

# Six Sigma and Risk Management in Health Care

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# Agenda

- **Six Sigma** basics (The Juran Trilogy, DMAIC)
- Useful tools (Flow charts, Pareto charts, control charts)
- IHI
- SSM example
- **Risk Management**
- Risk Management examples

# Who implements Six Sigma ?

Abbott Labs, Adolph Coors, Advanced Micro Devices, Aerospace Corp, Alcoa, Allen Bradley, Allied Signal, Ampex, Apple Computers, Applied Magnetics, Atmel, Baxter Pharmaseal, Beatrice Foods, Bell Helicopter, Boeing, Bombardier, Borden, Bristol Meyers - Squibb, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Campbell Soup, Cellular 1, Chevron, Citicorp, Clorox, Cooper Ind, Dannon, Delnosa, Digital Equipment Corp, DTM Corp, Eastman Kodak, Electronic Systems Center, Empak, Florida Dept. of Corrections, Ford Motor Company, GEC Marconi, General Dynamics, General Electric, Glaxo Smith Kline, Hazeltine Corp, Hewlett packard, Holly Sugar, Honeywell, Intel, Junior Achievement, Kaiser Aluminum, Kraft General Foods, Larson & Darby, Inc, Laser Magnetic Storage, Lear Astronics, Lenox China, Littton Data Systems, Lockheed Martin, Loral, Los Alamos National labs, Martin Marietta, McDonnell Douglas, Merix, Microsoft, Morton Int'l, **Motorola**, NASA, Nat'l Institute of Corrections, Nat'l Institute of Standards, Nat'l Semiconductor, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, NovoNordisk Northrop Corp, PACE, Parkview Hospital, Pentagon, Perrigo, Pharmacia, PRC, Inc, Qualified Specialists, Ramtron Corp, Rockwell Int'l, Rohm & Haas, Seagate, Society of Plastics Engineers, Serono, Solar Optical, Sony, Star Quality, Storgae Tek, Symbios Logic, Synthes, Technicomp, Tessco, Texaco, Texas Commerce Bank, Texas Dept. of Transportation, Texas Instruments, Titleist, Trane, TRW, Ultratech Stepper, United technologies, UPS, USAA, Verbatim, Walbro Automotive, Walker parking, Woodward Governor, Xerox,

# Why Six Sigma?

“At Motorola we use statistical methods daily throughout all of our disciplines **to synthesize an abundance of data to derive concrete actions....**

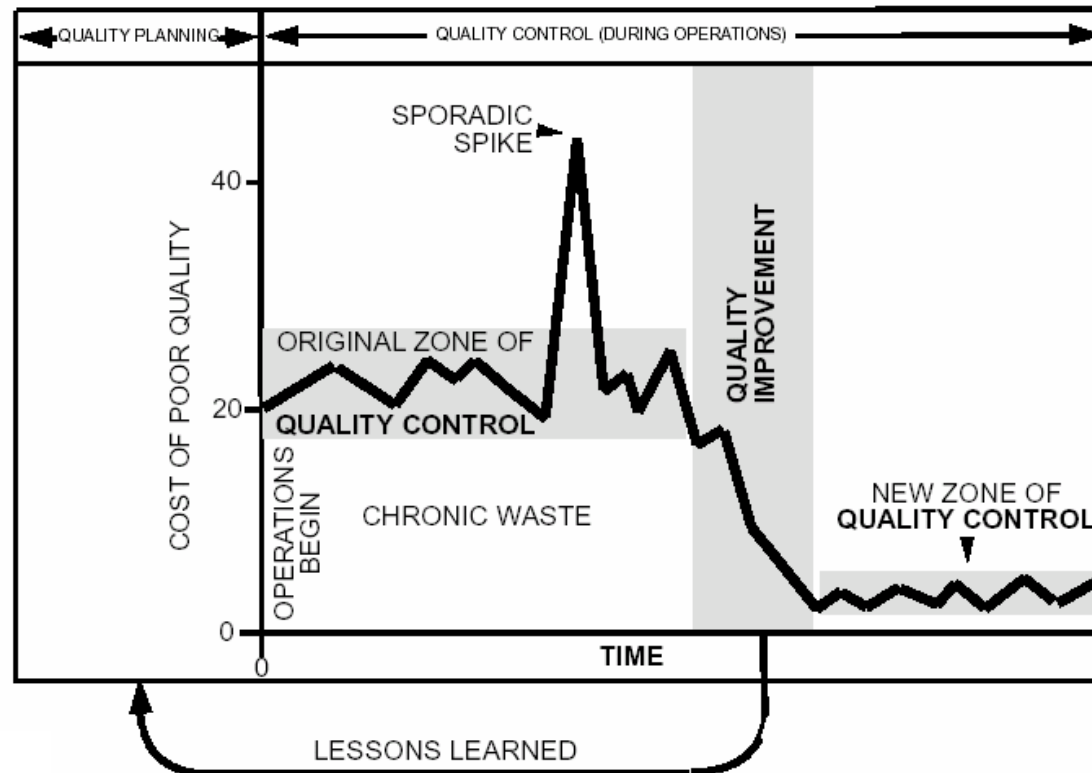
How has the use of statistical methods within Motorola Six Sigma initiative, across disciplines, contributed to our growth? Over the past decade **we have reduced in-process defects by over 300 fold**, which has resulted in a cumulative manufacturing **cost savings of over 11 billion dollars**”\*.

Robert W. Galvin  
Chairman of the Executive Committee  
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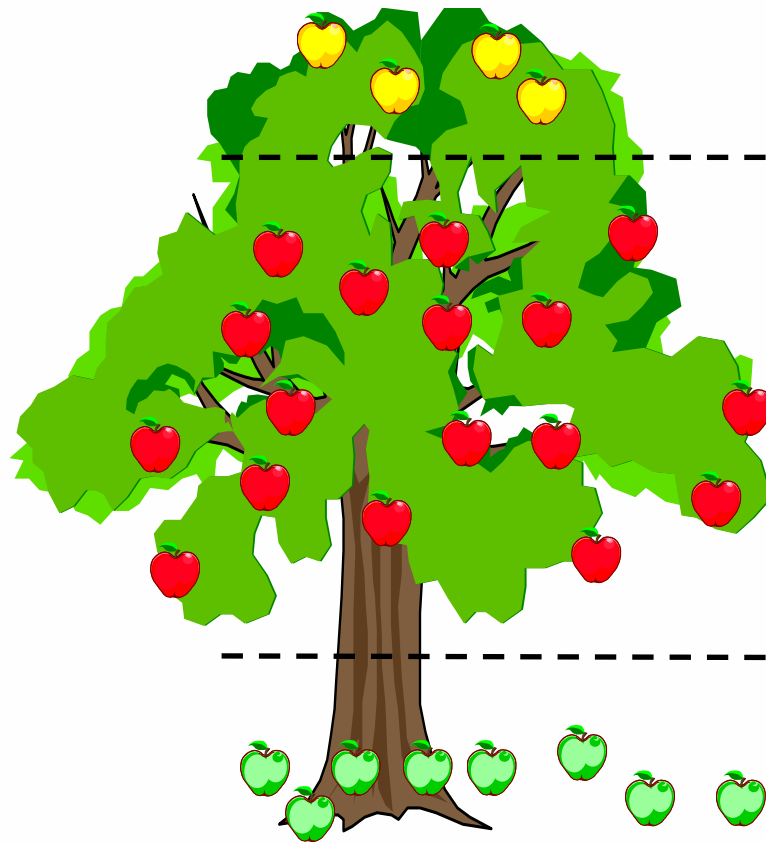
\*From the forward to MODERN INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS  
by Kenett and Zacks, Duxbury, 1998

# The Juran Trilogy: Planning, Improvement and Control\*



# Six Sigma projects

Degree of Difficulty



## Sweet Fruit

(Quality by Design Projects)

## Bulk of Fruit

(Process Characterization  
and Optimization Projects)

## Six Sigma Projects

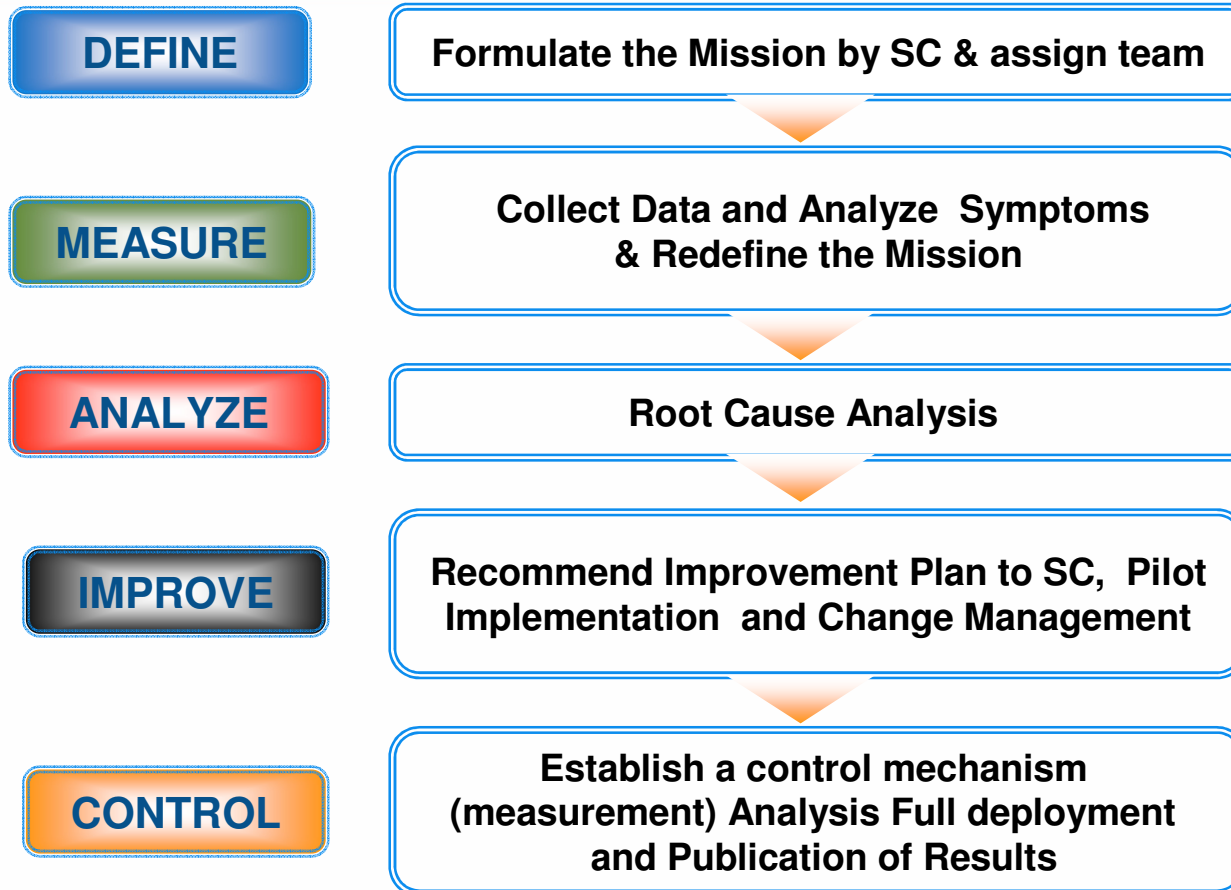
## Low Hanging Fruit

(Seven Basic Tools Projects)

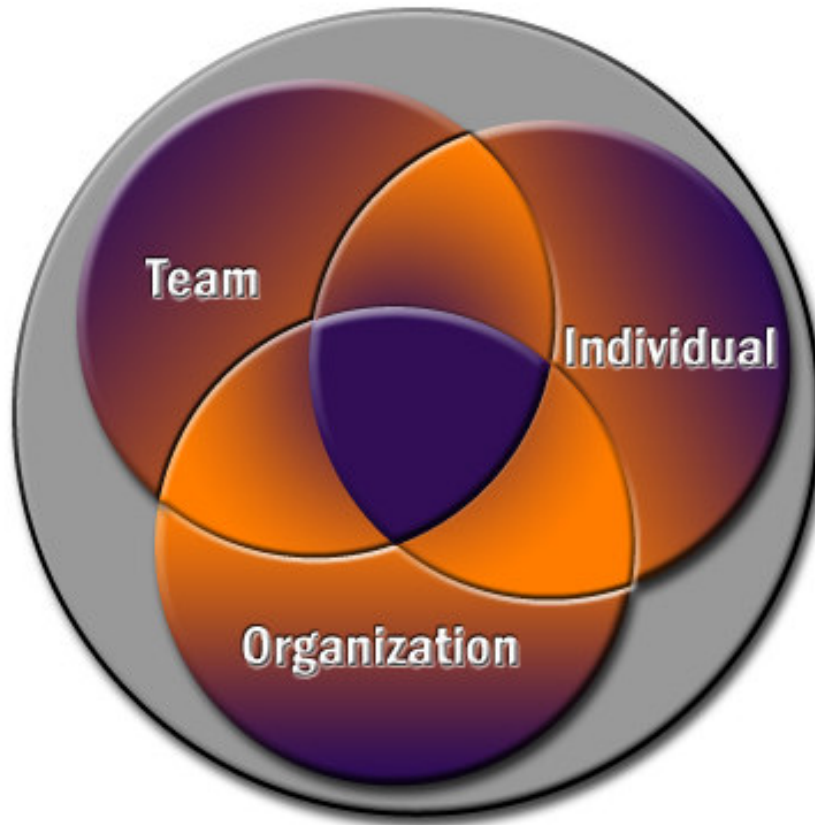
## Ground Fruit

(Logical Projects)

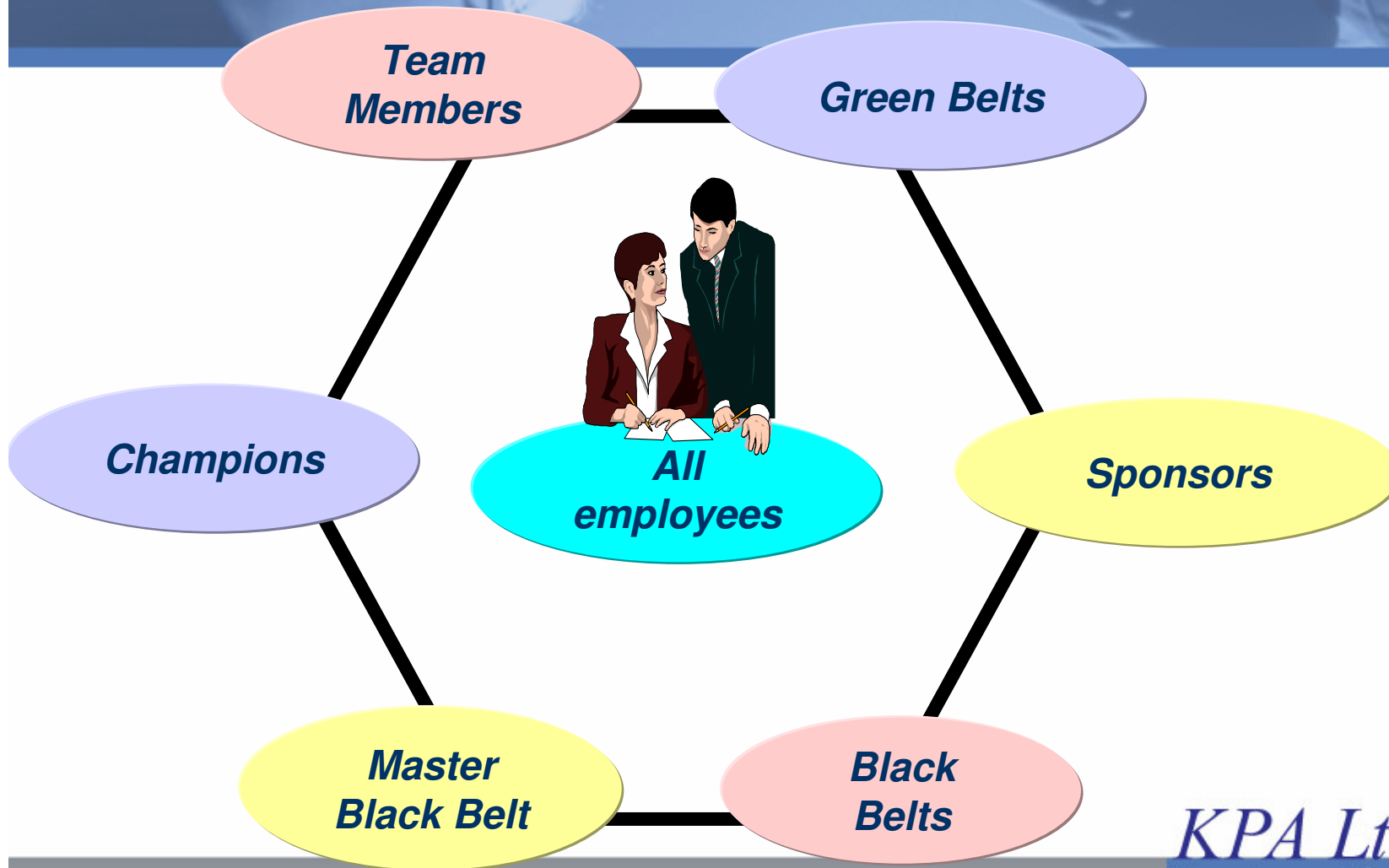
# Six Sigma methodology: DMAIC



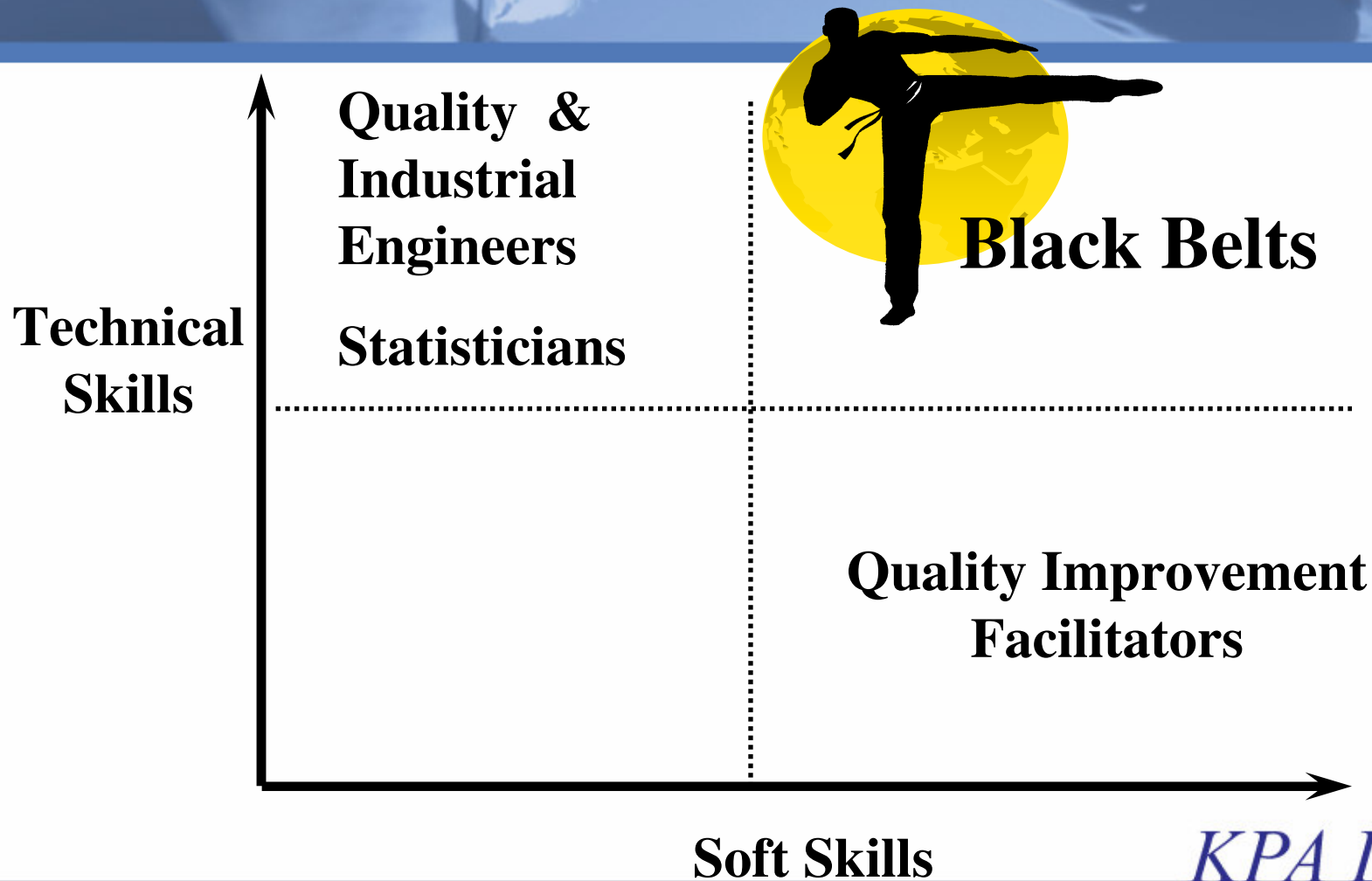
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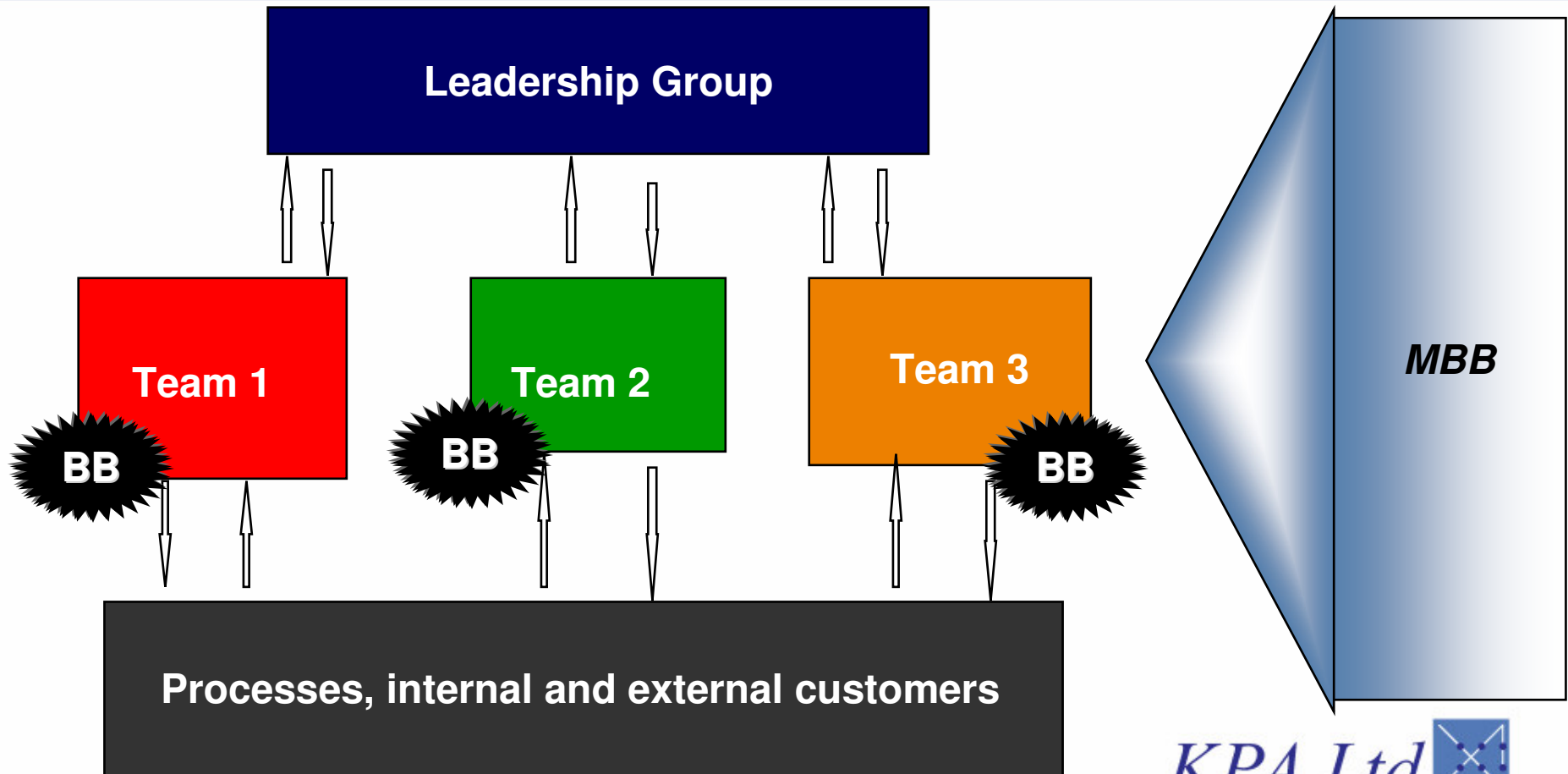
# Six Sigma Key Players



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# Six Sigma Organizational Structure



# An example



Medicine



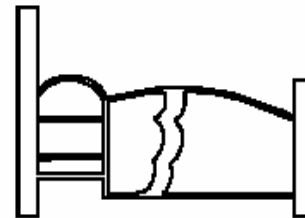
Surgery



Nursing



Catheter



Bed

# US statistics

## Report Finds Drug Errors Hurt 1.5 Million a Year



AFX.COM

July 21, 2006

More than 1.5 million Americans are injured every year by drug errors in hospitals, nursing homes and doctor's offices, a count that doesn't even estimate patients' own medication mix-ups, says a report that calls for major steps to increase patient safety.

Topping that list: All prescriptions should be written electronically by 2010, the Institute of Medicine said. At least a quarter of all medication-related injuries are preventable, the institute concluded in the report it released Thursday.

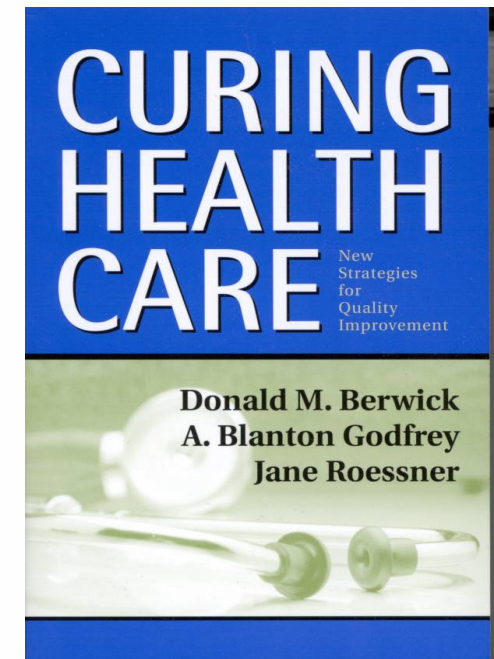
Perhaps the most stunning finding of the report was that, on average, a hospitalized patient is subject to at least one medication error per day, despite intense efforts to improve hospital care in the six years since the institute began focusing attention on medical mistakes of all kinds.

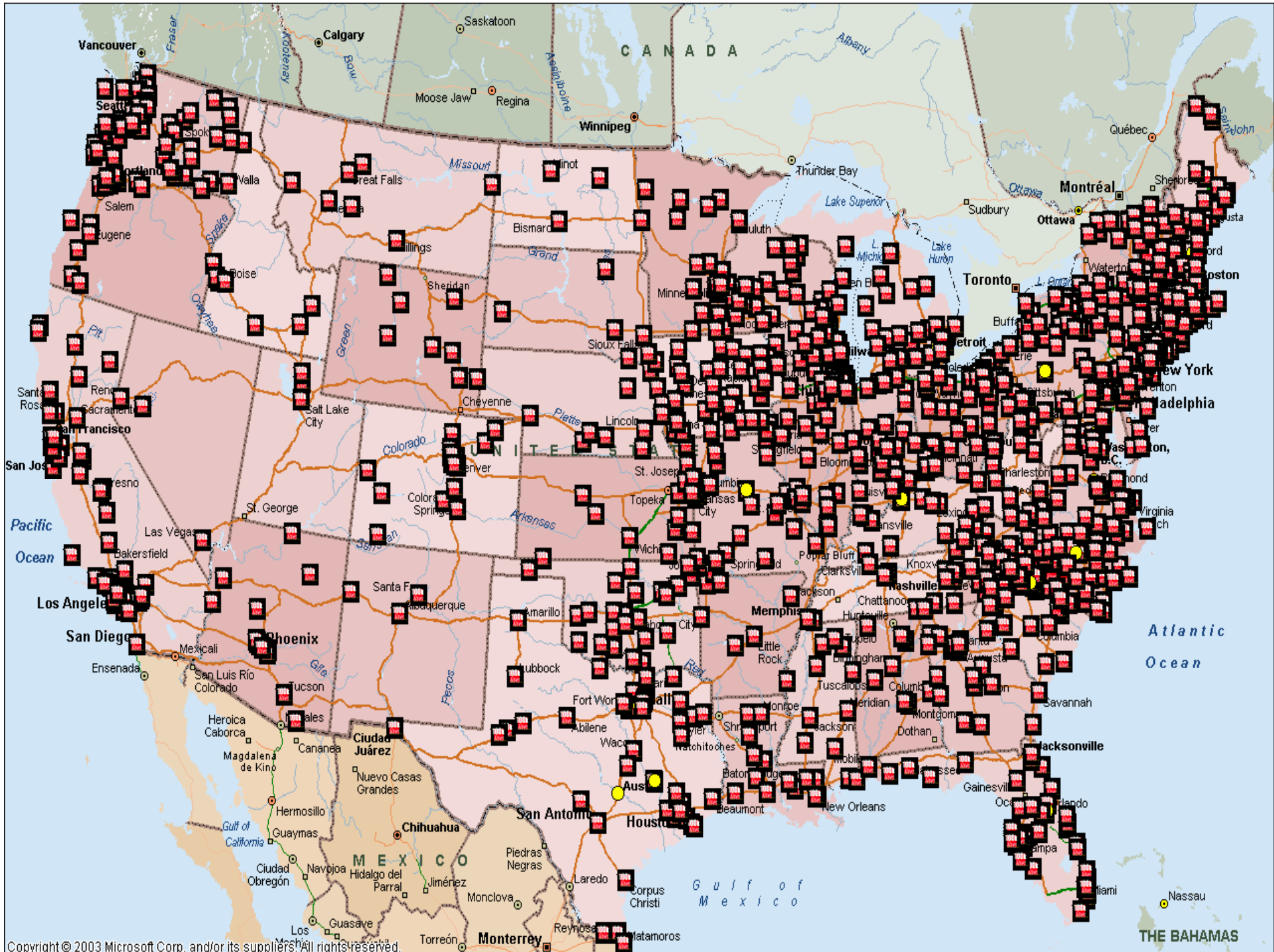
The new probe couldn't say how many victims of drug errors die. A 1999 estimate put the number of deaths, conservatively, at 7,000 a year. Also unknown is how many of the injuries are serious.

But a preventable drug error can add more than \$5,800 to the hospital bill of a single patient. Assuming that hospitals commit 400,000 preventable drug errors each year, that's \$3.5 billion—not counting lost productivity and other costs—from hospitals alone, the report concluded.

# The Institute for Healthcare Improvement

- National Demonstration Project for Improving the Quality of Healthcare (1987)
- Expansion of project to become IHI
- Impact on healthcare in the U.S. and the world.
- Over 2,200 hospitals enrolled in all 50 states (Nearly 50% of U.S. hospital beds)
- Results and examples available on **[www.ihl.org](http://www.ihl.org)**





**Some is not a number... soon is not  
a time**

**122,000 lives were saved**

***The Number:***

**100,000 Lives**

***The Time:***

**June 14, 2006 – 9 a.m. ET**

# New goal: 5 million fewer patients injured (not just killed)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement: Home - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.ihl.org/ihl

IHI.org A resource from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement

ACCELERATING IMPROVEMENT WORLDWIDE

People all over the world need better health care, and they ought to get it.

**IMPACT** Improvement/action

- Learn about IHI's network for change.
- See IMPACT sample results.
- Listen to a membership information call.

**5 Million Lives Campaign**

- Take a 5-minute feedback survey on National Action Day.
- Share your VAP results. Declare your Campaign improvement aims.
- Download new Campaign materials. Review the Data Submission How-to Guide.

**In the Spotlight**

- Reducing MRSA means meticulous use of the best infection control practices...and staying one step ahead.
- A small South African clinic tracking TB and HIV reminds us of some of the "simple rules" of improvement. Read the July blog.
- Greater board engagement with hospital quality and safety is gaining traction across the US.
- Jim Conway discusses the essential role of hospital boards in leading and accelerating safety and quality efforts.
- Don Berwick discusses why fundamental health care redesign is essential for the US in the latest in an audio series on health care quality.
- A new AHRQ report collects 150 practical examples that can help.

**What's New on IHI.org**

See the latest content posted to the site.

IHI.org RSS Feed [What is RSS?]

**Profiles in Improvement**

Who's improving health care? Listen to the story of Charles Barnett of the Seton Family of Hospitals.

**Free IHI Podcasts**

- Discussions with Don Berwick

# Six changes that save lives (from IHI)

- Deploy Rapid Response Teams
- Deliver Reliable, Evidence-Based Care for Acute Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attacks)
- Prevent Adverse Drug Events (ADEs)
- Prevent Central Line Infections
- Prevent Surgical Site Infections
- Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

# Examples of health care variables

- Lab turnaround time
- Days from positive mammogram to definitive biopsy
- Patient satisfaction scores
- Medication error counts
- Emergency service response times
- Infection rates
- Mortality rates
- Number of patient falls
- Post-operative length of stay
- “Door-to-needle” time .....and many others...

# Six Sigma goals

<u>Sigma</u>	<u>Defects Per Million</u>
1	690,000
2	308,000
(90% OK	100,000)
3	66,800
(99% OK	10,000)
4	6,210
5	230
6	3.4

Airline deaths ⇒

- > 6 Sigma = .000043% = 0.43 deaths per million passenger boardings

Airline baggage handling ⇒

- ~ 4 Sigma = 0.6 % = ~ 6,000 lost bags per million checked

ER missed diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction\* ⇒

- 2 - 4 Sigma = 2% - 8% = 20,000 - 80,000 missed diagnoses per million AMIs

\* NEJM, Vol 342, No 16

# The useful ten

- **Location Plots**
- **Pareto Charts**
- **Control Charts**
- Flowcharts
- Checksheets
- Histograms
- Ishikawa Diagrams (Cause-and-Effect Diagrams)
- Scatterplots
- Boxplots
- Bars, Stars, and Pies



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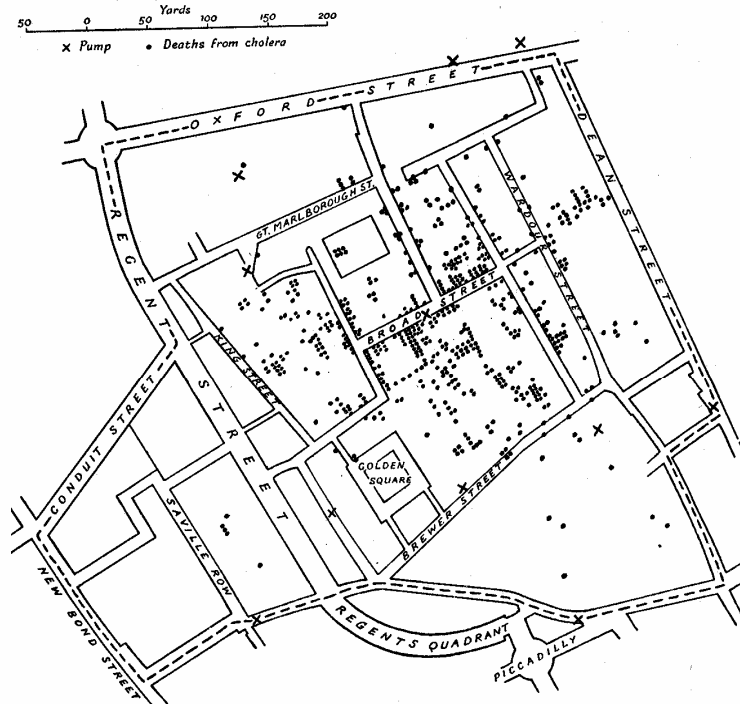
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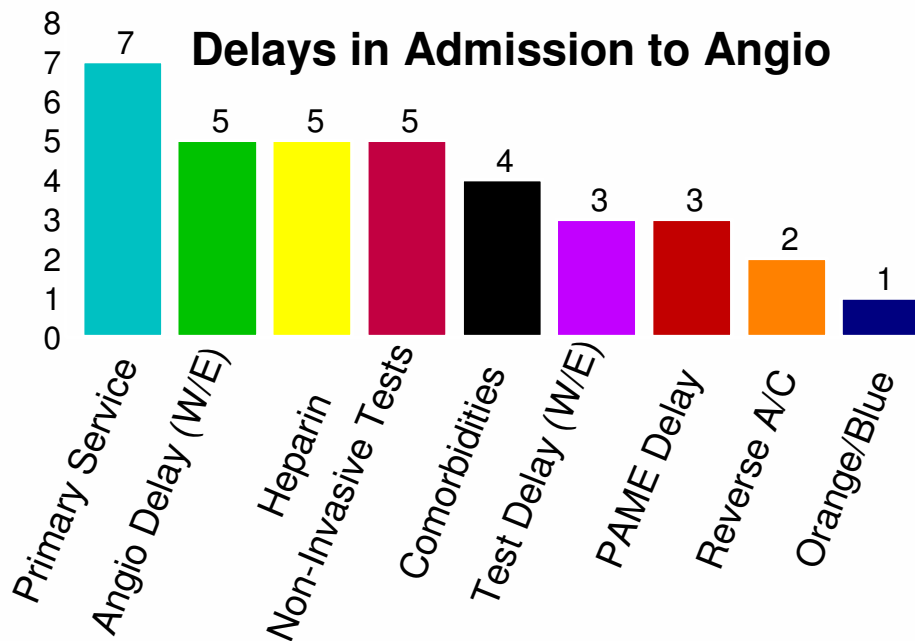
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# Location plots



- From NEJM: The origin of modern epidemiology:
- 1854, when John Snow demonstrated the transmission of cholera from contaminated water
- The majority of people who got ill used the Broad Street Pump in London's Golden Square
- He removed the pump handle from the polluted well and the spread of the disease stopped.

# Pareto charts



“...a man who has carefully investigated a printed table, finds, when done, that he has only a very faint and partial idea of what he has read; and that like a figure imprinted on sand, is soon totally erased and defaced.”

William Playfair (1786), *The Commercial and Political Atlas*



*"Through our exceptional health care services,  
we reveal the healing presence of God."*



## SSM Health Care — Leading the Way

Founded more than 130 years ago by Mother Mary Odilia Berger and sponsored today by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary

SSM Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in St. Louis, Mo, that provides primary, secondary, and tertiary health care services.

The system owns, manages, and is affiliated with 21 acute care hospitals and three nursing homes in four states: Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin.





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- In 1999, SSMHC started a clinical collaborative program with 4 teams to improve patient outcomes. By 2002, 85 teams have been involved in six clinical collaboratives.
- Physicians connected to an automated information system have increased steadily from 3,200 in 1999 to 7,288 in 2002.
- For four consecutive years, SSMHC has maintained an investment “AA Credit Rating”—a rating attained by fewer than 1 percent of U.S. hospitals.
- SSMHC’s share of the St. Louis market increased over each of the past three years to 18 percent, while three of its five competitors lost market share.



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## SSM Health Care — Improvement Projects

- Safely Reducing Cesarean Sections
- Improving Outcomes and Reducing Costs in Adult intensive Care
- Improving Outcomes and Reducing Costs for Adult Cardiac Surgery
- Reducing Medication Errors
- **Reducing Radiology Retakes**
- Idealized Design of Clinical Office Practices
- Care at the End of Life
- Improving Secondary Prevention of Ischemic Heart Disease
- Using Patient Information to Improve Care and Ensure Success
- Decreasing Readmissions for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure
- Achieving Exceptional Safety in Health Care

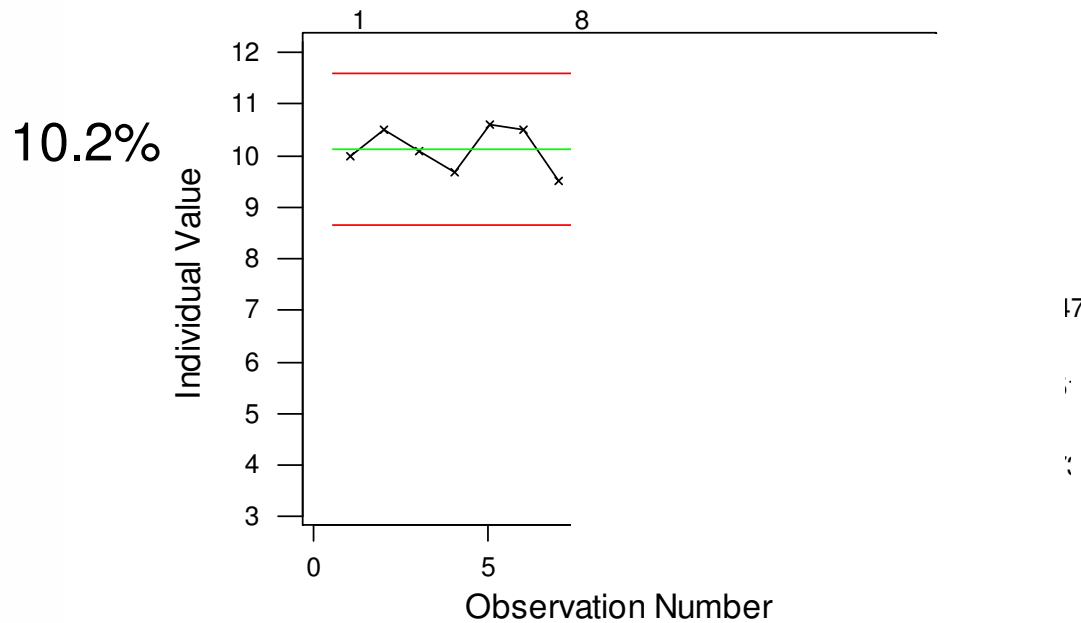


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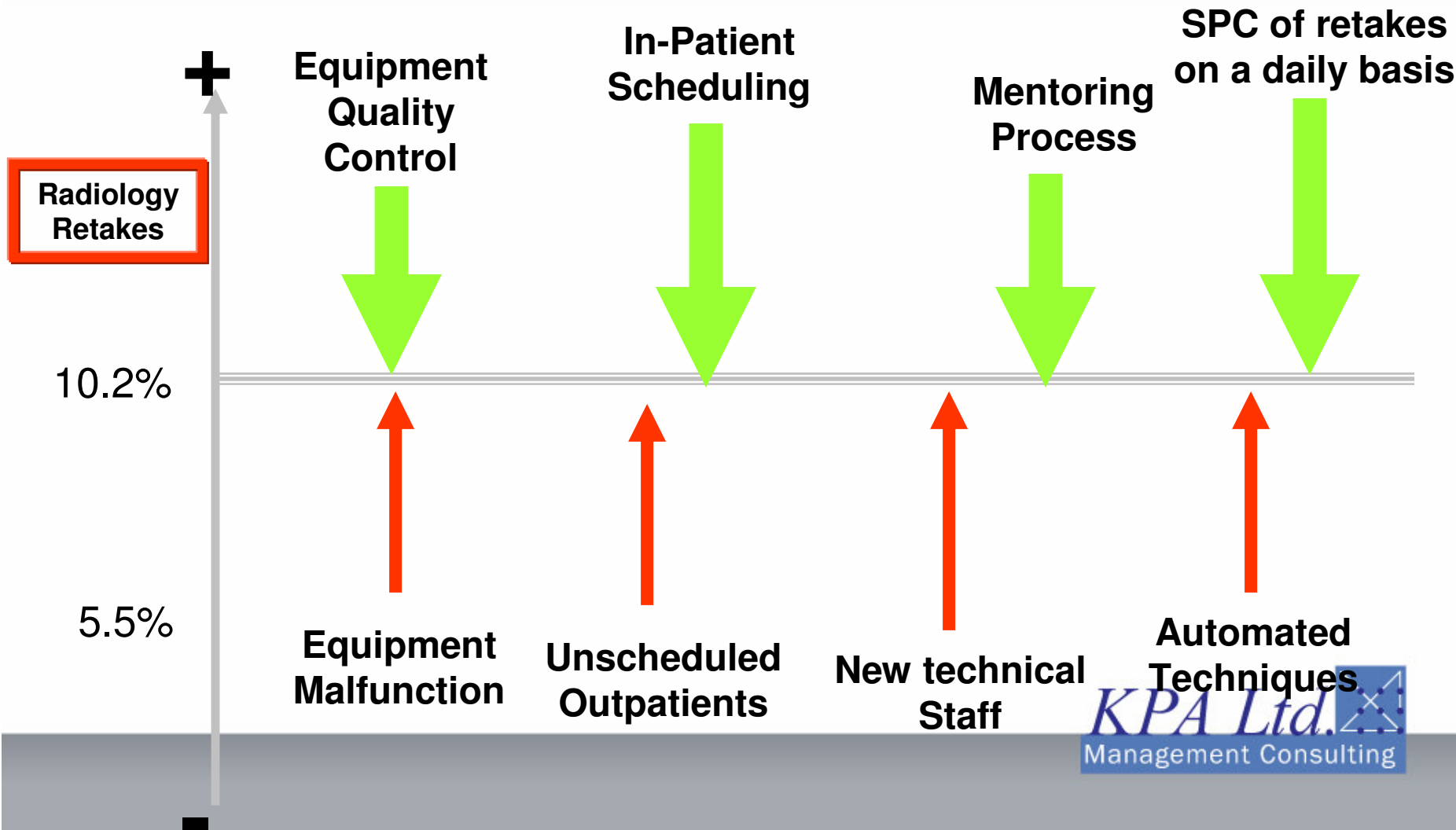
## Radiology Retakes

I Chart for Retakes by Month





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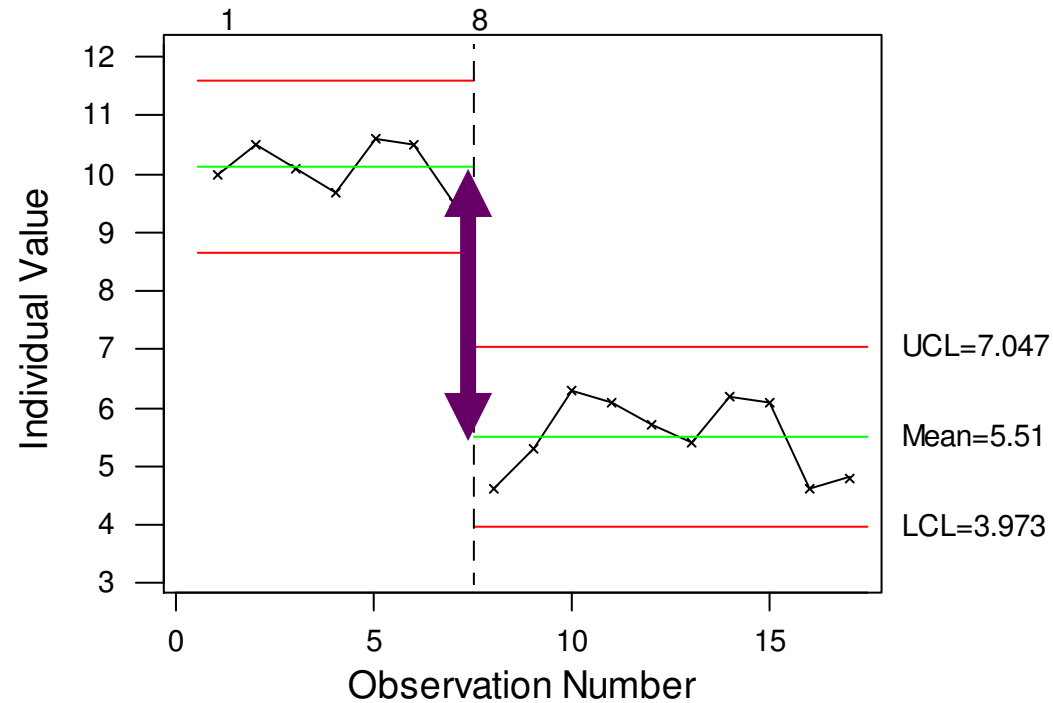


## Radiology Retakes

10.2%

5.5%

I Chart for Retakes by Month



# What did we cover so far

- Six Sigma basics
  - What, Who, Why
  - The Juran Trilogy
  - The DMAIC process
- Useful tools
- IHI achievements at the national level
- SSM example

## Risk Management in

R&D

Production

Testing

# Risk Management Methodology

Considers the type of risk and its effect on the person or organization

Is concerned with the attitude of the decision maker and the effects that this can have on the assessment of risk



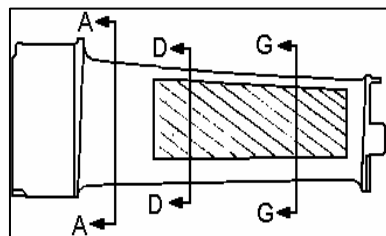
Isolates the source and type of risk

Evaluates the consequences and likelihood of risk using analytical techniques.

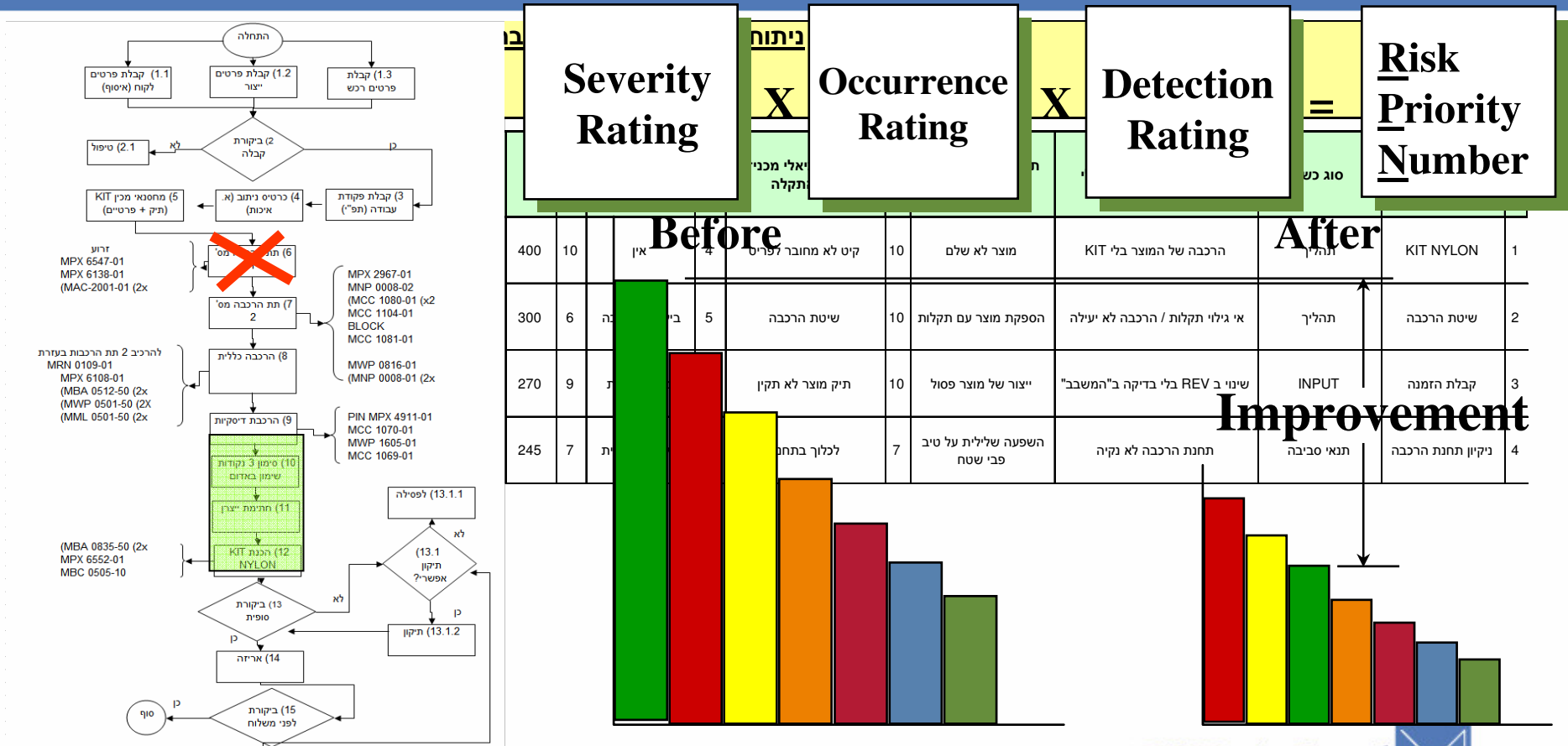
Considers how the risk should be managed



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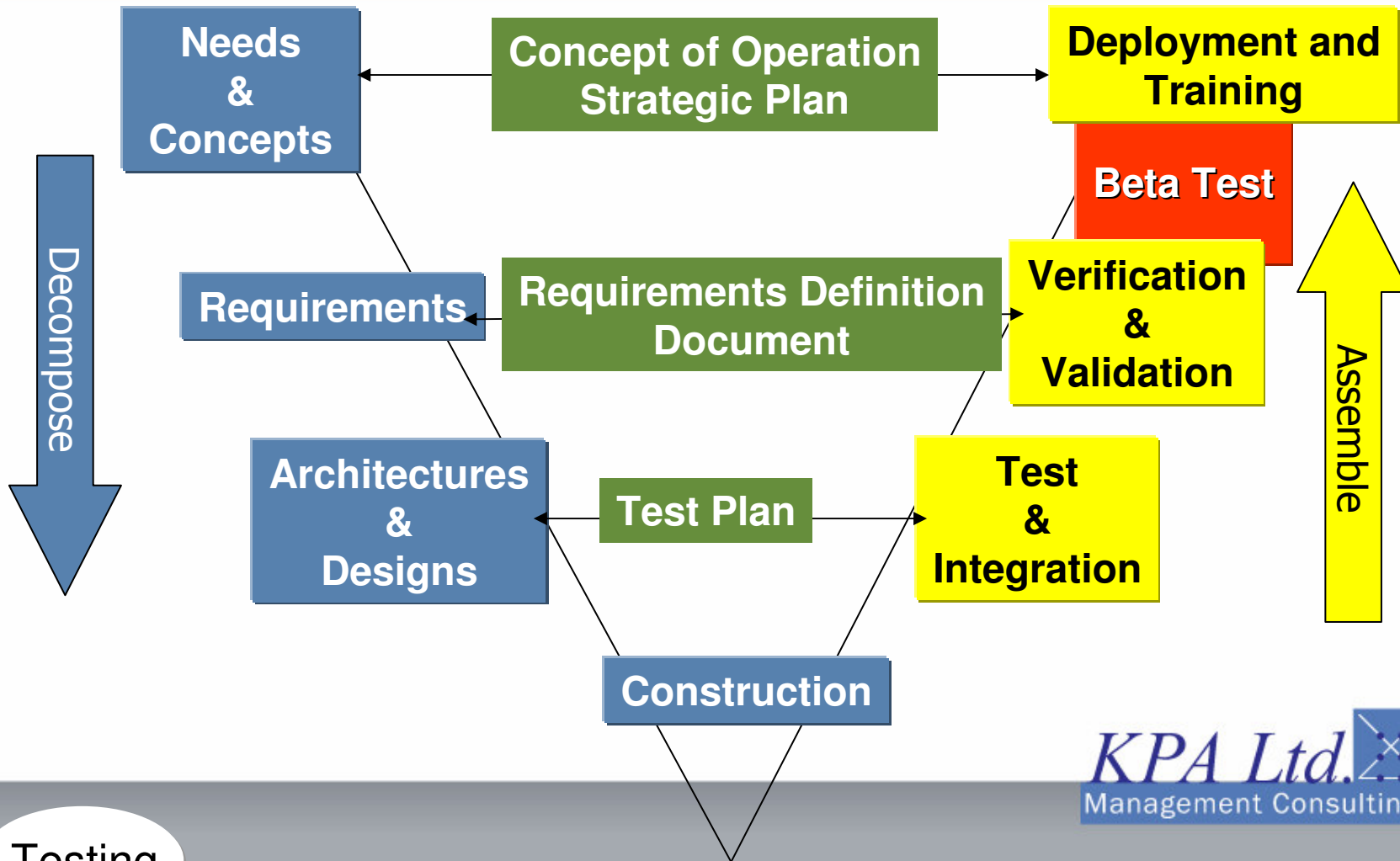


# Risk Management Methodology - Metalwork FMEA



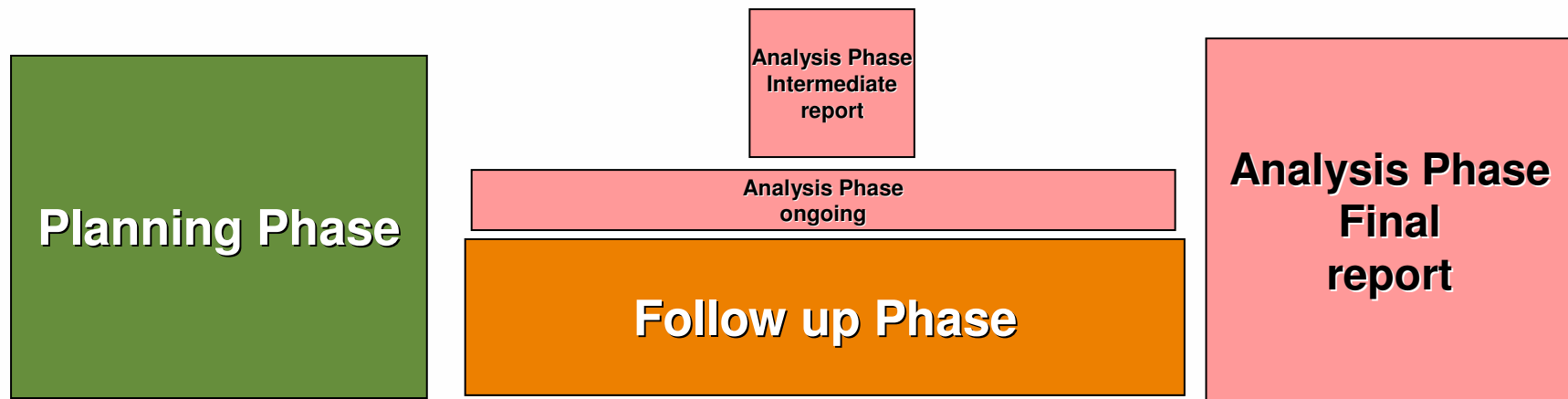
Production

# Risk Management Methodology - Beta testing



Testing

# Risk Management Methodology - Beta testing



Testing

# Risk Management Methodology - Beta testing

RATING	Schedule Impact		Cost Impact		Technical Impact	
	SLIP PROBABILITY	AMOUNT	PROBABILITY	AMOUNT	ALTERNATIVES	PERFORMANCE
0.9	Certain, program threatening	> 8 months	Certain, program threatening.	>9%	Cannot achieve.	Unacceptable.
0.8	Extensive, program threatening	> 7 months	Extensive, program threatening.	>8%	Redesign or alternate reqd to achieve.	Inadequate.
0.7	Probable program threat.	> 6 months	Probable program threat.	>7%	No adequate backup.	Significantly degraded.
0.6	Possible program threat.	> 5 months	Possible prog. threat.	>6%	Inferior backup.	Degraded.
0.5	Potential program threat.	> 4 months	Within uncertainty range.	>5%	Several adequate alternatives.	Reduced.
0.4	Serious subsystem slip with alternatives.	> 3 months	Well within acceptable range.	>4%	Several adequate alternatives.	Slight reduction.
0.3	Subsystem slip requires workaround.	> 2 months	Within budgeted range.	>3%	Adequate alternatives exist.	Minor reduction.
0.2	Minor subsystem slip.	> 1 month	Minor.	>2%	Many adequate alternatives.	Minor to none.
0.1	Possible minor slip, noncritical path.	> 1/2 months	Negligible.	>1%	Many adequate alternatives.	No significant impact.
0.0	No schedule impact.	None	None.	None	Many adequate alternatives.	None.

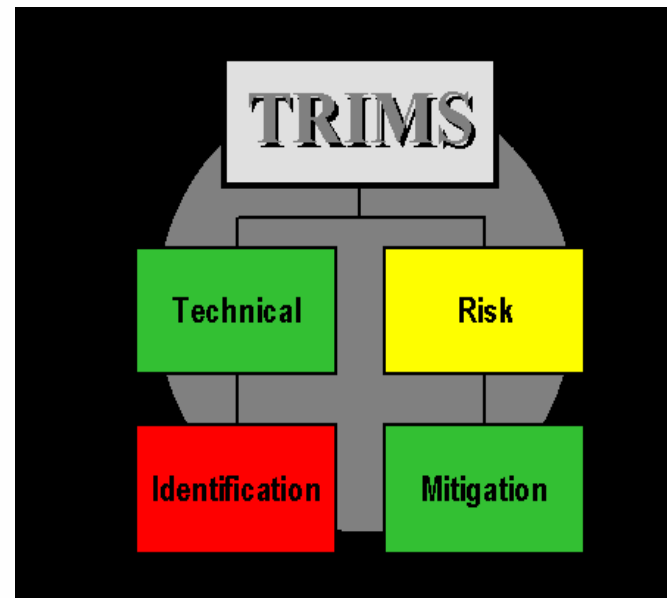
# Risk Management Methodology - Beta testing

RATING	SOFTWARE	TECHNOLOGY	HARDWARE	REQUIREMENTS	TESTING	FREQUENCY
0.9	Extensive new complex S/W for new untested applications.	Maximum technology/ maximum capability.	Theoretical design based on advanced research.	Good probability of significant deficiencies in meeting requirements.	Technology not tested.	Frequent * Likely to occur Frequently
0.8	Extensive S/W development, new approach, new language.	Theoretical technology.	New theoretical design.	Good probability of some moderate deficiencies in meeting all requirements.	Approach not tested.	** Continuously Experienced.
0.7	Extensive S/W development, - beyond experience base.	Newer technology.	All new design.	Moderate chance of moderate deficiencies in meeting all requirements.	Unimproved design has been tested.	Probable * Will occur several times in lifetime
0.6	Major changes in S/W development approach and application.	Available technology, feasible by analogy.	New design to moderately improve existing design.	Moderate chance of minor requirement deficiencies.	Other analogous items have been tested.	** Will occur frequently
0.5	Readily adaptable S/W approach, conversion from similar application, expanded to new application.	Existing technology and feasibility studies.	Major design change.	Some chance of minor requirement deficiencies.	Old design has been tested.	Occasional * Likely to occur Sometime in the life of an item
0.4	Extensive modification and tailoring of existing approach.	Proven technology and approach. Feasibility analysis complete.	Redesign, significant modifications.	Slight chance of minor requirement deficiencies.	Similar designs and technology have been tested.	** Will occur several times
0.3	Slightly modified approach, language conversion.	Proven technology and approach, used some by design agent.	Existing proven components, recombined or minor mods in function.	Should meet all requirements with little margin.	Limited testing done on existing components.	Remote * Unlikely, but possible to occur in life of an item
0.2	Some modification of existing S/W approach.	Proven technology and approach with significant design agent experience.	Existing proven components, repackaged and/or minor usage variation.	Should meet all requirements, and exceed many.	Testing has been done on existing components.	** Unlikely, but can be reasonably expected to occur
0.1	Minor revision and checkout of existing S/W.	Proven technology and approach with significant design agent experience.	Functional hardware. Mods in form only.	Will meet all requirements, exceeding many.	Thoroughly tested hardware.	Improbable * So unlikely, assume it may not occur
0.0	Use of existing, checked out S/W.	Off the shelf hardware proven to operational environments.	Functional hardware.	Will exceed all requirements with margin.	Thoroughly tested and exceed reqmts.	** Unlikely to occur but possible

Mil-Std-882B: \* Specific Individual Item \*\* Fleet or Inventory

Testing

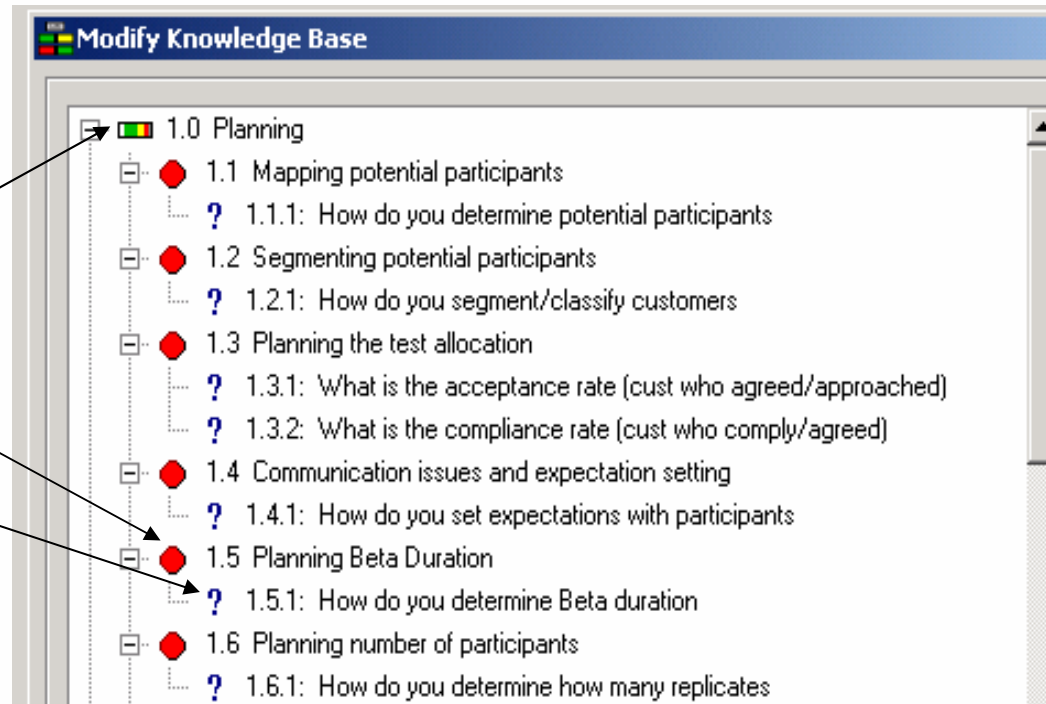
# Technical Risk Identification and Mitigation (TRIMS)



<http://www.bmpcoe.org/pmws/download/trims.html>

# Technical Risk Identification and Mitigation (TRIMS)

- System file
  - Element File
    - Category
      - Template
      - >Question



# Risk Management Methodology - Beta testing

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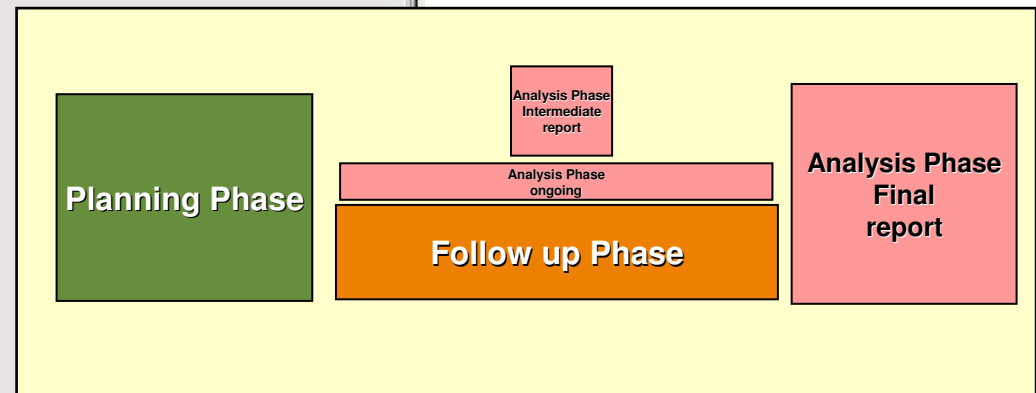
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Beta Software EXIT

Beta Press	1.0 Planning	2.0 Follow Up	3.0 Analysis
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Beta Press	1.2 Segmenting potential participants	2.2 Operational Data Control	3.2 Risk Assessment
Beta Press	1.3 Planning the test allocation		3.3 Presenting results
Beta Press	1.4 Communication issues and expectation setting		
Beta Press	1.5 Planning Beta Duration		
Beta Press	1.6 Planning number of participants		
Beta Press	1.7 Logistics considerations		
Beta Press	1.8 Reporting processes		
Beta Press	1.9 Defining Beta Objectives		
Beta Press	1.10 Setting Beta Success		

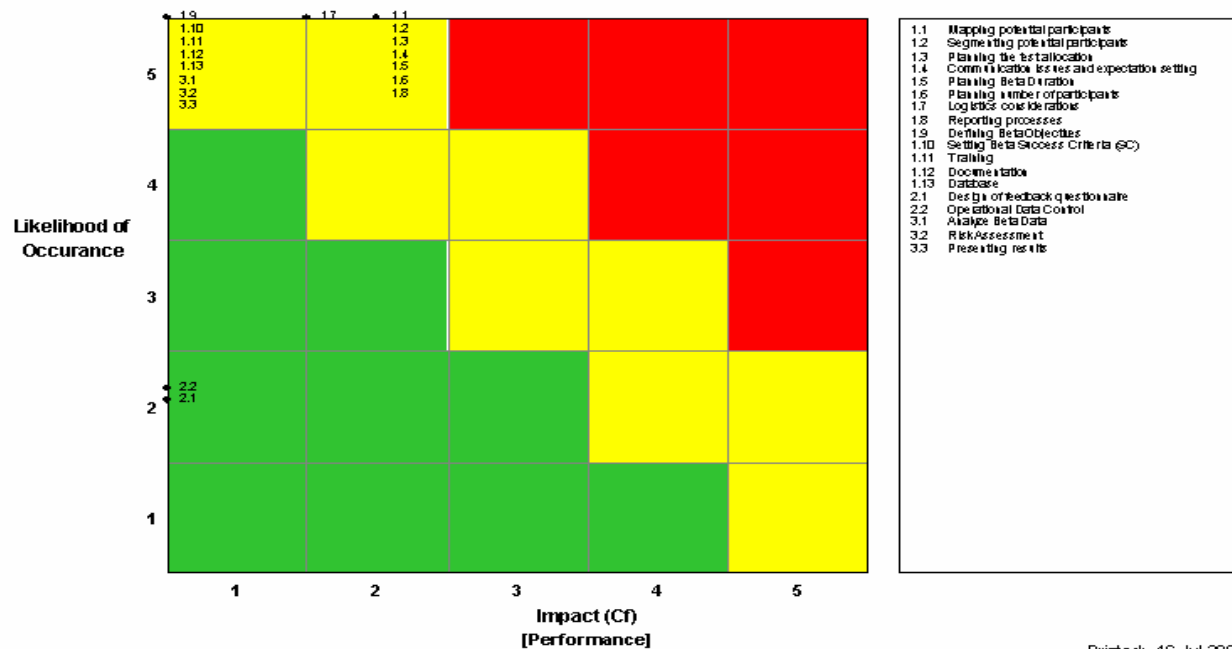
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# Risk Management Methodology - Beta testing

Beta Press



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# What is needed to get actual results

- A Vision of what can be achieved
- An evidence based approach
- A methodology
- Tools supporting the methodology ([www.musing.eu](http://www.musing.eu))
- An organizational structure to support the methodology
- The right people, at the right place, at the right time

# http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470018615.html



## ENCYCLOPEDIA OF STATISTICS IN QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

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### Application of Statistical Process Control in Clinical Medicine and the Perils of Risk Adjustment

**Introduction**

The quality of a clinical process may be assessed provided it is in a state of statistical control, i.e., predictable. Control chart techniques originally developed for industrial process control [1] may be applied to develop and monitor the quality of a clinical process. However, if the quality measure/indicator used is an outcome measure, e.g., mortality following a coronary artery bypass graft operation, its value depends not only on the quality of the clinical process, but also on risk factors, e.g., severity of patient's disease, comorbidity, age, sex, etc. V<sub>r</sub> risk-adjusted control charts may then be used although the results obtained should be considered provisional, requiring further investigation.

Outcome results of several healthcare providers (physicians, hospital departments, etc.) may be compared if the patients are assigned at random to providers. Usually (but not always [3]) this is not possible for practical and/or economical reasons. One has to use observational data. The inherent patient case-mix differences between the providers therefore, has to be adjusted for prior to the comparison [4]. This is usually (but not always [4]) achieved by regressing the provider category important risk factors on the outcome. The approach is fraught with problems. In the following we present the statistical techniques used in this regard, demonstrate the construction and subsequent use of a control chart by way of a straightforward example and illustrate and discuss the perils of risk adjustment.

**Methods**

**Control Chart**

A control chart is used to characterize a clinical process and subsequently to monitor it. The chart depicts the values of a measurable quality characteristic of the process, e.g., the fraction of patients per month during weekly mean of a physician, the rate, etc. If a control chart is constructed, the process variation is contained within a control limit (upper and a lower limit, respectively) and the process is said to be in statistical control. If the process variation is outside the control limits, the process is said to be out of control.

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### Monitoring of Safety Performance in the EU Railways: An Harmonized Framework to Set Safety Targets on the Basis of Lessons Learned from Accidents and Precursors

**ERA, the Ambitious Projects on Safety of a Newcomer, under Directive 2004/49/EC**

Railway is the safest land transport mode and one of the overall safest transport modes. Directive 2004/49/EC, on railway safety, has been put in place to support the creation of an integrated European railway area by facilitating market opening through the harmonization of safety management and regulation. Directive 2004/49/EC will also contribute to improve safety by: a cultural shift from a deterministic to a risk-based approach, the establishment of safety management systems, the introduction of a system for independent accident investigations, as well as by moving from self-regulation to regulation by independent authorities (National Safety Authorities - NSAs). This aims to create a basis for mutual trust

is in charge of these projects, carried out in conjunction with industry and MSAs in working groups of experts.

*Development of Common Safety Indicators (CSIs) and Accidents Investigation*

The working group on common safety indicators (CSIs) is developing and defining indicators structured as follows:

**Safety performances**

- type of accidents
- fatalities and injuries classified in categories of people
- precursors to accidents.

**Economic aspects of safety performances**

- societal benefits and costs of improving and worsening safety performances.

CSIs are expressed in total of events and consequences (fatalities and injuries) per unit of time (1 year), normalized mainly by traffic performance (train/km, passenger/km).

The flow of information and data exchange on safety issues between the concerned parties is completed by the activity of accidents investigation, carried out by the National Investigation Bodies (NIBs) and commissioned to ERA; the aim of this is to better understand the causes of accidents, which, together

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### Quality in Critical Care Medicine

**Introduction**

Critical care medicine is a growing element of modern hospital medicine. Critically ill patients consume about 20% of hospital budgets and approximately 0.8% of the GNP in the United States and 0.2% in Canada [1]. It is therefore a very expensive part of hospital medicine.

Intensive care units (ICUs) can be structured in different ways: according to patient population (such as surgical vs medical, neuro, and burn) and according to organization of patient care (open vs closed units).

The recent interest in quality improvement in healthcare has not skipped the ICU environment and there are many opportunities to improve on the delivery of critical care provided in ICUs. To describe these, a brief look at the current issues that are problematic in caring for critically ill patients is needed.

The patients in the ICU are frequently the most complex patients in the hospital. These are the patients who require intensive monitoring and often complex and multiple therapeutic interventions. Many drug prescriptions are provided to these patients on a daily basis and this has been shown to be a ground for drug errors, which can lead to adverse patient outcomes [2].

Many factors impact the processes and therefore the outcomes of patients in the ICU. The physical design and equipment available, the organizational workflow of various medical services, and the interactions between the different members of the ICU team (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, respiratory therapists, and social workers) are all critical to achieve optimal outcome, and their availability as well as the communication between them all have a critical impact on the outcome of the ICU.


**Determinants of Quality**

ICU Structure: Open versus Closed

Many ICUs are organized in an "open" manner. This means that the patients are admitted to the ICU by a primary physician who continues to carry the responsibility for all aspects of the patients' stay in the ICU. This implies that although consultants are used, the treatment of different patients may be quite diverse with some difficulty in implementing routines and protocols for the different clinical issues that may arise. "Closed" units have a primary ICU team that directs care of the patients when they are admitted to the ICU. These clinicians are "dedicated intensivists" and spend a major part of their time in caring for critically ill patients. Studies have shown differences in outcomes between closed and open units with an advantage to a closed unit [3].

The clinical process spans the encounter with the patient from the decision on admission to the ICU and the therapy afforded to patients even before they are admitted to the ICU. Rivers and colleagues have shown that early goal directed therapy in patients with severe infections can dramatically reduce mortality. They applied this approach to critically ill patients who received intensive care while their were still in

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