

Review of Transesophageal Echocardiogram Requests at Victoria Hospital

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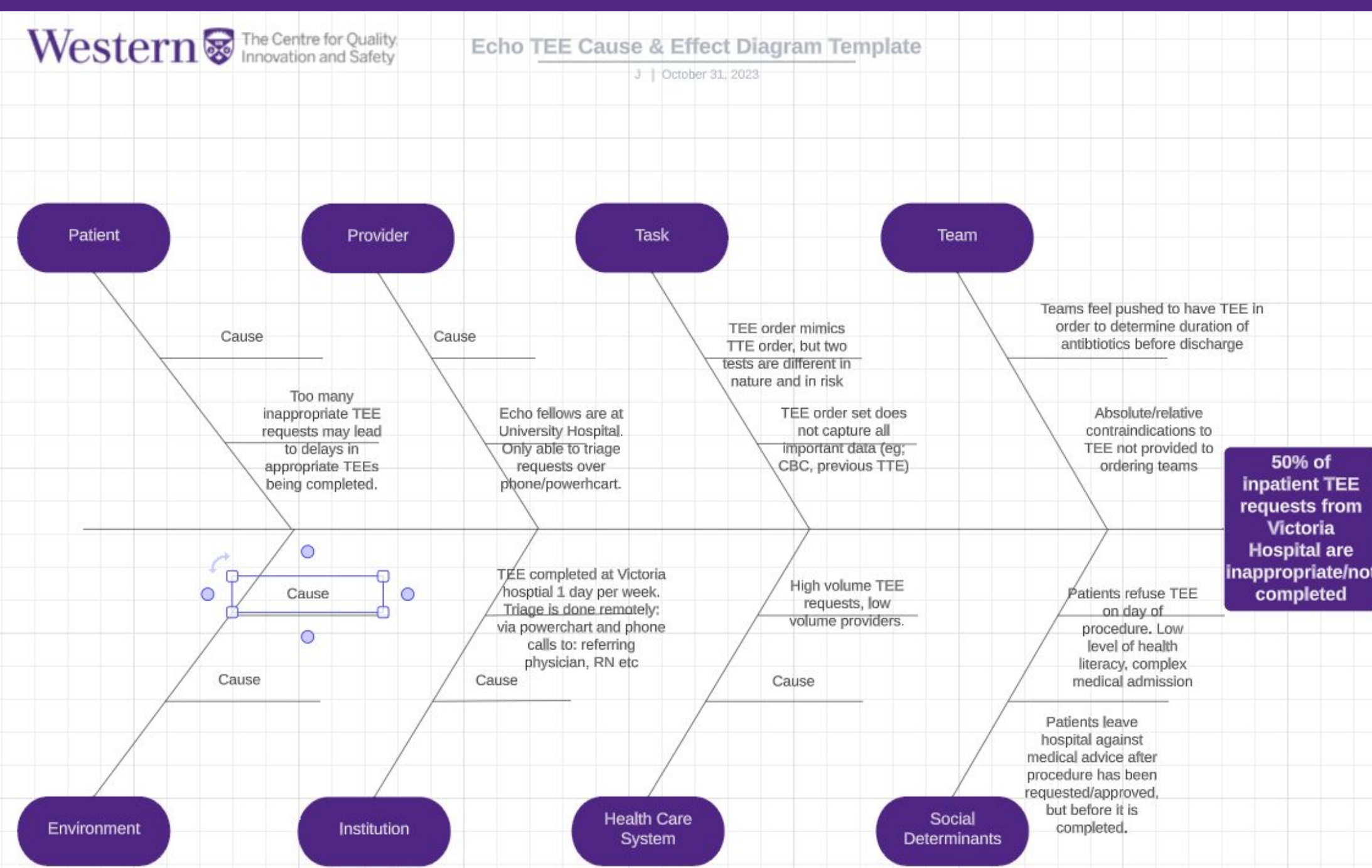
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AIM Statement: Increase the approval of inpatient transesophageal echocardiograms (TEE) at Victoria Hospital to 85% by May 2024.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

- Transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) resources are limited in human resources: Cardiologist, Echocardiography fellow, Sonographer, Nurse(s), Clerical clerk, Porter, and institutional resources: procedure room, TEE probe, medication.
- High volume of TEE requests are inappropriate or not completed:
- Baseline: 61-72% of TEE requests approved
- Baseline: 48-65% of TEE requests are completed

ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS



Stakeholder feedback

Infectious Disease (ID):

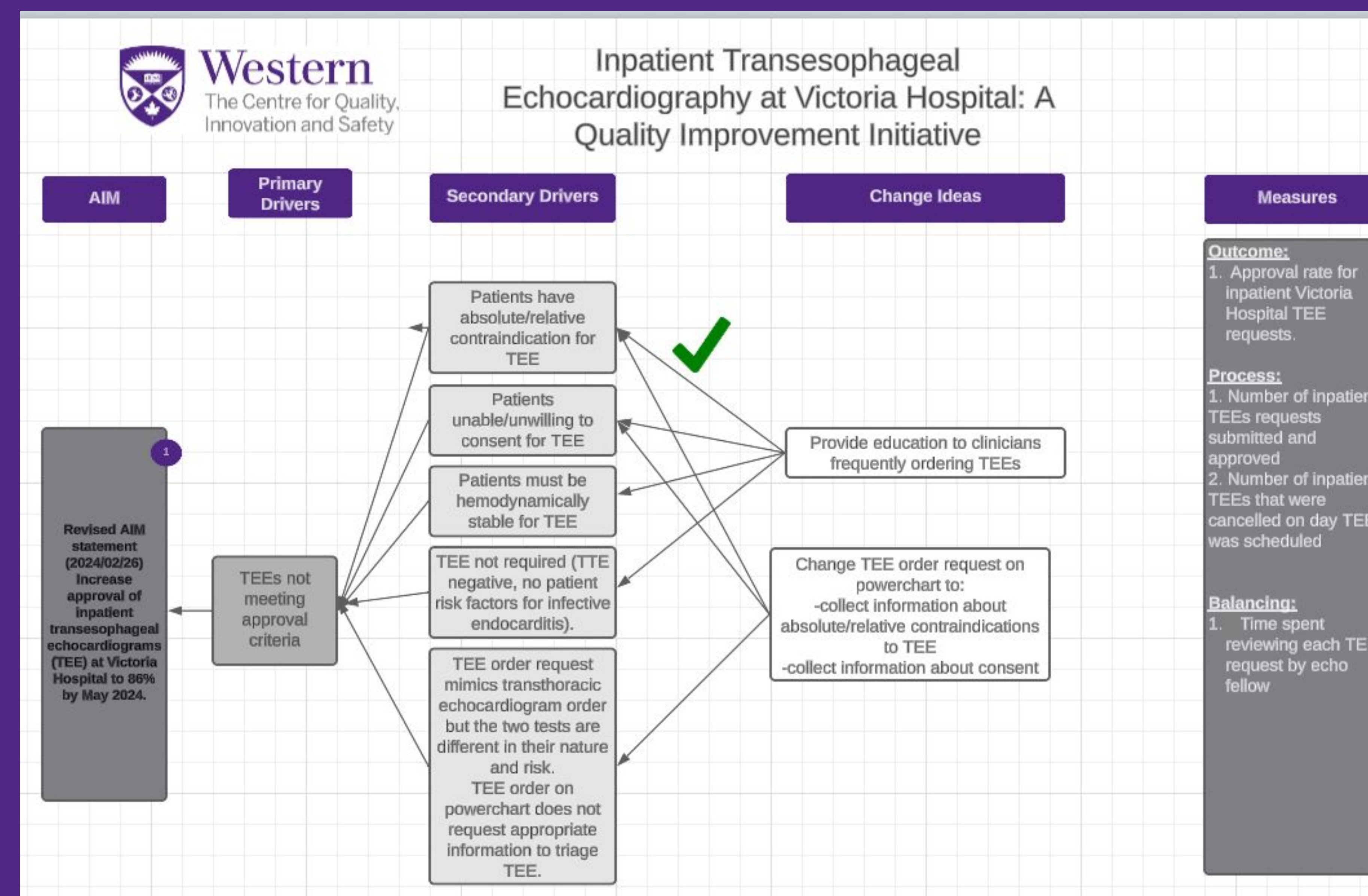
-Advised questions may encourage ID to review contraindications to TEE before ordering test.

-Brought up additional question to consider adding re: patients who inject drugs

Hematology/CTU Medicine (Chief Medicine resident at VH):

-Found TEE questions reasonable, not burdensome

-Advised TEEs not ordered frequently/urgently, providers have time to review questions and enter requests



IMPLEMENTATION

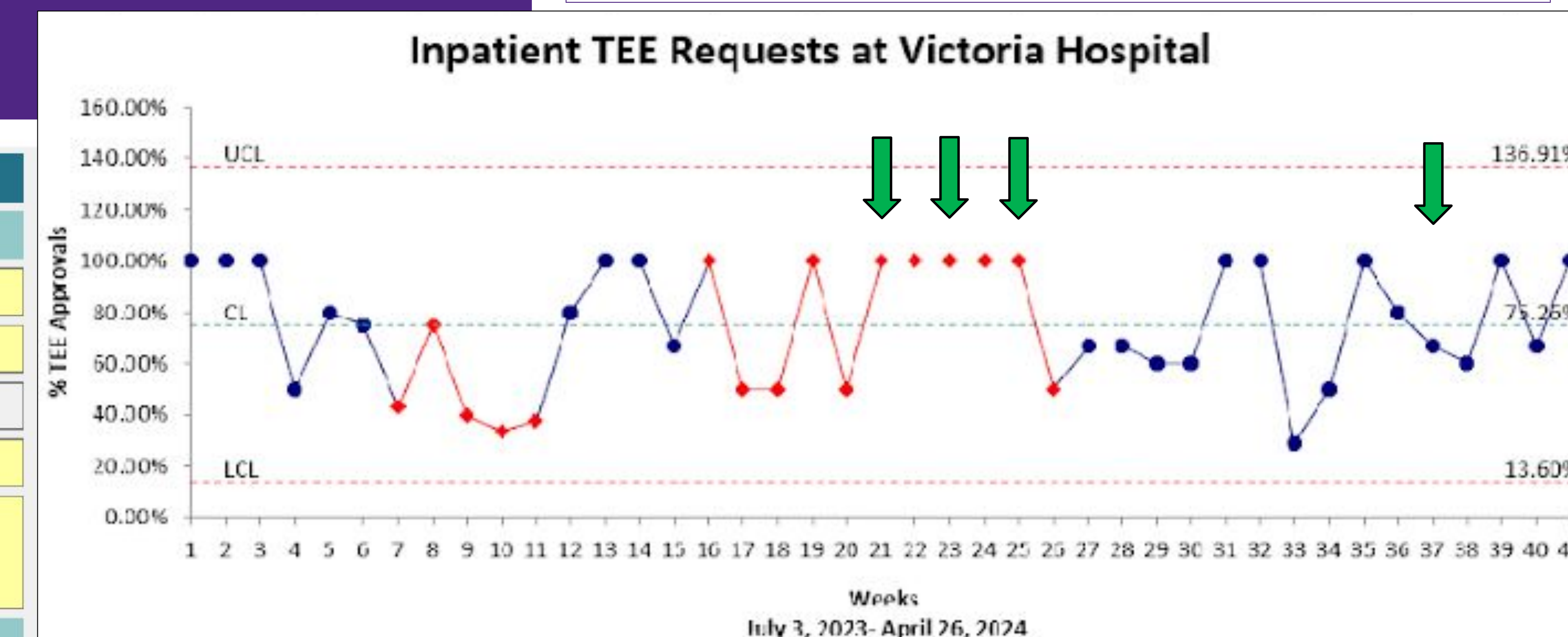
Developed TEE order request Powerform with IT services. Includes:

- Patient awareness of test, ability to consent
- Contraindications (absolute/relative)
- Gathers Powerchart data (Hb, platelets, INR)

MEASUREMENT & RESULTS

- Implementation: March 27- April 26, 2024
- 75% of TEE requests approved
- 63% of TEE requests are completed
- Reduction in time required to review TEE:
- Of TEEs accepted: time to review decreased from 11.1 to 6.8 minutes
- Of TEEs rejected: time to review decreased from 22.1 to 8 minutes

Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE)	
Transesophageal Echocardiogram	
Is patient/SDM aware of request for TEE?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Can patient provide consent?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
If no, then who can provide consent?	
Any GI bleed in past 30 days?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Past history of esophageal disease:	<input type="checkbox"/> Varices/Sticture/Tumor/Perforation/Diverticulum <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Sample Results	
Hemoglobin	No result in past 7 days
Platelet Count	No result in past 7 days
INR	No result in past 7 days



SUSTAINABILITY

- Forced function intervention
Built in sustainability
- Future intervention considerations: Education
Requires regular interval reimplementation