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# QI Collaborative Call, Pediatrics

7/28/22



# Welcome & introductions

# Agenda

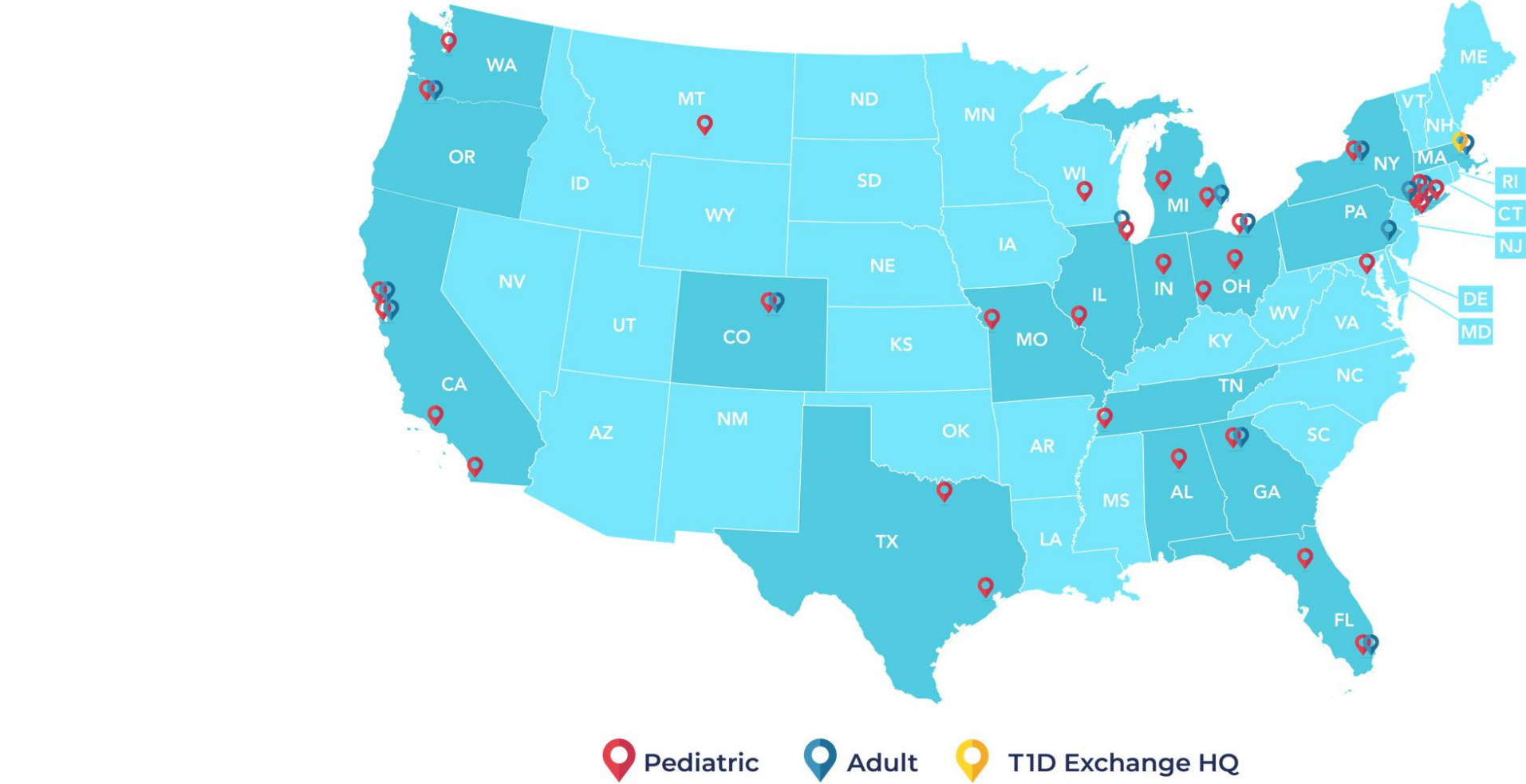
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  - Dr. Fogel, Lurie Children's
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# T1D Exchange Updates



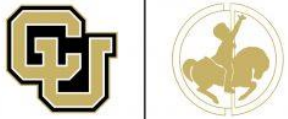
# T1D Exchange Quality Improvement Collaborative: Accelerating Change through Benchmarking and Improvement



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# 31 pediatric clinics – caring for 46,000+ patients with T1D



# 49 Participating Clinics, 31 Pediatric & 18 Adult

<b>Pediatric Clinics</b>	Lurie Children's Naomi Fogel MD	<b>Adult Clinics</b> Albert Einstein Shivani Agarwal MD MPH	<b>Pediatric and Adult Clinics</b>
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CHOA Kristina Cossen MD	Seattle Children's Hospital, Faisal Malik MD, MSHS and Alissa Roberts MD	Northwestern Medicine Grazia Aleppo MD	Oregon Health & Science University Andrew Ahmann and Ines Guttmann- Bauman MD
Cohen Children's Medical Center, Northwell Health, Jennifer Sarhis MD & Allison Mekhoubad MD	Texas Children's, Daniel DeSalvo MD	Penn Medicine Ilona Lorincz MD	Stanford University Marina Basina MD & Priya Prahalad MD
Cook Children's Paul Thornton MD & Susan Hsieh	University of Florida Laura Jacobsen, MD	Washington University Alexis McKee MD	SUNY, Pediatrics and Adult Ruth Weinstock MD PhD Roberto Izquierdo MD
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Indiana University Health Anna Neyman MD	University of Wisconsin, Madison Liz Man MD	<b>Pediatric and Adult Clinics</b>	University of Miami, Francesco Vendrame, MD PhD & Janine Sanchez MD
Le Bonheur Children's, UTN Grace Bazan MD	Weill Cornell Alexis Feuer MD	Barbara Davis Center Halis Akturk MD & Todd Alonso MD	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Jason Ng, MD & Alissa Guarneri MD



# Welcome two new University of Pittsburgh Medical Center clinics!



Pediatric PI: Alissa Guarneri, MD,  
UPMC



# Oregon Health and Sciences University

Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Clinic

Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Clinical Nutrition

## Multidisciplinary Team Members

- 9 Attending Physicians
- 5 Endocrinology Fellows
- 3 Physician's Assistants
- 6 Diabetes Educators (combined RN and RD)
- 3 Psychologists
- 1 Pharmacist
- 1 Social Worker

## Volume and Insured Patients (last 2 years)

- Between 800 - 1,100 established T1D patients
- 98% of patients are insured through public or private insurance
- 44.2% of patients insured through public health insurance
- 55.9% of patients insured through private health insurance

## Contact Names

- Pediatrics PI: Ines Guttman-Bauman, MD
- Site Coordinator: Brittany Caswell
- Site Coordinator: Brianna Morales-Gomez



## T1DX-QI welcomes a new team member!



Data Integration Manager  
Jesse Cases-Villablanca, MS,  
MPA

## Growth and promotions in the Collaborative!

Dr. Nana-Hawa Yaya Jones is now Associate Professor at Cincinnati Children's!





# New measures for the Collaborative

- New measures will be circulated in early August
- Separate measures and definitions for Adult and Pediatric centers
- Google link will be shared for a 30-day comment period
- After your feedback is collected and definitions are finalized, final measures will be distributed in October so that your analysts have 90 days to review and update/create new reports for the measures
- New measures go live Jan 1, 2023 and will remain in use until Dec 31, 2025

# T1DX-QI Annual Survey

- A new survey link will be shared on Qualtrics for the T1DX-QI Annual Survey
- Survey link will be live 8/15-9/15
- Each clinic is being asked to complete 1 survey
  - Ideally you will review with your internal team members to have knowledge/consensus for your responses
  - A PDF of the survey will be shared so that you can review before answering the questions. PDF will be accessible on the T1D-QI member website
- Topics
  - LGBTQ+
  - Equity
  - Transitions
  - Staffing



# Friday 7/29 is deadline to RSVP for Learning Session

- Last day to RSVP for the November Learning Session is Friday 7/29
- Email your response to [QI@t1dexchange.org](mailto:QI@t1dexchange.org) so that we know who is attending in person or virtually/through Zoom
- Details for the event:
  - 2-day learning session: Monday November 7-Tuesday November 8
  - Activities begin by 8am on 11/7, so in person attendees are encouraged to fly in on Sunday 11/6
  - Activities end by 3pm on 11/8 so that you can fly home Tuesday evening
  - Activities will have CME/CEU credits
  - T1D Exchange will cover costs for:
    - Two team member flights and hotels for two nights (We book the hotel. You book flights and we reimburse for the flights.)
    - If you wish to bring a 3<sup>rd</sup> team member, communicate that to T1DX-QI. Those expenses will need to be covered by your institution
    - Our reimbursement form/details can be found on the T1D Exchange website, using this [link](#)



# Friday 7/29 is deadline for Learning Session Abstracts

- Due COB Friday
- Abstracts should be sent to [QI@t1dexchange.org](mailto:QI@t1dexchange.org)
- Review process led by Publications Co-Chairs
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Diabetes*
- Accepted abstracts will be presented during the November Learning Session

# T1DX-QI August Newsletter is released on Monday, 8/1

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**Are you interested in helping to change diabetes care experiences for people with type 1 diabetes?**

Take part in our research study to help determine if an educational video intervention is effective to raise awareness of issues around the use of effective language in diabetes care.

Register here or here!



[https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3VmVBRxLEjpMwCO](https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VmVBRxLEjpMwCO)

You are eligible to participate if you:

- Currently work as a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant)
- Regularly provide care for young adults with type 1 diabetes
- Have access to a computer, tablet, smartphone with internet access and a microphone. A camera is optional

Compensation: \$40 Amazon gift card or \$40 donated to the ADA or the T1D Exchange.

**Questions?** Contact Mackenzie Adams at [mpadams@umich.edu](mailto:mpadams@umich.edu)



Study ID: 00219915 IRB: Health Science and Behavioral Sciences Date: 6/27/22



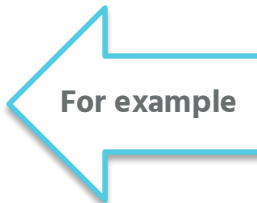
Be sure to check out the newsletter next Monday



Resources, links, reminders, deadlines, highlights are all featured



If you have something that you would like to announce from your clinic, we'd be happy to highlight it on a newsletter



# T1D Exchange Website



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## Stronger Clinical Partnerships

Promoting collaboration and improvement at the front lines of T1D care.

We use the protected space to:

- Share work in progress, including emerging case studies and interventions
- Ask questions to the Collaborative network with the ability to view archived threads and responses





# How to join website: 3 easy steps

1. Visit registration page: <https://t1dx-qi.t1dexchange.org/register/>
2. Register with name, title, email information. Create a password.
3. T1DX-QI team gets pinged to ensure that newly registered members are affiliated with the Collaborative- and you're in!

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## New Clinics

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Welcome to the T1DX-QI Collaborative! We are so excited to partner with you and work together to better improve diabetes care. In this section you will be able to learn how to get engaged by joining a committee, involve your patients with advice from our parent





# Clinical Presentation: Cook

# **Increasing Patient Engagement Through the Use of Online Diabetes Questionnaire**

Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas

# Objectives

- Discuss the benefits of using pre-visit online questionnaire
- Discuss enablers to use the pre-visit online questionnaire
- Discuss barriers to use the pre-visit online questionnaire



# Which of the following statements is accurate with regards to pre-visit online questionnaire

- Questionnaire completion will enhance one's understanding of one's own disease control
- Questionnaire completion leads to the physician having a more thorough understanding of one's condition, translating into better health care and disease control
- A reminder would ensure that the questionnaire would be completed
- All of the above

## With regards to possible barriers to complete the pre-visit online questionnaire, which of the following statements is inaccurate

- Prior experiences of poor disease control discourages questionnaire completion
- Concerns about web-based security of questionnaire data
- Concerns about whether one can complete the questionnaire correctly
- Competing priorities may impede questionnaire completion before appointment

# Benefits of Pre-visit Online Questionnaire

- Online health questionnaires engage patients in taking a more active role in their care
- They increase efficiency by reducing data acquisition burdens on clinicians
- Little is known about patient perceptions of these questionnaires and their actual uptake and what strategies can be leveraged to drive their use

# Enablers to Using The Pre-visit Online Questionnaire

- Ease of use with no training required
- Accessibility (personal electronic devices, in-office tablets)
- Providing flexibility in when it can be completed
- A reminder from the doctor's office via email, text, or phone before their appointment
- Highlighting the value and importance of the online questionnaire
  - Prior experiences with poor disease control motivates patients to use the tool
  - Patients believe primary care physicians would have a more thorough understanding of their condition
  - Patients indicate that completing the questionnaire would enhance their understanding of their own disease control

# Barriers to Using The Pre-visit Online Questionnaire

- Competing priorities (lack of time, forget to do complete it prior to the visit)
- Conflicting believes
- Concerns about data security
- Concerns about not completing the data accurately



# Background

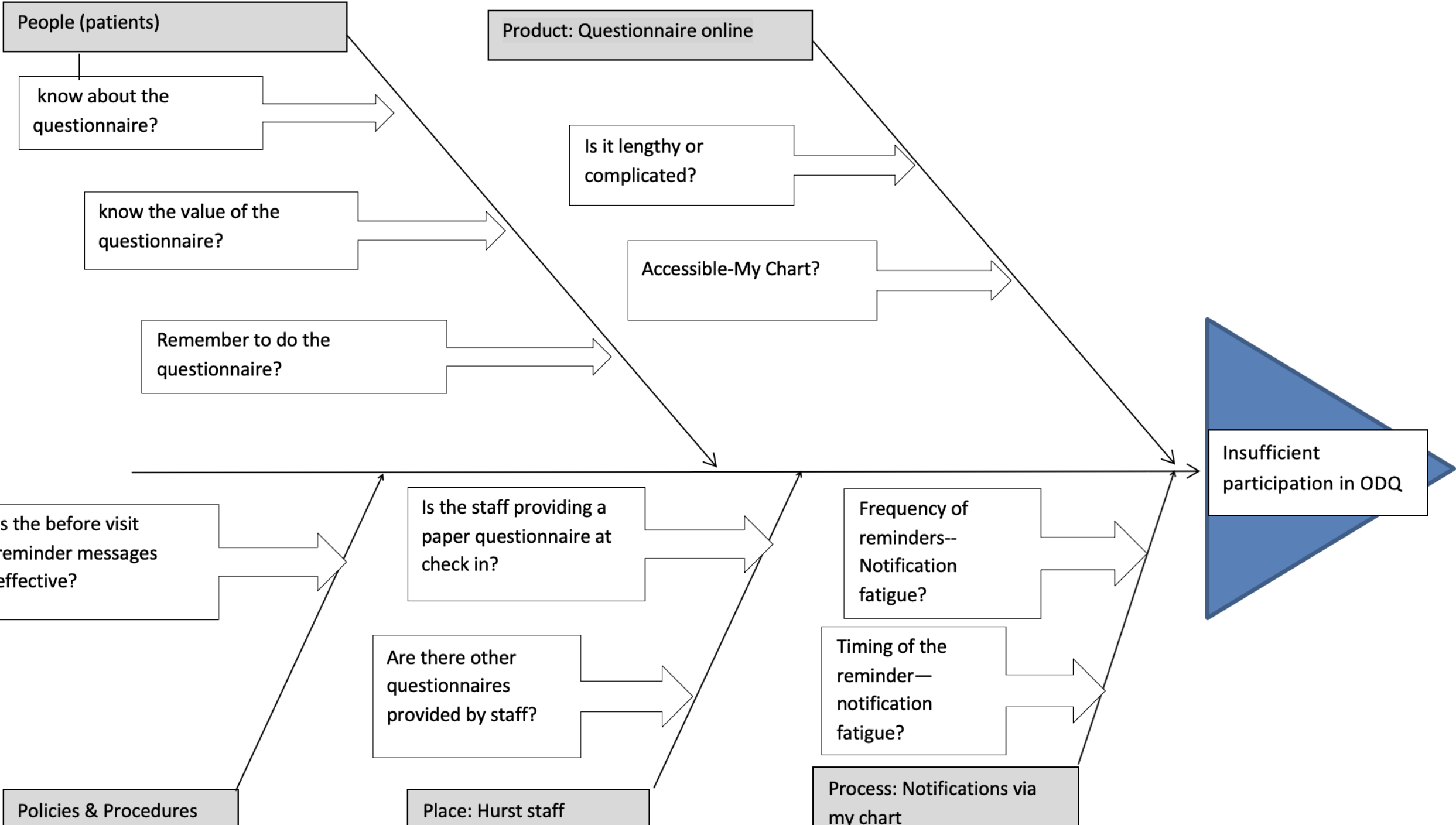
- The utilization of the online diabetes questionnaire ODQ by patients with type 1 diabetes (T1D) prior to their clinic appointment is at 37% at best

# Aim Statement

- To improve the ODQ utilization by T1D patients by at least 10% over 12 months at one of Cook Children's sites

# Patient Population

- Established pediatric type 1 diabetes patients
- >90% of patients have MyChart (patient portal access)
- 85% of patients are on commercial insurance
- Completing the ODQ takes 2-3 minutes



# Assess Barriers Related To Patients (Barriers Survey)

- **Barriers Survey baseline results:**
- 37.5% of patients know the ODQ exists online
- 25% of patients forget to complete it prior to the visit

**Please answer the following questions about your visit today.**

1. Did you fill out the Diabetes Questionnaire in MyChart before your visit?

- YES  
 NO

2. If you answered NO to the question above and did not complete the online questionnaire, **please check any of the reasons below.** You may select more than one.

- I **did not know** it was available online and could be completed before the visit
- I **know** it is an option, but I do not see the benefit of filling it out before the visit
- I **know** it is an option, but I would still have to do the paper questionnaire as well
- I **know** it is an option, but I do not have time to do it
- I **know** it is an option, but I do not have access to a smart device/computer to fill it out
- I told my child to fill it out, but he/she did not
- Other reason(s). Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



# PDSA-1 (MyChart Msg)

- Objectives:
  - Improve Patients' knowledge about the ODQ (goal of 20% increase in knowledge from 37.5% baseline )
  - By increasing patients' knowledge of the ODQ, their participation prior to the visit will increase
- Intervention:
  - MyChart message:
    - one of our team members will send a message to the patient via MyChart
    - educate patients about the questionnaire
    - one week prior to the scheduled visit one
  - 8 weeks duration for the intervention
  - Data to collect:
    - Patients' Barriers Survey handed out at check in by front desk staff
    - ODQ participation rate

# PDSA-1 (MyChart Msg)

## Content of The Message

- Did you know that you can fill out the diabetes questionnaire online now through MyCookChildrens (MyChart)?
- This will help save you time & make your clinic visit run smoothly.
- It will also mean less paperwork for you to fill out on the day of the visit.

We look forward to seeing you,

# PDSA-1 (MyChart Msg) Results

- Intervention began: 2/1/21
- Intervention ended April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Total encounters: 11
- 2 patients completed Barriers Survey

# PDSA-1 (MyChart Msg) ODQ Participation Results

- Baseline : 37%
- PDSA-1: 54%

# PDSA-1 (MyChart Msg)- Conclusion

- Participation in the ODQ improved. However, due to the small sample size, we couldn't assess the objectives
- Challenges:
  - 70% didn't read MyChart Msg
  - Due to weather challenges:
    - Cancellations and no shows resulted in small number of patients to complete the barriers survey
  - Notification fatigue:
    - Time of notification?
    - Other notifications?



# **PDSA-1 (MyChart Msg)- EPIC Automatic Notifications**

- Patients receive a reminder notification 2 days before their appointment

# PDSA-2 (Late MyChart Msg)

- Objectives:
  - To improve patients' knowledge about the ODQ (goal of 20% increase in knowledge from 37.5% baseline )
  - Remind patients to complete the ODQ prior to the visit
    - Baseline: 25% of patients say they forget to complete it
    - Goal to lower the rate by at least 5%
  - By increasing patients' knowledge of the ODQ and reminding them to do complete it, their participation prior to the visit will increase
- Intervention:
  - MyChart message:
    - one of our team members will send a message to the patient via MyChart
    - educate and remind patients about the questionnaire
    - 4 days prior to the scheduled visit one
  - 12 weeks duration for the intervention
  - Data to collect:
    - Patients' Barriers Survey handed out at check in by front desk staff
    - ODQ participation rate

# PDSA-2 (Late MyChart Msg) Results

- Intervention began: 4/1/21
- Intervention ended 6/22/21
- Total encounters: 18
- 15 patients completed the barriers survey
- No intervention on (MyChart message was NOT sent ): 4/12, 4/26, 4/27, 5/4, 5/24, 6/14, 6/21, and 6/22.

# PDSA-2 (Late MyChart Msg)

## Results of Barriers Survey













- Awareness of the ODQ: 77% (improved from 37.5%) → Met the goal
- Forgetting to do the ODQ: 17% (improved from 25%) → Met the goal
- New challenges:
  - Limited staff (no intervention conducted on 8 days)
  - 68.7% of patients do NOT read their MyChart notification messages!

# PDSA-2 (Late MyChart Msg) ODQ Participation Results

- Baseline : 37%
- PDSA-1: 54%
- PDSA-2: 37.2%

# PDSA-1&2

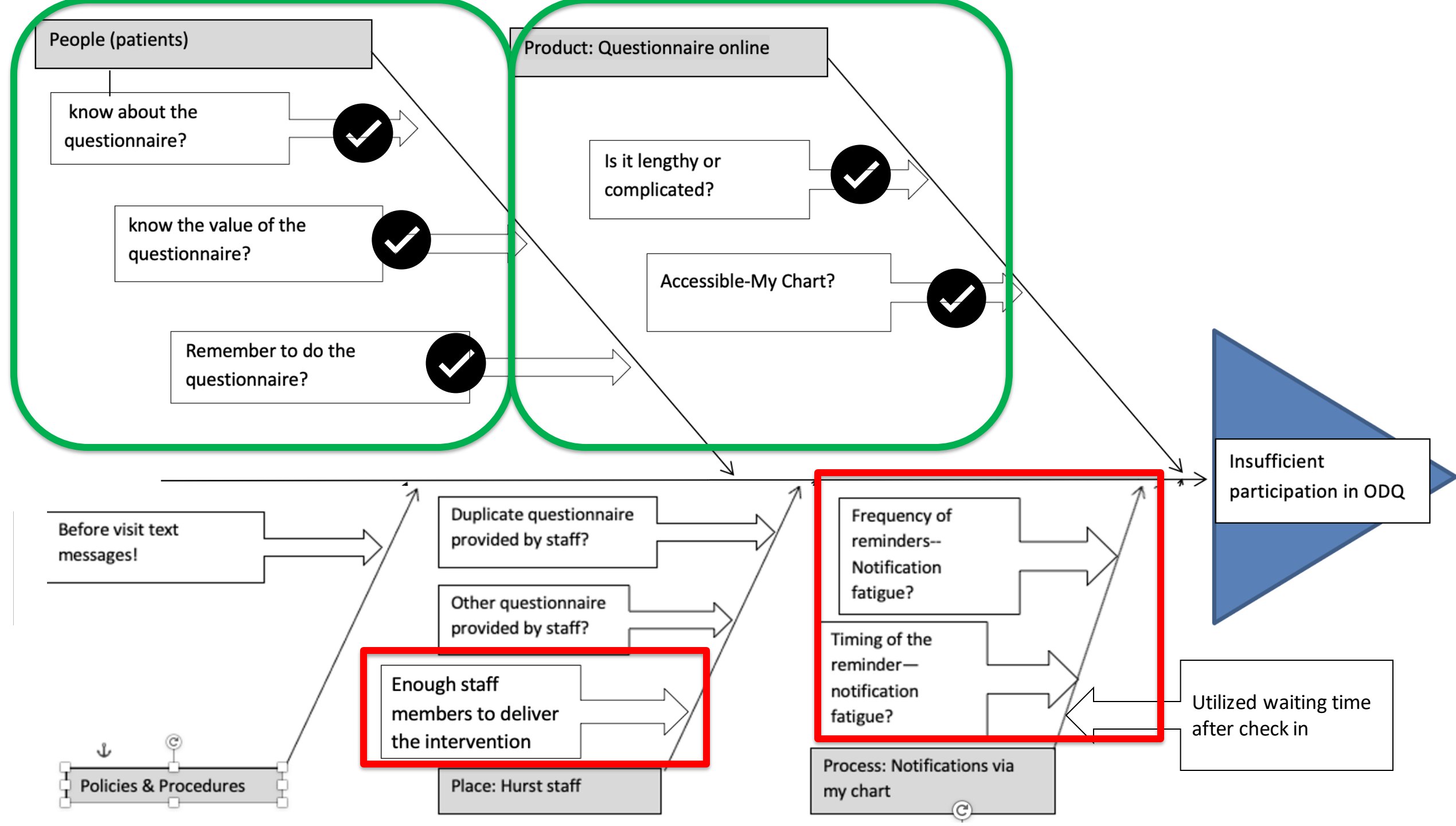
## Data Analysis

Month	Intervention delivered	MyChart Msg was read by patient	When MyChart Msg was read, ODQ was completed	Overall ODQ utilization rate
March	50% 	50% 	100% 	58.3%
April	57% 	25% 	100% 	35.7%
May	22% 	50% 	100% 	55.5%
June	0 	0 	NA 	16.65%

# PDSA-2 (Late MyChart Msg)

## Conclusion

- The intervention (MyChart Msg) helped meet the targeted objectives:
  - Increased awareness of the ODQ
  - Effectively reminded patients to complete the ODQ
- The ODQ participation rate didn't improve, possibly due to:
  - The intervention may have resulted in notification fatigue (only 31.25% of patients read their MyChart message)
  - Intervention implementation may not be sustainable on the long run (only delivered 33.8% over the 5 months period)





# PDSA-3 (Medical Receptionists Reminder)

- Objectives:
  - Eliminate the notification fatigue : Goal to reduce it by 20% (baseline is 68.75%)
    - Stop MyChart messages about the ODQ
  - Utilize staff efficiently
  - The above two measures will improve the participation in the questionnaire
- Intervention:
  - Medical Receptionists reminder
  - 12 weeks duration for the intervention, starts 7/19/21
  - Expand the patient population to include two additional providers
  - Data to collect:
    - Patients' Barriers Survey
    - ODQ participation rate

# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder) Design

## A) Patient completed ODQ prior to the visit:

- 1) Arrives to appointment
- 2) Parent tell front desk it's already completed; no paper questionnaire given
- 3) Medical assistant (MA) confirms ODQ completed prior or during check-in
- 4) MA gives Barriers Survey (parent checks "yes I already completed it")
- 5) Visit completed

# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder)

## Design

### B) Patient DID NOT complete ODQ prior to the visit:


- 1) Arrives to appointment
- 2) Front desk asks “Did you complete your diabetes questionnaire online?”
- 3) Parent tells front desk they DID NOT complete it online
- 4) Front desk asks family “Are you willing to complete online now? You can use your MyCookChildrens App while waiting to be roomed in”.
- 5) Family begins to work on it in the waiting room OR NOT
- 6) MA confirms ODQ completed during room check-in
- 7) If still not completed, MA gives paper copy of questionnaire, as well as Barriers Survey
- 8) Parent documents reason for not completing on yellow PDSA survey (Barrier Survey)
- 9) Visit completed

# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder) Design

Update the Barrier Survey to include assessment for notification fatigue

Please answer the following questions about your visit today.

It is our goal to help more families complete their diabetes questionnaire online.  
Since you did not complete the online questionnaire, please check any of the reasons below.  
You may select more than one.


- Before this visit, I did not know I could fill it out online
- I get too many messages 
- I do not know how to use MyChart
- I did not have access to a smart phone/computer to fill it out
- I did not see the benefit of filling it out before the visit
- I did not have time to do it
- I told my child to fill it out, but he/she did not
- I would still have to do the paper questionnaire
- Other reason(s). Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder) Results

- Intervention start date 7/19/21
- End of intervention 11/4/21
- Total encounters to date: 66
- Barrier survey completed by 36 patients

# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder) Barrier Survey Results

- Notification fatigue assessment "I get too many notifications": 11% (met the goal)
- Awareness of the ODQ : 81% (baseline 37.5%, PDSA-2 77%)
- Forgetting to do do the ODQ: 11% (baseline 25%, PDSA-2 17%)
- I did not have time to do it: 36% 

# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder) ODQ results

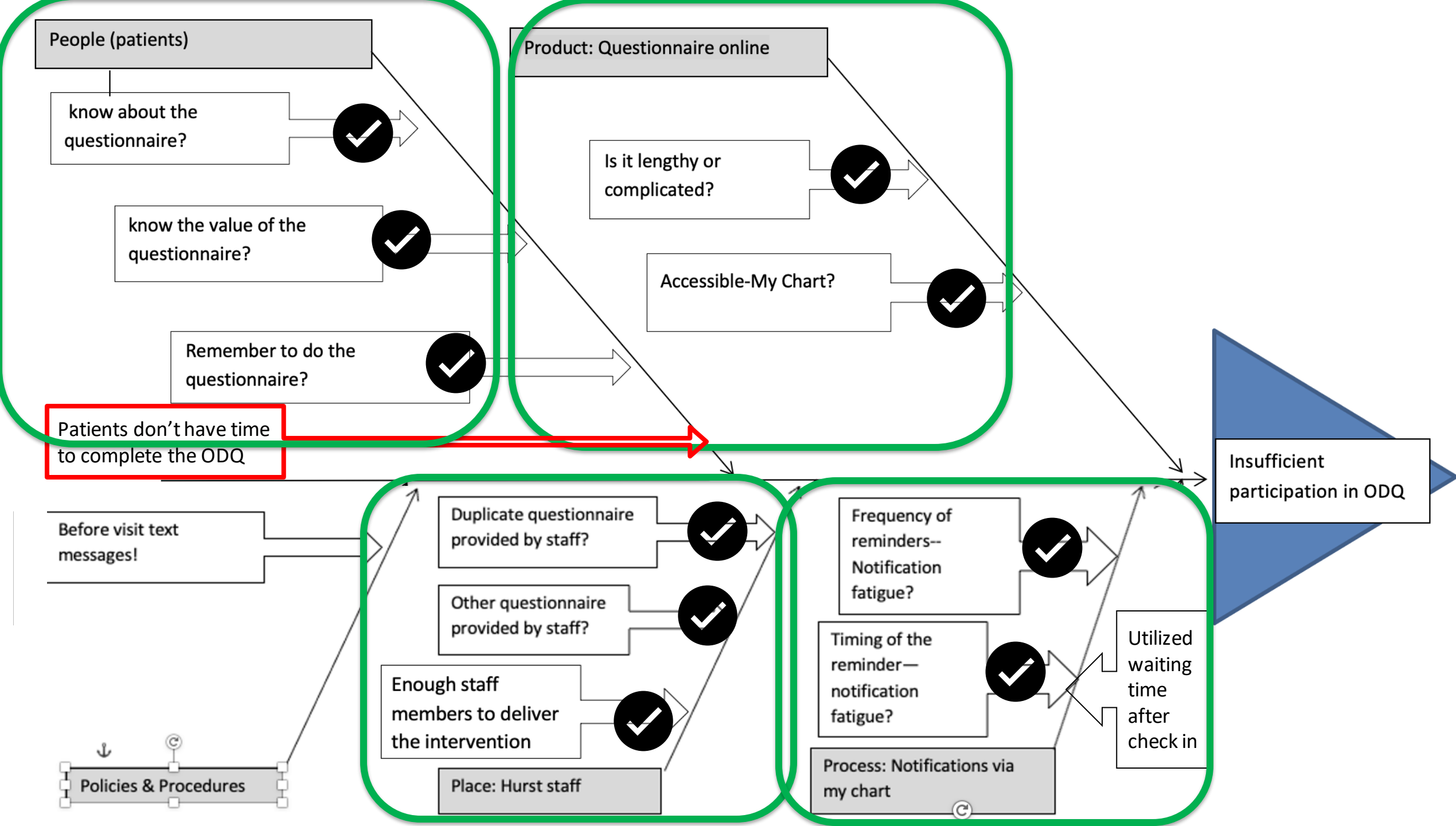
- Baseline 37%
- PDSA 2: 37.2%
- PDSA-3: 45%

# PDSA-3(Medical Receptionists Reminder)

## Conclusion

- The intervention helped meeting the targeted goal of objectives:
  - lowered the notification fatigue
  - Intervention was implanted smoothly using the current clinic staff
- Although the ODQ participation rate improved, it didn't meet the targeted ODQ participation rate
  - New challenge: 36% of the patients reported they did not have time to do the ODQ





# PDSA-4(Exam Room Reminder)

- Objectives:
  - Give patients more time to complete the ODQ
    - Goal to improve it by 10% (baseline 36%)
  - The above measure will improve the participation in the questionnaire
- Intervention:
  - Medical assistant (MA) to remind the patients to complete the ODQ while waiting for the provider in the exam room
  - 12 weeks duration for the intervention, starts 1/10/22
  - Data to collect:
    - Patients' Barriers Survey
    - ODQ participation rate

# PDSA-4(Exam Room Reminder)

## Design

### B) Patient DID NOT complete ODQ prior to the visit:

- 1) Arrives to appointment
- 2) Front desk asks “Did you complete your diabetes questionnaire online?”
- 3) Parent tells front desk they DID NOT complete it online
- 4) Front desk asks family “Are you willing to complete online now? You can use your MyCookChildrens App while waiting to be roomed in”.
- 5) Family begins to work on it in the waiting room OR NOT
- 6) MA confirms ODQ completed during room check-in
- 7) If still not completed, MA gives patients the Barrier Survey to complete and asks families to complete the ODA while waiting in exam room for the provider.**
- 8) Parent documents reason for not completing on yellow PDSA survey (Barrier Survey)
- 9) Visit completed

# PDSA-4 (Exam Room Reminder) Results

- Intervention start date 1/10/22
- End of intervention 04/07/22
- Total encounters: 52
- Barrier survey provided to 49 patients

# PDSA-4 (Exam Room Reminder)

## Barrier Survey Results

- Lack of time to complete the ODQ “I did not have time to do it”: 5% (PDSA-3: 36%) , which met the targeted goal
- Notification Fatigue: 5% (PDSA-3: 11%)
- Awareness of the ODQ: 73% (baseline 37.5%, PDSA-2 77%, PDSA-3 81%)
- Forgetting to do the ODQ: 18% (baseline 25%, PDSA-2: 17%, PDSA-3: 11%)

# PDSA-4 (Exam Room Reminder)

## ODQ Results

- Baseline: 37%
- PDSA 2: 37.2%
- PDSA 3: 45%
- PDSA 4 : 58%

# PDSA-4 (Exam Room Reminder)

## Conclusion

- The intervention met the targeted objective
  - It helped utilize patient time in clinic efficiently (only 5% of patient reported they didn't have time to complete the ODQ)
- Participation in ODQ improved and met the target goal
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## Conclusion of the study

- In contrary to other studies, online reminders to complete ODDQ did not improve participation in ODDQ prior to visit.
  - It may have resulted in notification fatigue
  - It was not sustainable due to limited manpower
- In our clinic cohort/settings, the most effective method to increase participation in the ODDQ was onsite reminders via the medical receptionists and MAs as it helped utilize patients waiting time efficiently
- The medical assistant and medical receptionists' intervention didn't stretch the staff thin in our clinic



## Future Plans

- Analyze data based on socioeconomic status, education, race/ethnicity to help better understand and improve the participation rate
- Expand to Cook's other locations

# Questions?

## Cook Children's T1D Exchange Clinical Team:

Susan Hsieh

Christin Morell

Candice Williams

Stephanie Ogburn

Mouhammad Alwazeer



# Clinical Presentation: Lurie

# Standardized Documentation to Address Equity in CGM Use

Naomi R. Fogel, MD

# Lurie Children's Hospital Diabetes Program

- Main campus in downtown Chicago
  - Satellite sites in N and W suburbs (total 8 diabetes clinic sites)
  - Partnership with LaRabida Children's Hospital in the S
- Diverse patient population
- Estimated 40-50% Medicaid
- Approximate racial/ethnic breakdown
  - 26% Hispanic
  - 56% White/Non-Hispanic
  - 8% Black/Non-Hispanic
  - 10% other/no response
- ~1400 established T1D patients
  - 120-150 newly diagnosed per year



# Lurie Children's Hospital Diabetes Program

- Diabetes Team
  - 8 Attending Physicians
  - 3 Endocrine Fellows
  - 2 Nurse Practitioners
  - 8 RN/CDCES
  - 2 RD (1 CDCES)
  - 3 Psychologists (as of Fall '22)
  - 2 Social Workers
  
- Joined T1D Exchange QI Collaborative in January 2021



# Continuous Glucose Monitor use

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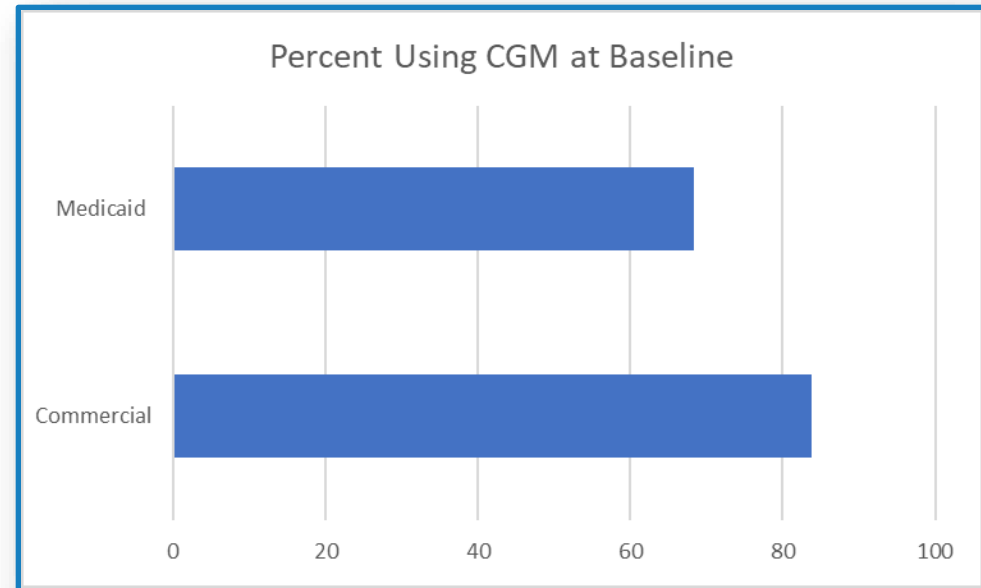
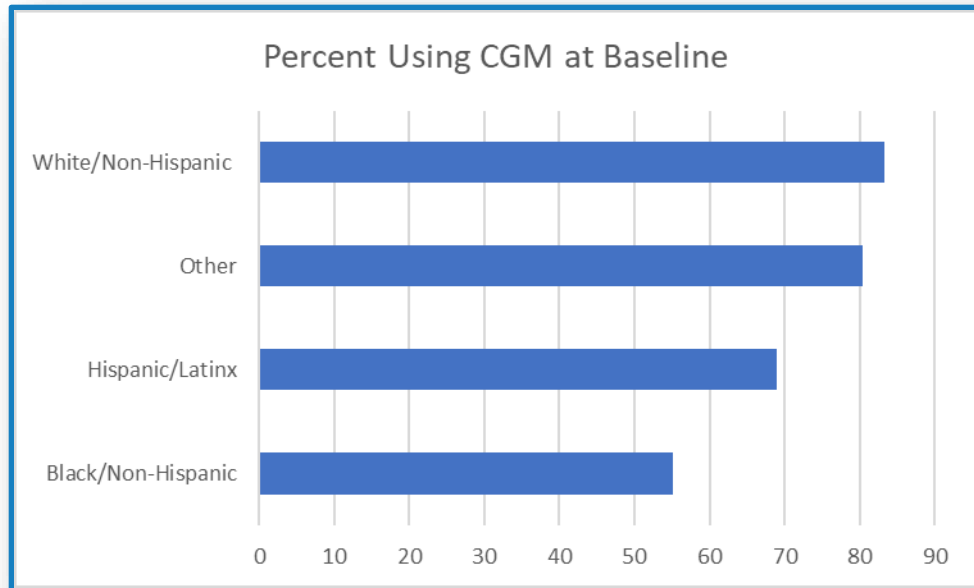
- CGM has been shown to have multiple benefits for pediatric patients with type 1 diabetes, including improved glycemic control, decreased frequency of fingerstick glucose monitoring and integration with insulin delivery devices, leading to lower rates of short- and long-term complications.
- Disparities exist between demographic groups regarding CGM use
  - Provider issues (bias)
  - System issues (insurance)
  - Patient issues

# Disparities in CGM use

- Non-Hispanic Whites had highest rates of CGM use followed by Hispanics and lowest rates in Non-Hispanic Blacks, and those with private insurance more likely to use CGM than those with public insurance (DeSalvo 2021)
- Lower CGM use in Non-Hispanic Black children due to lower rates of initiation AND increased discontinuation (Lai 2021)
- SES and other factors (demographic, diabetes-specific) did not fully explain disparities; consider patient preferences, provider implicit bias, systemic racism and mistrust of medical system (Agarwal 2021)
- Racial/ethnic disparities in technology use persist even after adjusting for age, language, insurance, annual income (Fantasia 2021)



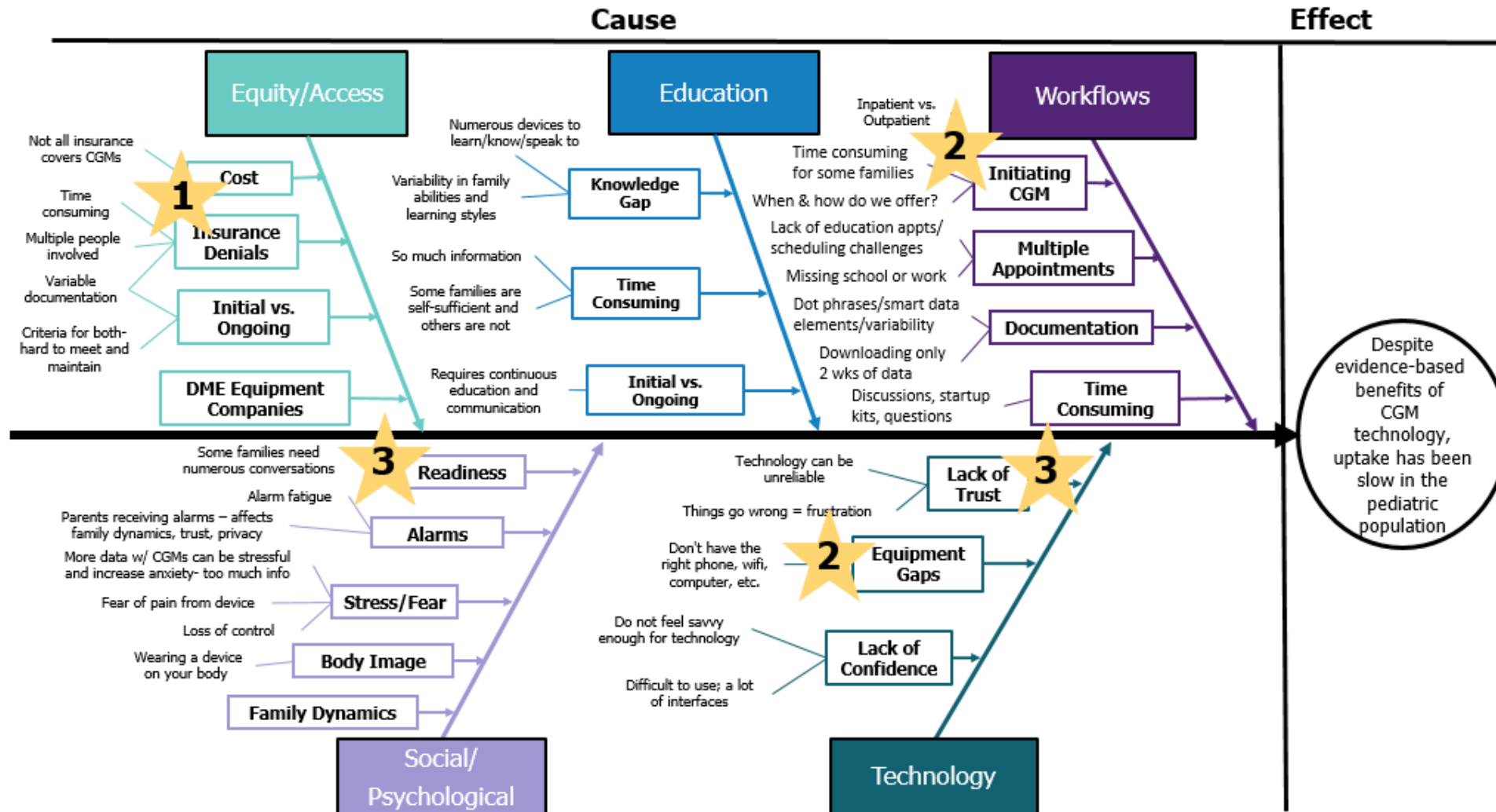
# CGM Use: Baseline (April-September 2021)



Overall 78% CGM use

*Note: CGM covered by IL Medicaid (with evidence of insulin use and glucose monitoring) since 2020*

# Fishbone



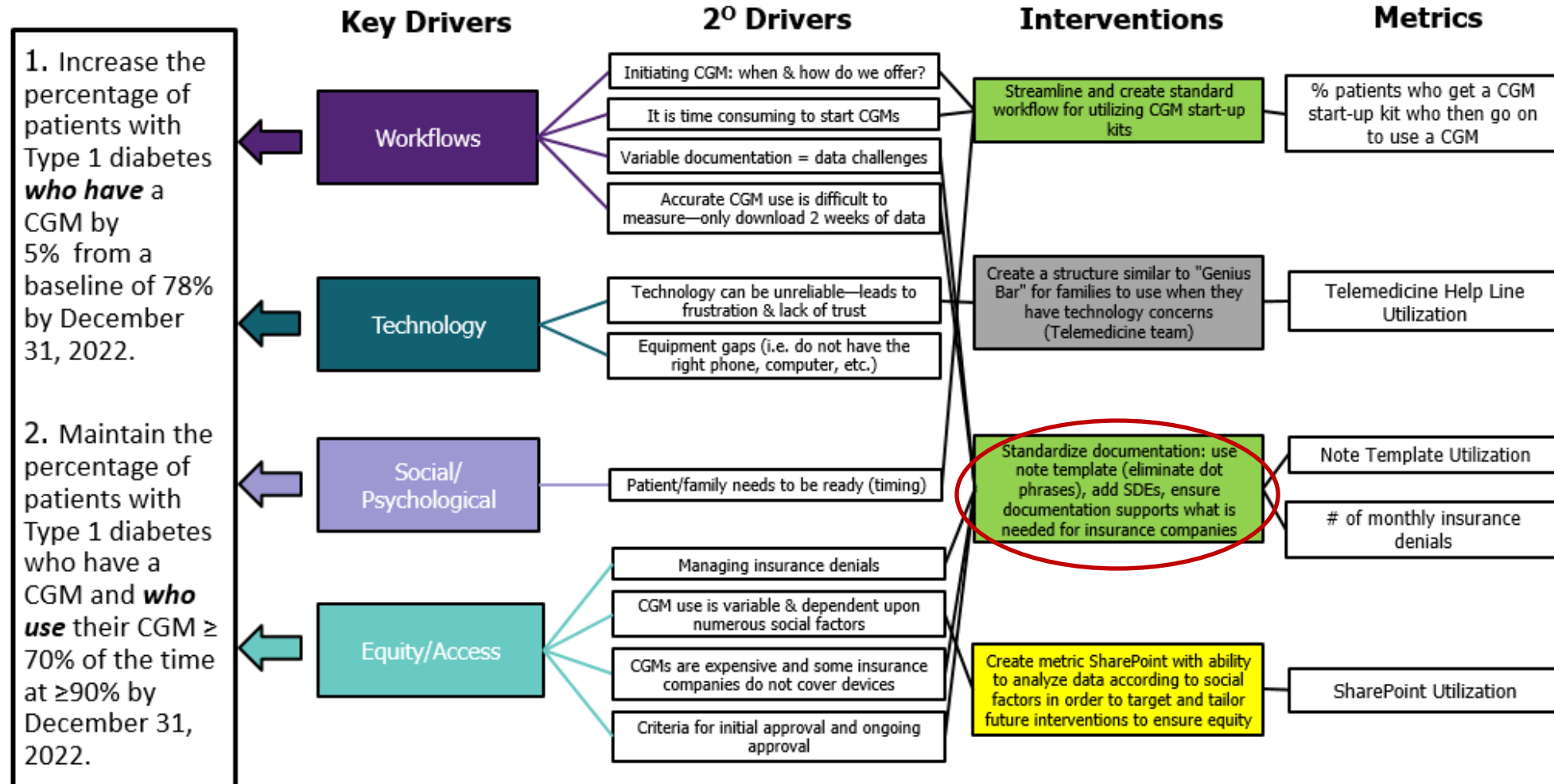
# AIM Statement

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- 1. Increase the percentage of patients with Type 1 diabetes who have a CGM by 5% from a baseline of 78% by December 31, 2022.
- 2. Maintain the percentage of patients with Type 1 diabetes who have a CGM and who use it  $\geq 70\%$  of the time at  $\geq 90\%$  through December 31, 2022

# Key Driver Diagram

Color Key: **Green** = Complete  
**Grey** = blocked  
**Yellow** = In Progress



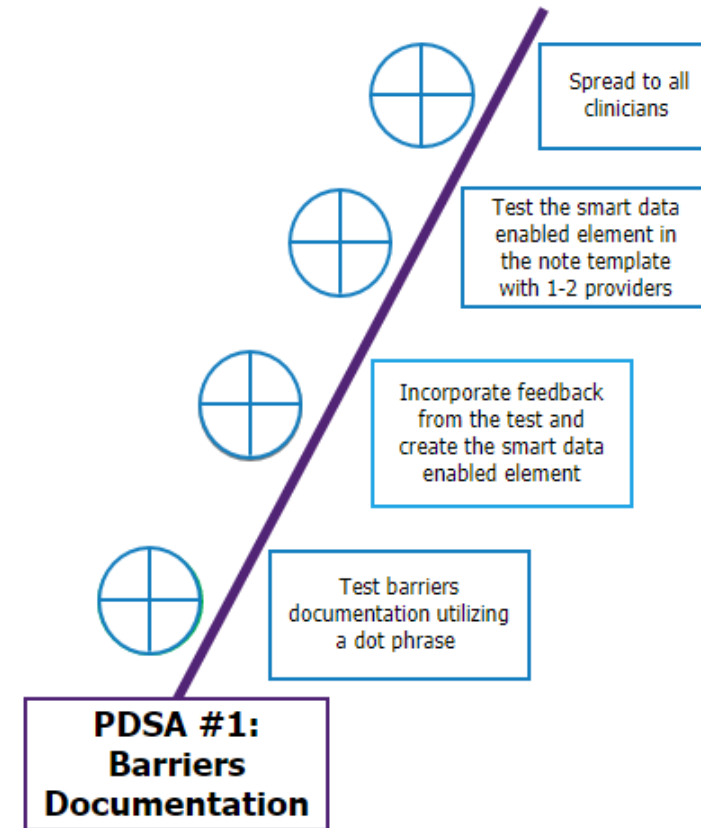
# Hypothesis

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- Requiring standardized documentation of CGM use and identification of barriers will increase awareness and identify potential targets for future interventions, ultimately increasing CGM use in our patient population.

# Development and Implementation

- Designed standard documentation within the EMR to assess CGM use and barriers to use.
- Surveyed a subset of patients and families about CGM use.
- Standardized documentation was tested with a single diabetes provider with 24 patients.
- Feedback was incorporated and smart data enabled element added to diabetes note template.



# CGM Barriers Documentation

Blood Glucose Monitoring:  
Does (patient) have a CGM? {YES/NO ENDO CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR:10753}

YES

Blood Glucose Monitoring:  
Does (patient) have a CGM? Yes  
Has (patient) used CGM  $\geq$ 70% of the time in the last 14 days? {YES/NO:21745}

{GLUCOSE MONITOR TYPE:10754}

YES

Blood Glucose Monitoring:  
Does (patient) have a CGM? Yes  
Has (patient) used CGM  $\geq$ 70% of the time in the last 14 days? Yes, verified by captured data

{GLUCOSE MONITOR TYPE:10754}

CGM 14d Data:  
Glucose average: \*\*\*mg/dl  
Time in target range (70-180mg/dl): {CGM 14D:19343:\*\*\*\*}%  
Time in high range (>180mg/dl): \*\*\*\*%  
Time in very high range (>250mg/dl): \*\*\*\*%  
Time in low range (<70mg/dl): \*\*\*\*%  
Time in very low range (<54mg/dl): \*\*\*\*%

Blood Glucose Monitoring:  
Does (patient) have a CGM? No  
Why? {No CGM Reasons:21748}  
Prescribed? {Yes/No/Other:1208}  
Starter kit given? {Yes/No:21747}

NO

## Barriers to CGM use

- No barriers-prescribed today
- No barriers-not indicated for degree of dysglycemia/insulin therapy
- Cost
- Insurance coverage
- Lack of education/distrust
- Skin/adhesion issues
- Technological issues
- Alarm fatigue
- Self-image
- Resistance to wearables
- Other \*\*\*

NO

Blood Glucose Monitoring:  
Does (patient) have a CGM? Yes  
Has (patient) used CGM  $\geq$ 70% of the time in the last 14 days? No. Why? {Reasons:21746}

{GLUCOSE MONITOR TYPE:10754}

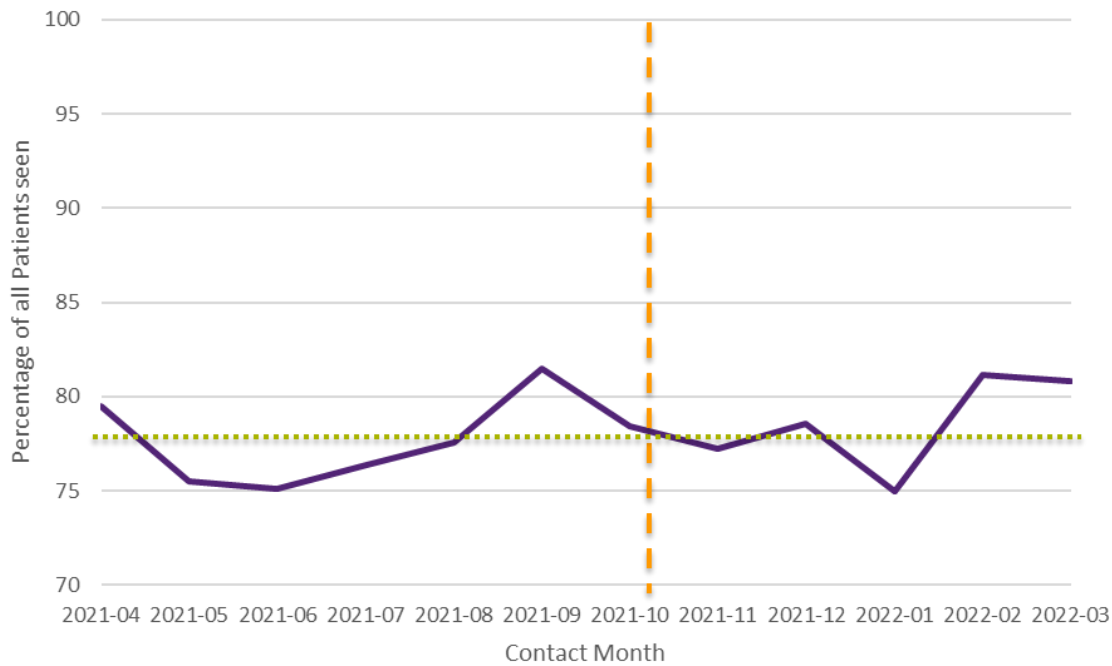
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## Barriers to 70% use

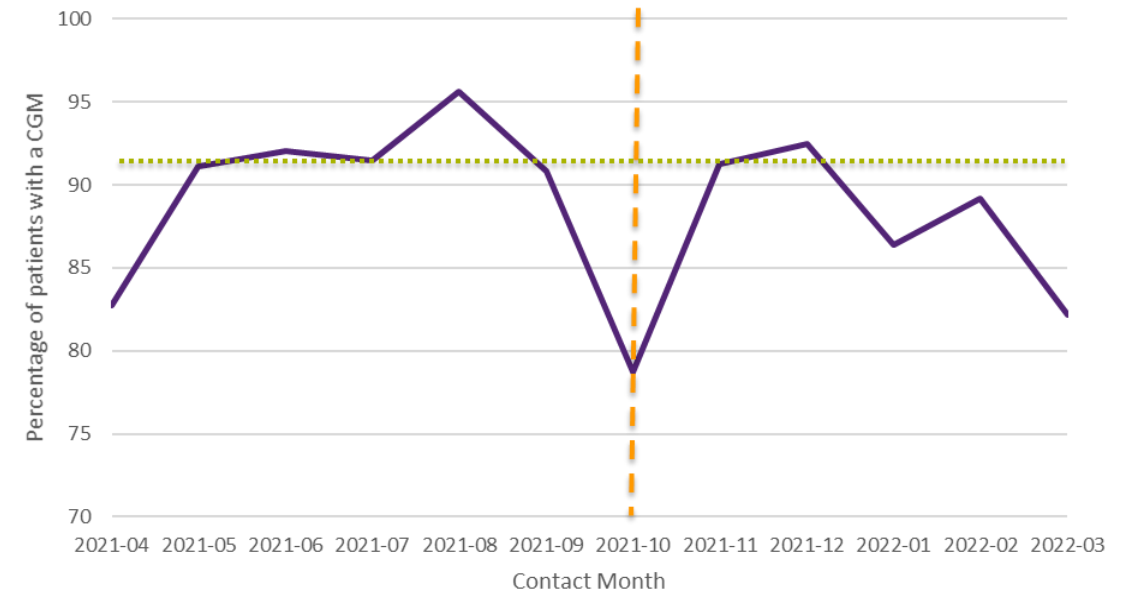
- Cost
- Insurance coverage
- Lack of education/distrust
- Skin/adhesion issues
- Technological issues
- Alarm fatigue
- Self-image
- Resistance to wearables
- Refill delay
- Desire for CGM break
- Other \*\*\*

# Run Charts

### CGM Use



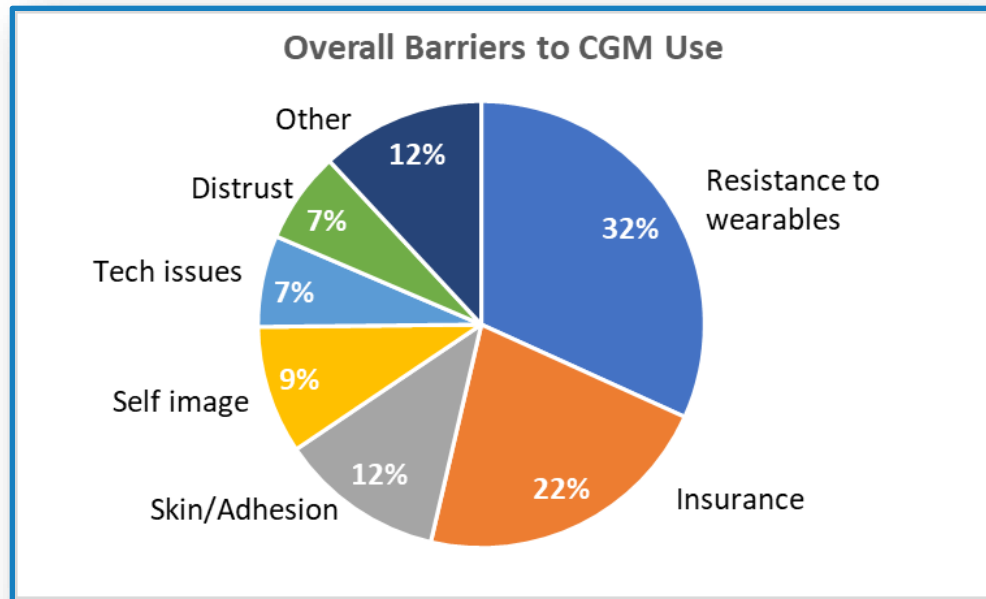
### CGM Use $\geq 70\%$



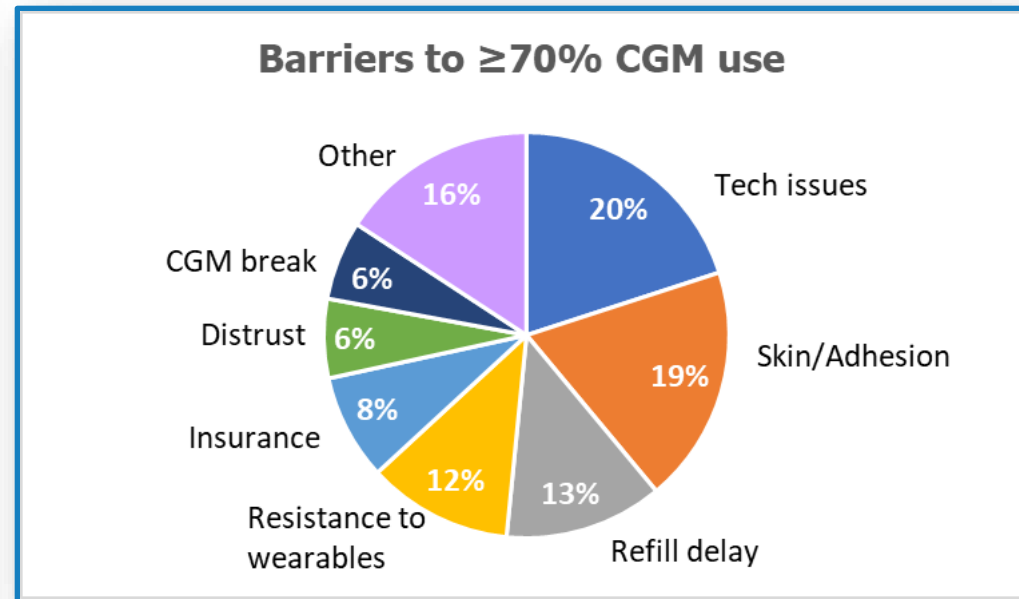
- Intervention Date
- Pre-intervention Average



# Barriers to CGM use: Oct 2021-March 2022



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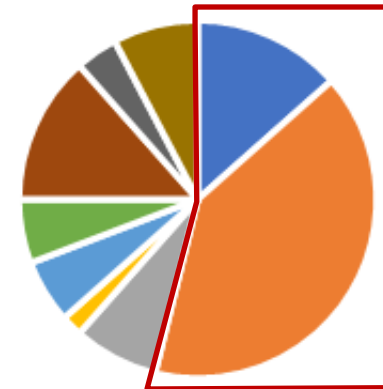
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# Barriers to CGM by insurance group

Medicaid



Commercial



- Insurance
- Resistance to Wearables
- Tech Issues
- Distrust
- Other
- Cost
- Refill Delay
- Skin/Adhesion
- Alarm Fatigue
- Self Image

# Barriers to CGM use by racial/ethnic group

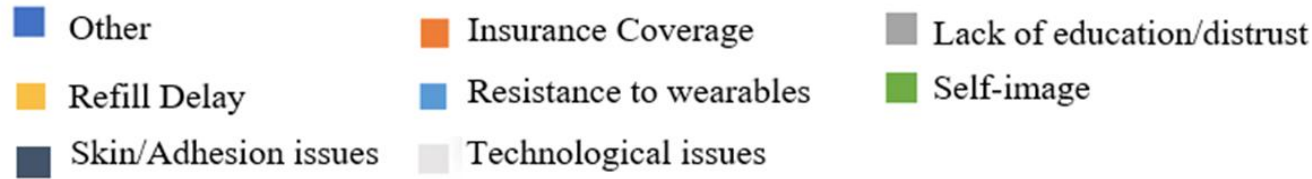
Black/Non-Hispanic



Hispanic



White/Non-Hispanic



**Black (Non-Hispanic)**

1. Insurance Coverage
2. Skin/Adhesion Issues
3. Lack of Education/Distrust

n=50

**Hispanic/Latinx**

1. Resistance to wearables
2. Insurance Coverage
3. Technological Issues

n=92

**White (Non-Hispanic)**

1. Resistance to Wearables
2. Skin/Adhesion Issues
3. Technological Issues

n=84

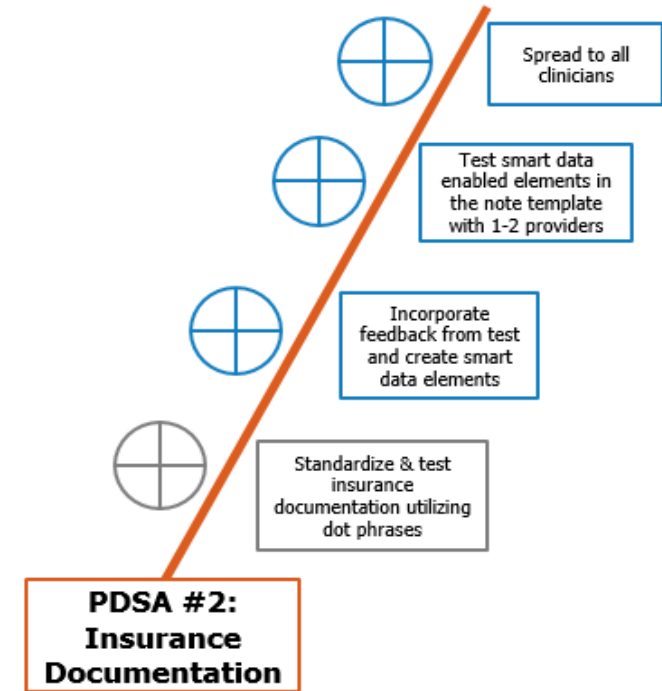
# Results

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- Our patient population had a high rate of CGM use
- Use of standardized documentation has not yet substantially changed the use of CGM or time of CGM usage in our population.
- CGM use is asked/documented at over 90% of patient visits
- Barriers to CGM varied by racial/ethnic background
- Top barriers were consistent among insurance types
- Starting to see themes within different populations, but need more data

# Next Step: Interventions to address barriers

- Insurance Barrier
  - Document rationale for CGM in every clinic note
  - Prior authorizations
  - Multiselect
  - Incorporated feedback from providers, nurses, office staff



RATIONALE FOR CGM: We strongly believe continuous glucose monitoring will **{be/remain:21981}** beneficial for *(name)* for the following reasons: **{CGM INSURANCE REASONS:21980}**

History of nocturnal hypoglycemia  
 History of hypoglycemia unawareness  
 History of exercise-induced hypoglycemia  
 History of severe hypoglycemia  
 Patient has been hospitalized or has required paramedical treatment for hypoglycemia  
 Patient is unable to communicate symptoms of hypoglycemia due to age, developmental delay, or additional medical condition  
 Coexistent morbidity that poses challenges with concomitant hypoglycemia  
 Wide excursions in daily blood glucose levels and need for frequent dose adjustments  
 Fasting hyperglycemia  
 Integration with insulin pump  
 The patient has been unable to achieve optimal glycemic control as defined by the most current version of the American Diabetes Association Standards of Medical care. Most recent hemoglobin A1C \*\*\*% on \*\*\*.

# Next Step: Interventions to address barriers

- Insurance Barrier: Advocacy
  - New bill in IL signed at Lurie Children's by Governor Pritzker to require commercial insurance coverage of CGM
  - Insurance coverage should no longer be a barrier for any patient with Type 1 in IL



# Next Step: Interventions to address barriers

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- Resistance to wearables, self-image
  - Posters in clinic with photos and quotes from actual patients/families
- Skin/Adhesion issues
  - Tip sheets readily available
- Lack of education, distrust
  - Pilot study by psychology fellow testing a multidisciplinary (diabetes education + psychology) intervention for teens not on CGM to address specific barriers
  - Family representatives

# Lessons Learned

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- Standardized documentation can hardwire discussion of CGM
  - Mitigate provider bias
- Asking about barriers can help identify and address disparities
  - Start discussion, create plan
- Documenting barriers increases awareness
  - Common barriers can be addressed with one solution
  - Barriers specific to particular groups can be investigated
- Still more work to do to reduce disparities in technology use



# Thank you

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# Pre/Post learning



# QI Portal Updates

# QI Portal – April – July 2022 updates

Expanded Health Equity features!

# QI Portal – April – July 2022 updates

## New notification bell!

- Notifications for new:
  - QI Portal features
  - Clinic data
  - Library article
- Change notification type in Settings

## NOTIFICATIONS



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New feature! Receive notifications via email and notification bell of new clinic data; visit settings to adjust your notification options.

Jul 22, 2022



New feature! Add comments and tag users on Library resources.

Jul 22, 2022



New clinics mapped! Check out new data on the Compare tab.

Jul 22, 2022



New article has been added to HbA1c > 9%, Telemedicine.

Jul 18, 2022



New article has been added to Quality Improvement.

Jun 13, 2022



# QI Portal – April – July 2022 updates

New metrics! Time in Range and Social Determinants of Health

New library comments!

CGM use

## Optimizing Glucose Meter Downloads at Parkland Diabetes Clinic

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**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SUCCESS STORY**

### Optimizing Glucose Meter Downloads at Parkland Diabetes Clinic

Isabel Wren, Uma Ganasekarar, and Luigi Meneghini

Quality Improvement Success Stories are published by the American Diabetes Association in collaboration with the American College of Physicians and the National Diabetes Education Program. This series is intended to highlight best practices and strategies from programs and clinics that have successfully improved the quality of care for people with diabetes or related conditions. Each article in the series is reviewed and follows a standard format developed by the editors of Clinical Diabetes. The following article describes a project aimed at increasing the number of patients who bring their glucose meters to their appointments for downloading at a diabetes specialty clinic with a diverse patient population in Dallas, TX.

**Describe your practice setting and location.**

This project took place at the Diabetes & Foot Wound (DFW) Clinic of the Parkland Health & Hospital System, the public health system serving residents of Dallas County, TX. Both foot wound and diabetes specialty services are located in the clinical space. The diabetes clinic serves as the specialty training site for endocrine fellows on 1 half-day per week and is staffed by advanced practice providers 5 days per week. One to three attending physicians oversee clinical activities, and one to three advanced practice care providers see patients on a daily basis. The staff also comprises two registered nurses, three licensed vocational nurses, two medical assistants, three clerical staff members, one social worker, and one unit manager. The clinic is also supported by a dietitian and a nurse who is a certified diabetes care and education specialist.

The clinic has roughly 500 patients and provider encounters per month. Patients attending the clinic comprise an ethnically diverse (50% Hispanic/Latino, 30% Black, and 15% non-Hispanic White) and socioeconomically underserved (50% receive charity care and <10% have commercial insurance) population.

The DFW Clinic is a tertiary referral site that accepts patients with type 1 diabetes, patients with advanced complications or complex disease, and patients with uncontrolled type 2 diabetes despite being prescribed insulin therapy. More than 95% of individuals seen by the diabetes specialist are on insulin therapy.

**Describe the specific quality gap addressed through the initiative.**

Review of blood glucose data are essential to understand how to adjust treatment for hyperglycemia, especially in patients who are on more complex insulin regimens. However, not all patients attending the clinic bring their glucose meters to their appointments, considerably limiting the ability of the health care team to make informed recommendations for changes or adjustments to their diabetes therapy.

The aim of this quality improvement (QI) project was to increase the number of patients who bring their glucose meters to their clinic appointments. Data from meters that are brought in are uploaded to a Glooko software platform residing in the clinic, and that information is made available at the point of care to health care professionals for review and discussion with patients. We sought to increase the number of glucose meters downloaded into Glooko from a baseline of slightly >50% (as of June 2019) to a target of 60% by May 2020. The rationale for choosing this goal was to balance a substantial and meaningful improvement in the activity against the limited time frame

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Ann Mungmode Jul 25, 2022

@ElizabethMann @ElizabethMann @ElizabethMann You may be interested in this article as you explore future CGM projects!

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# Seize the Data! Contest – September 2022

Explore the QI Portal and win a prize!

From 9-1 through 9/30, T1DX-QI will host a Seize the Data! Contest!

Weekly awards will be given for:

- Highest # of logins
- Each login = one chance to win
- Bonus chances to win if access all four QI Portal tabs





# T1DX-QI Publications Updates

# Publications Policy



## T1D Exchange Quality Improvement Collaborative (T1DX-QI) Publication Policy and Procedure

### 1. Objectives

This policy describes the process for T1DX-QI publications and presentations.

### 2. Definitions

T1DX-QI includes clinical centers participating in the collaborative that have signed data sharing agreements with T1D Exchange and share data for quality improvement/population health research.

### 3. Publications

A publication is any document submitted to a professional journal with regional or national circulation. Approval of publications may be withheld until such time as deemed appropriate by the Publication Committee. Prior publications and presentations can be found [here](#).

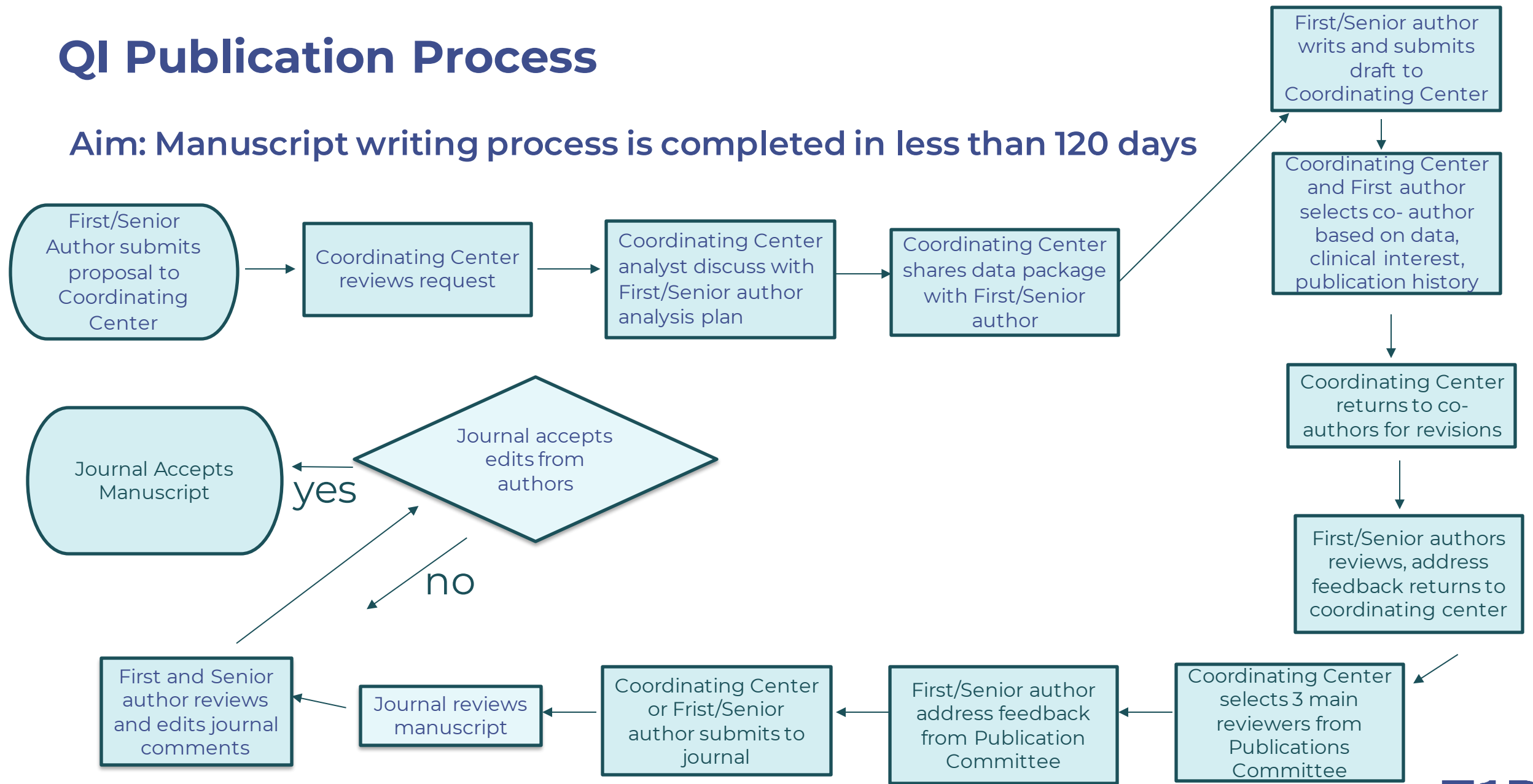
A. Projects can be proposed by completing the [application form](#).

B. Workflow process:

1. First/Senior author submits proposal/manuscript idea to Coordinating Center

# QI Publication Process

Aim: Manuscript writing process is completed in less than 120 days



# T1DX-QI HEALTH EQUITY STUDY IS ONE OF TOP TEN DISPARITIES ABSTRACT PRESENTED AT ADA 2022 SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE



June 1, 2022

Dear Dr. Osagie Ebekoziien,

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on having been selected as a recipient of the National Health Disparities Committee's Top 10 Recommended Abstracts for the following abstract:

**Abstract #4224**

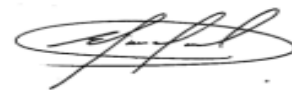
Inequities in Glycemic Outcomes for Patients with Type 1 Diabetes: Six-Year (2016–2021) Longitudinal Follow-Up by Race and Ethnicity of 36,390 Patients in the T1Dx-QI Collaborative

OSAGIE EBKOZIEN, NUDRAT NOOR, MANMOHAN K. KAMBOJ, ORI ODUGBESAN, SHIDEH MAJIDI, RACHEL HOPKINS, EMILY L. DEWIT, ROBERTO IZQUIERDO, SHIVANI AGARWAL, ANASTASIA ALBANESE-O'NEILL, DAVID M. MAAHS, MARK A. CLEMENTS, T1DX-QI COLLABORATIVE

The Health Disparities Committee's Top 10 Recommended Abstracts recognizes health disparities related abstracts that have been accepted to the American Diabetes Association 82<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Sessions. These abstracts focus on health care disparities/inequities in diabetes outcomes. The ideal selections may detail research that helps us understand factors underlying diabetes disparities and inequities or demonstrates practical interventions that may contribute to eliminating them. For additional information please visit: [professional.diabetes.org/HDCabstracts](https://professional.diabetes.org/HDCabstracts).

Once again, congratulations on this much-deserved recognition for your significant contributions to the diabetes community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Caballero'.

Dr. A. Enrique Caballero  
Harvard Medical School  
Chair, National Health Disparities Committee



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### Increased DKA at presentation among newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes patients with or without COVID-19: Data from a multi-site surveillance registry

Kara Beliard, Osagie Ebekoziem, Carla Demeterco-Berggren, Guy Todd Alonso, Mary Pat Gallagher, Mark Clements, Robert Rapaport

Journal of Diabetes | Pages: 270-272 | First Published: 7 December 2020

TABLE 1 Patient demographic and clinical indicators of newly diagnosed T1D and COVID-19 (April-August 2020)

Category	Positive COVID-19 test (n = 24)	Negative COVID-19 test (n = 124)	P value
Mean age at diagnosis (SD)	15.64 (15.35)	10.84 (5.43)	.14
Age categories			
0-10 y/o	7 (29)	59 (48)	.11
11-19 y/o	15 (63)	64 (52)	.37
>19 y/o	2 (8)	1 (1)	.06
Gender			
Female	13 (54)	59 (48)	.65
Race/ethnicity			
NH White	3 (13)	75 (60)	<.001
NH Black	7 (29)	0 (0)	<.001
Hispanic	10 (42)	26 (21)	.03
Other/unknown	4 (17)	23 (19)	1
Median HgA1C (IQR)	12.4 (2.9)	13.1 (2.7)	.55
Insurance*			
Public	18 (75)	48 (39)	.001
Private	6 (25)	71 (57)	.006
Uninsured	0 (0)	5 (4)	1
DKA on presentation			
Yes	16 (67)	77 (62)	.81
No	8 (33)	47 (38)	.81

Note: Data are represented as mean, median (SD), and n (%).  
Abbreviations: COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; DKA, diabetic ketoacidosis; HbA1c, glycosylated hemoglobin; IQR, interquartile range; NH, non-Hispanic; SD, standard deviation; T1D, type 1 diabetes.  
\*Public insurance is subsidized or paid for by government funds, while private insurance is paid for by the individual.

### Highlights

- Our multicenter study reports a higher proportion of diabetic ketoacidosis presentation of over 60% in newly diagnosed patients with type 1 diabetes with or without confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) at diagnosis.
- This finding is suggestive of delays in seeking care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Journal of Diabetes | Pages: 144-157 | First Published: 23 December 2021

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Karina Ratiner, Hagit Shapiro, Kim Goldenberg, Eran Elinav

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Thirunavukkarasu Sathish, Mary Chandrika Anton, Tharsan Sivakumar

Journal of Diabetes | Pages: 693-694 | First Published: 23 April 2021

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### Diabetic ketoacidosis drives COVID-19 related hospitalizations in children with type 1 diabetes

Guy Todd Alonso, Osagie Ebekozi, Mary Pat Gallagher, Saketh Rompicherla, Sarah K. Lyons, Abha Choudhary, Shideh Majidi, Catherina T. Pinnaro, Sadana Balachandar, Mariam Gangat, Alissa Jeanne Curda Roberts, Brynn E. Marks, Ana Creo, Janine Sanchez, Tossaporn Seeherunvong, Jose Jimenez-Vega, Neha S. Patel, Jamie R. Wood, Liana Gabriel, Kathryn M. Sumpter, Meredith Wilkes, Robert Rapaport, Anna Cymbaluk, Jenise C. Wong, Srinath Sanda, Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill

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**JCEM** THE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL  
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Please feel free to contact me to discuss your research - I am interested in learning how we can collaborate on your upcoming projects. I look forward to hearing from you, and once again, **congratulations!**

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# Next Collaborative meeting:

September 22: 11am-12:30pm (EST)