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Strengthening the Laboratory Clinic Interface

The SLMTA / Quality Improvement Approach

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WHY?



HOW GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE EVERYONE TO TAKE ACTION





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Looking Back

Laboratories in Africa attaining international accreditation



Yes We Can!





Imagine The Future Today





Accreditation

How a notion galvanized laboratories around the world

Roadmap To Accreditation



Step		What happens?	Who is responsible?	Procedures needed?	Pitfalls	
1.	Order placed	Clinician determines need	Clinician	Ordering protocols	 Unauthorized person ordering Inappropriate order 	
2.	Patient presents to laboratory	Laboratorian interacts with patient	Patient / Laboratorian	Customer Service	Lack of timely serviceInteraction not client-friendly	
3.	Requisition completed & reviewed by laboratory staff	Requisition reviewed for proper information	Clinician, Clerk, or Laboratorian	Criteria for specimen acceptability	 Incomplete patient data Incomplete clinical history Clerical errors 	
4.	Specimen type determined for collection	Note specific test requested and determine what type of sample is needed	Laboratorian	Specimen requirements for (venous) blood collection SOP for each analyte	 Not checking or following specimen requirements Inadequate communication to patients regarding specimen self-collection 	
5.	Specimen collected	Blood drawn from patient; Sputum, urine, stool, or other specimen is collected	Blood - Clinician or Laboratorian, Non-blood specimens - Clinician or Patient	Phlebotomy key competencies Phlebotomy training checklist	 Blood - Wrong tube, incorrect amount of blood, Injury Non-blood specimens - incorrect specimen or incorrect collection procedure; improper labeling 	
6.	Specimen logged	Appropriate information recorded in specimen log	Laboratorian	Specimen management	 Clerical errors Inadequate information Clerical error 	
7.	Specimen accepted or rejected	Specimen accepted or rejected based on meeting acceptance criteria	Laboratorian	Specimen management Criteria for specimen acceptability	 Unsatisfactory specimen Specimens with hazardous handling conditions Inadequately labeled specimen 	
8.	Specimen assigned according to test request/s	 Requests reviewed for Testing priority - STAT versus routine If multiple tests to be done, sequential workstations versus aliquoting Centrifugation required Send out versus in-house testing 	Laboratorian	Guidelines for STAT testing Guidelines for multiple test from one sample Specific SOPs for each analyte SOP for send outs (specimens referred to other facilities for testing)	 Processing not performed in a timely fashion as ordered Missing some tests on a requisition with multiple tests requested Centrifuge not performed in a timely manner Send out tests not referred in a timely matter or transported inappropriately 	

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9. Routine quality checks completed	Prior to testing, determine if proper routine QC, reagent validation, equipment maintenance and calibration completed	Laboratorian	SOP for each analyte, Guidelines for quality checks of all Log / Charts for each analyzer or test	QC not done or out of control, Inadequate troubleshooting or follow up of QC Improper calibration Inadequate equipment maintenance	
10. Specimen analyzed	Run analysis on specimen	Laboratorian	Specific SOP for each analyte	Not following SOP Taking shortcuts	
11. Test results analyzed	Review test results for accuracy, legibility, & validity; Cross-checking Assure proper quality monitoring	Laboratorian, Supervisor	Specific SOP for each analyte,	Release of test results without validation or interpretation Inadequate cross-checking	
12. Test results recorded	Transfer test results into logbook, Record results accurately	Laboratorian, Clerk	Test Reporting SOP; Specimen Management	Clerical errors, Analyte printout results listed in different order than logbook reporting columns	
13. Test results communicated / reported	Notify Clinician of results via written report Verbal reporting if necessary Critical Values reporting Assure that referral specimens are properly tracked	Laboratorian, Nurse	Specimen management Client satisfaction guidelines	Results not communicated in a timely fashion Results lost Critical values not reported Confidentiality breached Failure to track referral specimens or failure to follow-up on overdue specimens	
14. Documents and records maintained, filed & stored	File & store results in a retrievable fashion Transfer files to long term storage Dispose of files at an appropriate time	Laboratorian	SOP for document & record management (Including Document & Record Retention)	Unable to retrieve information when needed Lack of adherence to document retention schedule Water or moisture damage	

The Specimen Flow Process

•Order placed

- •Patient presents to laboratory
- •Requisition completed & reviewed by laboratory staff
- •Specimen type determined for collection
- Specimen collected
- Specimen logged

Specimen Collection & Transport

Specimen Testing

- Specimen accepted or rejected
- Specimen assigned according to test request/s
- Routine quality checks completed
- Specimen analyzed
- Test results analyzed
- Test results recorded

•Test results communicated / reported •Documents and records maintained, filed & stored

Result Reporting

The Viral Load Cascade



SLMTA - Meet the Clinician

ACTIVITY Meet the Clinician

PURPOSE

Clinicians and laboratorians must work together to provide quality patient care. Neither can achieve that goal without the other. This activity facilitates communications and sharing perspectives as the first step toward building that relationship.

RESOURCES NEEDED

- Handout 1: Questions for Cl
- Handout 2: Questions for Laboratorians
- PowerPoint presentation Principles of Quality Assura
- Job Aide: Creating a Clinicia Handbook
- **G** Flipchart and markers





What is the challenge for 2017?

What is the next frontier?

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Mr. Mike Mwasekaga Dr. Fausta Mosha



Star Rating Tool: 12 Assessment Areas

1 ()	Legality 1 (1 indicator)			Health Facility Management (12 indicators)			Use of facility data for planning and service improvements (6 indicators)		
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				Facility Star Rating					
	0-Star	1-Star		2-Star	3-Star		4-Star	5-Star	
Minimum Score in Four Domains	0-19%	20-39% *		40-59% **	60-79% ***		80-89% ****	90-100% *****	





BOTSWANA – Laboratorian tapped to lead hospital accreditation effort after laboratory obtains international accreditation



Nyangabgwe Hospital Francistown, Botswana



- Public Hospital, one of two referral hospitals in the country, serving northern Botswana
- Established in 1988
- Authorized inpatient beds 542
- Estimated Number of Patients served / year
 - Admissions 21,185
 - OPD 50,410
 - A&E 25,860

Nyangabgwe Laboratory



- 2006 began a 9-year journey toward accreditation
- 2007 Pictured following renovation by PEPFAR
- 2012 Lab was enrolled in SLMTA
 - Implemented Quality Improvement projects
- 2015 Awarded best performing department in Nyangabgwe Hospital

SADCAS ACCREDITS NYANGABGWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL LABORATORY



Dr Malaki Tshipayagae Nyangabgwe Hospital Superintendent



Mrs Maureen Mutasa Chief Executive Officer SADCAS



Mr David Matema Chief Medical Scientific Officer Ministry of Health



Mrs Kelebeletse Mokobela Chief Acting Head of Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital Laboratory

3 March 2015

"Accreditation of laboratories and hospitals is in the forefront of the Ministry's strategy to improve the competence and quality of the health care delivery system in Botswana..."

> Dr. Tshipayagae, Nyangabgwe Hospital Superintendent

> > www.sadcas.org
Hospital Accreditation Journey

- 2010 Nyangabgwe Hospital enrolled in COHSASA accreditation
- January 2016 Very little or no progress towards accreditation
 - No policies and procedures as required by COHSASA
 - Staff did not understand
 - Quality Improvement
 - Accreditation
 - Standards
 - Self assessments inaccurate & not being done as required by COHSASA
 - No Quality Improvement Projects

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Hospital Management wanted someone who understood quality improvement to spearhead the accreditation process...

Kelebeletse Mokobela Tapped in March of 2016

Where did they start?

1. Establish Hospital Peer Review Working Group/Committee

- Training (Crash Course) for Peer Reviewers
 - Standards
 - Assessment/Scoring Compliance, Non Compliance, Partial compliance
- Mock assessments

2. First Peer Review Self Assessment conducted March 2016

 Majority of non compliant standards were due to lack of policies and procedures

Project Summary

- Aim
 - Develop Hospital Policies and Procedures by December 2016
- What did we do
 - Identify all policies and procedures that needed to be developed
 - Create/Train Hospital SOP-development committee multidisciplinary
 - Quality Training based on COHSASA requirements
- Results
 - Quality manual containing all hospital policies based on ISO 9001 and COHSASA requirements was developed
 - 114 hospital generic SOPs identified
 - <u>All 114 SOPs developed and ready for authorisation by end of November 2016</u>
 - 32 clinical SOPs were identified and completed ready for authorisation
 - 14 clinical protocols developed and undergoing review by departments

Progress in addressing deficiencies since December 2014

	Score	Deficiencies	PC	NC
Baseline 2010	51	1248	630	618
Jan-15	49	1521	965	556
Mar-16	57	1135	620	515
Oct-16	59	1122	702	420



What were the "key ingredients" that made this successful? What lessons did you learn?

- Training of staff is key
- Management involvement is very important
- Team Approach Multidisciplinary / involvement of staff at all levels

Words of Wisdom...

• To Laboratory

- Lab QMS is very advanced; therefore, when spreading to other hospital departments, remember it takes time:
 - To develop understanding / comprehension
 - To overcome resistance
 - To change attitudes toward accreditation and quality
- Lab staff leading hospital quality need to be patient and invest in training

To Hospital

- It took the laboratory many years to reach where they are now be patient with the process
- Don't expect everything to be perfect at the beginning just implement what you know and the rest will follow
- Share documents with other departments in the hospital there is no need for duplication





Laboratory and Hospital Accreditation – How they fit.

Jacqui Stewart

CEO

The Laboratory staff in the SLMTA programme are often in a <u>unique position</u> in a hospital in terms of the depth of training they undergo in relation to <u>quality and accreditation</u>

The basic principles are the same although the content may be different

Examples of areas of support:

Infection prevention and control systems Development of SOPs, protocols, procedures Quality improvement methods Data and trend analysis



Be aware there may be feelings of resentment – the lab is "getting all the attention and funding"

The SLMTA programme is often run in very resource constrained hospitals. When improvements happen in the lab, it accentuates the shortfalls in other departments

Be open to sharing information with colleagues in other departments

Be sensitive to their challenges, which may be different from yours.



Service scores across a hospital in the accreditation programme where laboratory was already in SLMTA programme



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MALAWI – CEO calls on Laboratorian to Implement Total Quality Management (TQM) for Hospital



Jason Blanchard, CEO





• 275 Bed capacity, providing healthcare to one of the poorest districts in Malawi since 1902.

 Provides specialized women & child's health, infectious diseases, chronic diseases, general surgery, pediatrics, dental, radiology and lab services.

•Main training site for Malamulo College of Health Sciences and also hosts a Loma Linda University Field Station.

Blantyre Adventist Hospital



•Private 40 bed tertiary hospital in the city of Blantyre.

 Provides specialized
 Surgical, Medical, OB-GYN, Pediatrics,
 Dental, Radiology,
 Laboratory, ICU and
 Emergency care
 services.

The Laboratory Connection

Elde Paladar SLMTA Master Trainer



What did you do?

2-Day Workshop

- Goal Improve <u>efficiency</u> (cost) and <u>effectiveness</u> (quality)
- Customer Focus
- Quality Improvement PDCA
- Teamwork
- Analytical Tools
- Process Mapping / P+S=O
- Training / Competency Assessment
- Documents/Documentation

Post-Workshop Assignments

- <u>Process Mapping</u> Key processes in every department
- <u>6S</u> for an efficient workspace
- Implement <u>Quality</u>
 Improvement Projects

Improvement Projects: Results (BAH)

BAH -IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	DEPARTMENT	BASELINE (Average)	CURRENT (Average)
Reduce patient process time	OPD	220 mins	45 <u>mins</u>
Reduce number of rejected films	Radiology Department	<mark>20%</mark>	<mark>15%</mark>
Reduce discharge process time	Nursing Department	<mark>5 hrs</mark>	<mark>30 mins</mark>

Improvement Projects: Results (MAH)

MAH: IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	DEPARTMENT/s	BASELINE (Average)	Sep to Nov (Average)
Reduce Turn-Around-Time (TAT) for repair/maintenance request	Maintenance department	<mark>5 days</mark>	<mark>2 days</mark>
Reduce number of Lab Test done/performed but NOT billed or charged to the patient	Lab, Nursing, Clinicians and Accounts departments	23% (Q1 of 2016). 41,000- Total # of test performed – *if 1 test cost 1\$ then that 23% is \$9430 lost	<mark>14%</mark>
Reduce number of drugs administered and or procedures performed but NOT billed or charged to the patient	Nursing, Clinicians and Accounts departments	<mark>24%</mark> (Q1 of 2016)	<mark>12%</mark>

<u>Recognition to verify that indeed there is</u> <u>Improvement in the quality of services?</u>





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Japan International Cooperatio

5S PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

Malamulo Mission Hospital

hereby certify that Malamulo Mission Hospital is well performing 5

12th October, 2016

Dr. Charles MWANSAMBO CHIEF OF HEALTH SERVICES Ministry of Health



K. Tokukashi

Mr. Kazuhiko TOKUHASHI RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE JICA – Malawi

Blantyre Adventist Hospital won the Service Excellence Awards/Hospital Sector for 2015 organized by Chartered Institute of Customer Management

*This year, 2016, BAH has been nominated again for this category.

Key Ingredients for Success

- Create a genuine quality <u>culture</u>
- <u>Knowledge</u>, <u>Expertise</u> and <u>Skills</u>
- Top Management Support and Commitment
- Motivation

Words of Wisdom

- Quality is important for hospital management & needs to extend to all levels of the organization
- If SLMTA/quality improvement is confined to laboratories, then the patient will not experience an organization-wide quality service
- A TEAM is only as strong at its weakest link

Most Important reason for hospital's existence...



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What is LARC?

Laboratory African Regional Collaborative

africanregulatorycollaborative.com

About LARC Bridging the Laboratory Clinic Interface

- Aimed at improving the interface between laboratory technologists and technicians and nurses and midwives
- 2014 UNAIDS LAUNCHES <u>90-90-90: A TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA TO LEAVE NO</u> <u>ONE BEHIND</u>
- UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals aim by 2020:
 - 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status
 - 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained ART
 - 90% of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression
- VIRAL LOAD TESTING INTEGRAL
- Improving communication between laboratory personnel and clinicians along the continuum is essential to achieving the 90-90-90 goals.
- The LARC initiative will provide time limited grants to six countries (Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Uganda)

Project Overview – IHI Collaborative Model



LARC Curriculum

Guiding Principles for Quality Assurance

- Focus on **processes** to increase the productivity of work
- Focus on the needs of the **users**
- Use **data** to improve services
- Use **teams** to improve quality
- Improve communication

Process Maps

Current State



Future State



P + S = O



"What gets measured, gets fixed."



Use your Data

- Be transparent display data prominently
- Act on information




Teams



Quality Improvement (QI) Approach DMAIC Framework: To Improve Any Process



problem? Select metric to show improvement What change will we make to address the causes of the problem?

LEAN - Eliminating Waste



The Model for Improvement (IHI)



Change Management



Switch

• DIRECT the Rider

- FOLLOW THE BRIGHT SPOTS.
- SCRIPT THE CRITICAL MOVES.
- POINT TO THE DESTINATION.
- MOTIVATE the **Elephant**
 - FIND THE FEELING.
 - SHRINK THE CHANGE.
 - GROW YOUR PEOPLE.

• SHAPE the Path

- TWEAK THE ENVIRONMENT.
- BUILD HABITS.
- RALLY THE HERD.



Project Checklist

Session 1 Deliverables DEFINE / MEASURE

□ Identify Stakeholders □ Map the Process (Current State) □ Identify / Prioritize **Opportunities** □ Action Plan □ Project Outline □ Baseline Metrics / Data **Collection Plan** □ VOC Information □ Elevator Speech □ Communication Plan □ 1 Rapid/Small Test of Change (PDSA) □ Presentation

Session 2 Deliverables ANALYZE / IMPROVE

□ Root Cause Analysis □ Fishbone Diagram, 5 Whys, or Pareto Chart Update Project Outline, if necessary □ 1 Rapid/Small Test of Change (PDSA) □ 1 5S Exercise □ 1 Visual Management Application □ Create Future State Map (if ready) □ Presentation

Session 3 Deliverables CONTROL

- Update Project Outline, if necessary
- Validate Solution(s) / Interventions
- Modify Solution(s) where necessary by additional Test of Change (PDSA)
- Create Control Plan
- Transfer to Operational Owner
- □ Share/Spread Intervention, if
 - applicable
- Final Presentation

Embed Improvement in your DNA Continuous Quality Improvement = The Way We Work



This story is important because...



Mozambique

Viral Load Cascade – Demand Creation for Testing



Creating Demand for Viral Load Testing

Demand from Clinicians



Demand from Patients



Bagamoyo Health Center

- Primary health care facility in the National Health Systsem (NHS)
- 6914 HIV+ patients on antiretroviral treatment
- One clinician trained in VL monitoring in 2015
- Despite National Guidelines calling for VL monitoring, CD4 monitoring still used for pregnant women and children 2-5 (MCH Clinic)



Bagamoyo Health Center – Baseline Data

- Approximately 5 VL tests ordered per month over the 6 months prior to beginning LARC
- 0% VL tests ordered appropriately in the MCH Clinic
 - 25 charts reviewed
 - 11 patients required VL testing according to country algorithm
 - 0 VL tests ordered



Mapping the Process



Summary – Observations on Successful Implementation of a New Clinical Algorithm

What does not work

- Sending out the Algorithm in an email
- Training Alone
- Training one person in a clinic without the "how to" for training their colleagues
- Multiple algorithm versions circulated, some with different VL cutoffs

Recommendations for success

- Clinical competence <u>must be</u> developed
 - Use of actual cases
 - Mentoring/Coaching
 - Demonstrating competency
- Process mapping is <u>very beneficial</u> for planning prior to implementing a new process
- Change management <u>is required</u>, so all understand:
 - "The Why"
 - How each person will be affected by this change

Intervention

- Education for Clinicians
- Copy VL Requisition
 Forms
- Post National Algorithm in Consultation Rooms
- Weekly Chart Audit



Visual Management





Weekly Chart Audit / Data Collection Tool



Project Summary

What are we trying to accomplish?	How will we know if a change is an improvement?	What change will we make that will result in an improvement?
Overarching Goal	AIM Statement	Intervention
Increase the demand for viral load testing for the HIV+ patients of the Maternal Child Health Clinic (MCH) and the Bagamoyo Health Facility, in order to prevent vertical transmission and detect treatment failure	Increase the percentage of viral load tests ordered according to national algorithm - From 0% (Baseline July 2016) to 80% by 30 June 2017 for entire clinic (HIV+ clients) Metric:	 Create Demand from the Clinician Education for Clinicians Copy VL Requisition Forms Post National Algorithm in Consultation Rooms Weekly Chart Audit
	# of viral load tests ordered # MCH patients that require viral load testing according to country algorithm	 Create Demand from Patients Patient Education Sessions Patient Education Materials

RESULTS – MCH Clinic

VIRAL LOAD TESTING ORDERED ACCORDING TO NATIONAL GUIDELINES



RESULTS - Entire Clinic

LARC Clinician Training /Engagement

Bagamoyo Clinic Viral Load Tests Ordered



VL tests ordered

Swaziland

Viral Load Cascade – Result Reporting and Interpretation by Clinician



Process Mapping in Classroom









Go & See - Trace/Validate Process at Site



Motshane Clinic – Baseline Data

12% of patients were receiving appropriate clinical follow-up

The Viral Load Cascade





Where were the VL test results?





Define

Measure Analyze

Control

Improve

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RESULTS



Motshane Project Summary

What are we trying to accomplish?	How will we know if a change is an improvement?	What change will we make that will result in an improvement?
Overarching Goal:	AIM Statement	Your Intervention
Improve the care & management for patients with high HIV viral load (HVL), specifically addressing the result reporting/clinician interpretation step of the viral load cascade.	Increase the percentage of HVL patients with documented appointment and timely clinical follow-up from 12% to 80% by 30 June 2017. Metric: Numerator – # of patients who met the defined HVL follow-up criteria.	<u>HVL Results Tracking /</u> <u>Handoff Log</u> plus <u>HVL</u> <u>Register</u> with appropriate follow-up actions (Results review by clinician, Call patient to set up adherence counselling (EAC) appt., 3 EACs, Viral Load
	Denominator – # of patients with high VL.	reordered).
PDSA – Not one and done!



Inter-cadre Collaboration



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