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# *Leadership for Safety*

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“People who say it cannot be done  
should not interrupt those who are  
doing it.”

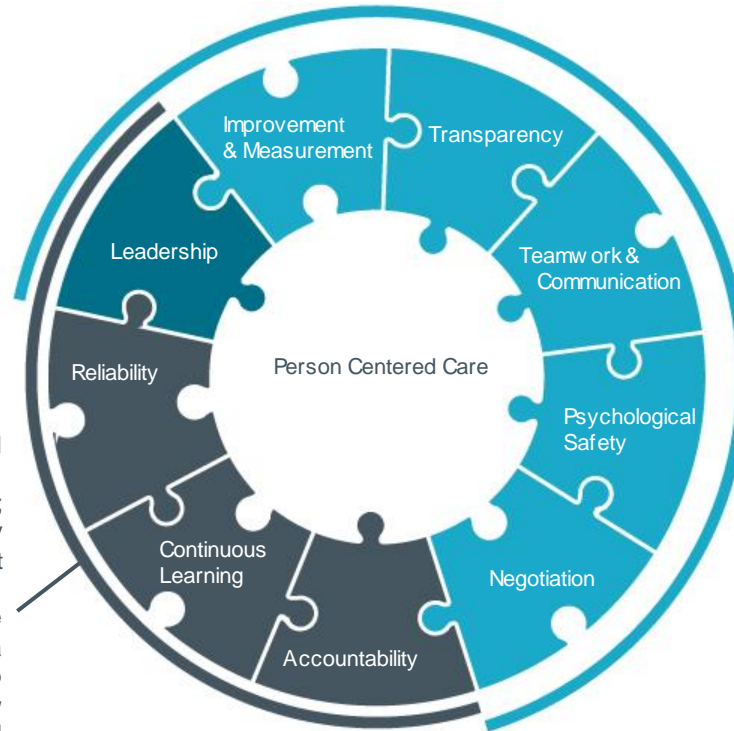
- George Bernard Shaw



# Patient Safety Framework

## Learning System

A learning system collects and analyzes social, clinical and operation metrics based on a strategic plan; engages multidisciplinary teams to debrief and put into action processes (PDSA) to improve the outcomes and incorporate a continuous feedback loop to reassess if the new processes has generated better social, clinical and operational outcomes.

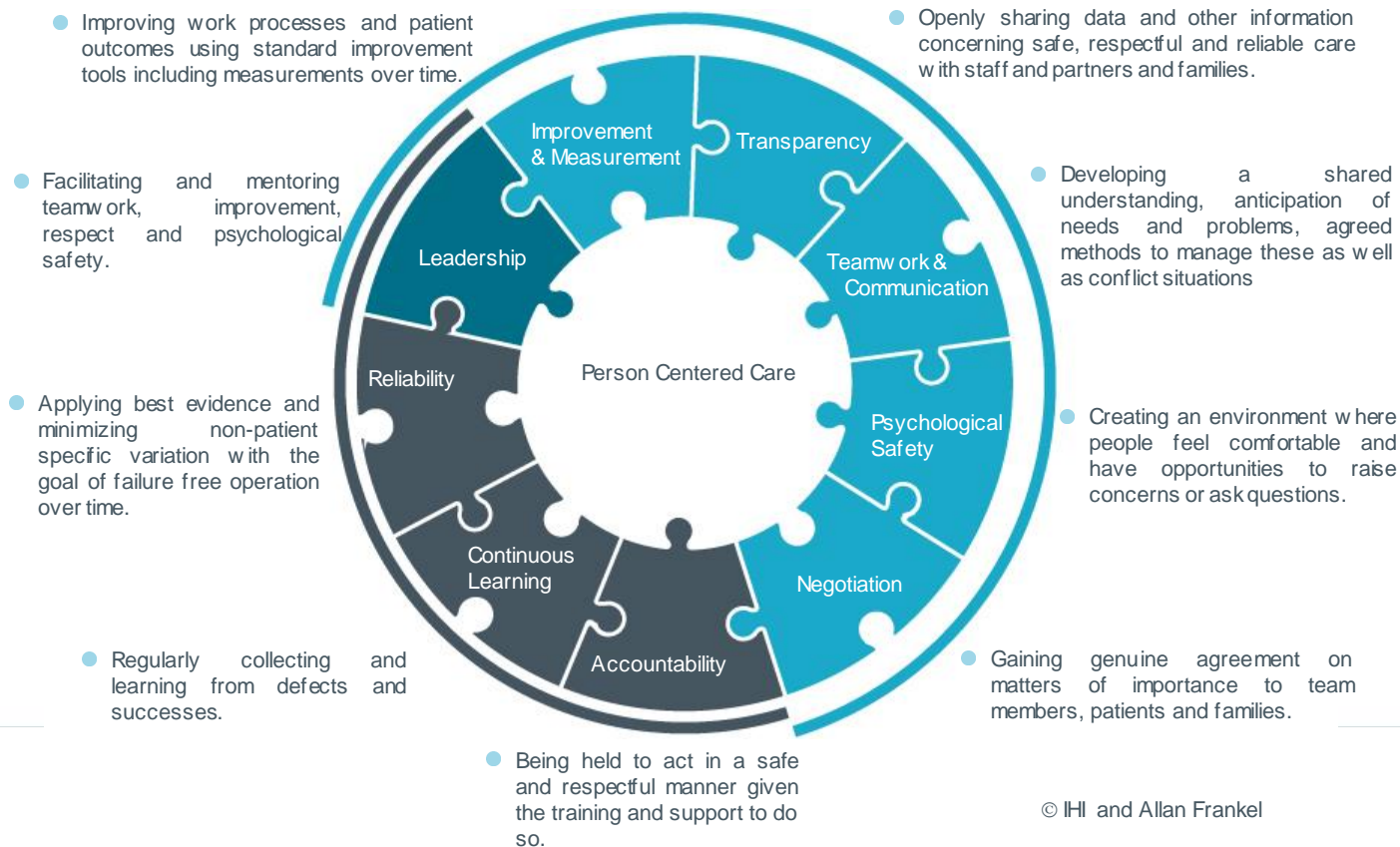


## Culture

“...the product of the individual and group values, attitudes, competencies and patterns of behavior that determine the commitment to, and the style and proficiency of, an organization’s health and safety programs.”



# Patient Safety Framework



# Interdependent Dimensions of High-Impact Leadership

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## New Mental Models

How leaders think about challenges and solutions

## High-Impact Leadership Behaviors

What leaders do to make a difference

## IHI High-Impact Leadership Framework

Where leaders need to focus efforts



# High-Impact Leadership Behaviors: What leaders *do* to make a difference

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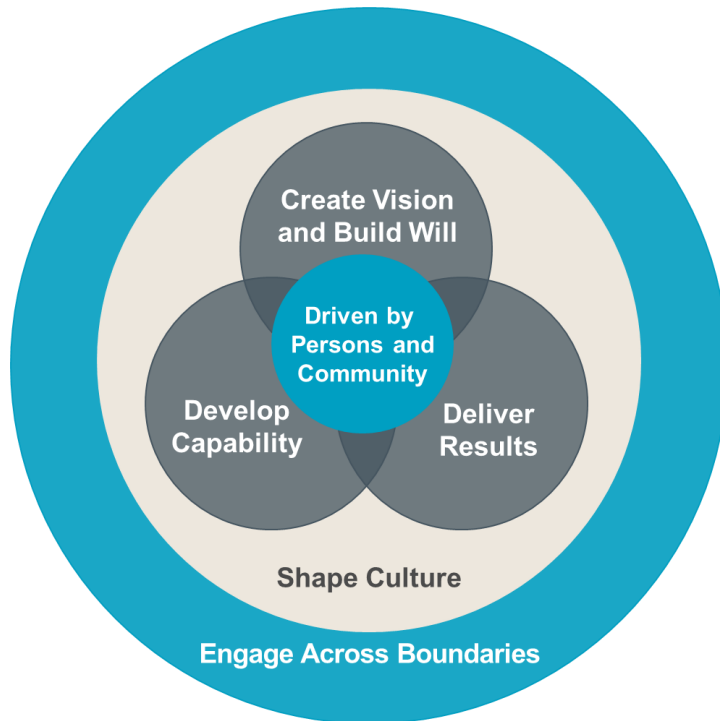
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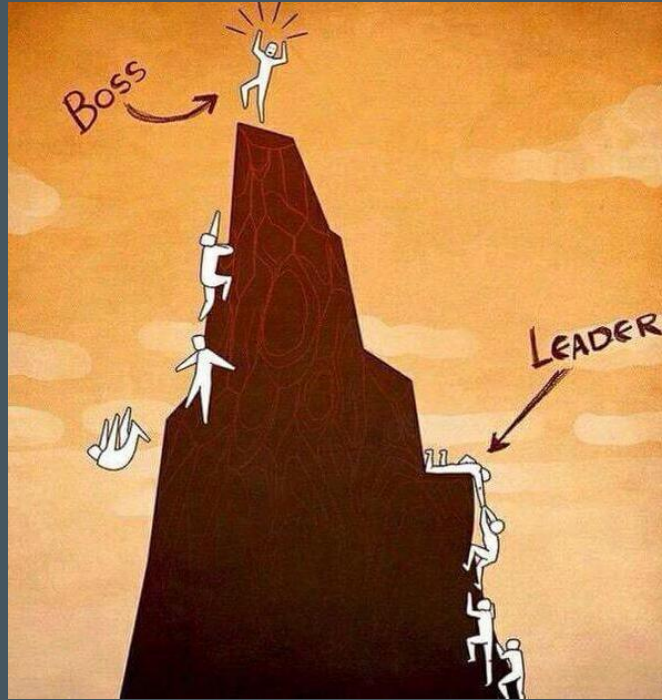


# IHI High Impact Leadership Framework

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# Patient safety creates new demands on leaders





# Some keys for the new mental models

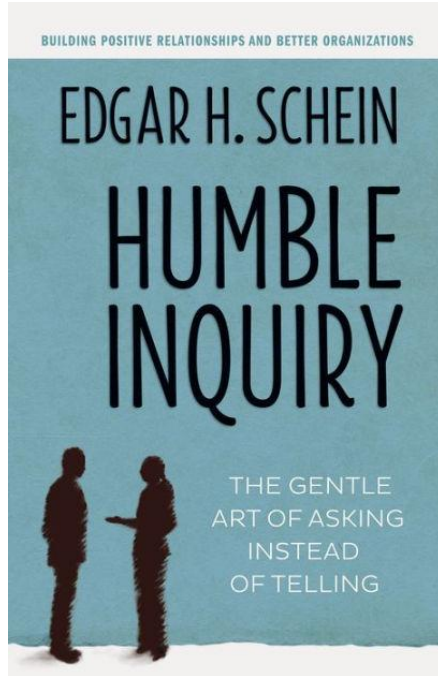
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- Asking, not telling
- Partnerships (staff, patients, communities)
- Shaping culture



# Humble Inquiry

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“If a goal of conversation is to *improve* communication and build a relationship, then telling is more risky than asking.

*Asking* temporarily empowers the other person and temporarily makes me vulnerable.”

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# Person Centeredness: Be consistently person centered in word and deed



# Crossing the Quality Chasm – Institute of Medicine, 2001

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- Ten rules for the redesign of healthcare
- 1. Care is based on continuous healing relationships – when and where needed
- 2. Care is customized according to patient's needs and values
- 3. The patient is the source of control – information given, shared decisions



## What people tell us

"We are sick of falling through gaps. We are tired of organisational barriers and boundaries that delay or prevent our access to care. We do not accept being discharged from a service into a void. We want services to be seamless and care to be continuous."

National Voices

## The four principles of person-centred care



# What are the advantages?

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- Increased patient satisfaction/patient experience
- Increased staff performance and morale
- Fewer complaints
- More coordinated care
- More likely to stick to treatment plans/comply with medications
- Better health outcomes and healthier behaviors
- Patient activation
- Decreased use of emergency services, notably in chronic conditions





# Some examples of person-centeredness:

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- Person and family centered care
- Personal health budgets
- Schwartz rounds
- Self-management support
- Shared decision making/Choosing Wisely
- “What matters to me” boards
- Hello, my name is . . . . .



## **Front Line Engagement**

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and a visible champion of improvement



# Walkrounds – Safety Climate

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- Executive Walkrounds Study:

- Randomized 24 clinical units to receive EWRs or usual patient safety activities and measured safety climate of nurses before and after walkrounds
- At baseline the experimental and control groups had similar safety climate scores
- After the intervention, 72.9% of nurses in the walkrounds group reported a positive safety climate versus only 52.5% in the control group



# Don't walk past

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**iCARE@YDH**

We do not accept poor standards of care in our hospital

**The standard  
you walk past is the  
standard you accept**

- If you are a member of staff and have a concern, then ACT
- If you are a member of public and have a concern, then TELL US by contacting our Patient Experience Team:

Tel: 01935384706   Email: [pals@ydh.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@ydh.nhs.uk)   Or scan: 

# Stay true to your values:

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The values that are shared across Scotland's Health Service are:

- care and compassion
- dignity and respect
- openness, honesty and responsibility
- quality and teamwork.

## **Relentless Focus:**

Remain focused on the vision and the strategy

- Develop a clear vision
- Create a sense of urgency
- Appoint the most effective leaders to the highest priority projects



## Urgency vs. Complacency

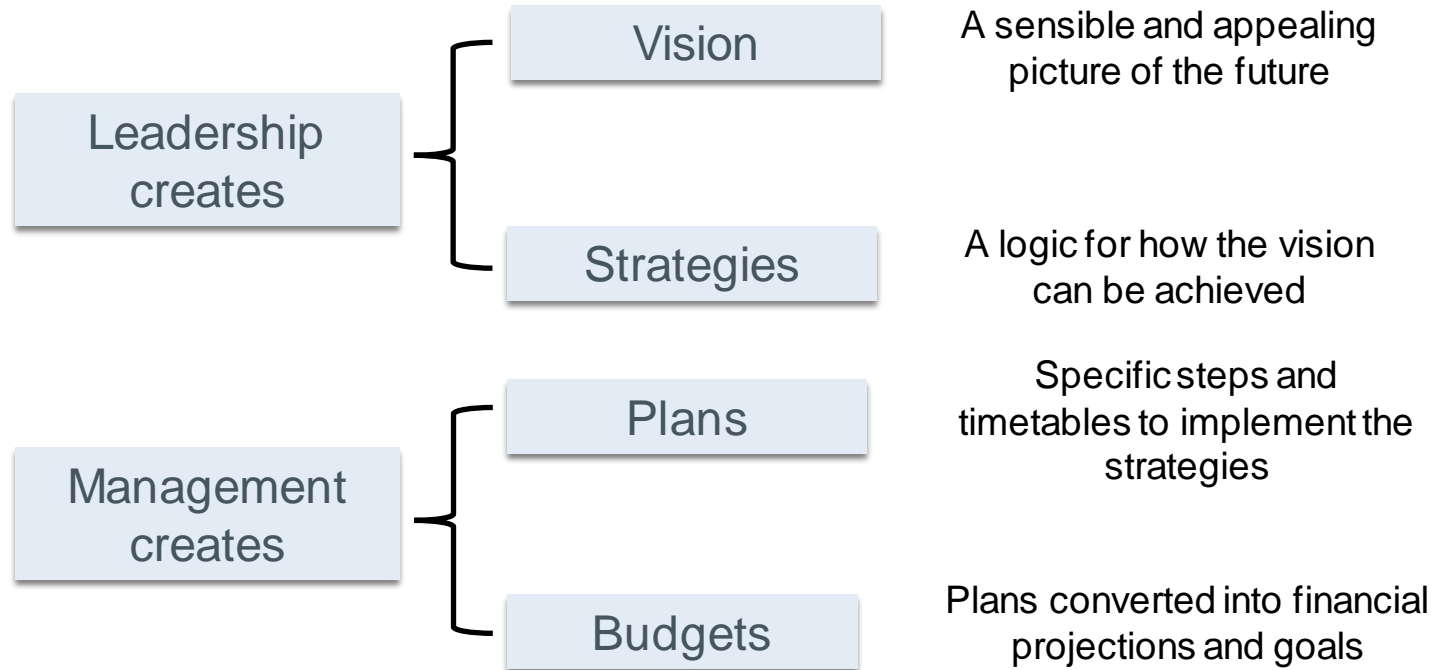
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- The absence of a major visible crisis
- Too many visible resources
- Low overall performance standards
- Organization focus on narrow goals
- Focus internally on wrong KPIs
- A lack of external performance feedback
- Culture of kill the messenger, low candor, low confrontation
- Human nature – denial
- Too much happy talk from senior management



# Vision, strategies, plans, and budgets

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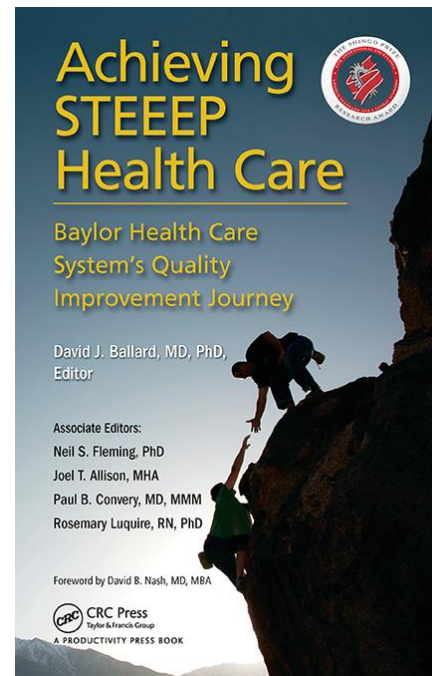


# Characteristics of an effective vision

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- Imaginable
- Desirable
- Feasible
- Focused
- Flexible
- Communicable





2008 > 2009 > 2010 > 2011 > 2012 > 2013 > 2014 >

Over 7 years we have achieved:



# Transparency

Require transparency about results,  
progress, aims, and defects

- Open reporting
- Display results
- Duty of candor

“If you display important results for everyone to see, you catalyze meaningful action. Patient results engage medical professionals; financial results do not.”

*William C. Rupp, CEO Mayo*



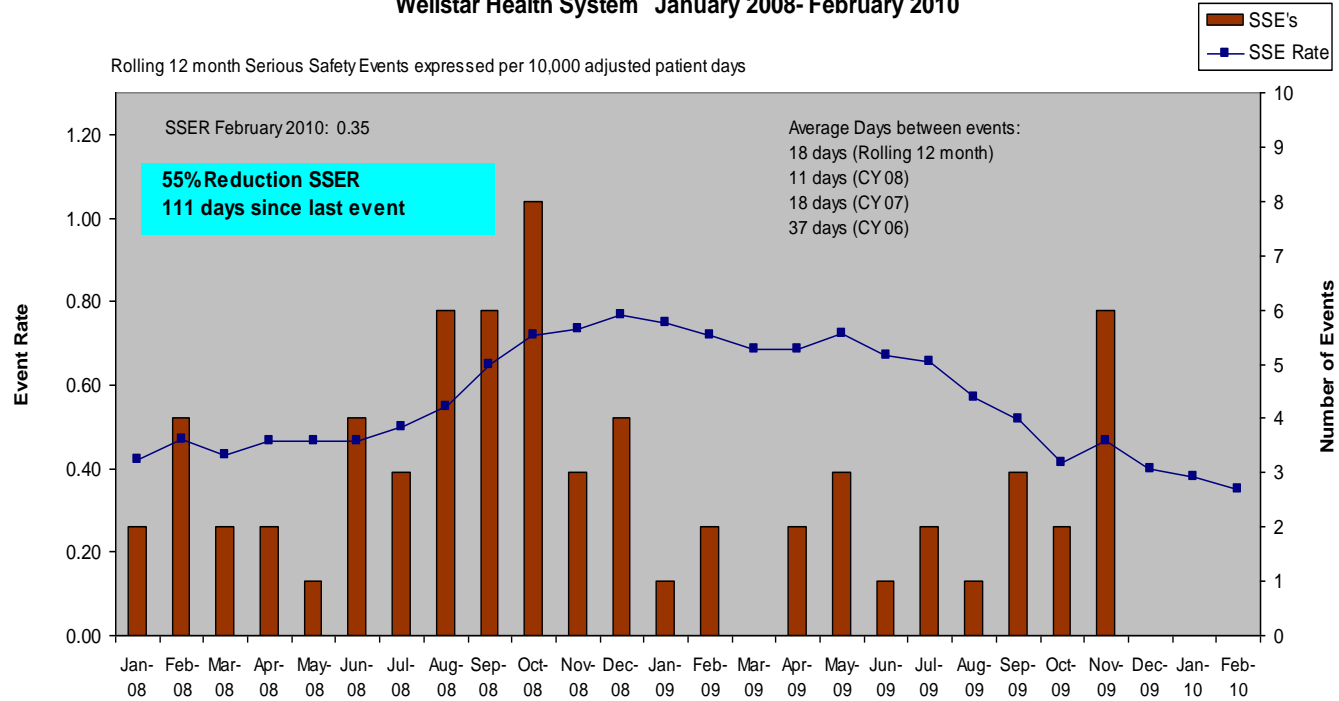
**Impact:** over its fourteen years, the New York CABG surgery mortality reporting and quality improvement program has had a positive impact. Between 1989 and 1992 risk-adjusted mortality fell 41 percent statewide in New York



Chassin, Mark. Health Affairs. July/August 2002, Volume 21, Number 4, 40-51.

41% reduction in mortality

## Serious Safety Event Rate Wellstar Health System January 2008- February 2010



**Medical Staff Leaders required mandatory Safety training for all 1700  
All 11,000 employees trained as well**



## A different look at our baseline

John B. 9/06/2008 Delay in Dx	Shirley H. 12/23/08 Post Proced Death	Florita H. 7/03/2008 Delay in Tx	Wade W. 7/16/2008 Delay in Tx	Baby Boy S. 8/1/2008 Wrong Pt. Procedure	Joseph R. 9/08/2008 Delay in Dx.
Tamika M 4/21/2008 Med Error	Andrea M. 6/24/2008 Wrong Procedure	Nancy H. 6/18/2008 Med Error	Jimmy P. 7/07/2008 Fall	Joann E. 9/23/2008 Wrong Site Surgery	Cynthia M. 10/27/2008 Med Error
Baby Girl V. 5/12/2008 Mother's Delay in Tx	Kyle W. 9/13/2008 Delay in Tx	Teodur C. 1/29/08, 2/12/2008 Delay in Tx	Alvin G. 8/17/2008 Fall	Nicole S. 1/4/2008 Delay in Dx	Margaret H. 2/6/2008 Med Error
Ursula H. 2/12/2008 Fall	Ms. L. 2/14/2008 Delay in Tx	Sandra M. 12/10/2008 Post Procedure Death	Karen G. 8/5/2008 Proced Cx/Delay in Tx	Cynthia K. 11/10/2008 Delay in Tx	Lance D. 10/30/2008 Delay in Tx
Nicole H. 8/12/2008 Post-proced Cx	Robert S. 10/13/2008 Fall	Mary D. 3/9/2008 Med Error	Baby Boy G. 3/25/2008 Med Error	Lorena W. 11/10/2008 Post Procedure Death	Priscilla W. 8/30/2008 Delay in Tx
Eugene B. 10/27/2008, 10/28/2008 Med Error, Fall	Kathy W. 12/16/2008 Post Proced Loss of Function			Robert B. 12/2/2008 Post Procedure Death	Dale W. 10/12/2008 Med Error
Virginia L. 8/12/2008 Delay in Tx	Helene C. 9/5/2008 Fall			Calvin P. 4/4/2008 Med Error	Gwendolyn P. 10/28/2008 Wrong Implant
Chantal E. 6/26/2008 Inapprop Touching	Gary B. 6/13/2008 Fall			Mary C. 12/19/2008 Fall	Douglas T. 10/18/2008 Med Error
		Lester J. 9/5/2008 Fall			

# Leading a 50% Reduction in events from baseline

Louene D.  
9/23/09  
Fall

Beverly S.  
2/4/09  
Med Error

Robert D.  
5/12/09  
Post Procedure Death

Karen C.  
9/28/09  
Delay In Treatment

Peggy P.  
7/1/09  
Burn

Sharenda W.  
2/15/09  
Med Error

Edward R.  
4/23/09  
Wrong Side Procedure

Brenda R.  
10/14/09  
Delay In Treatment

James H.  
10/25/09  
Post Procedure Death

Lillian C.  
4/3/09  
Retained foreign object

Dorothy R.  
1/28/09  
Delay In Treatment

Jerry Y.  
11/7/09  
Fall

Yoland C.  
7/7/09  
Delay in Treatment

Donna S.  
6/4/09  
Retained foreign object

Monroe K.  
5/18/09  
Post Procedure Death

Johnny B.  
11/9/09  
Fall



Alma M.  
11/6/09  
Fall

Scott G.  
9/5/09  
Delay in Treatment

Juanita A.  
5/14/09  
Delay In Treatment

Michael F.  
8/20/09  
Retained foreign object

Willie B.  
11/5/09  
Med Error

Pauline M.  
11/2/09  
Fall

Rachel M.  
11/3/09  
Delay in Treatment



# “The First Law of Improvement”

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*Every system is perfectly  
designed to achieve exactly  
the results it gets.*

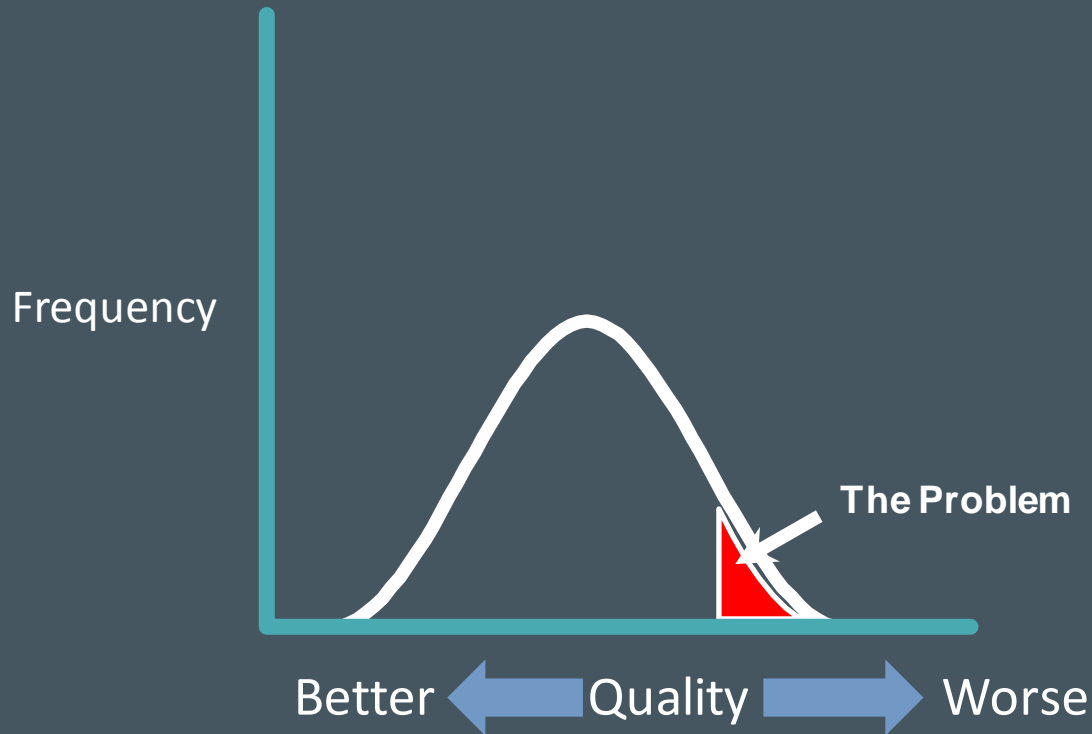


# The simple, wrong answer

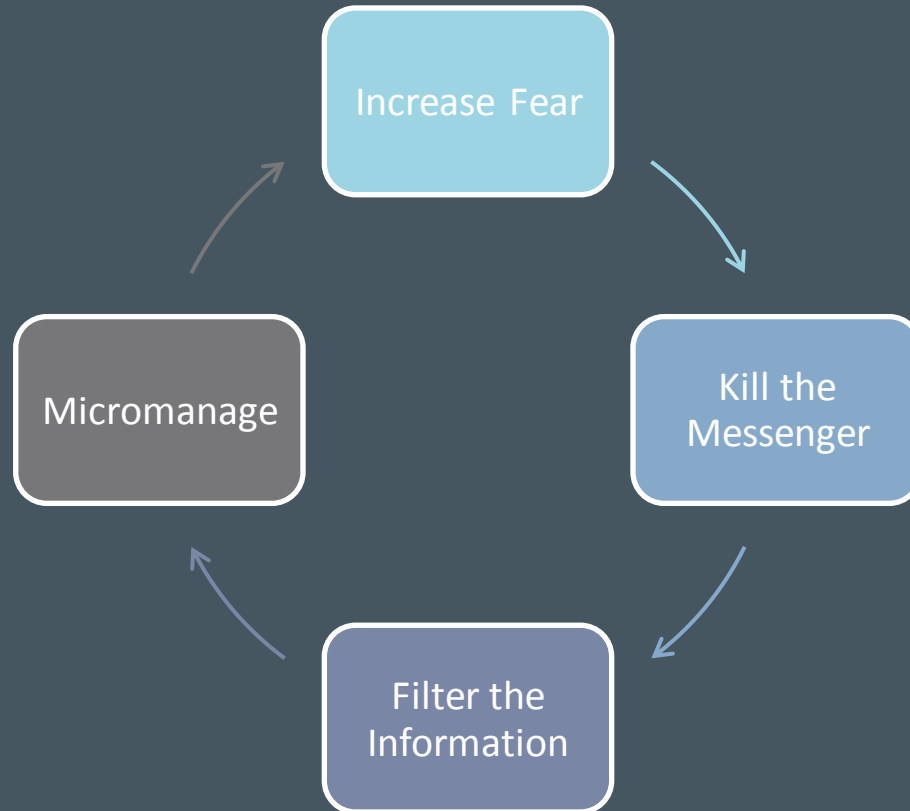
*Blame somebody!*



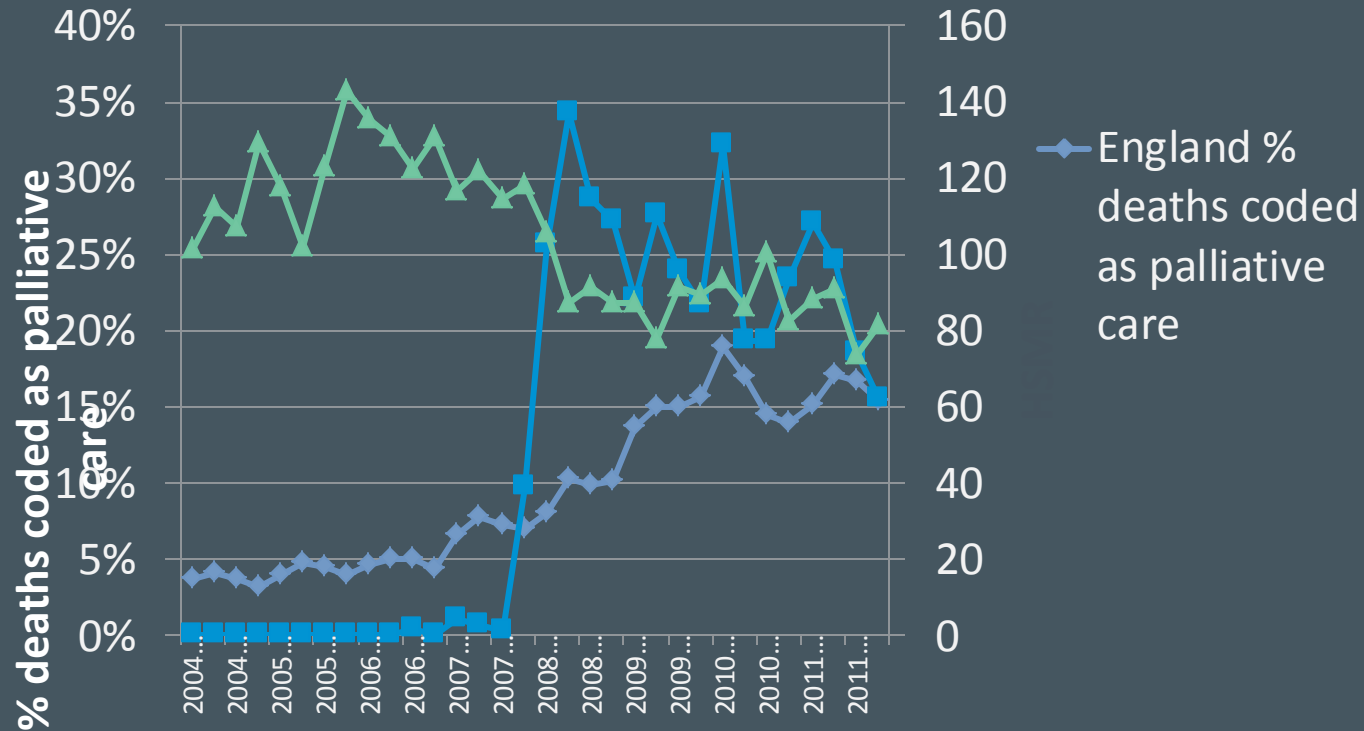
# Answer #2 – Bad Apples



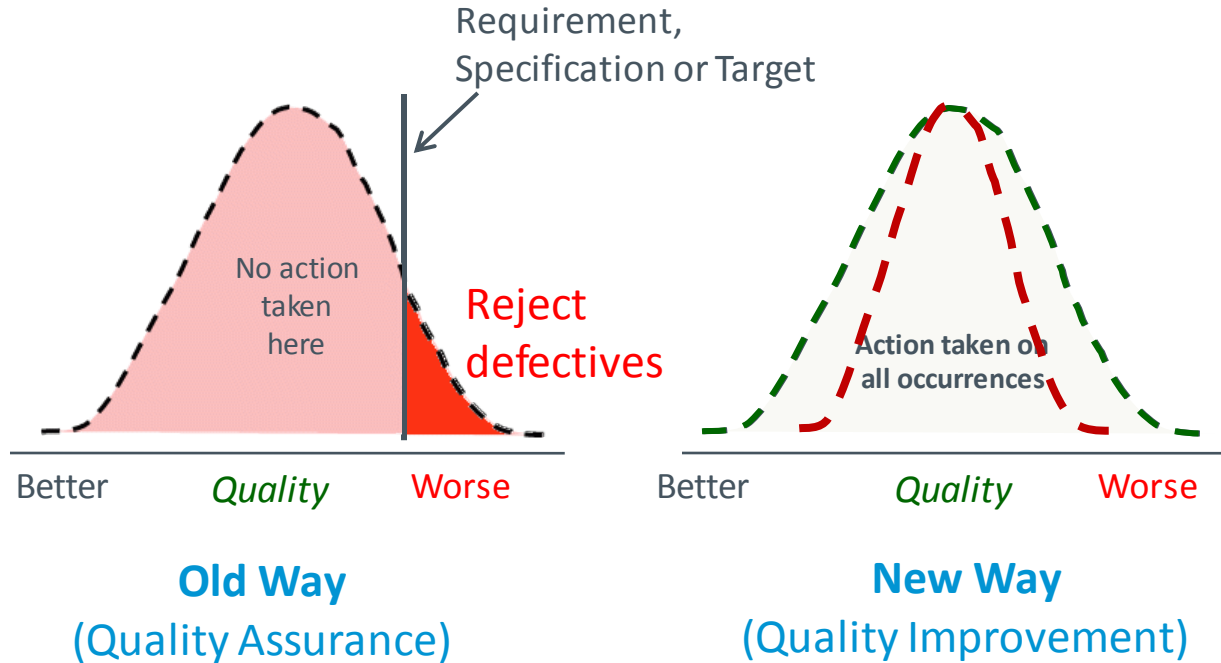
# The Cycle of Fear



# Mid Staffs coding of palliative care vs HSMR



# Another way?



## Openness and honesty when things go wrong: the professional duty of candour

### The professional duty of candour<sup>1</sup>

Every healthcare professional must be open and honest with patients when something that goes wrong with their treatment or care causes, or has the potential to cause, harm or distress. This means that healthcare professionals must:

- tell the patient (or, where appropriate, the patient's advocate, carer or family) when something has gone wrong
- apologise to the patient (or, where appropriate, the patient's advocate, carer or family)
- offer an appropriate remedy or support to put matters right (if possible)
- explain fully to the patient (or, where appropriate, the patient's advocate, carer or family) the short and long term effects of what has happened.

Healthcare professionals must also be open and honest with their colleagues, employers and relevant organisations, and take part in reviews and investigations when requested. They must also be open and honest with their regulators, raising concerns where appropriate. They must support and encourage each other to be open and honest, and not stop someone from raising concerns.

### About this guidance

- 1 All healthcare professionals have a duty of candour – a professional responsibility to be honest with patients<sup>2</sup> when things go wrong. This is described in *The professional duty of candour*, which introduces this guidance and forms part of a joint statement from eight regulators of healthcare professionals in the UK.
- 2 As a doctor, nurse or midwife, you must be open and honest with patients, colleagues and your employers.
- 3 This guidance complements the joint statement from the healthcare regulators and gives more information about how to follow the principles set out in *Good medical practice*<sup>3</sup> and *The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses and midwives*.<sup>4</sup> Appendix 1 sets out relevant extracts from General Medical Council (GMC) and Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) guidance. This guidance applies to all doctors registered with the GMC and all nurses and midwives registered with the NMC across the UK.



# Boundarilessness

Encourage and practice systems thinking and collaboration across boundaries





# Types of boundary

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- Vertical – leading across levels, seniority, authority, power
- Horizontal – leading across functions, units, peer groups, areas of expertise
- Stakeholder – leading at interchange of organization, stakeholders, partners
- Demographic – leading between groups including the whole range of human of diversity
- Geographic – leading across distance, locations, cultures, and regions



# Think of your silos – and break them down

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- Primary vs. secondary care
- Mental vs. physical health
- Planned vs. unscheduled care
- Medical vs. social care
- Nurses vs. doctors vs. therapists vs. social workers



# The levels of leadership maturity

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## Descriptor

10. Unitive
9. Magician
8. Integrator
7. Individualist
6. Achiever
5. Expert
4. Conformist
3. Self-serving
2. Impulsive
1. Undifferentiated

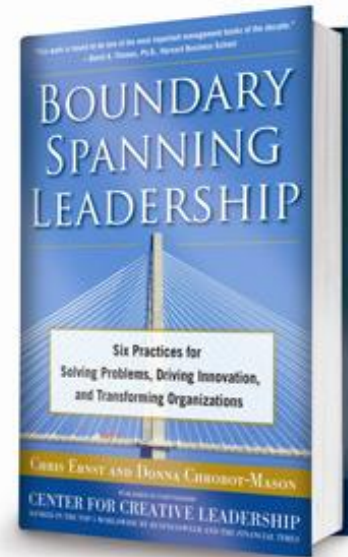
## Level

- Post-Post-Conventional
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- Conventional
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- Pre-Conventional
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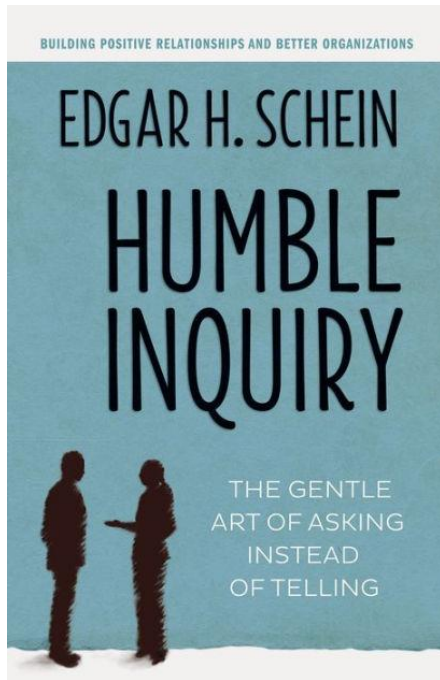
# Boundary spanning leadership

- Buffering – defines boundaries to create safety
- Reflecting – creates understanding of boundaries to foster respect
- Connecting – suspends boundaries to build trust
- Mobilizing – reframed boundaries to develop community
- Weaving – interlaces boundaries to advance interdependence
- Transforming – cross cuts boundaries to enable re-invention



# Back to Edgar Schein

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- Status, rank, and role boundaries as inhibitors
- Is deferential behavior always safe?
- What leadership behaviors will keep you informed?



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