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## Plan

To identify patients at risk for elopement by developing an evidence-based elopement risk screening tool and plan of care.

## Do

### December 2020

- Formed interdisciplinary team
- Literature and best practice review
- Gap analysis of existing practices
- Policy and technical enhancements

### January 2021

- Shared Governance Committee approvals
- Medical Executive Committee and provider awareness
- Patient care staff education

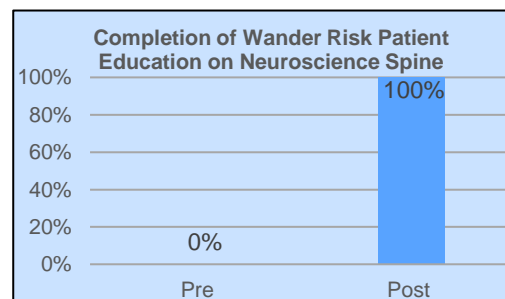
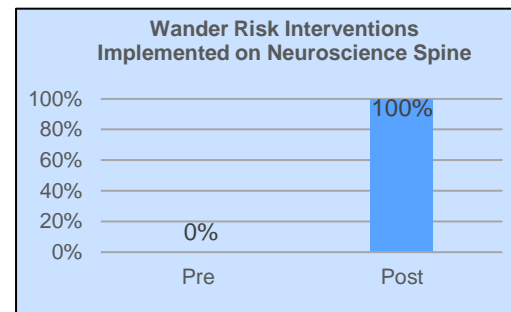
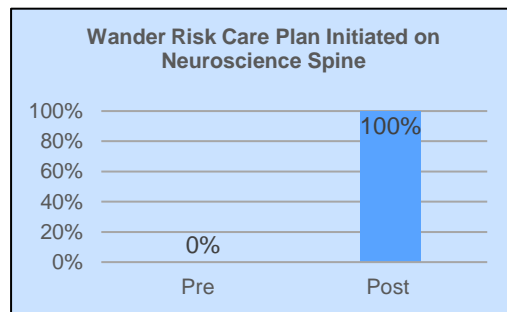
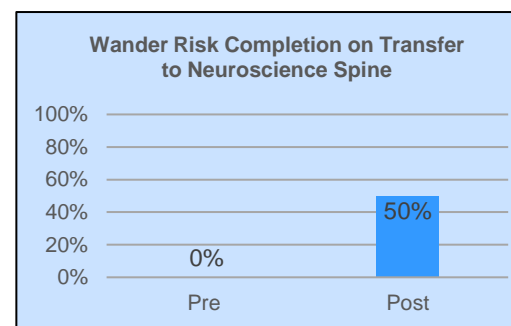
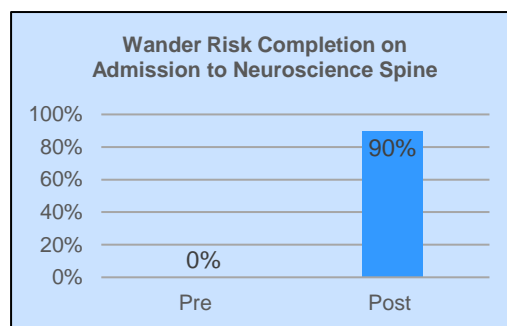
### February 2021

- Go live
- Elopement Champion onboarding
- Performance Improvement plan approval and dissemination
- Patient care staff new hire orientation enhancements

## Team Members

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## Study



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## Act

### Implementation of an evidence-based elopement risk assessment tool

- Completed on admission, transfer, and as needed
- Elopement risk populates to EHR Patient Story board

### Implement individualized plan care

- Wandering, risk of care plan
- Assess and implement appropriate level of observation (video, frequent obs, 1:1)
- Initiate appropriate safety alarms (chair or bed)
- Patient placement to improve visibility
- Remove and secure personal belongings
- Provide patient and family education
- Offer integrative therapies
- Diversion activities
- Delirium prevention interventions

### Missing Persons policy revisions

- Conduct a debriefing post event
- Create a Unique Treatment Plan
- Complete vulnerable adult report

### Elopement, Wandering Risk Assessment and Precautions policy revisions

- Includes frequency of assessment
- Required interventions

### Dissemination of practice changes

- Huddles
- Posters
- Newsletters
- Computer-based training
- 1:1 feedback

## Post Go Live Enhancements

- Elopement Precaution Door Magnets
- EPIC Patient Photo update Rover Application Enhancement