

# Transitions of Care



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**Holton Community Hospital  
Family Practice Associates**



# Objectives

- Describe the steps to implement a successful Transitions of Care initiative.
- Identify ways to measure the success of a Transitions of Care initiative.
- Demonstrate initiative value through the Return on Investment (ROI).





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**12-Bed Critical Access Hospital**

**Located in Holton, Kansas – Population 3,278**

**162 Team Members**



# Call to Action

- Do we have adequate data to begin?
- Don't always look for the perfect data or the perfect change design before beginning a project.
- Flip to 75% implementation and 25% analysis



# Timeline

- Patient Care Coordinator (PCC)
- Daily Huddle Implementation
- Follow-up Phone Calls
- Community Luncheons
- Readmission Review Tool
- Home Health Involvement
- Patient Education Notebooks
- Teach-Back



# Patient Care Coordinator (PCC)

Position Created: January 2013

Responsible for the patient's ongoing case management and the coordination of their care. Support the efforts in managing complex patients by implementing a treatment plan and facilitating the patient's access to appropriate health care services and community resources. Supports patient self-management and increase knowledge of his/her disease process.

The primary focus of this position is to oversee and coordinate observation, inpatient, and swing bed care with discharge planning and utilization management activities. In doing so the care coordinator will facilitate appropriate resources and efficient patient progression through the continuum of health care resulting in the highest quality and the most cost effective care.



# Daily Huddles

- Implemented: January 2013
- Focus: Patient Discharge and Education Needs
- Rules: Concise and Attendees Stand
- Attendees: PCC, Social Work, Nursing, Rehab, Pharmacy, Home Health and Risk Management



# Follow-up Phone Calls

- Implemented: January 2013
- Focus: Patient Understanding of Discharge Instructions and Medications, Follow-up Appointment Arrangements
- Population: All Acute, Observation and Swingbed Discharges to Home
- Timeframe: 2 Days and 10 Days Post-Discharge



# Community Luncheons

- Implemented: August 2013
- Focus: Patient Transitions within the Community
- Attendees: Local Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Home Health Agencies, Assisted Living Facilities, Community Service Organizations
- Frequency: Initially monthly



# Reevaluate and Refocus

November 2013

- Staff Assigned to Other Projects
- Focus Became too Broad
- Project Scope Became Overwhelming
- Reevaluated Purpose and Goals



# Readmission Review Tool

- Implemented: January 2014
- Focus: Readmission Reason and Ways to Prevent the Readmission
- Follow-up: Discussion with Care Team
- Reviewers: Transitions of Care Team



# Home Health Involvement

- Implemented: May 2014
- Focus: Involve Home Health in Discharge Planning
- Actions: Home Health Attendance at Daily Huddles and Care Plan Meetings, Home Health and Rehab Meet Weekly



# Patient Education Notebooks

- Implemented: November 2014
- Focus: Patient Education Regarding Discharge Instructions and Medications
- Target Audience: Patients with CHF, COPD, Diabetes or Multiple Co-Morbidities



# Patient Education Notebooks

Tabs:

- Discharge Instructions
- Medications
- Diet
- Special Instructions (Weight log, BP log, glucose log, etc.)
- Exercise



# Patient Education Notebooks

Tabs (Continued):

- Calendar of Appointments
- Questions for My Doctor
- Information for My Doctor (SOC document)
- DPOA/Living Will
- Insurance Information



# Teach Back

- Implemented: May 2015
- Focus: Effective Patient Education
- Actions: Provided Teach Back Education to all Clinical Departments

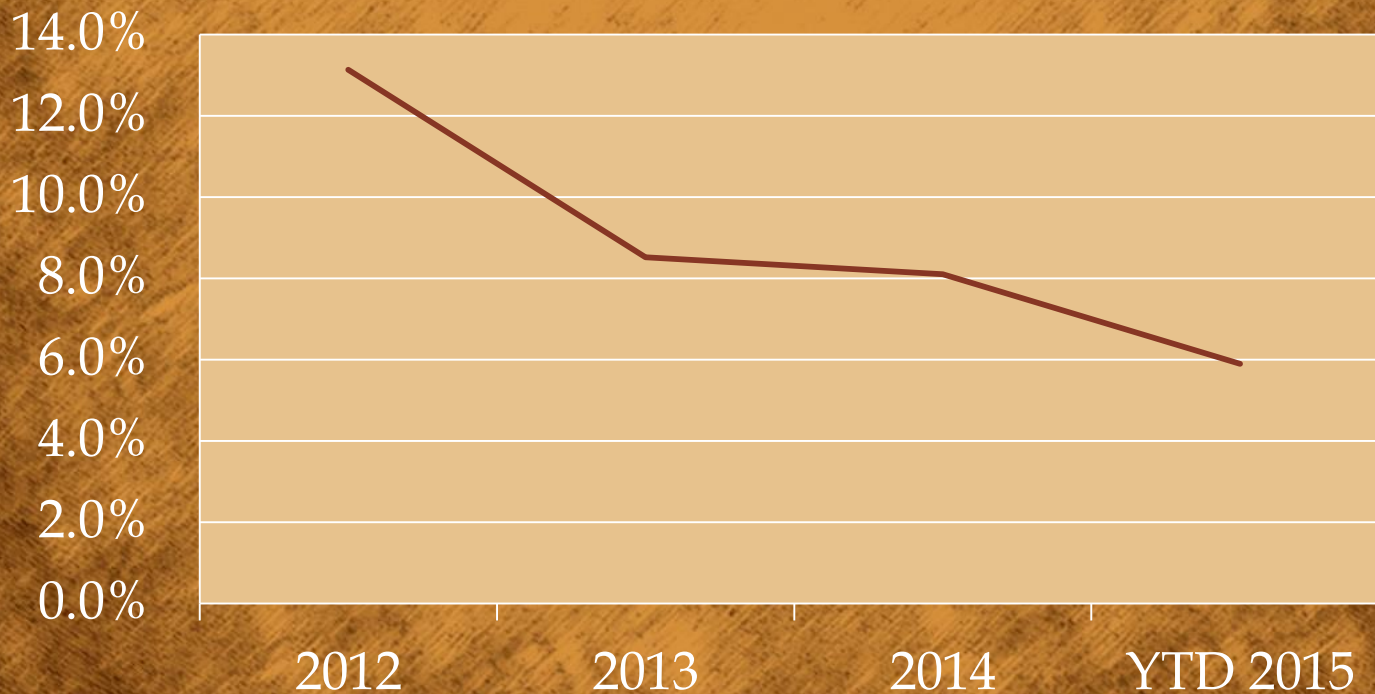


# Evaluation



# Readmission Rate \*

## Yearly Average Readmission Rate



\* Data compiled by HCH



# Readmission Rate \*

## Monthly Readmission Rate



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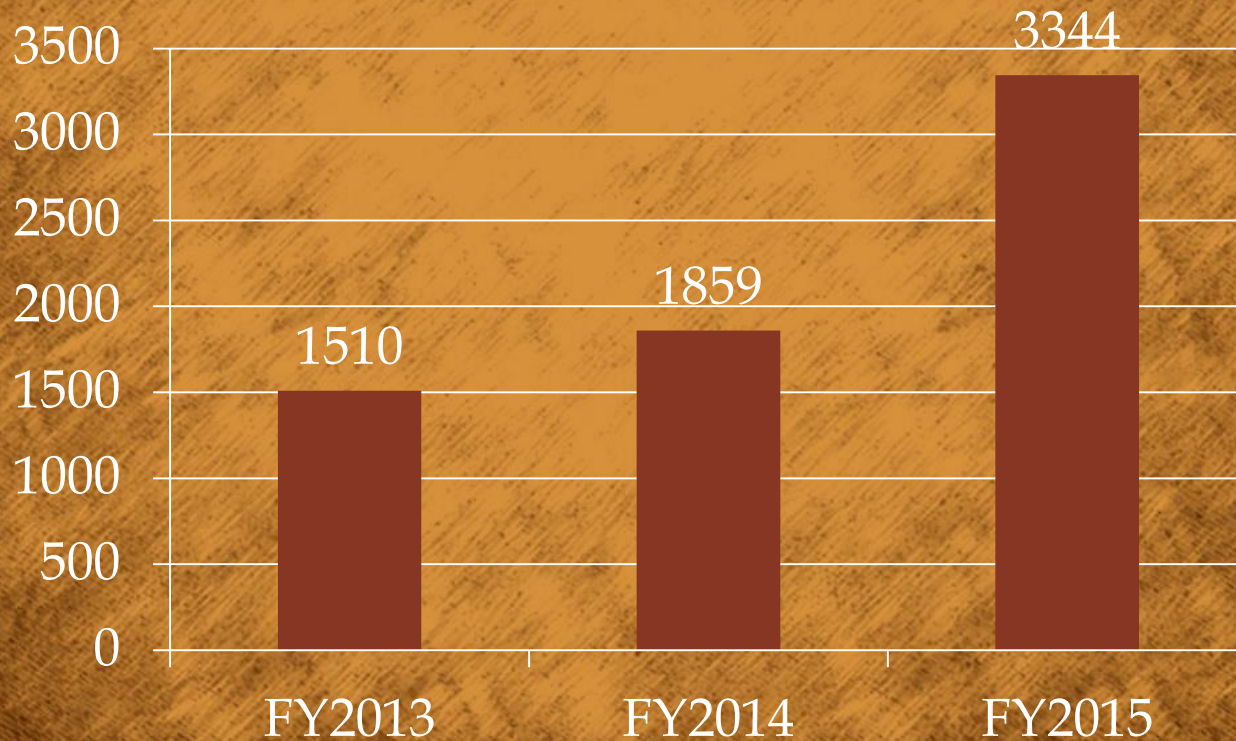


# Return On Investment



# Home Health

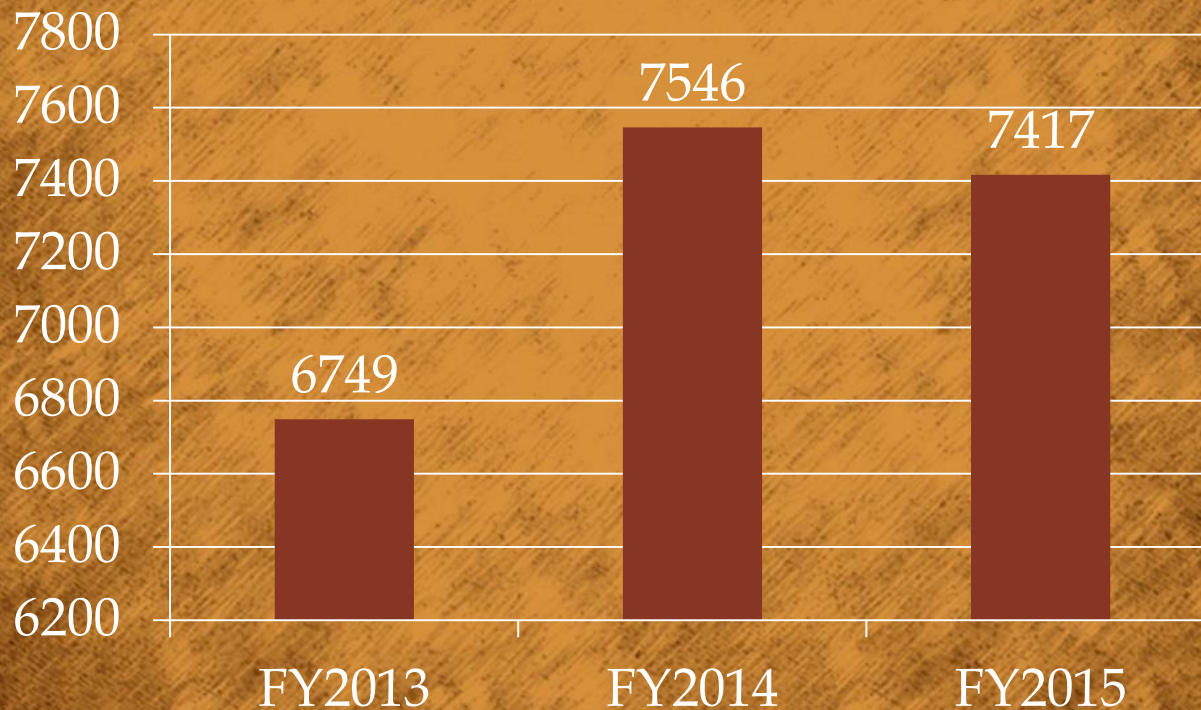
## Home Health Growth





# Physical Therapy

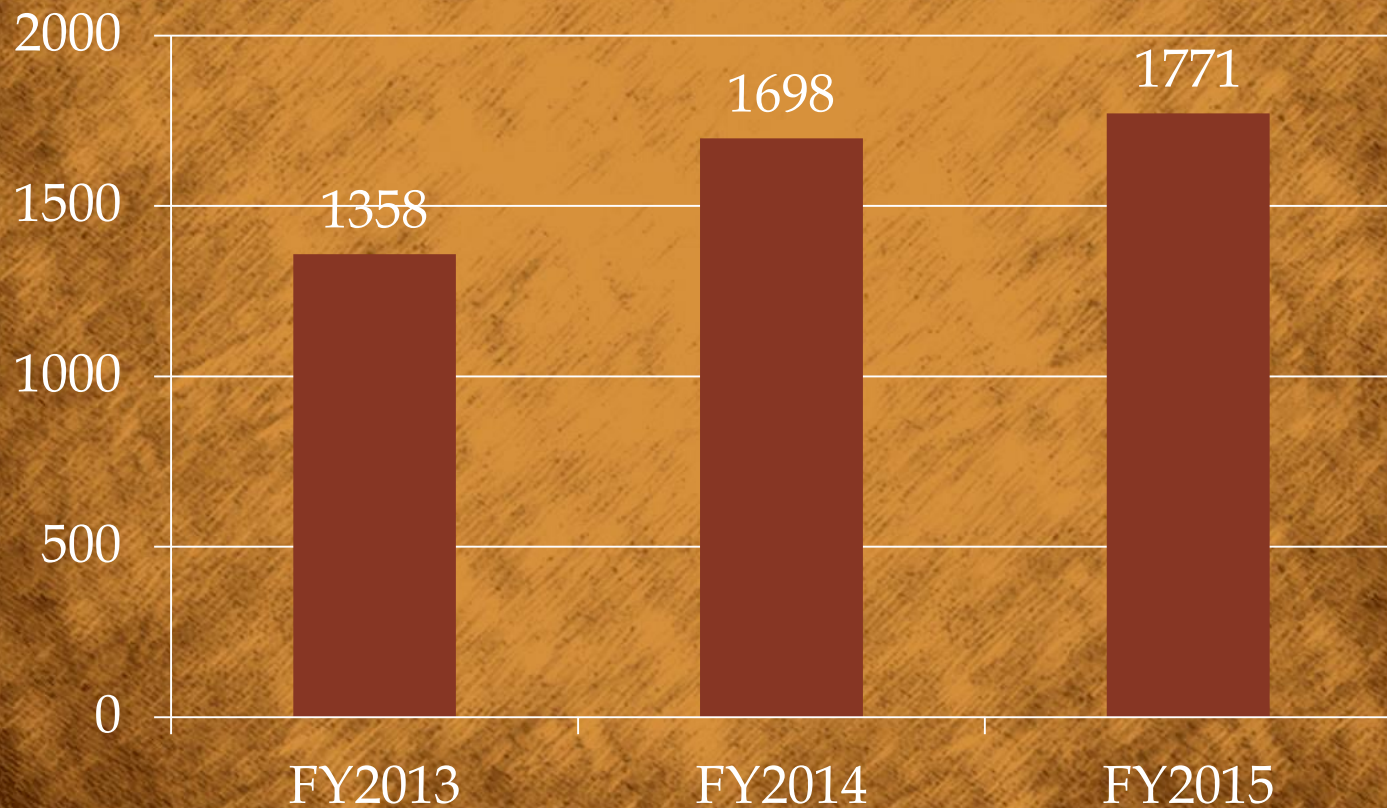
## Physical Therapy Growth





# Occupational Therapy

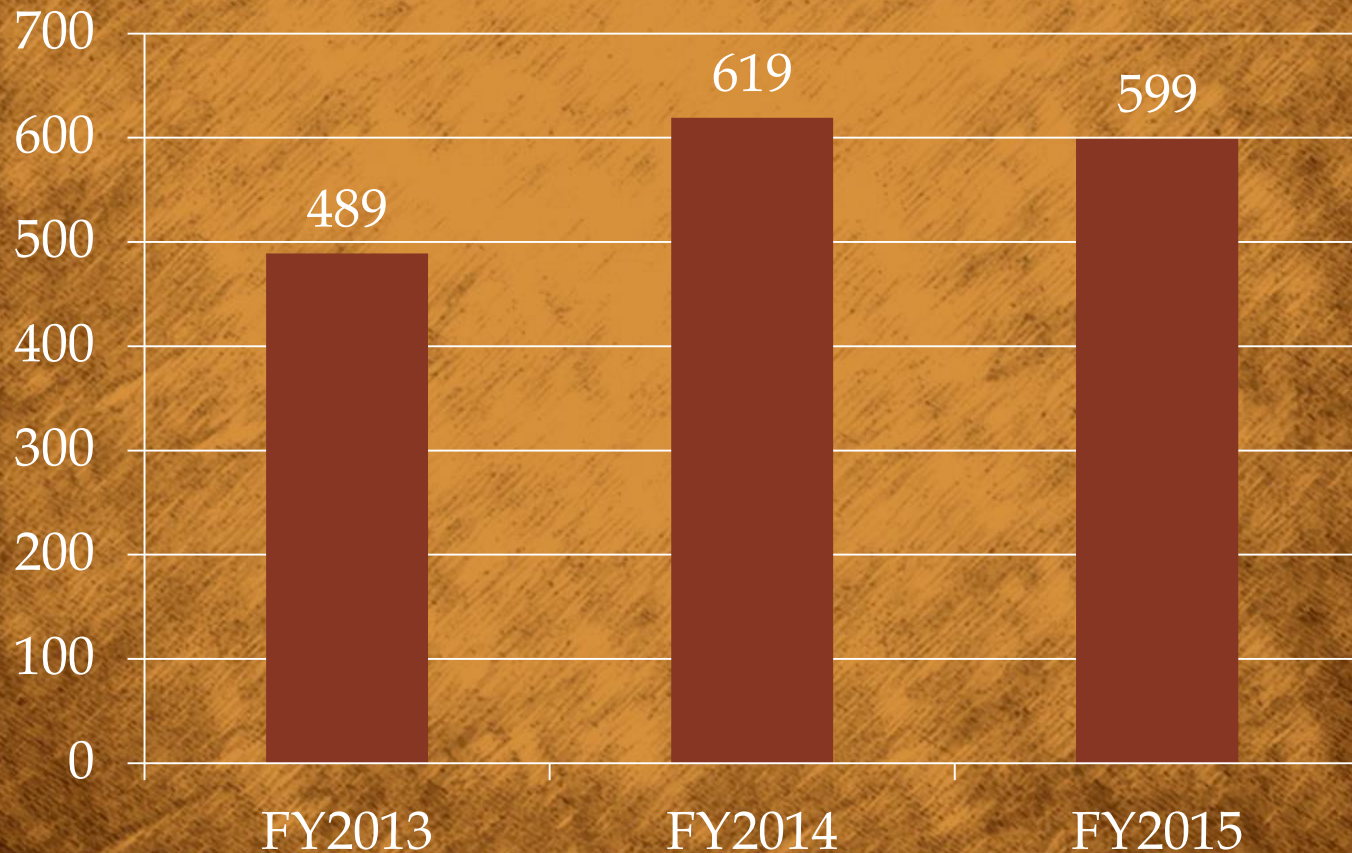
## Occupational Therapy Growth





# Speech Therapy

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# Other Initiatives

- Dry Erase Boards
- Wall Markers for Distance
- Notepads
- Medication Rounds
- United Way Prescription Assistance Grant
- Monthly Senior Citizen Center Education Sessions
- Documentation of Patient Education



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**Phone # 364-2116, ext 1171**

**Rm 117A** Dial "5" to call out, local only

Preferred Visiting Hours: 10am - 9pm

2pm-4pm Naptime

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Care Team:**

**Doctor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nurse:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Aide:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pain Management  
is OUR Goal!  
Your Goal

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No  
Hurt



2

Hurts  
Little Bit



4

Hurts Little  
More



6

Hurts  
Even More



8

Hurts  
Whole Lot



10

Hurts  
Worst

**% of Meals Consumed**

**Breakfast:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Snacks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intake**

**Output**

**Baby's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Birthday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weight:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Length:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Snacks available.  
Please just let us  
know what can get  
for you!**

**Checklist for Discharge:**

- ☐ PKU Test
- ☐ Hep B Vaccine
- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Infant Photos
- ☐ Circumcision
- ☐ Hearing Screen
- ☐ D/C Instructions for Newborn
- ☐ D/C Instructions for Mom
- ☐ Period of Purple Crying
- ☐ Hospital to Home Video



**Make sure  
Car Seat Is Ready**



**Everyone Wash  
Your Hands**





  
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**Snacks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In**

**Out**

☐ **Fall Risk**

**Activity Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Independent**

☐ **Bed/ Chair Alarm**

☐ **SBA**

☐ **Skin precaution**

☐ **1:1**

☐ **Turn Q2**

☐ **2:1**

☐ **Other:**

☐ **Lift**



# Wall Markers





# TEAM MEMBERS



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# Transitions of Care Team



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