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Computerized Clinical Decision Support Tools in Clinical Pathology: The Brigham and Women's Experience

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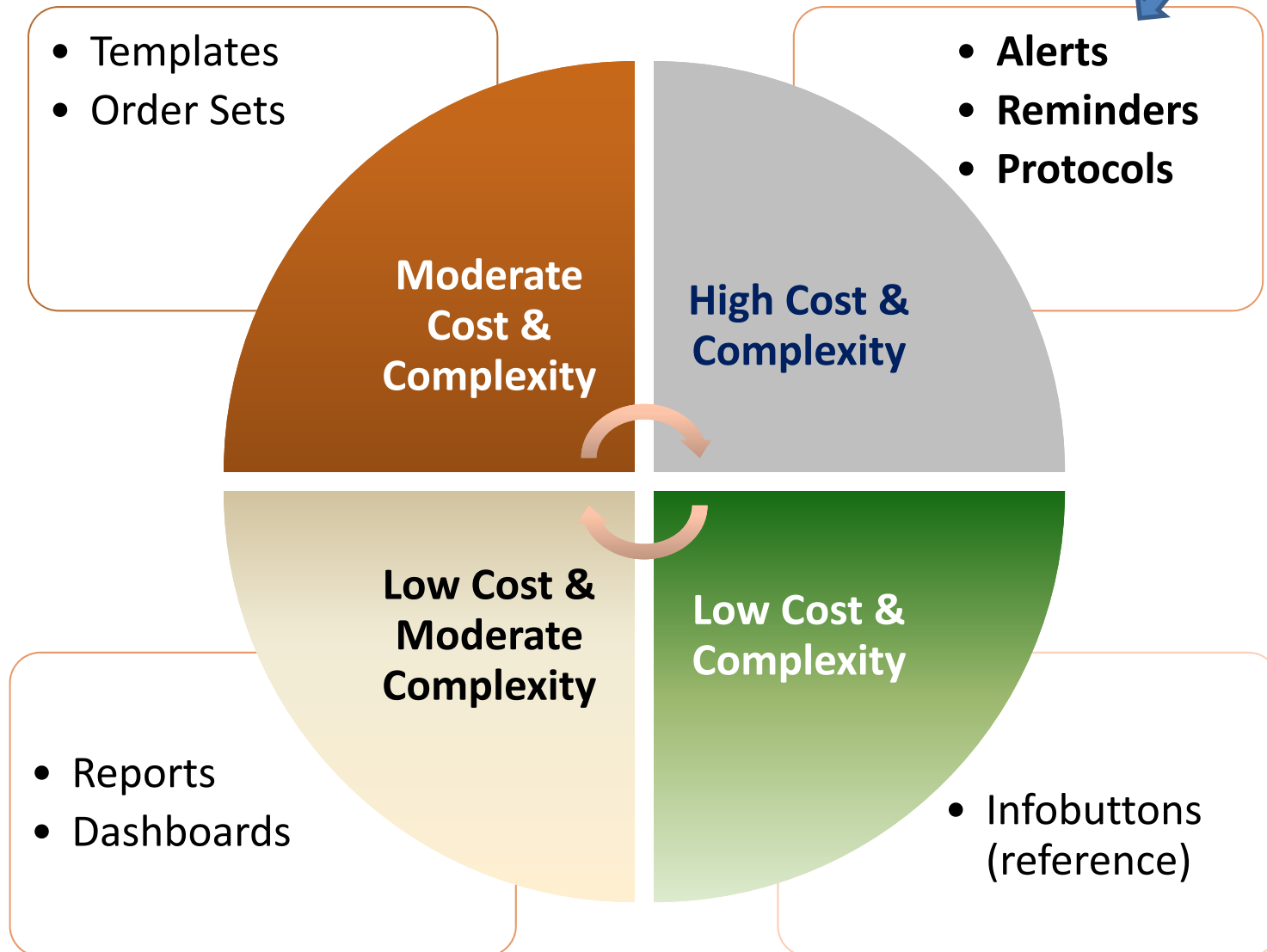
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Clinical Decision Support (CDS) for Improved Lab Utilization

BWH Effort



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Non-Computerized Guidelines and Algorithms

Can improve care BUT:

- Hard to remember
- Hard to find when needed
- Sometimes providers forget/don't know about availability
- Dissemination slow

Computerized Guidelines

- Immediate feed-back at time of entering orders
- Easily retrievable
- Clinical consensus – derived
- Allow measurement of impact
- Enable iterative refinement based on user's feed-back

CDS for Laboratory Tests at BWH

- Optimized Lab Utilization
 - Lab charges display
 - Reminders for redundant labs
 - Appropriateness guidelines for therapeutic drug levels and tumor markers
- Improved Patient Safety
 - Alert value identification and auto-paging
 - Appropriate timing of therapeutic drug levels
 - PPID and order communication



CDS Guiding Principles

- **Speed** is everything
- Anticipate needs and deliver in **real time**
- Fit into the user's **workflow**
- Little things can make a big difference – proper **defaults**
- Physicians **resist stopping** - never say never
- Provide **alternatives**
- Simple activities work best – not complex guidelines
- Avoid manual data entry - be sure you really need it
- Monitor **impact**, get feedback, and respond
- **Manage** and update content on the ongoing basis

Bates et al, JAMIA 2003

Redundant Test Reminders

--- Potential Redundant Lab

Redundant Order: PROFILE 20: NEXT AVAILABLE; on 12/02/94 at 7am;

Tests in Lab:

1) PROFILE 20 (08/01 10:06A) RESULTS: GLU:pend, BUN:pend, CRE:pend, NA:pend, K:pend, CL:pend, CO2:pend, ALT:pend, AST:pend, LDH:pend, ALK:pend, BILT:pend, BILD:pend, TP:pend, ALB:pend, CA:pend, PO4:pend, UA:pend, CHL:pend, TRI:pend,

ACCORDING TO THE ANCILLARY UTILIZATION COMMITTEE, A PROFILE 20 IS GENERALLY NOT NEEDED MORE OFTEN THAN 1 TIME(s) EVERY 24 HRS. CONTACT DAVID BATES, x7063 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

[X]C Cancel order(s)

Reason to Proceed:

- [1A Clinical condition has changed
- [1B Different site or testing conditions
- [1D Previous specimen unsatisfactory
- [1E Last Result requires confirmation
- [1F Condition warrants more frequent testing
- [1O Other

OK

Type the letter of the reason. Type <C> to cancel the order. <Enter>:done.

Level of Acceptance of Reminders

	Intervention (n = 437)	Control (n = 502)
Accepted reminder	300 (69%)	N/A
Test performed after reminder	117 (27%)	257 (51%)

Reasons for Overrides of Redundant Tests

Reason	Frequency	Test Done	Justified
Condition warrants more frequent testing	43 (31%)	34 (79%)	21 (49%)
Clinical condition has changed	34 (25%)	20 (59%)	11 (32%)
Last result requires confirmation	18 (13%)	12 (67%)	10 (56%)
Previous specimen unsatisfactory	15 (11%)	7 (47%)	6 (40%)
Different site or testing conditions	11 (8%)	6 (55%)	5 (45%)
Other	16 (12%)	9 (56%)	3 (19%)
Total	137 (100%)	88 (64%)	56 (41%)



Potential adverse consequences of canceled tests

- Evaluated canceled tests followed by abnormal result within 3 days
- Only 8 (4%) of these tests provided new information
 - 3 UA w/ few RBCs or WBCs, previously negative
 - 3 Sputum Cx w/ new pathogen, all patients had stable CXR
 - Digoxin level dropped from 1.0 to 0.5 ng/mL
- Change of medical management in 2/8 cases
 - One patient given new Abx
 - One patient given an extra dose of digoxin

Redundant Order Reminders in EPIC

- **Phase I**
 - Planned 50 tests and appropriate durations for duplicate triggers on EPIC go-live
 - Display of previous results
 - At BWH, these rules will fire approximately 1-5% of the time
- **Limitations of Epic functionality**
 - Will not default to “cancel order”, but will make the clinician choose “continue” or “discontinue”
 - Will not ask clinician for reason that reminders ignored

Redundant Orders: Updated List

Tests	Duration
CBC with autodiff	24 hours
Hypercoag Panel	30 days
Hemoglobin electrophoresis	30 days
Hgb A1C	30 days
Protein electrophoresis	7 days
Immunology (ANA, RF, CCP)	1 year
Vitamin D	7 days
Anemia (Ferritin, Folate, B12)	7 days
Thyroid (TSH, free T4, total T4)	7 days
*Phenobarbital	20 days

Duplicate/Redundant Orders

Tests	Duration
*Antiepileptics	3 days
*C. Difficile	5 days
*Stool Culture	24 hours
O&P	24 hours
*Urine culture	24 hours
*Sputum culture	24 hours
Viral loads	24 hours
Viral and Micro serologies	7 days
Beta glucan and GM	4 days

Duplicate Reminder in EPIC

Procedure Duplicate

PROCEDURE DUPLICATE: PLEASE REVIEW

Procedure Duplicate Action

Do you want to stop ordering the order currently being placed? [\[Remove All\]](#)

1. ASSAY C-PEPTIDE - ONCE (ORD) 6/7/10 1150 to 6/7/10 [\[Remove\]](#)

[Hide order information](#)

Priority: Routine Frequency: ONCE (ORD)

Duplicate Schedule
Time
6/7/10 1150

OR

Do you want to discontinue the following orders that already exist? [\[Discontinue All\]](#)

1. ASSAY C-PEPTIDE - ONCE (ORD) 6/7/10 1120 to 6/7/10 Status: Sent [\[Discontinue\]](#)

[Hide order information](#)

Priority: Routine Frequency: ONCE (ORD)

Ordering Time: 6/7/10 1118 Ordering Provider: FRANK, SAM PROV (9559)

Duplicate Schedule	Order ID	Status	Specimen Time
Time 6/7/10 1120	3645114 (DNC)	Sent	

Order duplicate found. Continue to accept these orders?

Duplicate/Redundant Orders

- **Phase II** – Work with Epic to understand how we can replicate functionality previously used at BWH (i.e. default to cancel, ask for override reason)
- Expand the list to more common tests (e.g. BMP, CMP) that will fire more frequently once we have the desired functionality

Lab Order Duration Limits

- QD x 3 days or 3 instances (e.g. no daily labs during the hospital stay)
 - Approved by clinical content committee with few exceptions (e.g. oncology, POC glucose)
- 13% of labs at BWH are ordered with duration > 3 days

Duration Limits

HIV 1/2 AB/AG Accept Cancel

Once First occurrence Today at 1128
Use HIV screening requisition. No signatures are required unless the order is due to a staff occupational exposure. If the order is due to a staff exposure, order the Rapid HIV, indicate staff exposure on the requisition and document physician and patient signatures.

Frequency: Once STAT AM Draw Add-On

Starting: Today Tomorrow At:

First Occurrence: **Today 1128**
Scheduled Times: [Show Schedule](#)

Specimen Src:

Questions:

Prompt	Answer	Comments
1. Person obtaining voluntary and knowing verbal consent from Patient/Guardian/Health Care Agent:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Single response		

Process Inst:

The HIV 1/2 AB/AG test detects antibodies to HIV 1/2 as well as the HIV1 p24 antigen. This test replaces the HIV 1/2 antibody assay. Requires HIV requisition.

Comments (F6):

Use HIV screening requisition. No signatures are required unless the order is due to a staff occupational exposure. If the order is due to a staff exposure, order the Rapid HIV, indicate staff exposure on the requisition and document physician and patient signatures.

[Next Required](#) [Link Order](#) Accept Cancel

“Daily” will not be allowed as frequency

CDS for Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

- Antiepileptic drugs
 - Phenytoin
 - Carbamazepine
 - Phenobarbital
 - Valproic acid
- Digoxin
- Vancomycin



Guidelines for Monitoring Anti-Epileptic Drug Levels

Measuring a serum level is always appropriate

- Within 6 hours after a seizure recurrence
- In the event of suspected dose-related drug toxicity*
- In the event of suspected patient noncompliance

Measuring a serum level is *appropriate only* if the blood sample is drawn in steady state conditions, ie, after 4 half-lives on an unchanged dose regimen†

- As a baseline measurement after starting antiepileptic drug therapy
- As a control measurement after a change in the dose regimen
- After adding a second drug with a potential for interaction with the antiepileptic drug‡
- After a change in the patient's liver or gastrointestinal tract function

*For phenytoin, nystagmus, ataxia, and drowsiness; for carbamazepine, gastrointestinal symptoms, diplopia, and dizziness; for phenobarbital, sedation, depression, and cognitive decline; and for valproic acid, hepatic dysfunction and tremor.

†Steady state is assumed to be reached after 6 days for phenytoin, after 3 days for carbamazepine and valproic acid, and after 20 days for phenobarbital.

‡Another antiepileptic drug, warfarin, isoniazid, or rifampicin.



Appropriateness of Antiepileptic Levels

AED	No. of AEDL Measurements	Median (Range) AEDLs per Patient	Median (Range) Duration of Time Since Last AEDL, h	Median (Range) Daily Dose, mg	Median (Range) Dose Interval, h	Median (Range) AEDL, $\mu\text{mol/L}$ [mg/L]	Indication Appropriate, % (95% CI)
Phenytoin	204	7.5 (1-59)	24 (5-189)	300 (100-800)	8 (6-24)	45 (0-105) [11.5 (0-27.0)]	29 (23-36)
Carbamazepine	225	6.0 (1-69)	24 (1-888)	600 (200-2100)	8 (4-24)	28 (0-98) [6.7 (0-23.2)]	25 (19-31)
Phenobarbital	217	5.5 (1-43)	24 (1-240)	135 (90-500)	12 (4-24)	80 (0-175) [18.1 (0-40.4)]	28 (22-34)
Valproic acid	209	5.0 (1-38)	24.5 (3-315)	1500 (750-6000)	8 (4-24)	370 (0-810) [54 (0-117)]	26 (20-32)
Total	855	6.0 (1-69)	24 (1-888)	NA	NA	NA	27 (24-30)

*AED indicates antiepileptic drug; AEDL, antiepileptic drug level; CI, confidence interval; and NA, not applicable.



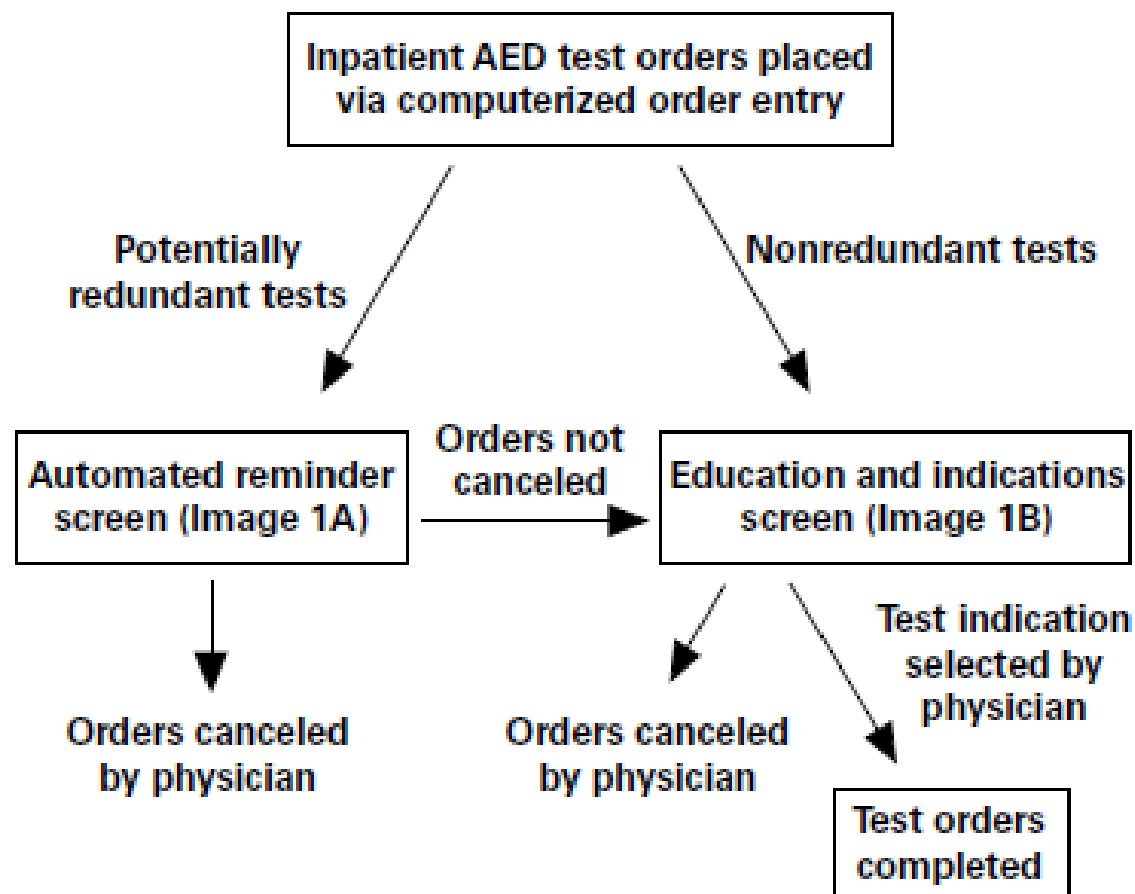


Figure 1 Algorithm for computerized interventions designed to reduce inappropriate antiepileptic drug (AED) level testing.

Chen, Tanasijevic, Bates AJCP 2003; 119:432-8.

Digoxin Level Monitoring

Appropriate If

For both inpatients and outpatients:

1. Subtherapeutic response (either *a*, *b*, *c*, or *d*)
 - a. No improvement or worsening of congestive heart failure or atrial fibrillation or flutter
 - b. Suspected noncompliance
 - c. Concomitant use of an interacting drug (antacids, a kaolin and pectin combination [Kaopectate], neomycin, quinidine, spironolactone, nifedipine, cholestyramine, verapamil)
 - d. Suspected malabsorption
2. Suspected toxicity (either *a* or *b*)
 - a. Appearance of arrhythmias suspected to be caused by digoxin (supraventricular tachycardia, atrioventricular conduction defects, multifocal premature ventricular contractions)
 - b. Noncardiac signs or symptoms of digoxin toxicity (visual changes, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, confusion, headache)
3. High-risk patient (unstable or declining renal function, low serum potassium level, hypoxia, recent increase in diuretic dose)
4. Initiation of digoxin therapy or dosage adjustment after steady state reached (5 half-lives, 10 days)*

For inpatients:

5. Admission level for inpatients if no previous digoxin level within last 9 months† is available

For outpatients:

6. Routine monitoring annually in outpatients on stable dose of digoxin (inappropriate if level drawn less than every 10 months)†

* Ten days was chosen in this study as a conservative estimate of the interval required to reach steady state, although some patients may reach steady state in 8 days.¹⁶

† Time intervals chosen by consensus of expert opinions.

Canas/Tanasijevic/Bates
Arch Int Med 1999; 159:363-368



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Characteristics	Inpatient Levels (n = 224)	Outpatient Levels (n = 130)
Median (range) duration of time since last digoxin level, d*	1 (1-1)	56.5 (23-161)
Median (range) daily dose, mg*	0.125 (0.125-0.25)	0.0625 (0.0125-0.25)
Median (range) dose interval, h*	24 (24-24)	24 (24-96)
Median (range) digoxin level, nmol/L*†	1.4 (1.0-1.9)	1.4 (0.9-1.8)
Indication appropriate, % (95% CI)‡	16 (11-20)	52 (44-61)

* Ranges are 25th and 75th percentiles.

† To convert digoxin levels from nanograms per milliliter to nanomoles per liter, multiply nanograms per milliliter by 1.281.

‡ CI indicates confidence interval.



Appropriateness of Timing of Vancomycin Levels

Table 1: Criteria for Correctly Timed Vancomycin Trough Level

Basis for determining accuracy of trough timing	Rule	Percent of levels (n/total reviewed × sampling weight)	Percent of levels after removing exclusions
1. Time of next administered dose	Specimen collected ≤ 2 h before next administered dose.	25% (146/583 × 1.00)	43.5%
2. Time of next scheduled administration	Specimen collected ≤ 2 h before next scheduled dose, or ≤ 2 h after next scheduled dose if next dose not given.	5% ^a (10/150 × 0.75)	8.7%
3. Time since last administration	Given a dosing interval of x h, specimen collected within 2 h of x h since last dose.	9% ^b (18/150 × 0.75)	15.7%

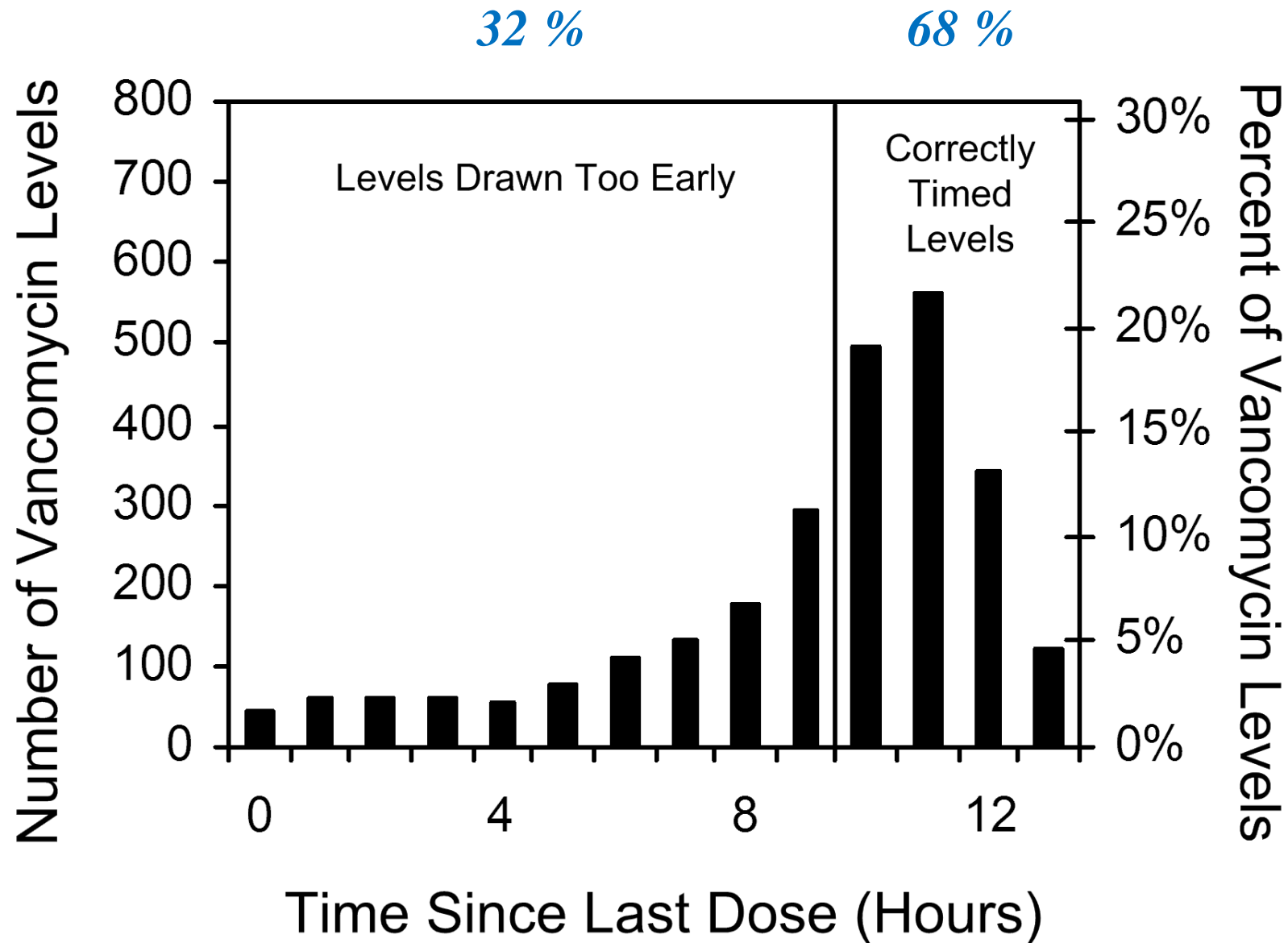
^aThis percentage represents an estimate of the proportion of analyzed levels (n=583) which do not meet the first criterion and do meet the second criterion. ^bThis percentage represents an estimate of those which do not meet the first or second criteria but do meet the third.

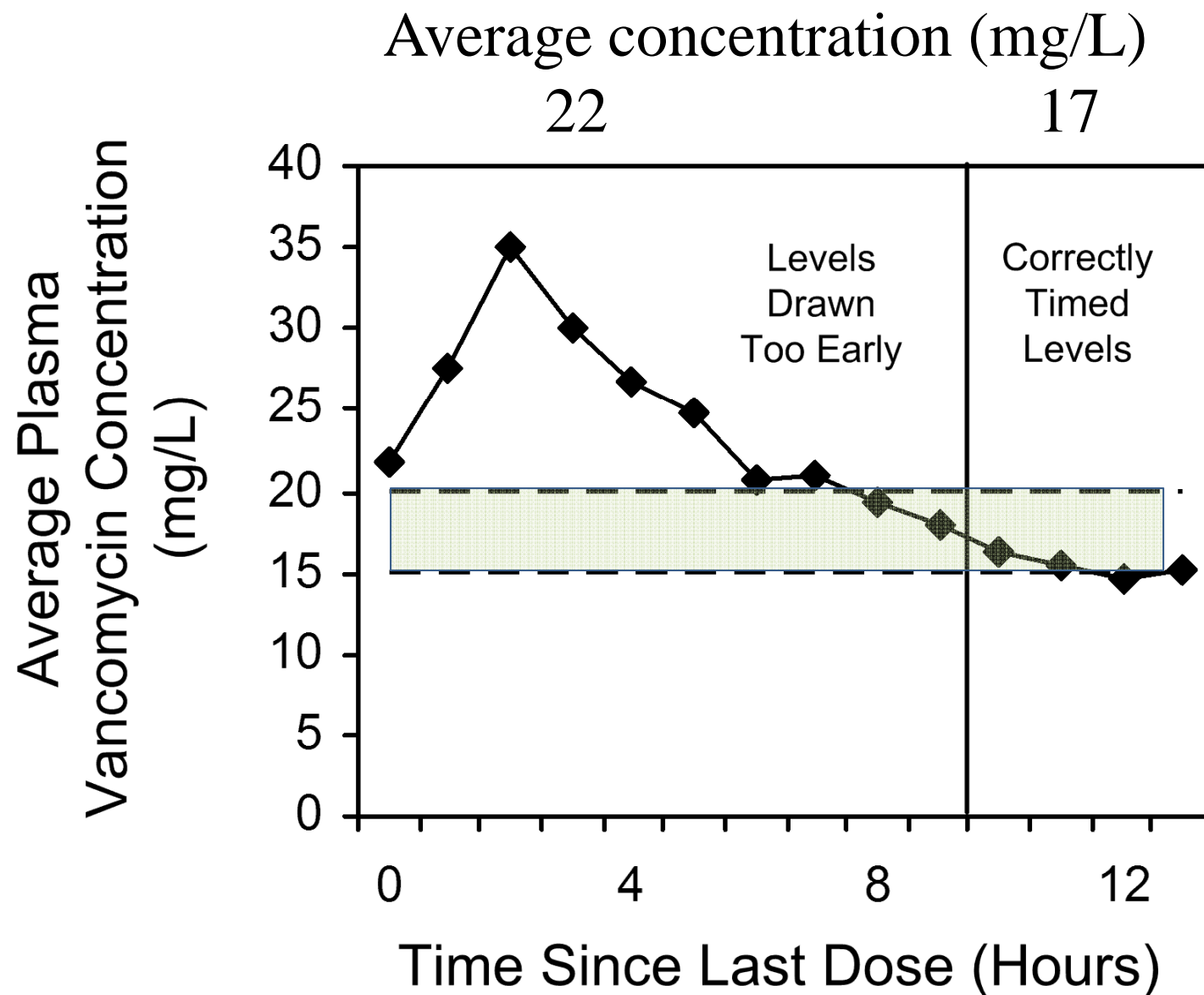
Table 2: Criteria for Exclusion from Evaluation^a

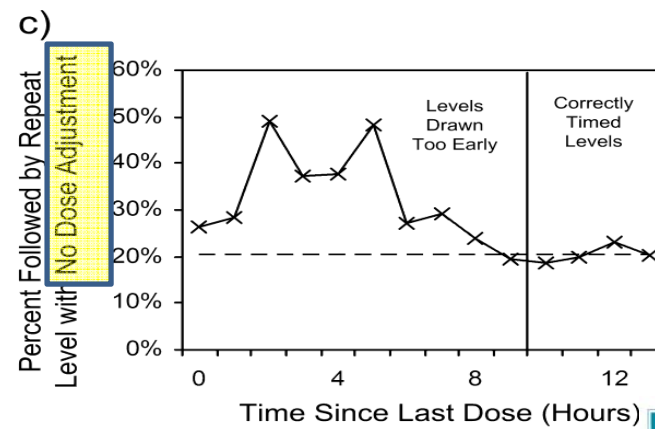
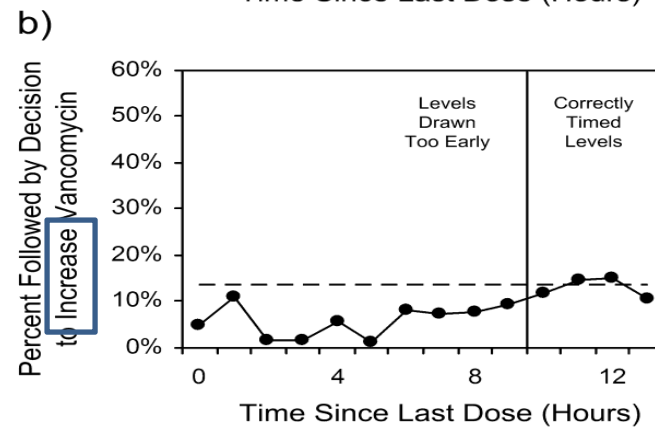
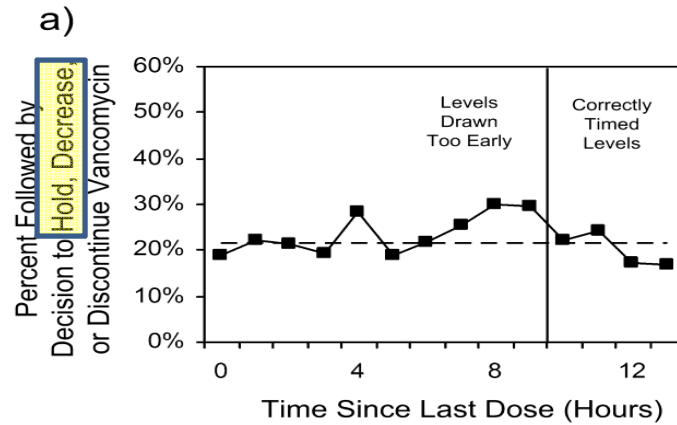
Category	Rule
Random / Spot-Levels Permitted :	
1. Rapidly changing renal function	Patient receiving dialysis, or change of ≥ 0.5 mg/dL or 50% reduction in SCr or 50% increase in SCr in 48 h, within 14 days prior to specimen collection.
2. Checking after a high level	Last vancomycin level ≥ 20 mg/L and next dose not given.
3. Patient not actively on vancomycin (admit/discharge)	Level checked on day of admission or transfer and no existing medication order for vancomycin or level checked on day of discharge and vancomycin previously discontinued.
4. Test ordered accidentally	Patient not currently on vancomycin; test ordered in error.

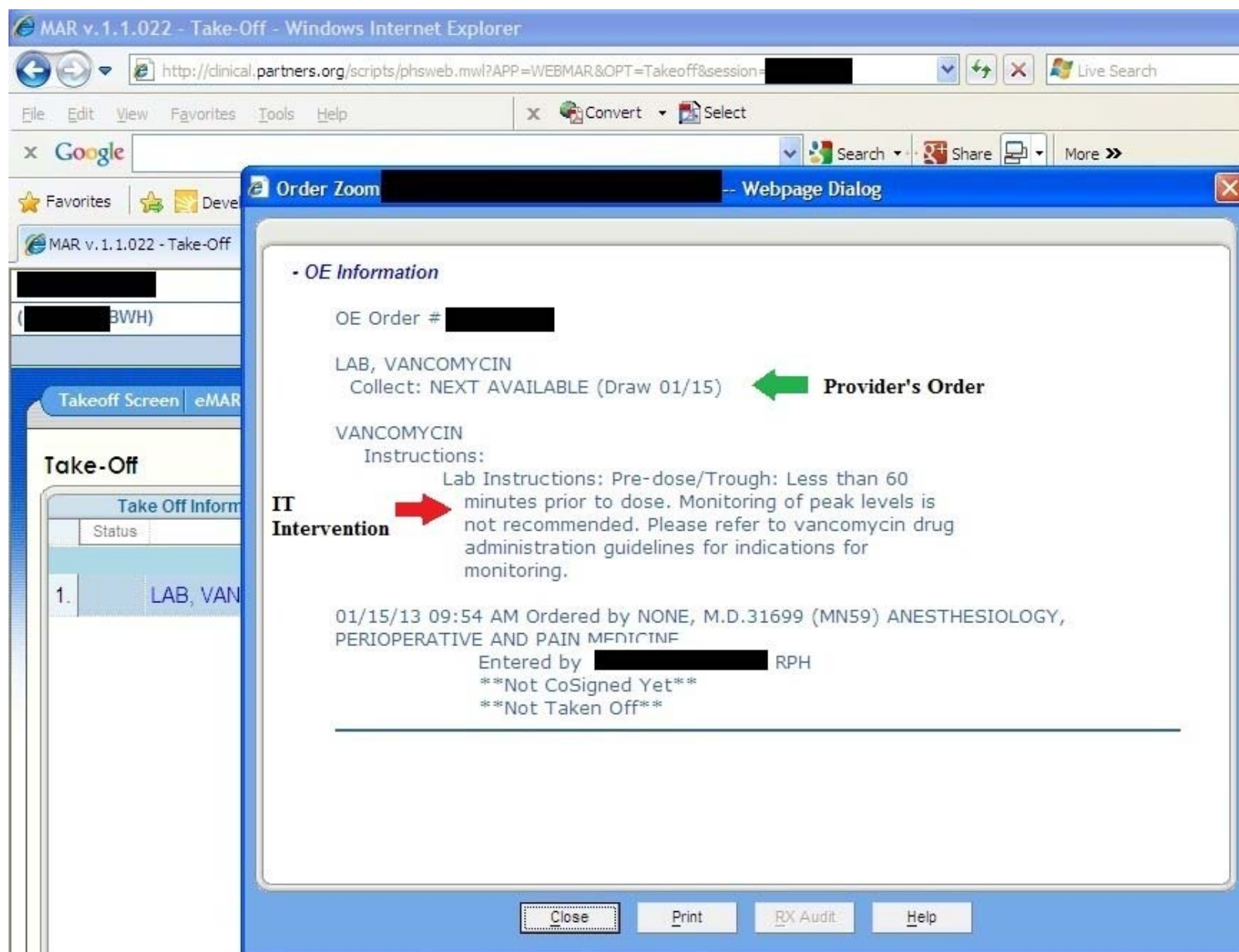
^aOnly levels which did not meet the first timing criterion were screened for exclusions.











Melanson / Tanasijevic: Am J Clin Path. 2013

Computerized Communication of Alert Laboratory Values

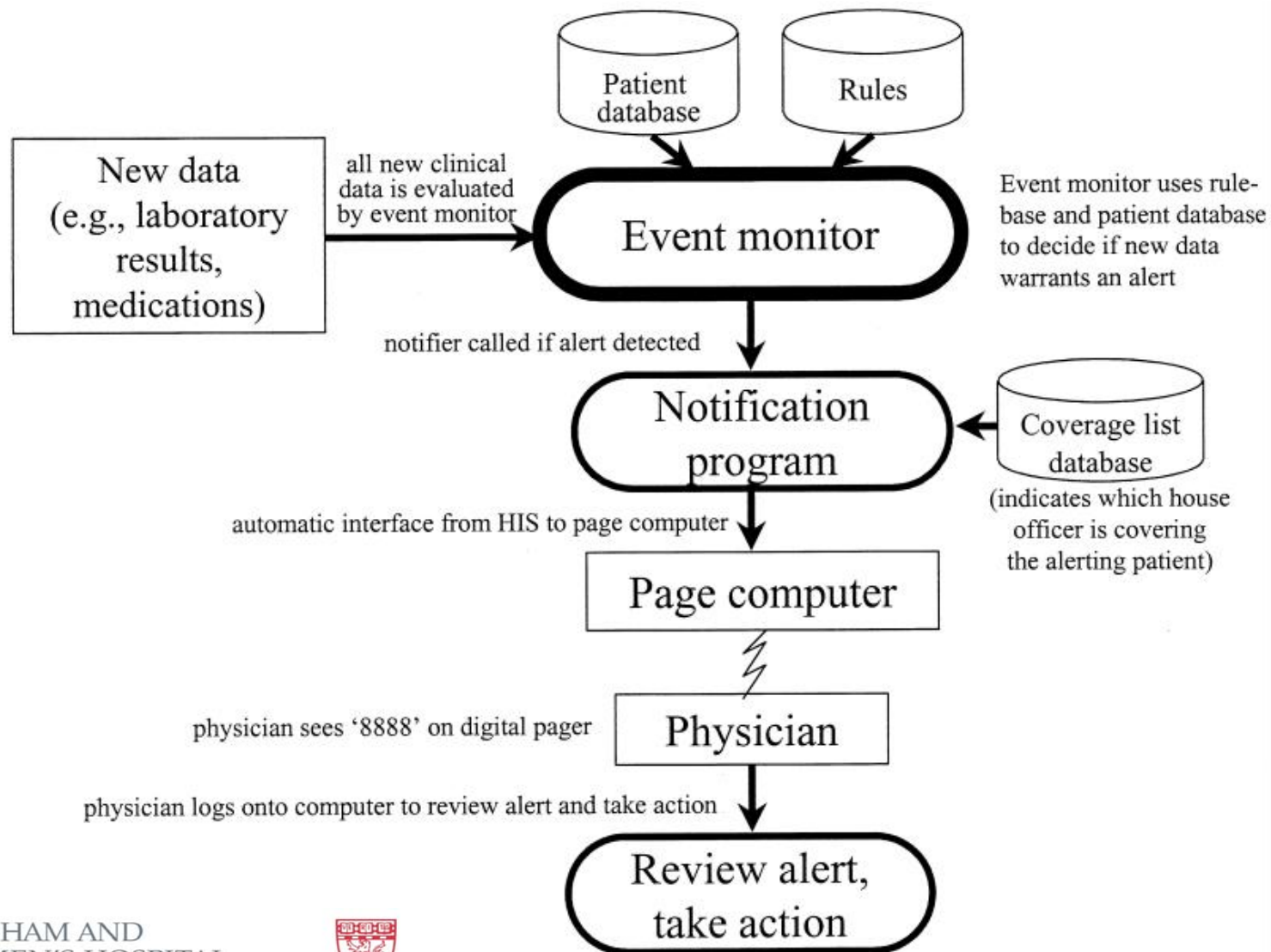
Table 1

Frequency Distribution of Alerts

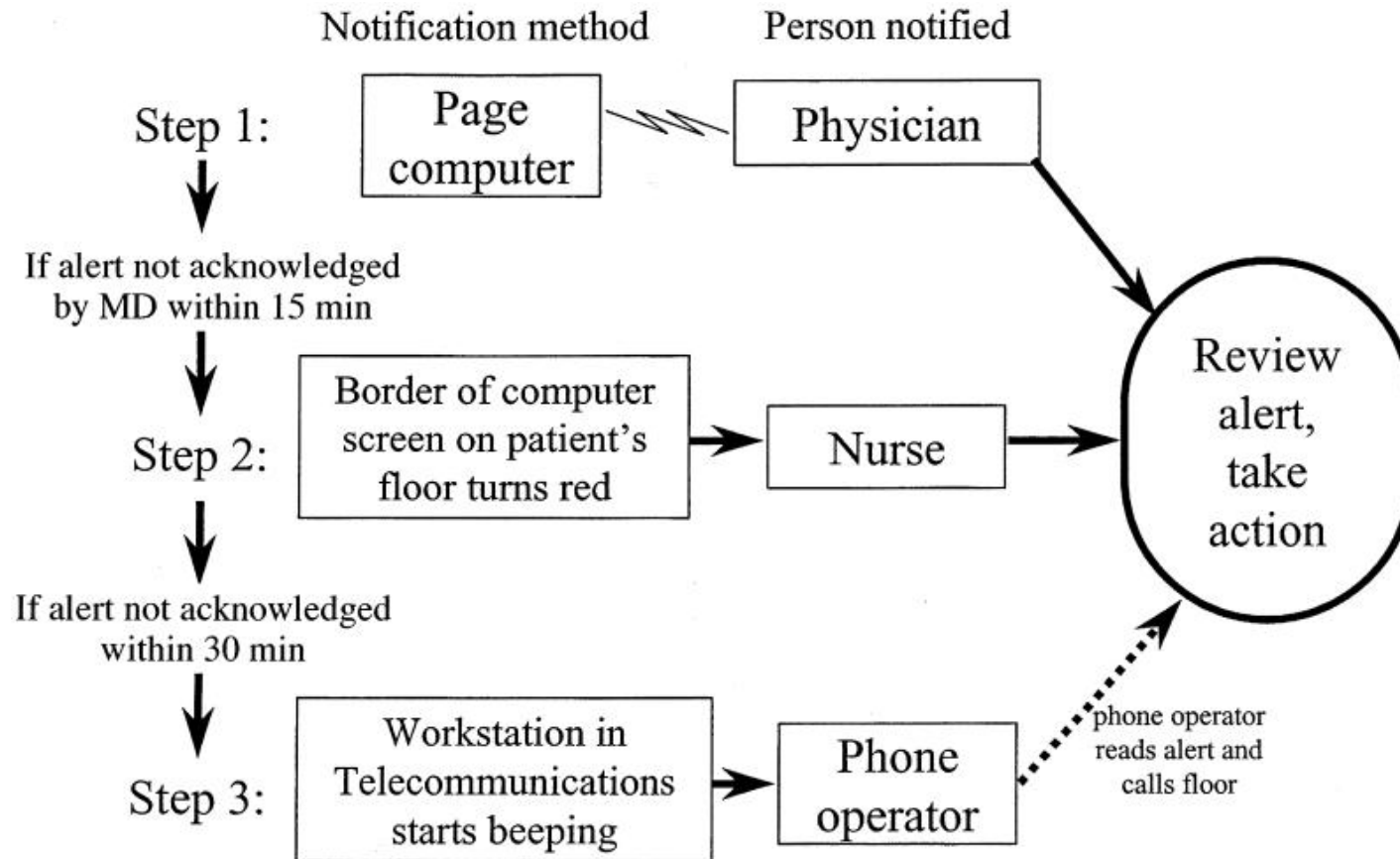
Rule	Alerting Criterion	No.* (%)
1	Hematocrit has fallen 10% or more since last result and is now less than 26% [‡]	38 (19.8)
2	Serum glucose is greater than or equal to 400 mg/dL	34 (17.7)
3	Hematocrit has fallen 6% or more since previous result, and has fallen faster than 0.4% per hour since last result, and is now less than 26% and the patient is not on the cardiac surgery service [‡]	32 (16.7)
4	Serum potassium is greater than or equal to 6.0 mEq/L	32 (16.7)
5	Serum potassium has fallen 1.0 mEq/L or more over the last 24 hours and is now less than 3.2 mEq/L [‡]	29 (15.1)
6	Serum potassium less than 3.3 mEq/L and patient has an active order for digoxin [‡]	15 (7.8)



Design of the Alerting System



Fail-Safe Notification Sequence



"Alerts" Screen: Emphasizing an Abnormality

Pod Summary for 10A Current user: KUPERMAN,GILAD J

Alerts

You are Kuperman, Gilad J ↓

There are new alerts on these patients. Mark one and
<Enter> to deal with it now, or <Esc> to skip them all.

09:20 AM 12/01	9C-571 119-37-80-2	_____	, A	FALLING CRIT
07:45 AM 12/01	12B-392 123-64-28-7	_____	, M	HYPERGLYCEMIA

OK Cancel

<F1> Info. <Esc> Cancel.

Systems menu

Enter your key to log in: []



View PtLookup

Patient: XXXXXXXX,XXXXX 79F 00000000 Adm: 06/30/98 Room: 14A-202
Time: 03:48 PM Jul 2, 1998 Alert #1000315 14A phone: x7910
Alert: DANGEROUSLY LOW SERUM POTASSIUM

Reason: (BLOOD) K = 2.9 at 11:24am, 07/02/98. VERIFIED.
Patient is currently on DIGOXIN .

Relevant medications and lab results: [<alert Details>](#)
Change DIGOXIN PO to 0.125 MG PO QD HOLD IF: hr < 55 (07/02)
LASIX 40 MG PO QD Starting ON 7/2/98 (07/02) (07/01)

Act- []A D/C or EDIT relevant medications
ions:[]B Order POTASSIUM CHLORIDE IV
[]C Order KCL IMMEDIATE REL. PO
[]D Order KCL SLOW REL. PO
[]E Order set: STAT EKG
[]F Order set: STAT K
[]G Exit to order entry

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Alert Evaluation

Uiew **P**tLookup

Alert Evaluation

Please check one or more.

- A.☒ I will take action as a result of this message
- B.☐ I was already aware of this condition
- C.☐ This information is interesting but I won't do anything differently
- D.☐ Alert is incorrect (data do not reflect patient's true condition)
- E.☐ None of the above (Please leave comment)

Press M for Comments

M. Comments

Ok Contact Gil Kuperman, M.D. at x0549 or Bp#1783 for immediate concerns.

Please type the letter or letters that best describe alert.

Enter A, B, C, D or E. Enter M to go to the comments box.



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Table 2

Criteria Used by Reviewers to Determine the Time Appropriate Treatment Was Ordered

Alert Type	Examples of Appropriate Treatment
Low or falling sodium	Isotonic or hypertonic solution intravenously, fluid restriction, demeclocycline
High sodium	Isotonic or hypotonic solution intravenously
Low or falling potassium, or low potassium with patient on digoxin	Potassium replacement (intravenous or oral)
High potassium	Discontinue potassium 50% dextrose with insulin Furosemide Bumetanide Discontinue spironolactone or triamterene Kayexalate (sodium polystyrene sulfonate) Sodium bicarbonate



Impact of the Intervention

	Intervention (N = 94)	Control (N = 97)	P-value
<hr/>			
Time Until Rx Ordered (hrs)			
Median	1 .0	1.6	0.003
Mean	4 .1	4.6	0.003
Time Until Condition resolved			
Median	8.4	8.9	0.11
Mean	14.4	20.2	0.11

Partners Health Systems: 20 Types of CDS

- Drug-Drug Interactions
- Drug-Pregnancy
- **Drug-Laboratory**
- Drug-Disease
- Drug-Utilization
- Duplicate Therapy
- Food-Drug Interactions
 - Nephros (Renal Dosing)
 - Gerios (Geriatric Dosing)
 - Insulin Ordering
- **Comparable feature in Epic**
 - *Partially supported in Epic*
- Chemotherapy (includes oral and investigational)
- **Order sets**
- **Clinician Reminders**
- Patient Reminders
- Health Monitoring
- **Critical Lab Results**
- **Relevant Lab Results**
- Immunization Schedules
 - Family History
 - Problem list refinement

Knowledge Asset	Type	Epic Capability	Content Gap
KnowledgeLink - Infobutton manager: ~650 rules	Reference: local	P	TBD
Partners Handbook - POC web portal	Reference: local	x	TBD
Knowledge Management Portal	Reference: local	x	TBD
Clinical Reminders - disease management and preventive care: ~340 rules; outpatient	Rule: local	✓	TBD
Drug-Pregnancy Alerts: ~687 rules; outpatient	Rule: custom	✓	TBD
→ Drug-Laboratory Alerts: ~440 rules; outpatient	Rule: custom	✓	TBD
Drug-Disease Alerts: ~509 rules; outpatient	Rule: custom	✓	TBD
Drug-Utilization Alerts: ~12 rules; outpatient	Rule: local	✓	TBD
Health Monitoring: ~70 rules; outpatient	Rule: local	✓	TBD
→ Critical Laboratory Alerts: ~70 rules + 175 (new); results review	Rule: local	✓	TBD
Problem List Dictionary: ~4,000 concepts from SNOMED CT with ICD mappings; in/outpatient	Dictionary: custom	✓	TBD
Problem List Classification Subsets: ~501 problem classes using SNOMED/ICD/CPT; in/outpatient	Dictionary: local	✓	TBD
Immunization Schedule Reminders: ~370 rules; outpatient	Rule: local	✓	TBD
Maple - Problem-list reminders: ~70 rules; outpatient	Rule: local	P	TBD
Documentation Flowsheets: ~5 templates + 400 concepts; outpatient	Template: local	✓	TBD
Master Drug Dictionary (MDD): ~8,600 customized medication concepts; 3,500+ non-commercially available medications; in/outpatient	Dictionary: local	✓	TBD
MMIDL - Medication Concept Mappings: 15,700 mappings to First Databank and RxNorm	Dictionary: local	P	TBD
Outpatient neonatal dosing dictionary: 60 orderable medication concepts; outpatient	Dictionary: local	✓	TBD
Drug-Drug Interaction Knowledge Base (DDI): ~10,000 rules; in/outpatient	Rule: local	✓	TBD
Duplicate Therapy Alerts: 23 duplicate therapy categories; in/outpatient	Rule: custom	✓	TBD
Nephros - Drug Dosing in Renal Insufficiency: 400 dosing rules; in/outpatient	Rule: local	P	TBD

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Inpatient Phlebotomy

- Centralized phlebotomy services
 - 375,000 venipunctures per year
 - 50% of inpatient draws (non-central line draws)
- Until recently, order entry and eMAR existed, but there was no electronic order communication with LIS
 - Paper requisitions were utilized
 - Specimens relabeled in the lab

Positive Patient Identification (PPID) System

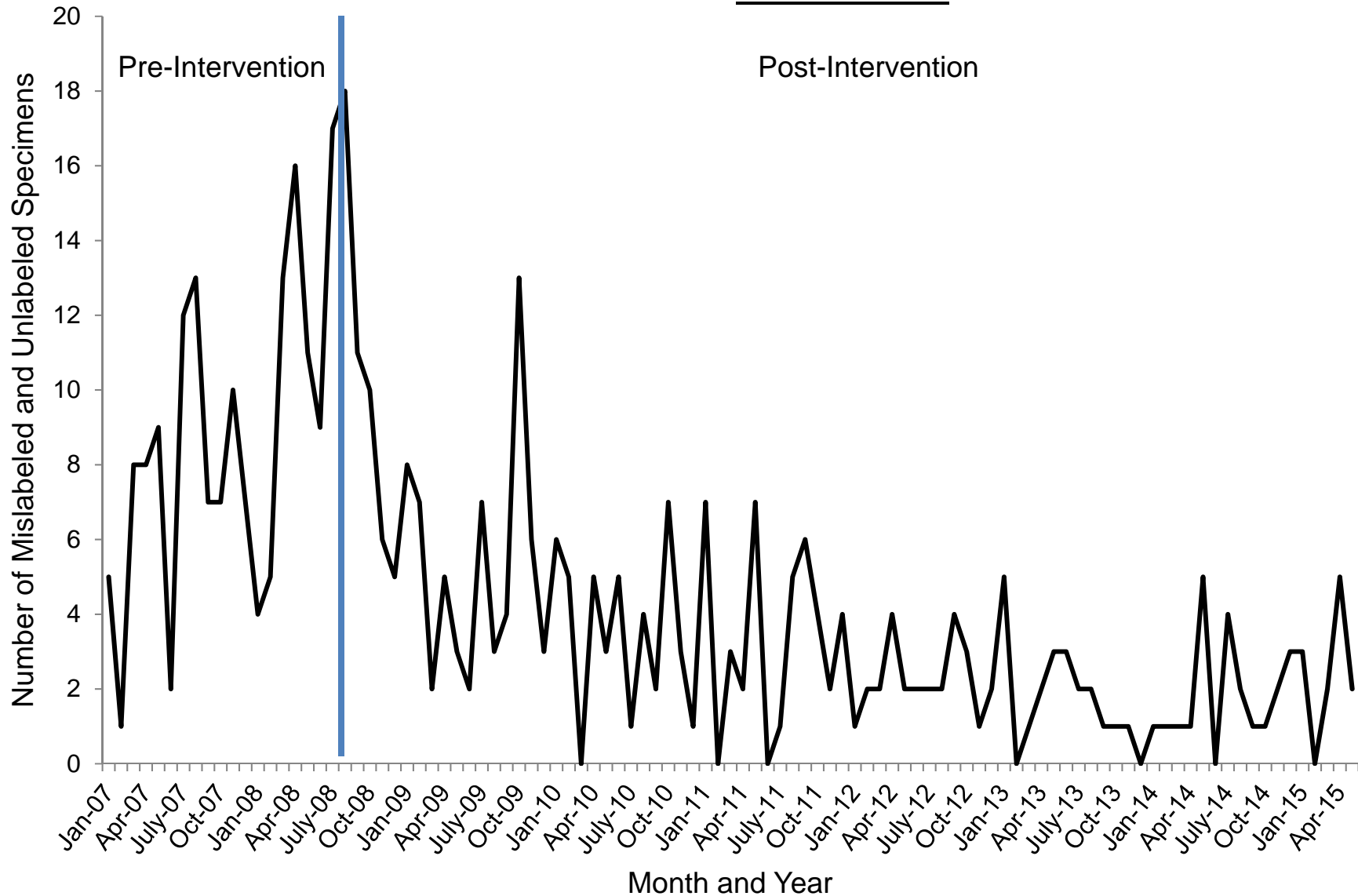
- Decreased the number of mislabeled/unlabeled specimens
- Enhanced compliance with the Joint Commission standards
 - All patients identified using 2 patient identifiers
 - Specimens labeled at the bedside
- Implemented stand-alone Lattice system in inpatient phlebotomy in August 2008

Positive Patient Identification (PPID)



1. Scan Patient for PPID, 2. Collect Tubes, 3. Scan Phlebotomist, 4. Print and Label Tubes at Bedside

Phlebotomy Mislabeled and Unlabeled Specimens Pre vs Post Electronic Stand-Alone PPID



Introduction of Order Communication System

- Sunquest LIS in Nov 2014
- Epic HIS in May 2015
- Order communication between Epic and Sunquest
 - Limit the number of paper requisitions
 - Reduce specimen re-labeling
- Fully integrated PPID system (Sunquest Collection Manager)
 - Sunquest labels at the bedside
 - Collection and processing instructions shown
 - Use of Collection Manager by nursing, ED, outpatient phlebotomy and procedural areas

Phlebotomy Hardware



All inpatients and
larger outpatient sites



Sunquest Collection Manager

Use scroll bar and +/- icons to navigate screen

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for Sunquest Collection Manager. At the top, there is a status bar with 'Patient Id', signal strength, volume, and a time of 1:03. Below this is a blue header with 'Account:'. A text input field contains the account number '2000200323'. The main content area displays a list of patient information: 'MRN: 80002168' (highlighted in green), 'Name: SAMPLETWO,PATIENT', 'Sex: M', 'Age: 34Y', 'DOB: 02/11/1981', 'Account: 2000200323' (highlighted in green), 'Loc: BWFNUR6S/624-1', and 'Attending Phys: EPICUNKN'. A red arrow points to the patient name. At the bottom, there are two green buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Confirmed'. The 'Confirmed' button is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the buttons is a dock with icons for Windows, Help, a keyboard, and OK.

Verify that correct patient is displayed

Tap Confirmed

Collection Screen

Patient

information

Collect 2:02

80002168 - SAMPLETWO,PATIENT -
2000200323
BWFNUR6S/624-1
T10008580 - 14:30 03/1
BMP : BASIC METABO
CID: E267000235

Containers: 2

Type	ID	AN
✓PST	E267...	T1...
✓LAV	E267...	T1...

Labels
Temp

Done

Edit Help OK

Ordered tests

Collect 2:03

BMP : BASIC METABO
CID: E267000235
LIPP : LIPID PANEL
CID: E267000235
AXCBC : CBC
CID: E267000235

Containers: 2

Type	ID	AN
✓PST	E267...	T1...
✓LAV	E267...	T1...

Labels
Temp

Done

Edit Help OK

Tube
types
Listed
in
correct
Order
of
draw

Print Labels – Label Specimens

Collect 2:12

BMP : BASIC METABOLIC
CID: E267000235
LIPP : LIPID PANEL
CID: E267000235
AXCBC : CBC
CID: E267000235

Containers: 2

Type	ID	AN
✓ PST	E267...	T1...
✓ LAV	E267...	T1...

Labels

Temp

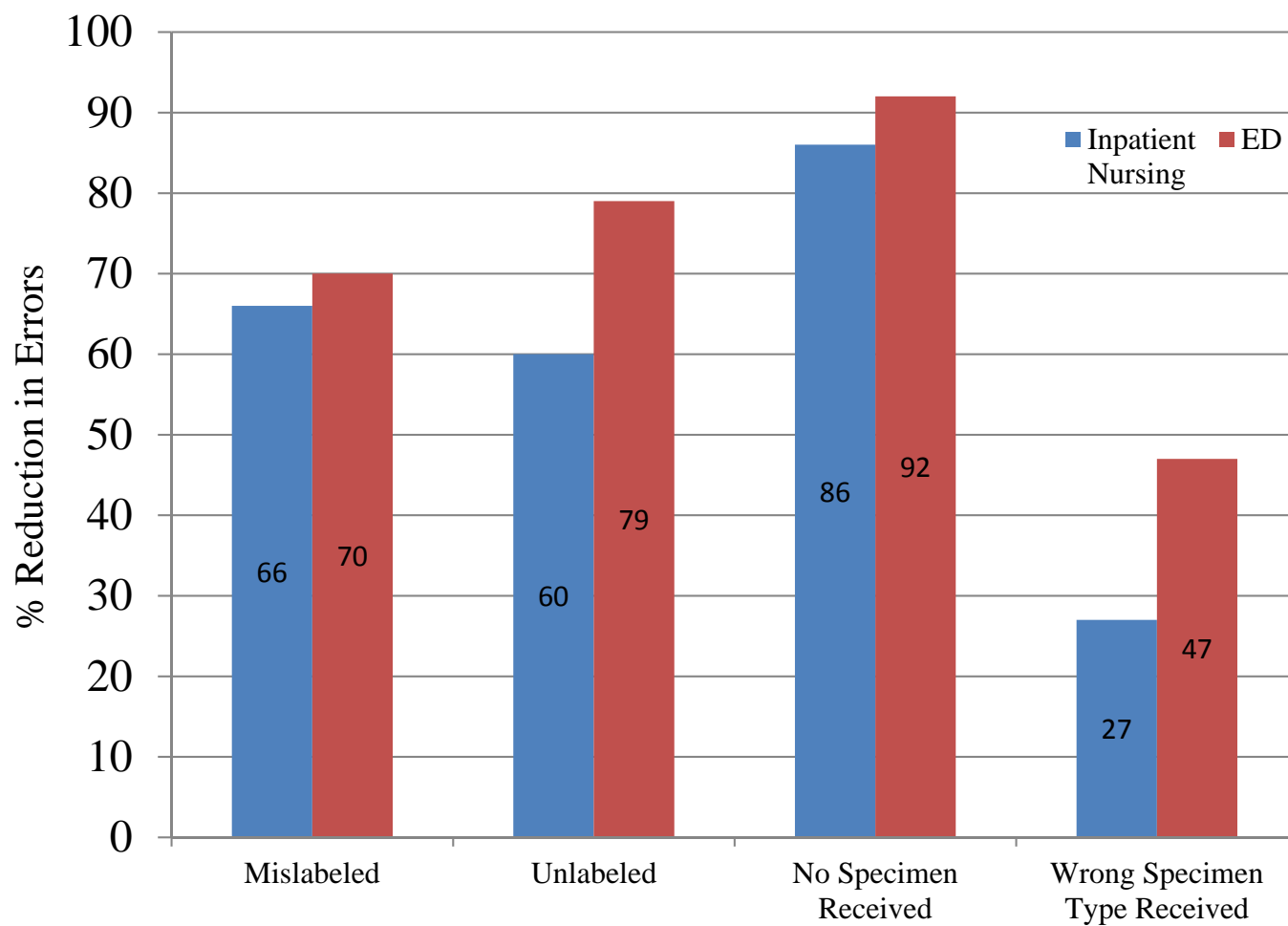
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You must click on
Labels first and
Label all specimens

When specimens
Are labeled – click
Done

Reduction of Pre-analytical Errors Pre- vs. Post-Epic
in Inpatient Nursing and ED
(Aug-Oct 2014 and Aug- Oct 2015)



Conclusions

Computerized, physician order entry-driven CDS *integrated with the LIS* can decrease costs and improve quality of care by providing either *physician or patient-specific* :

- Redundant reminders
- Clinical context -derived guidelines for appropriate testing
- Guidelines for appropriate timing of blood collections
- Computerized communication of important abnormal findings in the context of changing clinical status and/or treatment
- Ensuring PPID and providing accurate specimen collection instructions

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