

# Obstacles

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## What obstacles are preventing you from achieving your Target Condition?

**Obstacle is a something that blocks one's way, hindering or preventing progress to a desired location.**

**Obstacles listed on the Obstacle Parking Lot should be those issues or conditions observed that breaks your pattern of work or prevents your desired pattern of work to be followed. Or pertains to the desired Process Characteristic and/or Process Metric.**

- Lack of a new or unique feature IE. new order set, new form, training materials for the new desired pattern of work
- Lack of knowledge can often be an obstacle
- Downtime of an automated piece of equipment – aka jams, blocks or starves.
- Missing items – not where they should be or not in the quantity required.

Obstacle Parking Lot		TC #
#	Obstacle	How to Measure

**List Obstacles on the Parking Lot form, number them for easy recognition on the PDCA/PDSA record. Learner should identify how they will measure to confirm the obstacle is gone or overcome.**

### Obstacles Tip and Tricks

- Should be specific, not vague. Single word obstacles will not do, such as patient, machine, time, variation.
- Should not be solutions but rather the actual observed condition. Listing the tools of "LEAN" will not do, such as no kanban, need 5S, no standard work, no JIB, no forecast.
- Should not be people, behavior yes. When I see this happen it impacts the pattern of work, such as process takes 5 minutes longer when this happens, patient is not involved in Bed Side Shift Report when it takes place in the hallway.

**Vision**  
Decades

**Challenge**  
6 months to 3 years  
Typically 1 year

Focus Process

Target Condition  
2 weeks preferred

List Obstacles

Choose One



Ever Changing  
Current Condition