of treatment**

# Evolution of Taskforce

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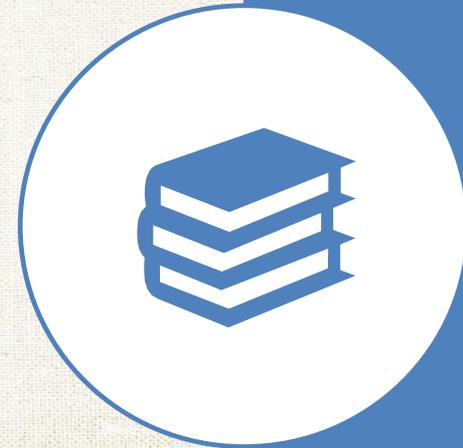


# Average Length of Stay (LOS)



# Education and Standardization

- Education
  - Vermont Oxford Network: Universal NAS Training <sup>26</sup>
    - Requirement for all Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) staff
    - Mandatory for Labor and Delivery, Mother/Baby, and Pediatrics staff
  - Non-pharmacologic treatment techniques
- Standardization
  - Initiation of medication and treatment <sup>12</sup>
  - Medication weaning guidelines among all providers<sup>9</sup>
  - Policy created regarding which infant's to receive NAS scoring (Finnegan), drug screens, and screening method



# Expanding Staff Education

## Swaddle bathing <sup>21</sup>

- Improves temperature stability
- Maintains flexed, midline position
- Conserves energy
- Decreases physiological and motor stress

## Neonatal Touch and Massage <sup>8</sup>

## Primary Care Nursing <sup>23</sup>

- Care delivery system – hospital adopted

## Speakers/Lunch and Learns

- Director of Emory Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development Program
- PhD Candidate, Infant Mental Health Specialist
- Executive Director of Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

## NICU Ethics Council

# Prenatal Education

- Parents/Care Givers
  - Neonatologist consults
  - Guide for NAS Families <sup>22</sup>
    - From Ohio Collaborative
    - Vermont Oxford Network NAS Training <sup>26</sup>
  - WARM Line
  - Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES) peer recovery coaches

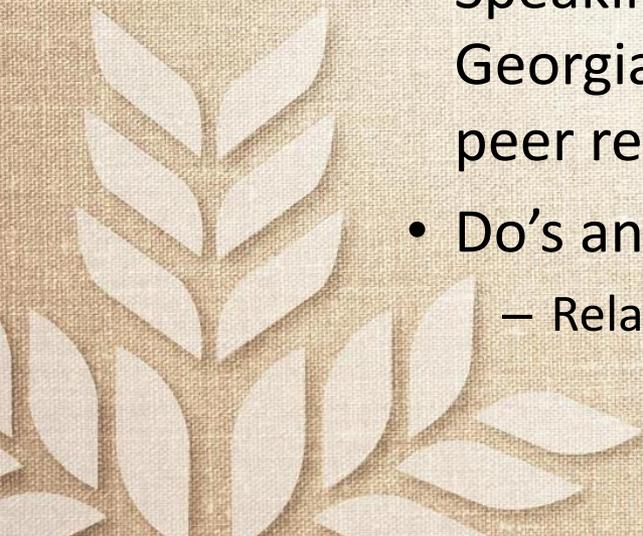


# Advancement of Standardization

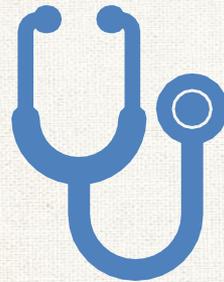
- Change in staffing assignments
  - Higher Finnegan scores = lower patient to nurse ratio
- Created NAS order set in electronic health system
- Trialing Eat, Sleep, Console
- Parent/Infant rooming together <sup>10,11,20</sup>
  - In NICU, if meets certain criteria
  - Possible transfer to pediatric floor
    - Once infant is stable in weaning process
- Family Partnership Agreement <sup>11</sup>
- Hospital volunteer program: Cuddlers
- Development of Perinatal Work Group
- CARES NICU Peer Recovery Coaches

# Recovery Language and Culture

- Staff
  - Mind set change <sup>17,19,24</sup>
    - Recovery language versus treatment language
      - Disease versus moral failure
  - Recovery Language Training
    - Speaking engagements from Executive Director of Georgia Council on Substance Abuse and CARES peer recovery coaches
    - Do's and Don'ts of recovery speak
      - Relapse is not a part of recovery



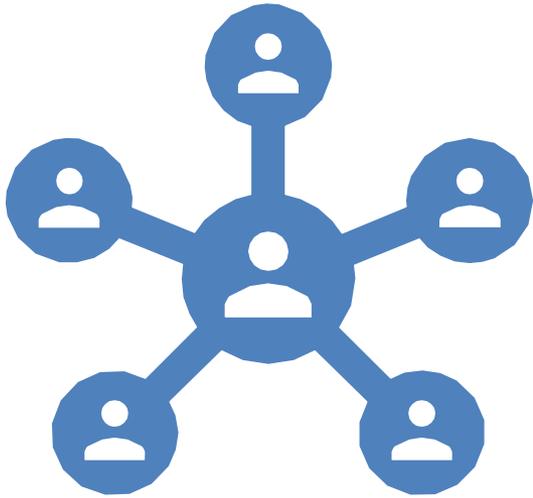
# Expanding Recovery Culture



- Community
  - Obstetric offices
  - Pain clinics
  - Health departments
  - DFACS

# Stories from the NICU





People  
support what  
they help to  
create...

Questions?

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# Updates/Reminders



- **VON Monthly Lesson Reports**
  - There is an individual at your hospital with the ability to remove staff members. If you need to know who this is, email [Bgeorge@vtoxford.org](mailto:Bgeorge@vtoxford.org).
  - If you need to add members, or reassign core members, email me or [Bgeorge@vtoxford.org](mailto:Bgeorge@vtoxford.org).
  - We recommend having at least 5 core members.
    - 8 hospitals have fewer than 5
- **Quarterly LOS Data**

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