

Using Data To Tell Your Falls Story



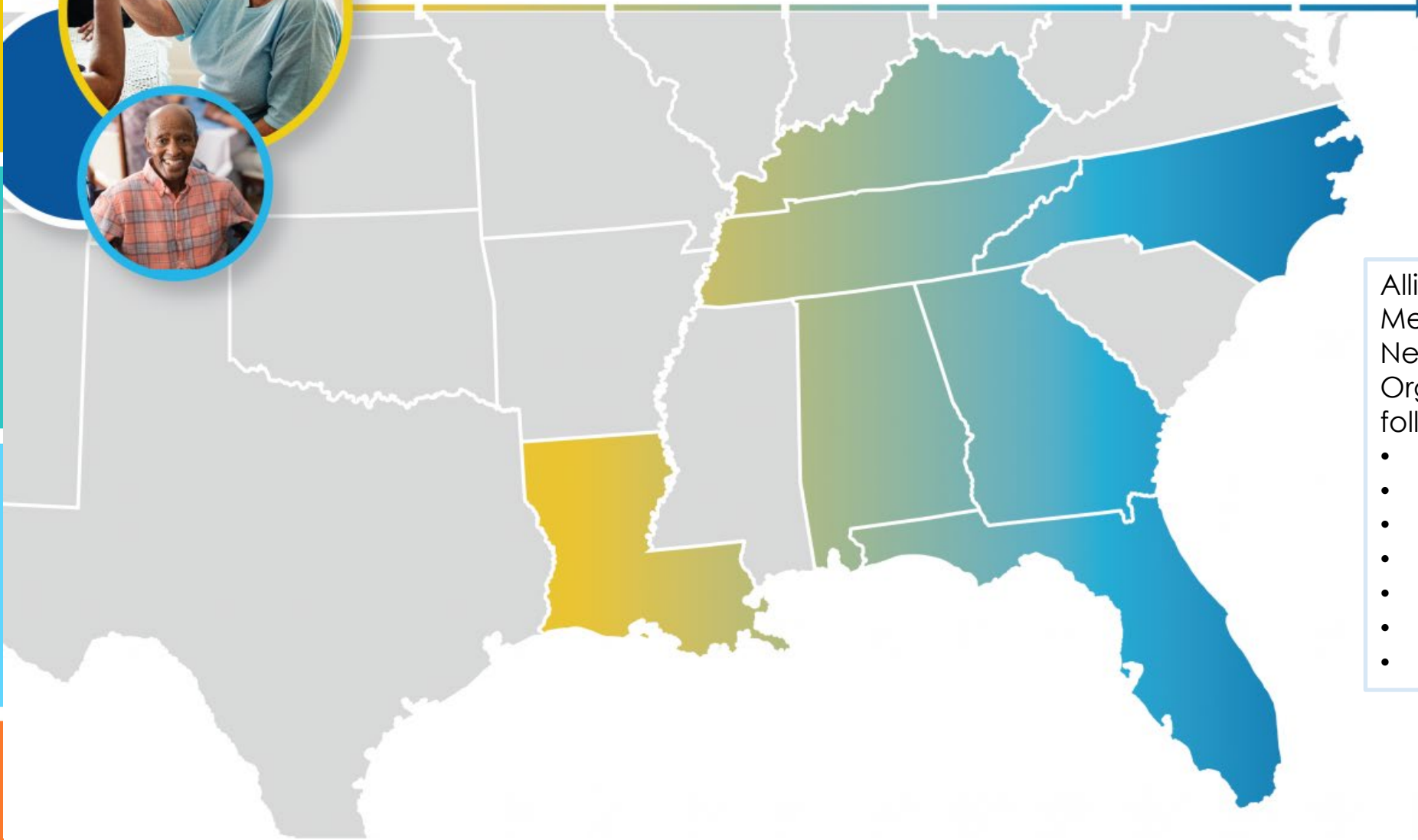
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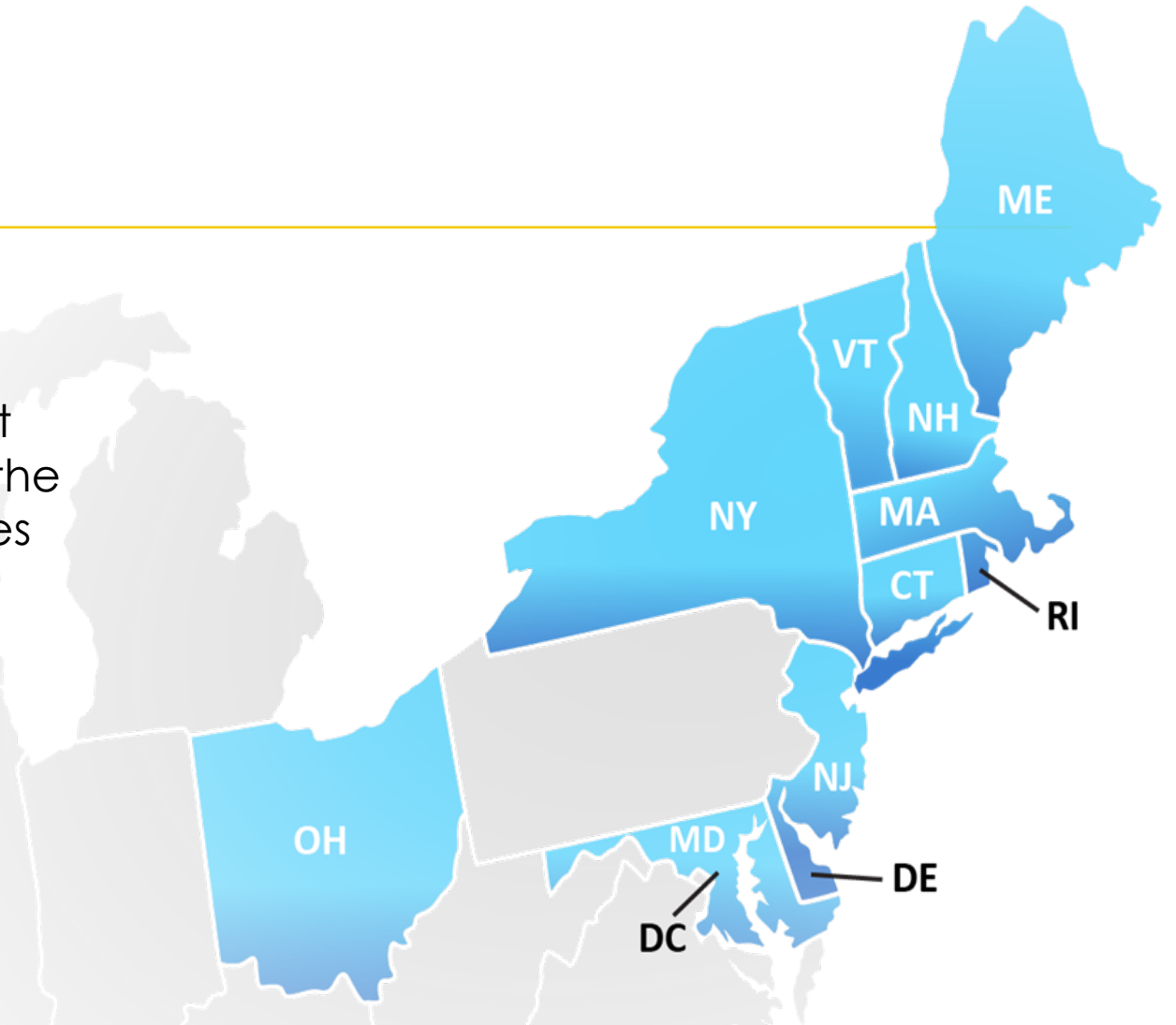
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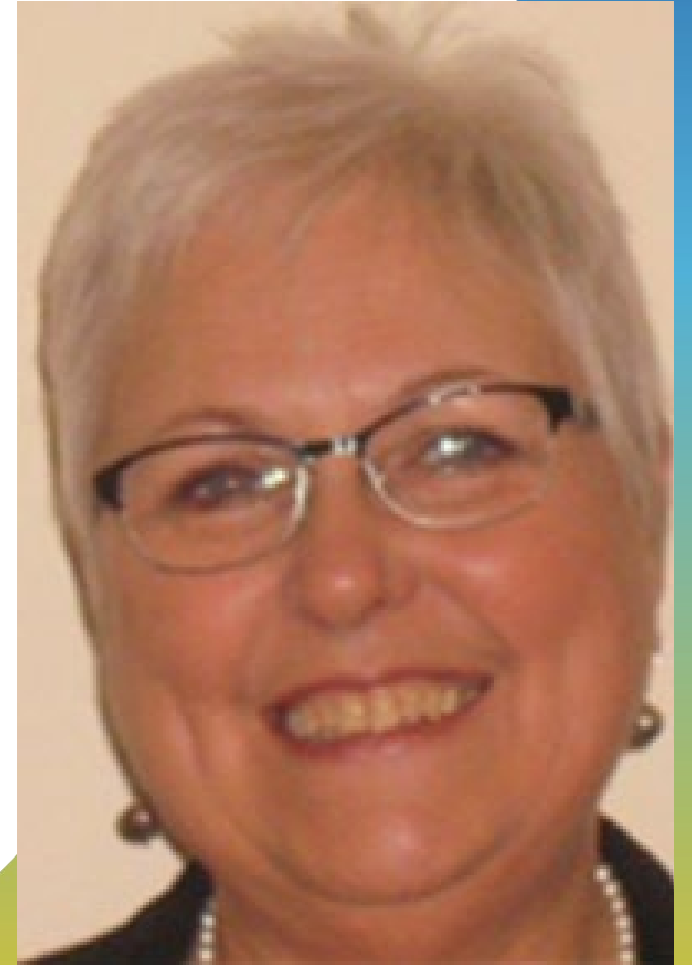


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Learning Objectives

- Learn how to use and talk about a fall tracker tool.
- Identify key sources of fall data.
- Learn why using the fall rate is important.

Agenda

- Icebreaker
- Data
- Use Tomorrow

1 Data Collection



2 Data Preparation



3 Data Visualization



4 Data Analysis

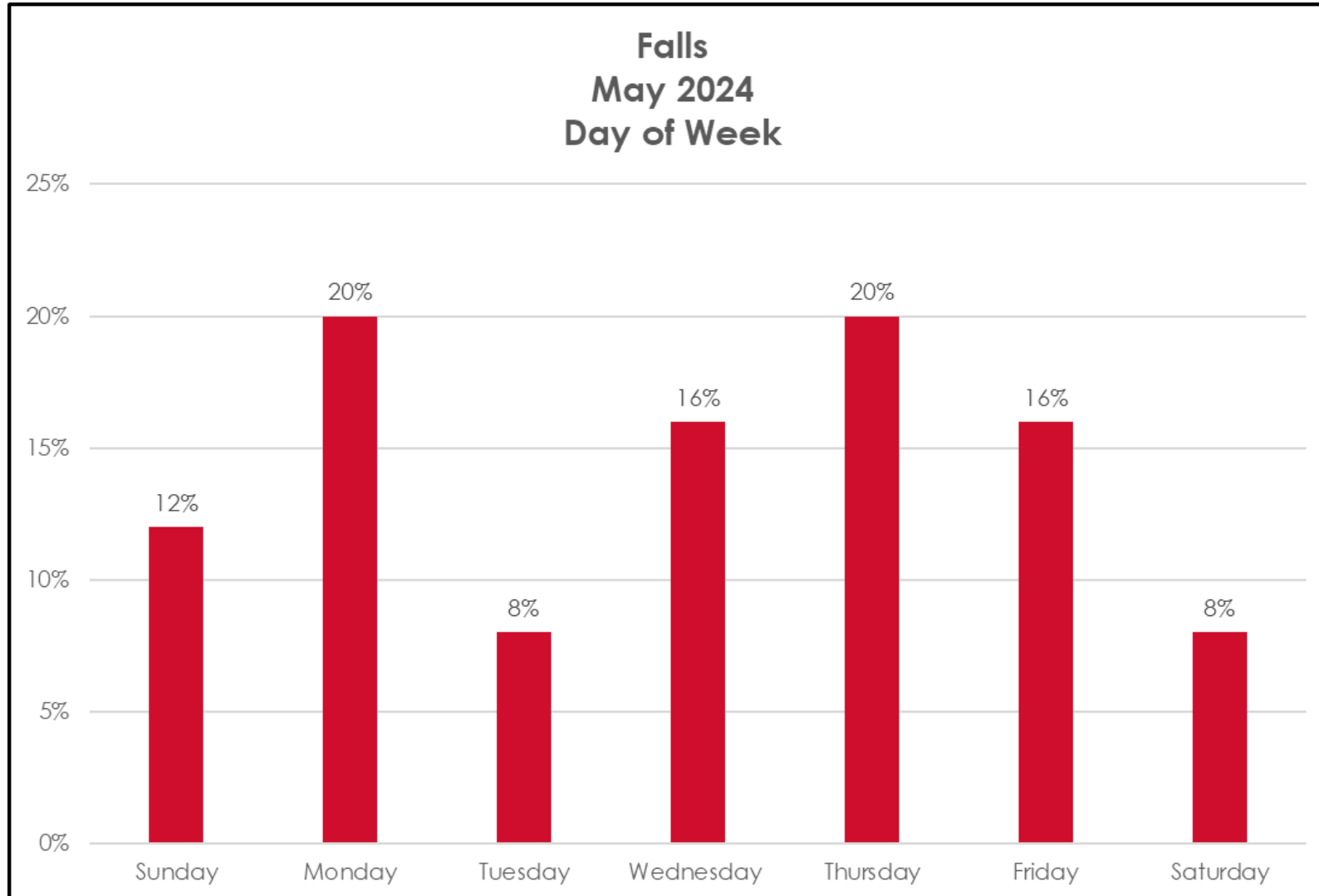


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Falls From a Facility Assessment Perspective



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- Residents, Resident Representatives, Family Members
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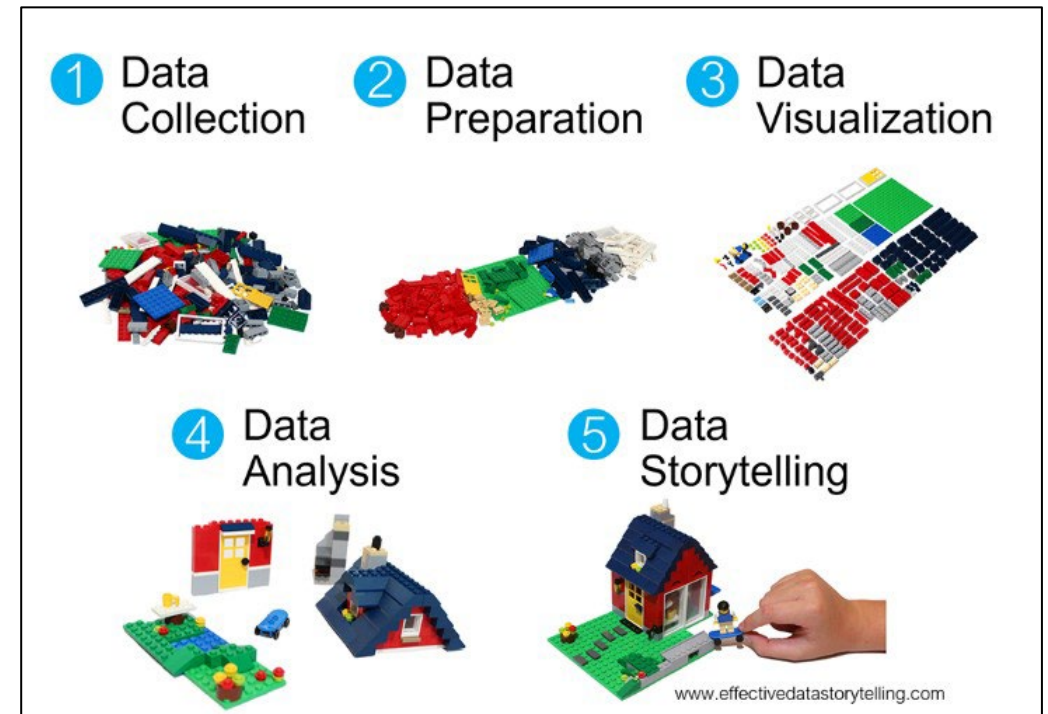
The POWER of DATA

Today, we're embarking on an exploration into the world of data—how we capture it, mold it, and make it tell its stories.

- **Data is more than just numbers and charts; it's the backbone of informed decision-making and innovation.**
- To kick off our journey, let's ponder a quote that highlights the transformative power of data:

Data doesn't just support what we know; it often reveals the unexpected, guiding us toward more strategic decisions and innovative solutions.

"Without data, you're just another person with an opinion." – W. Edwards Deming

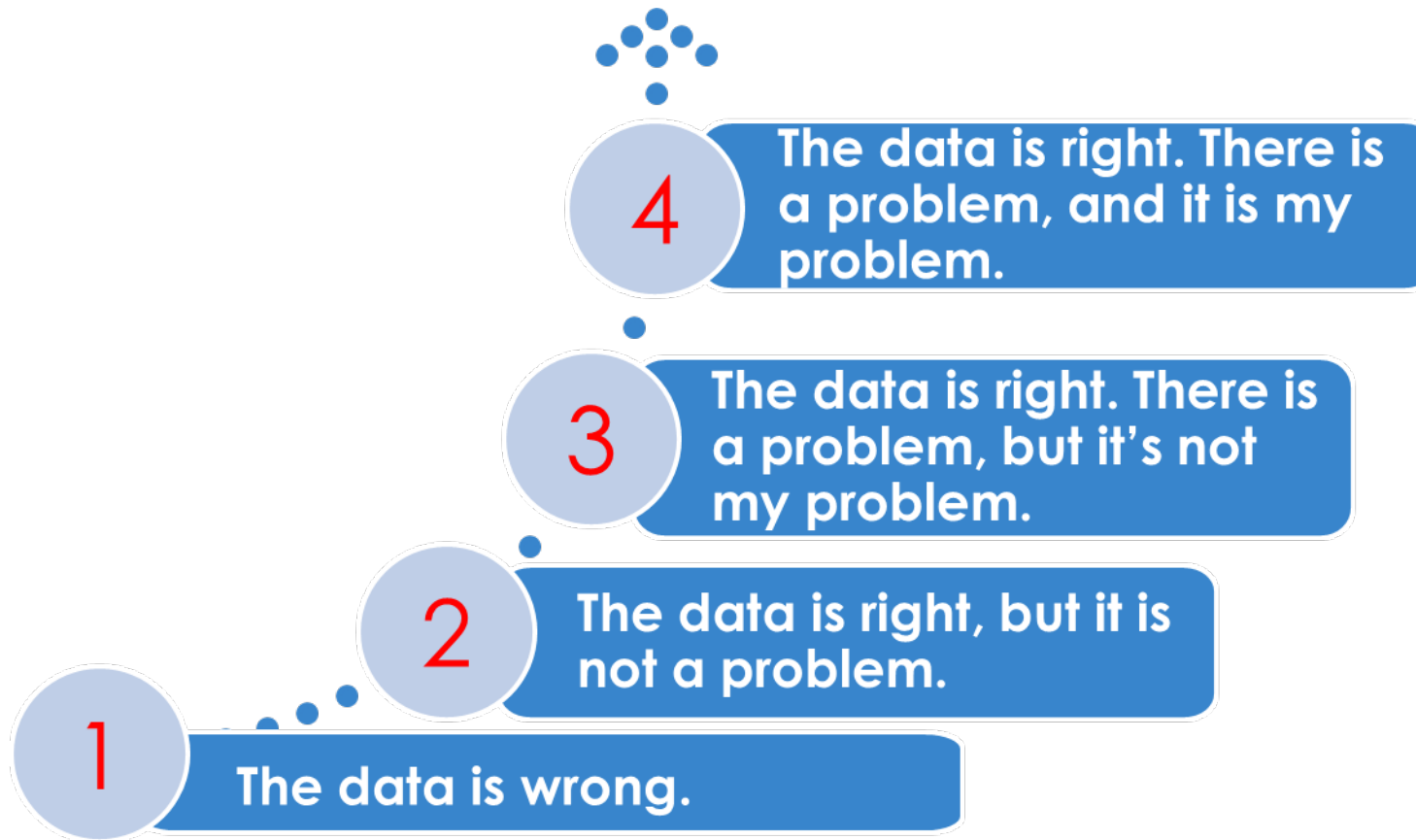


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Data Collection



Falls Data Collection and Stages of Data Acceptance



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Source: <https://www.ahrq.gov/patient-safety/settings/hospital/fall-prevention/toolkit/measure-fall-rates.html>

2 Data Preparation



3 Data Visualization



Data Collection and Preparation

Resident	Unit	Date of Fall	Post-Fall Eval Complete	Day of Week	Shift	Time of Day	Location Code	Activity Prior to Fall	Fall Resulted in Injury	Injury Type	Treatment Location
	North	7/11/2023	Yes	Tues	2	7:00 AM	Room	Bed	Yes	SkinTear	
	West	7/19/2023	Yes	Wed	1	12:00 PM	Room	Wheelchair	No	NA	
	West	7/21/2023	Yes	Fri	1	12:00 PM	Room	Wheelchair	No	NA	
	West	7/25/2023	Yes	Tues	3	5:00 AM	Room	Bed	Yes	Fracture	
	North	7/25/2023	Yes	Tues	2	5:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	North	7/17/2023	Yes	Mon	1	12:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	West	7/25/2023	Yes	Tues	1	7:00 AM	Room	Other	Yes	SkinTear	
	North	7/10/2023	Yes	Mon	3	5:00 AM	Room	Wheelchair	No	NA	
	North	8/5/2023	Yes	Sat	3	3:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	West	8/29/2023	Yes	Tues	1	8:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	North	8/16/2023	Yes	Sun	2	8:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	North	8/28/2023	Yes	Mon	3	5:00 AM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	North	8/16/2023	Yes	Sun	1	12:00 PM	Hallway	Wheelchair	No	Other	
	North	8/25/2023	Yes	Fri	3	1:00 AM	Bathroom	Transfer	Yes	SkinTear	
	West	8/12/2023	Yes	Sat	1	7:00 AM	Bathroom	Walking	No	NA	
	West	8/5/2023	Yes	Sun	3	11:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	West	8/5/2023	Yes	Sun	2	8:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	
	West	8/5/2023	Yes	Sun	2	3:00 PM	Room	Bed	No	NA	

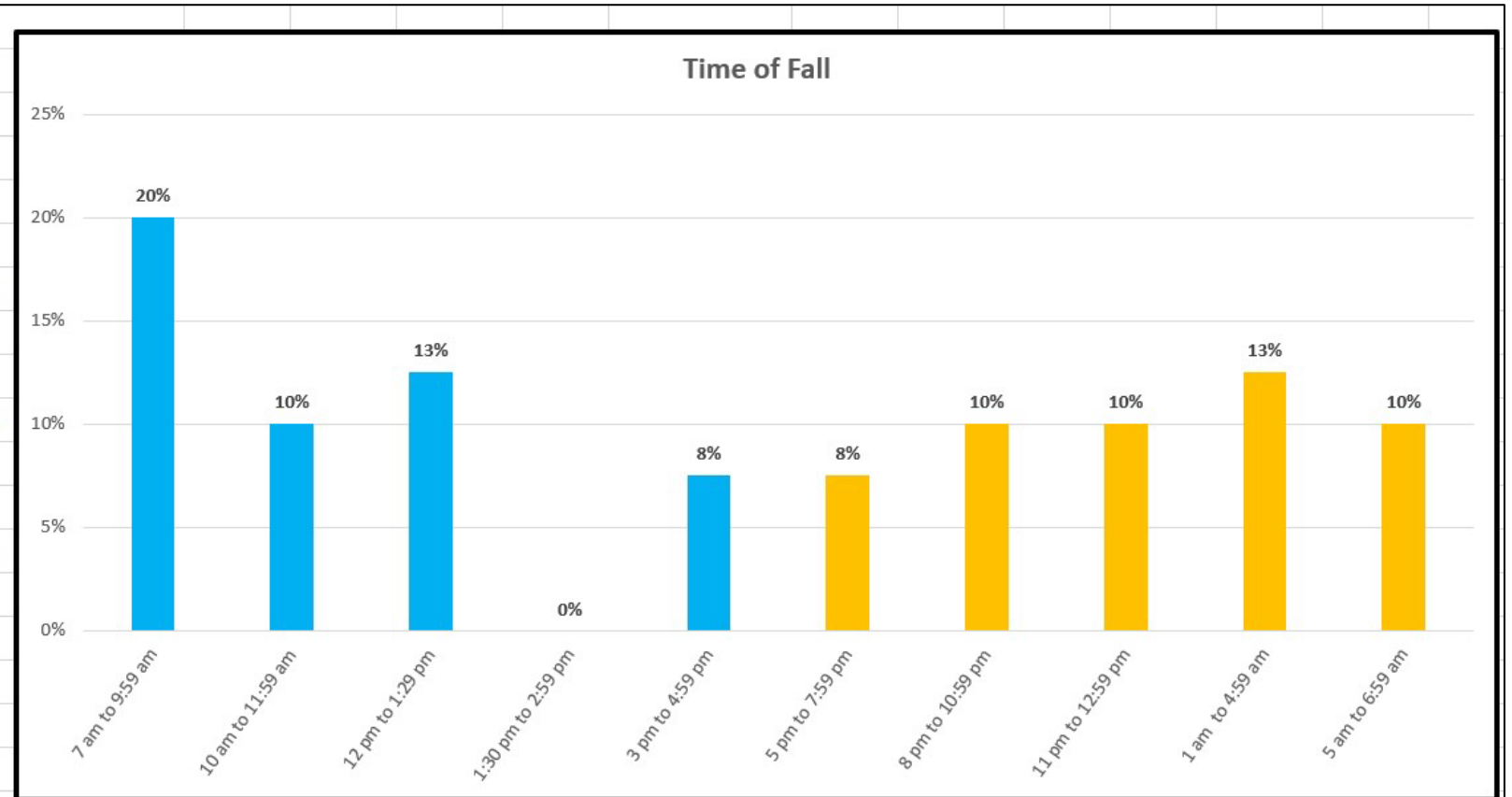
Billing Form		Enter X if Yes		Date of Fall	Day of Week	Enter Shift Code	Time	Enter Time Code	Enter Location Code	Activity Prior to Fall	Enter X if Yes	Injury Type	Enter Code	Injury Detail Description?	Post Fall Evaluation Components (Enter X in applicable columns)										Comments
Room Number and Bed (Room-Bed)	Date of Admit / ReAdmit	Post-Fall Eval?	Fall with restraint in use?												1= Sun 2= Mon 3= Tue 4= Wed 5= Thu 6= Fri 7= Sat	Shift* 1-Day 2-Evening 3-Night	Enter Code	Location of Fall* 1-In Room 2-Bathroom 3-Hallway 4-Dining Room 5-Activity 6-Therapy 7-Beauty/Barber 8-Shower/Tub 9-Nurse Station 10-Out of Facility 11-Other	W-Walking T-Transfer B-Bed C-Chair O-Other	Fall Resulted in Injury?	1-skin tear 2-contusion 3-abrasion 4-bone fracture 5-dislocation 6-clazed head injury 7-subdural hematoma	Tx Location F-Facility ER-Emerg A-Admitted	History of falls	Underlying Acute medical Conditions	
				201	05/10/24	X		05/11/24	7	3	200 AM	9	1	B									X	3	F
105	10/16/23	X	X	05/12/24	1	1	740 AM	1	11	C						X		X	X		X	X			
201	05/20/24	X		05/22/24	4	3	1100 PM	8	1	B					X	X	X	X		X	X				
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510	03/20/16	X		05/03/24	6	2	500 PM	6	4	C	X	1	F		X	X		X							
405	09/15/20	X		05/10/24	6	2	630 PM	6	4	T															
306	06/18/19	X		05/12/24	1	1	1200 PM	3	4	C															
507	08/17/21	X		05/16/24	5	2	330 PM	5	2	W															
604	05/20/23	X		05/22/24	4	2	900 PM	7	1	B	X	1	F			X	X	X		X	X				
108	09/19/19	X		05/14/24	3	2	700 PM	6	1	C	X	2	F			X	X	X		X					
404	08/15/23	X		05/13/24	2	3	500 AM	10	1	B															
305	01/23/21	X		05/10/24	6	2	800 PM	7	9	W															
609	03/28/22	X		05/13/24	2	1	1100 AM	2	8	C	X	3	F												
203	06/24/24	X		05/23/24	5	3	600 AM	10	2	B															
107	03/16/24	X		05/09/24	5	1	930 AM	1	3	W															
200	02/24/24	X		05/03/24	6	2	730 PM	6	2	C	X	3	F												
605	04/21/23	X		05/08/24	4	3	1030 PM	7	1	B	X	1	F												
202	01/25/24	X		05/05/24	1	3	1045 PM	7	3	C	X	2	F												
210	04/23/23	X		05/04/24	7	3	1000 PM	7	9	C															
		23	1	23		23	0	23	23		12														
															Injury Detail										



Data Visualization

Time of Fall Statistical Summary		
Time Span	#	% of Total
7 am to 9:59 am	8	20%
10 am to 11:59 am	4	10%
12 pm to 1:29 pm	5	13%
1:30 pm to 2:59 pm	0	0%
3 pm to 4:59 pm	3	8%
5 pm to 7:59 pm	3	8%
8 pm to 10:59 pm	4	10%
11 pm to 12:59 pm	4	10%
1 am to 4:59 am	5	13%
5 am to 6:59 am	4	10%
	40	100%

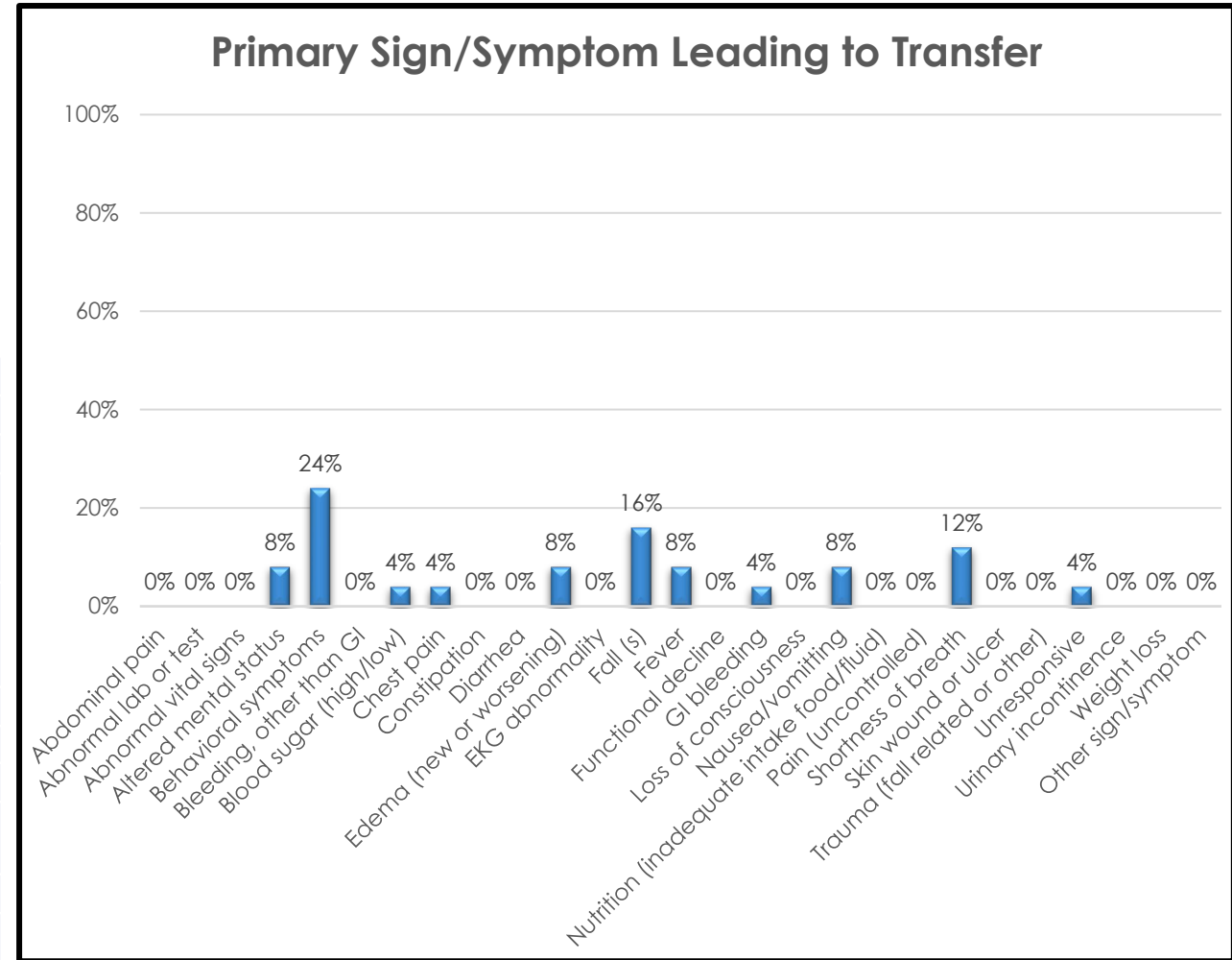
Total	17
Total	10
Total	13



Visualization

Primary sign/symptom leading to transfer		
Symptom	#	%
Abdominal pain	0	0%
Abnormal lab or test	0	0%
Abnormal vital signs	0	0%
Altered mental status	2	8%
Behavioral symptoms	6	24%
Bleeding, other than GI	0	0%
Blood sugar (high/low)	1	4%
Chest pain	1	4%
Constipation	0	0%
Diarrhea	0	0%
Edema (new or worsening)	2	8%
EKG abnormality	0	0%
Fall (s)	4	16%

Fever	2	8%
Functional decline	0	0%
GI bleeding	1	4%
Loss of consciousness	0	0%
Nausea/vomitting	2	8%
Nutrition (inadequate intake food/fluid)	0	0%
Pain (uncontrolled)	0	0%
Shortness of breath	3	12%
Skin wound or ulcer	0	0%
Trauma (fall related or other)	0	0%
Unresponsive	1	4%
Urinary incontinence	0	0%
Weight loss	0	0%
Other sign/symptom	0	0%
Total	25	100%

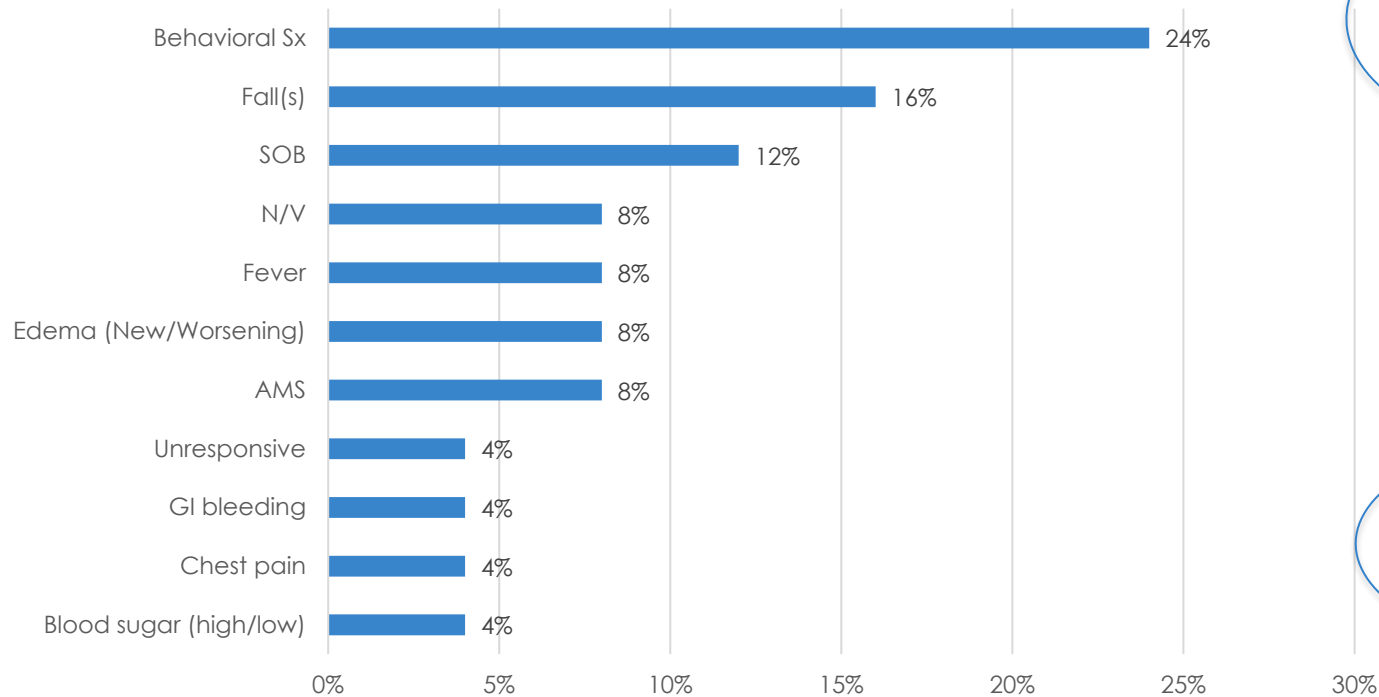


SS Hospital Readmissions

Goal: 11% Rehospitalization rate for SS Residents. *(Less is desired.)*

Summary: In May 2024, **25 short-stay residents were rehospitalized** following admission. The total readmission rate for SS residents in May was 16%. The rate is 2% higher than April 2024. Our YTD SS Readmission rate is 17.5%, 6.5% higher than goal.

**Primary Sign/Symptom Leading to Unplanned Transfer
May 2024**



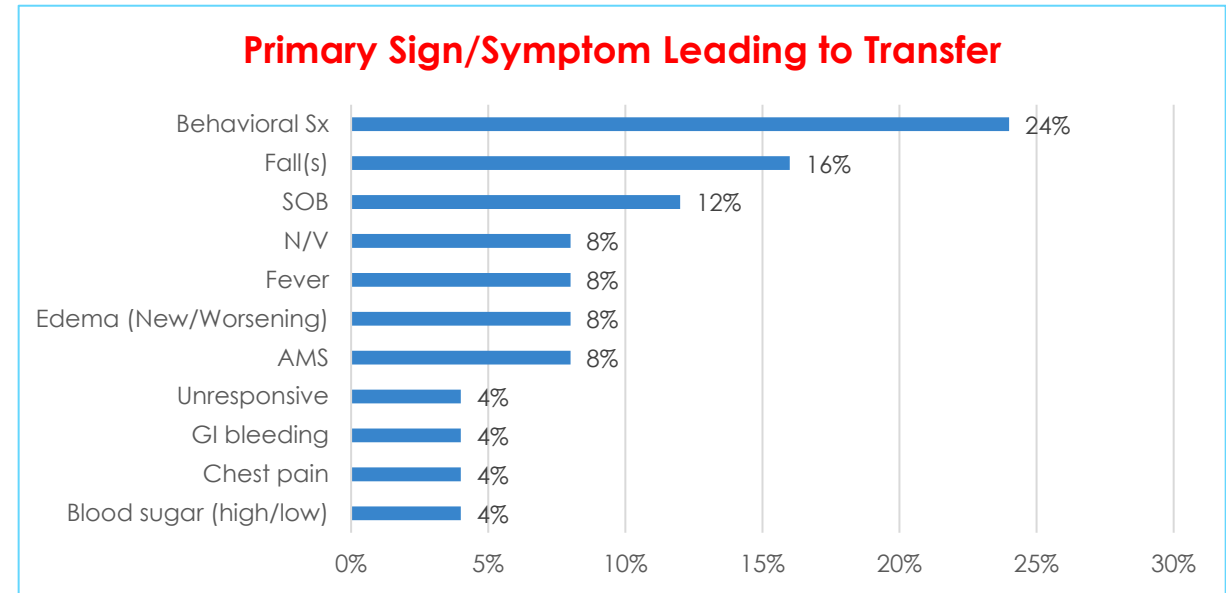
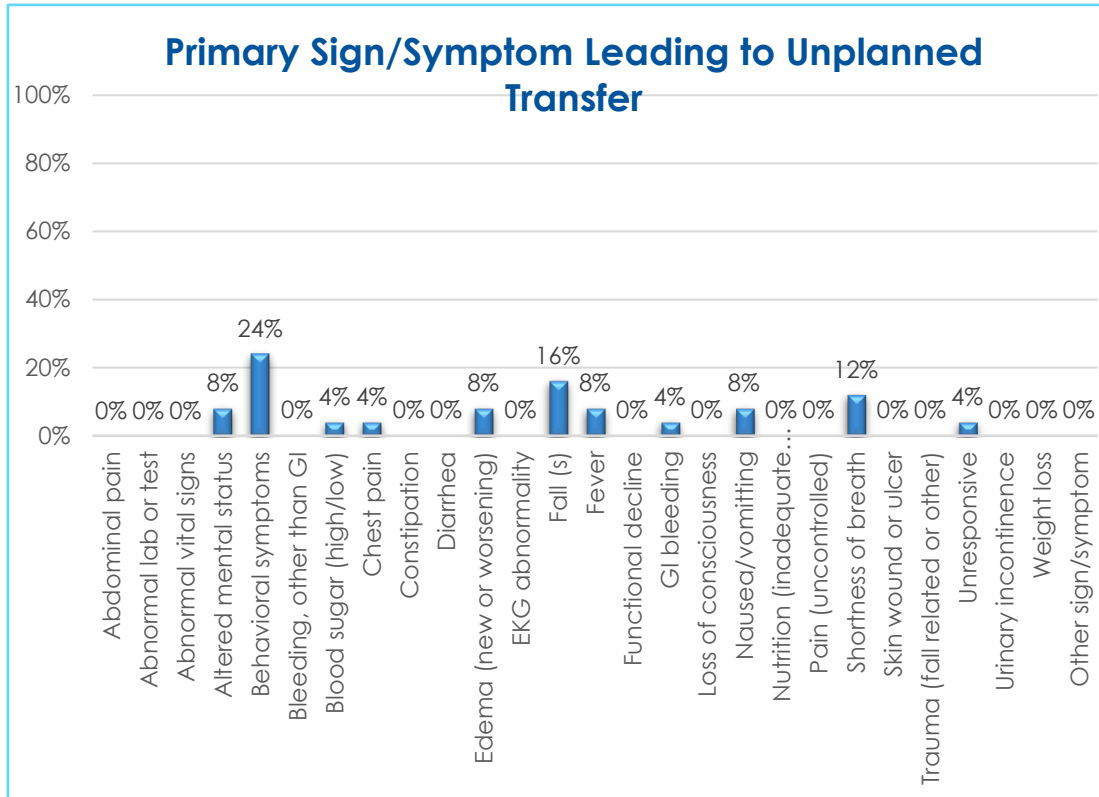
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S/Sx	%	#
Behavioral Sx	24%	6
Fall(s)	16%	4
SOB	12%	3
AMS	8%	2
Edema (New/Worsening)	8%	2
Fever	8%	2
N/V	8%	2
Blood sugar (high/low)	4%	1
Chest pain	4%	1
GI bleeding	4%	1
Unresponsive	4%	1
ABN pain	0%	0
ABN vital	0%	0
ABNI lab/test	0%	0
Bleeding, non GI	0%	0
Constipation	0%	0
Diarrhea	0%	0
EKG (Abnormality)	0%	0
Functional decline	0%	0
Loss of consciousness	0%	0
Nutrition	0%	0
Other	0%	0
Pain uncontrolled	0%	0
Skin wound/ulcer	0%	0
Trauma (fall or other)	0%	0
UTI	0%	0
Wt loss	0%	0
Total	100	25

Note: Data source: X report in EHR. Report covers 5/1/24 – 5/31/24. Report run on 6/12/24.

Tale of Two Charts



What is Data-to-Ink ratio?

The Data-to-Ink ratio refers to the concept of **optimizing the amount of ink utilized to represent data** as opposed to the quantity of ink devoted to the presentation of the visualization itself.

Ideal visuals ought to be comprised solely of Data-Ink.

Eliminate non-Data-Ink wherever feasible to prevent unnecessary distractions during the data presentation.

The idea is to avert the viewer's focus from inconsequential components.

[Edward Tufte's Six Principles of Graphical Integrity | LinkedIn](#)

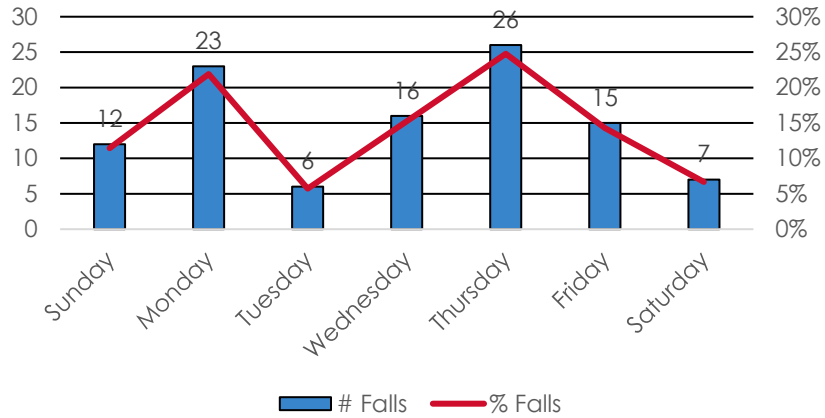
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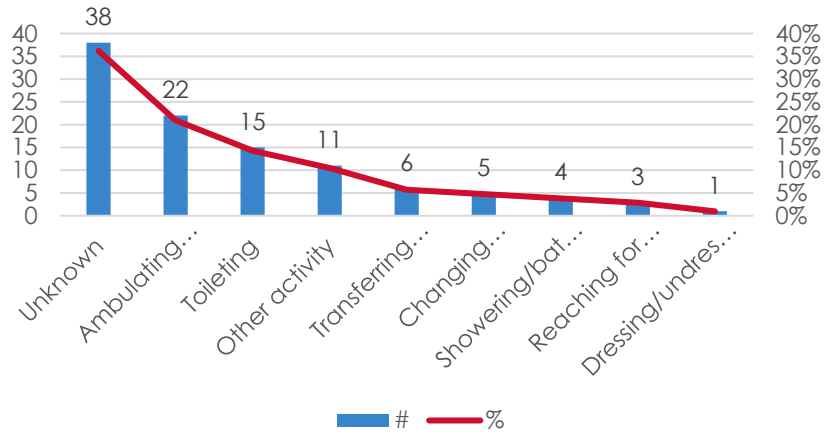
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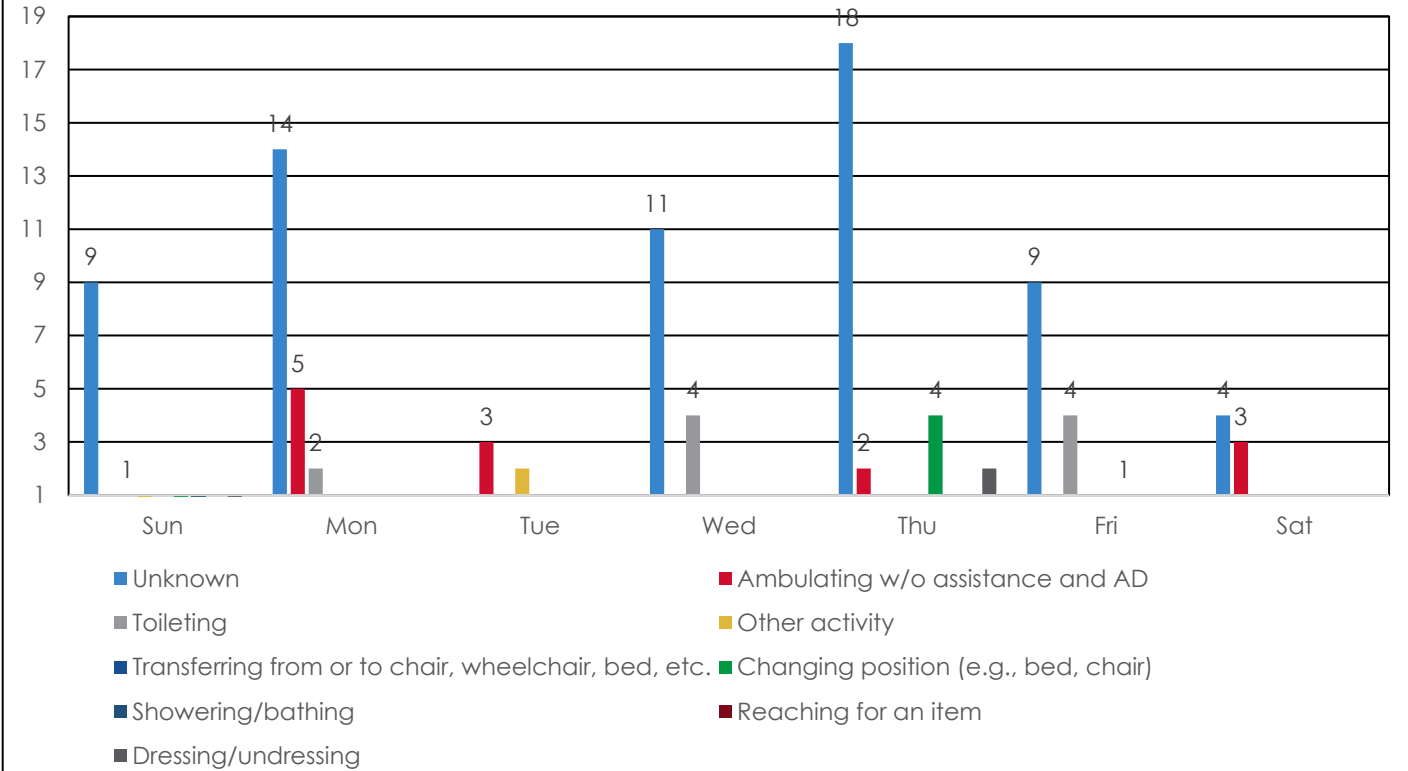
Falls by Day of Week May 2024



Activity Prior to Fall May 2024



Activity Prior to Fall by Day of Week May 2024

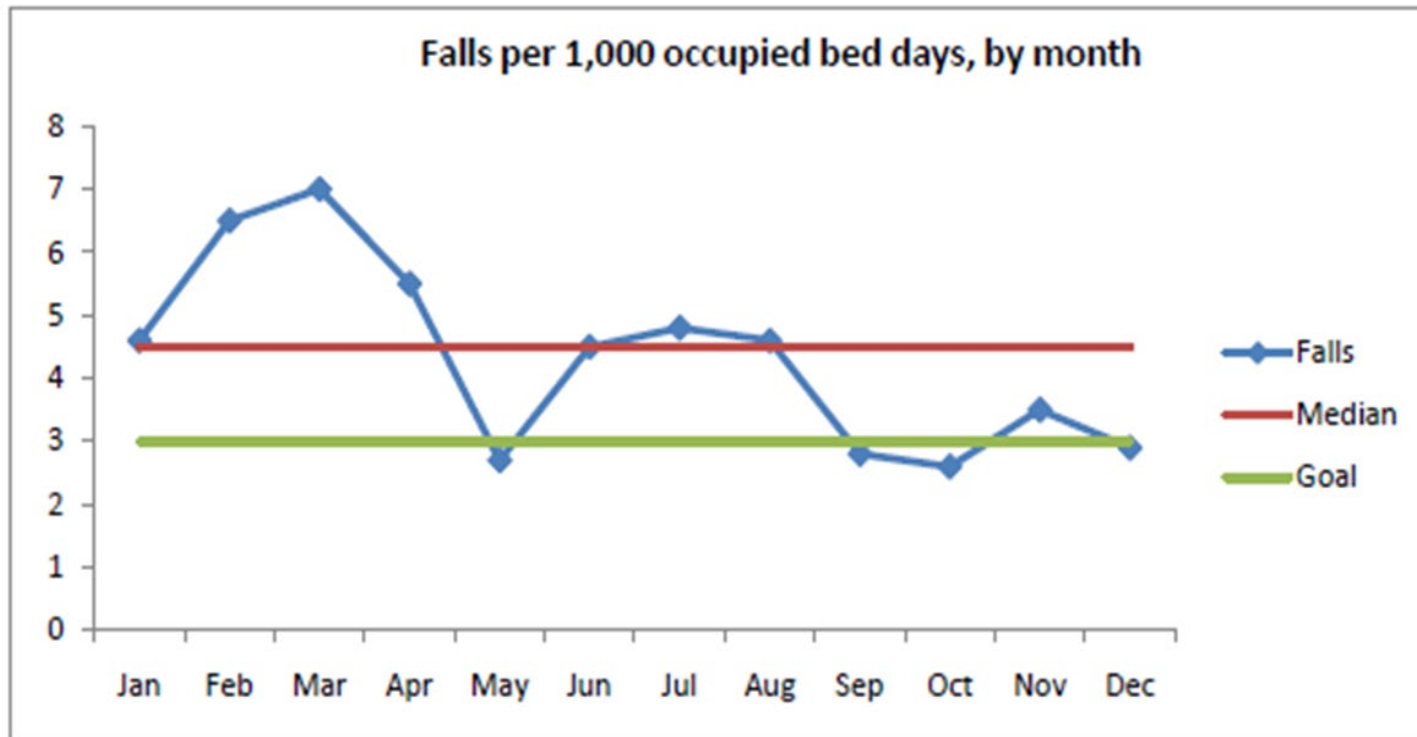


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Data Analysis



Falls Rate



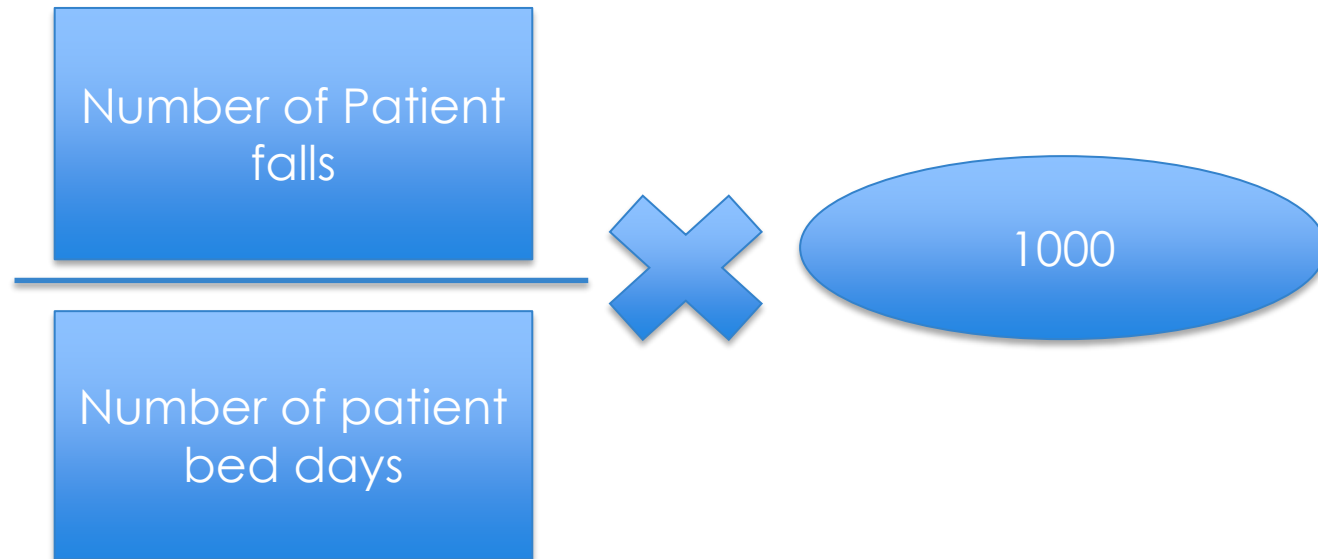
Why rate per 1000 patient days matters:

Raw data connects us to the impact on a patient, whereas a falls ratio is more useful for analysis.

Ratio minimizes confusion from variation in the data that may result in changes in volume rather than changes in key measures.

[A run chart like the one above can be created using a template available at no cost after free registration at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Website: \[Run Chart Tool | Institute for Healthcare Improvement \\(ihi.org\\)\]\(#\)](#)

Falls Rate Formula



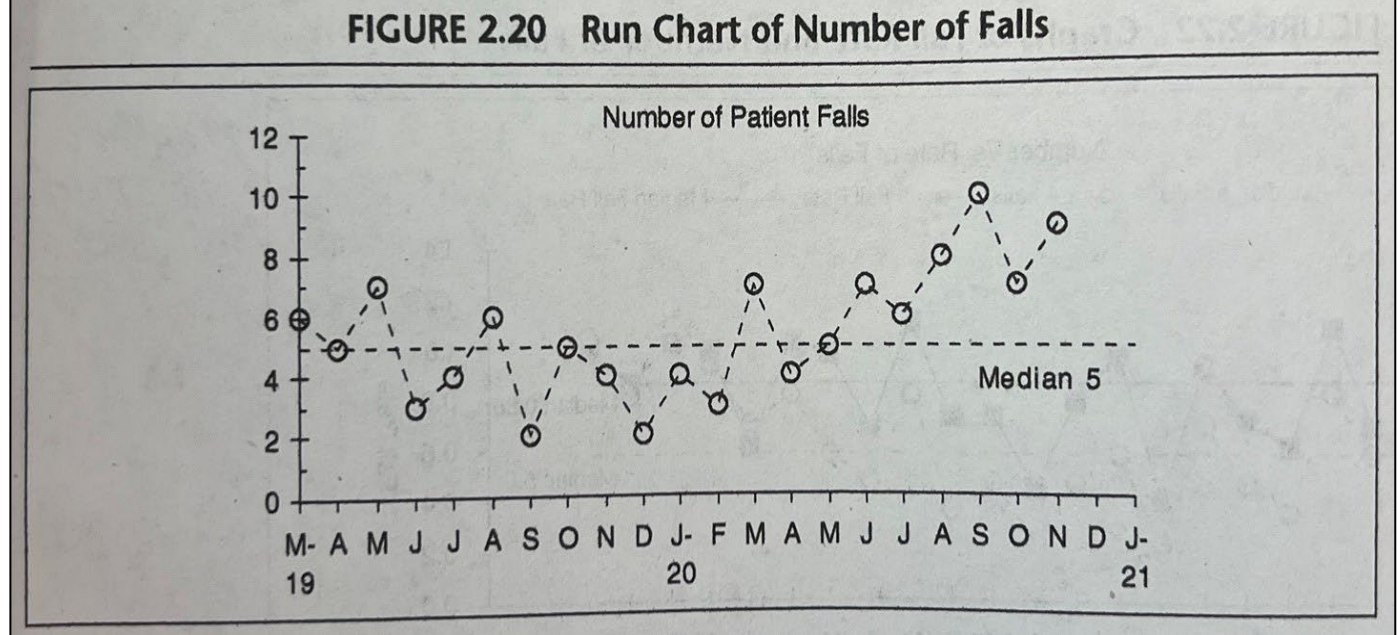
Total Falls	40
Total Census Days	2345
Falls Rate	17.06

Table 2.16 Data for Rate of Falls.

Month	# Falls	# Occ Bed Days	Fall Rate	Month	# Falls	# Occ Bed Days	Fall Rate
M-19	6	612	0.980	J-20	4	549	0.729
A	5	719	0.695	F	3	412	0.728
M	7	655	1.069	M	7	632	1.108
J	3	497	0.604	A	4	589	0.679
J	4	553	0.723	M	5	508	0.984
A	6	649	0.924	J	7	679	1.031
S	2	502	0.398	J	6	982	0.611
O	5	514	0.973	A	8	802	0.998
N	4	507	0.789	S	10	978	1.022
D	2	443	0.451	O	7	812	0.862
				N	9	917	0.981

Table 2.15 Number of Falls

Month	M-19	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J-20	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
# Falls	6	5	7	3	4	6	2	5	4	2	4	3	7	4	5	7	6	8	10	7	9

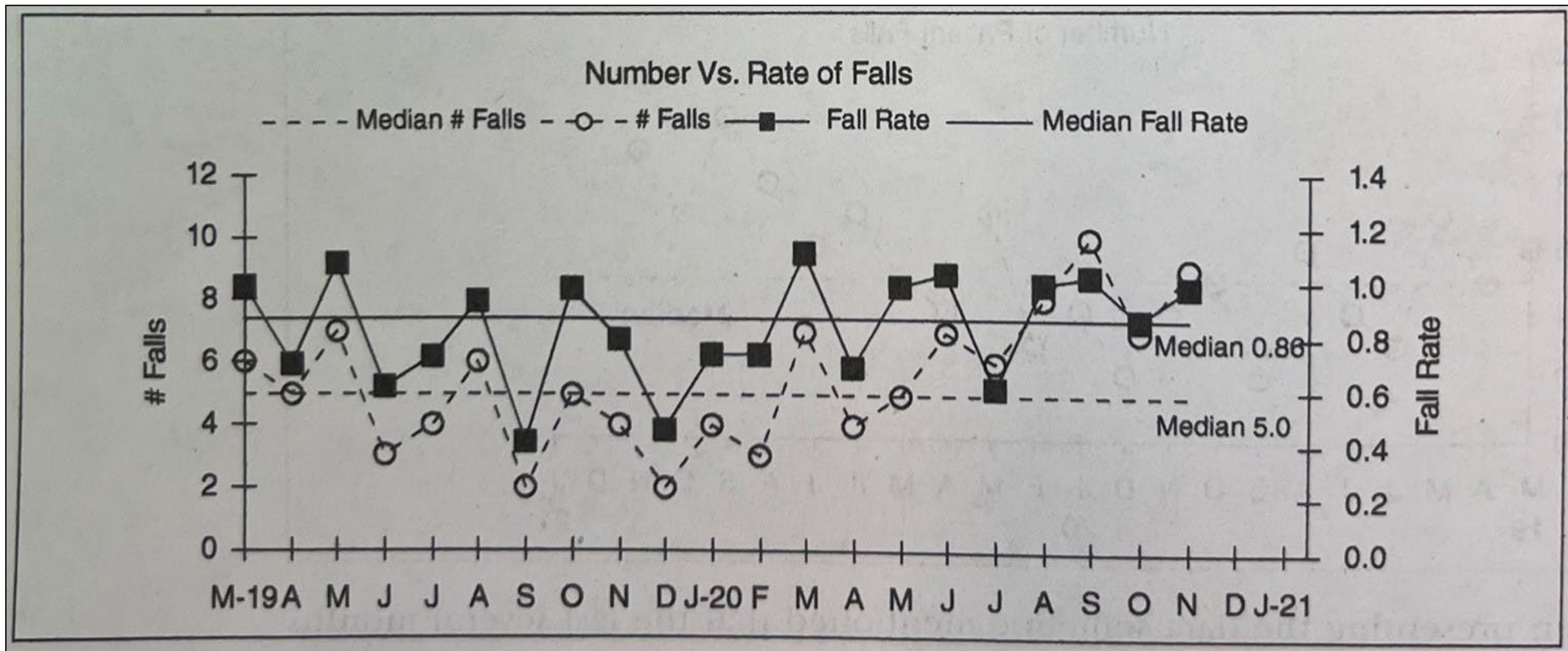


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Median = calculated by taking the middle value

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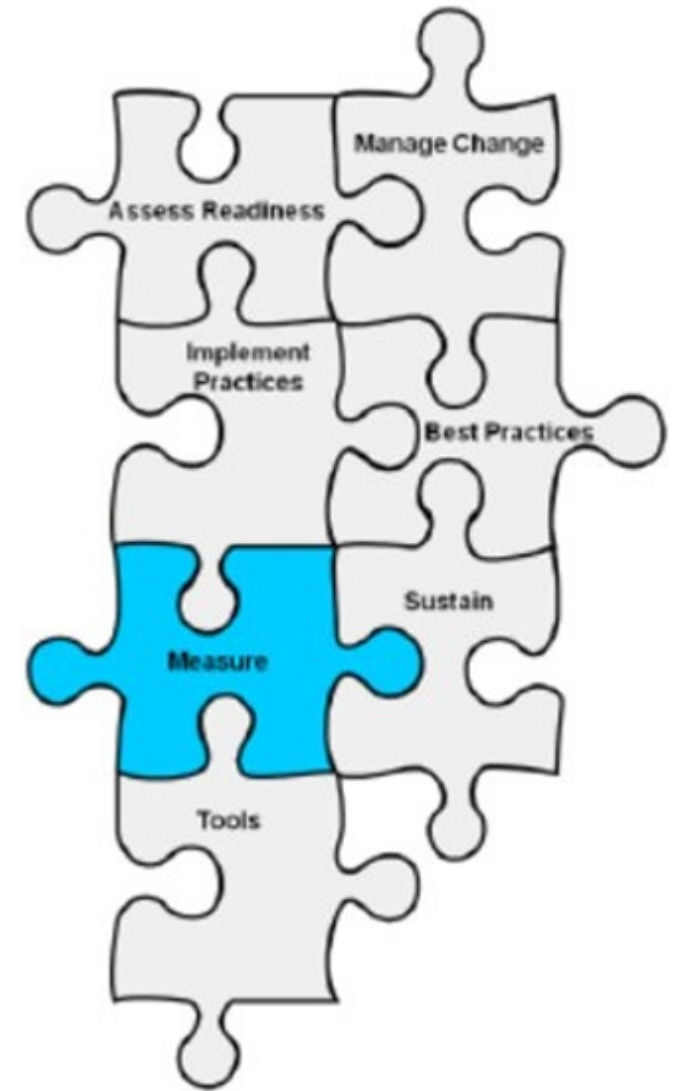
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“Data will never tell you the solution, but it will tell you where you need to focus your attention.”

Forid Alom, East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT)



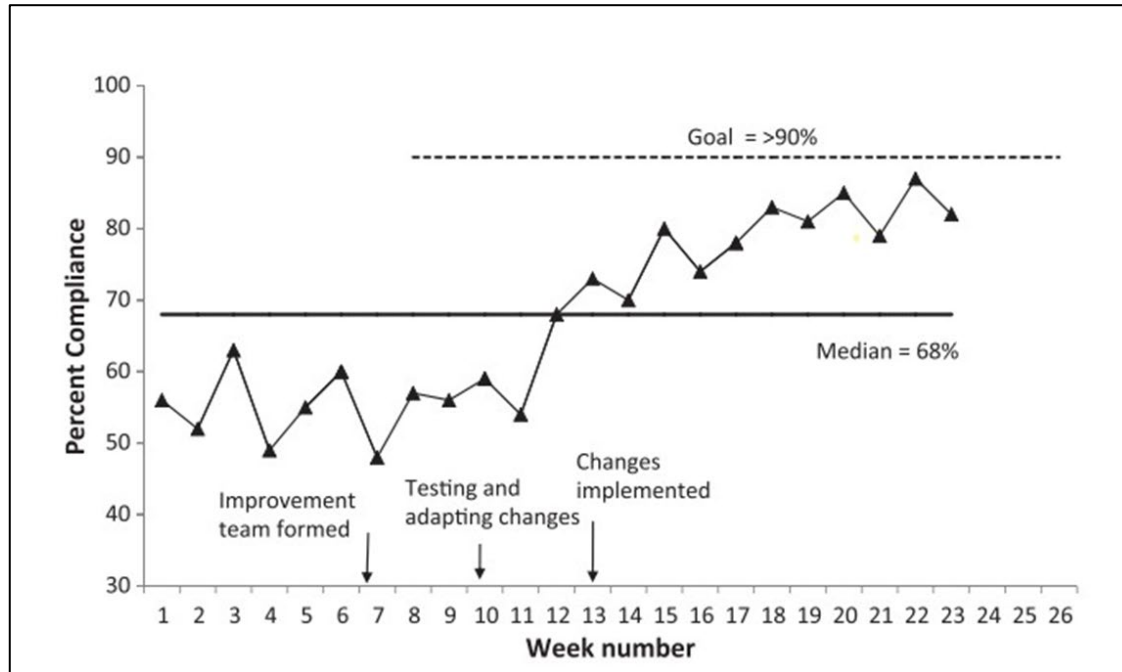
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Identify QI Opportunity and Plan Tests of Change



Model for Improvement

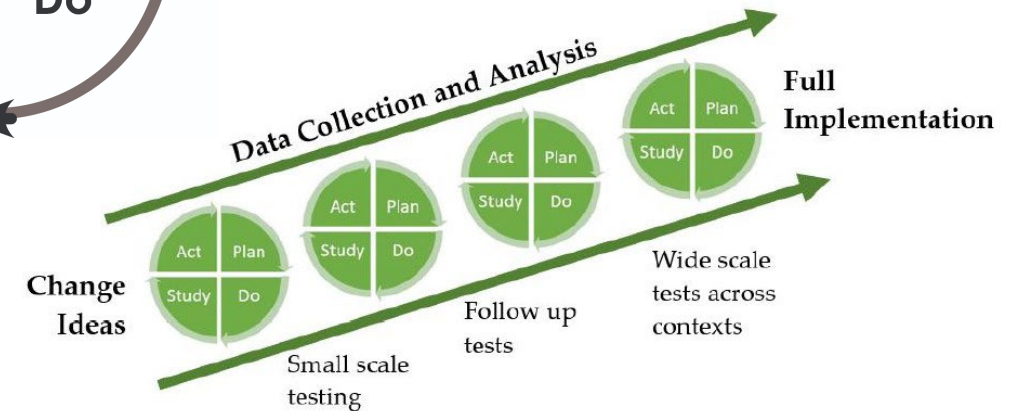
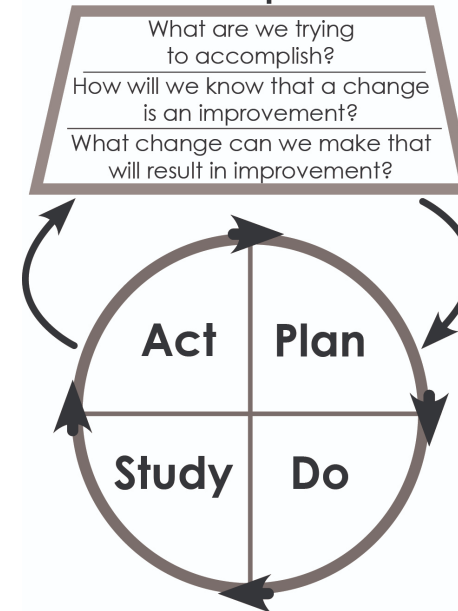
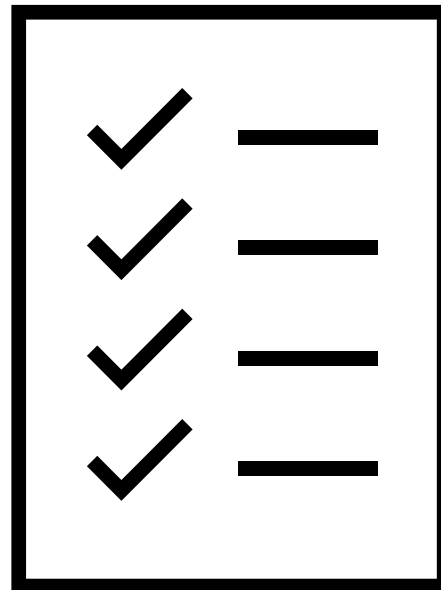


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Use Tomorrow

- Identify one indicator for a deeper dive
- Determine what reports are currently available in your EHR and/or tracking tool
- Reach out to your QIO for Falls Tracker and ongoing mentoring support



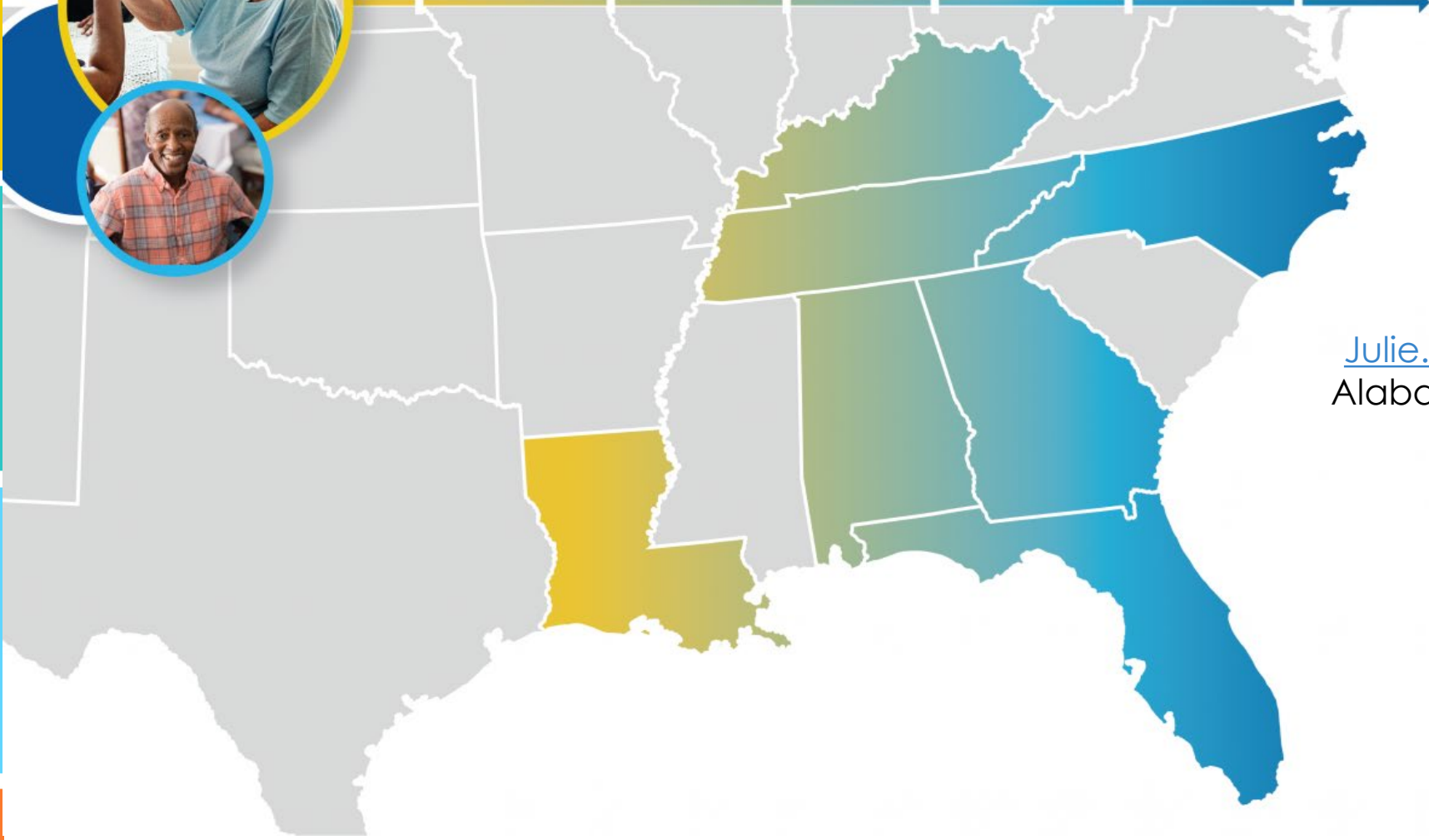
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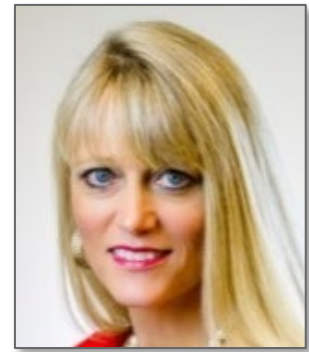
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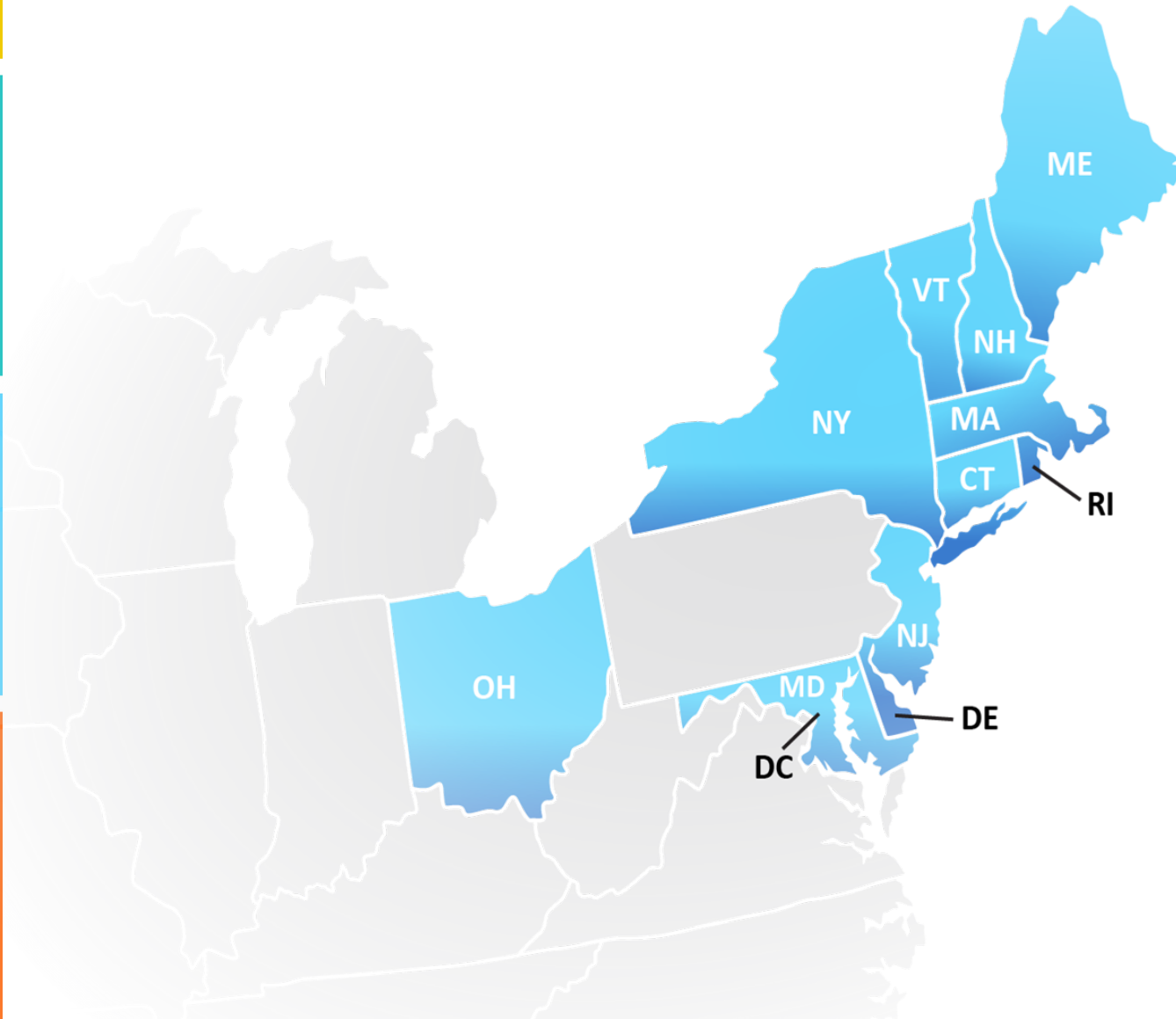


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