Enhancing Attendance at the Weekly Inpatient Medication Assisted Treatment Group

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**Countermeasures**

- 10/2018  
  Interviewed unit nursing leaders to identify barriers to patients participating in the group.
  - Initiated KPI to collect and assess baseline group participation data.
  - Began in person requests to nursing for patient attendance on group day.

- 11/2018  
  - Collaborated with the transport service to add R1 conference room as a destination in Teletracking.
  - Trialed nursing communication order in EPIC, decided a more specific order was needed.

- 12/2018  
  - Requested specific IMAT group order for use in EPIC.

- 03/2019  
  - Group order live in EPIC, requirements not fully met.
  - Discontinued in person requests to nursing for patient attendance on group day.

- 04/2019  
  - Data collection indicated order needs further refinement.
  - Resumed in person requests to nursing for patient attendance on group day.
  - Met with nursing informatics to discuss and request further development of EPIC order.
  - Began attending nursing bed board meeting on group day to inform nursing units of eligible group participants.
  - Discontinued in person requests to nursing for patient attendance on group day.

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**Goal/Objective:**

Improve group attendance to a minimum of 50% of medically stable patients who have consented to participate in the IMAT program.

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**Baseline Metrics/Current State:**

**Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Orders**

**Next Steps**

- Continue weekly bed board attendance prior to group.
- Ongoing nursing and care management education
- Continue using current EPIC order.
- Continue to work with nursing informatics to develop EPIC order, an appointment feature will be available in the future.
- Lessons learned
  - Face-to-face communication yielded stronger results.
  - Facilitating an inpatient group presents unique challenges.