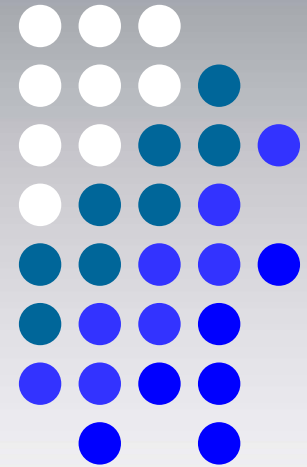


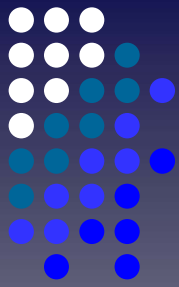
Implementing guidelines in a community hospital

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Challenges

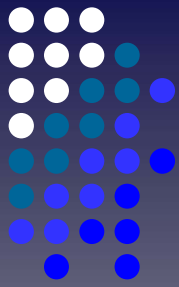


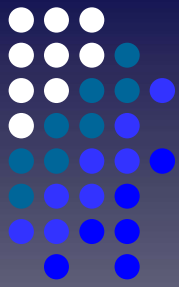
- 11 bed med/surg semi-closed non-teaching ICU
- 21 Physicians prescribing enteral & parenteral with diverse knowledge, experience, and practice
- 0.2 FTE Dietitian
- No daily rounds, no intensivist
- No enteral protocol
- No previous nutrition surveys or audits
- New electronic documentation system
- Barriers to obtaining enteral access & initiation



Post-survey

- Disseminate key survey results
 - Critical Care Committee and ICU Manager
 - Physician committee presentation
 - One-to-one with physicians, nurses, at rounds
 - Nutrition Support Committee
- Selecting achievable goals with broad impact
 - Enteral access & protocol
- Challenging ideas and changing opinions
 - Benefit of access to guidelines, supporting documents and updates





Where are we now

- Enteral nutrition protocol
- Moving toward closed unit
- Better physician buy-in
- Nursing buy-in
- “Nutrition highlights” education snippets
- 2nd in-house survey (informal)
- TPN audits



Future initiatives

- Improve online documentation
- Repeat nutrition survey

