

It's A Success! Achieving Cost-Effective Disease Management in CHF

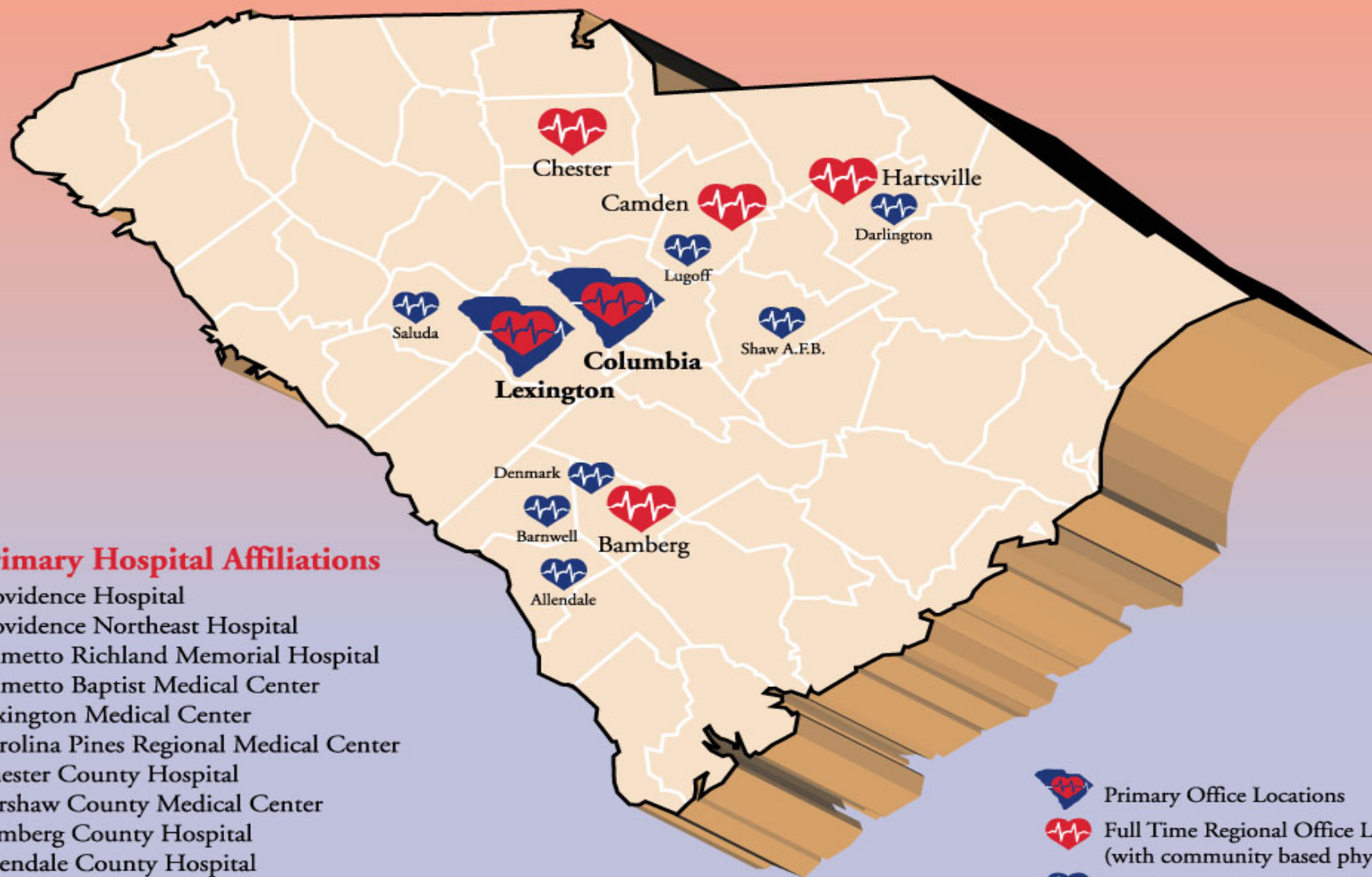


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Learning Objectives

- Discuss how to use disease management software to manage CHF patients
- Recommend steps to involve patients in their CHF management through software
- Determine ways to improve communication with all healthcare providers
- Identify ways to decrease hospitalizations and length of stay

Providing Advanced Cardiology Care To Patients Throughout South Carolina



Practice Overview



Why Disease Management?

- **90** million Americans have a chronic illness
- **70%** of all deaths in the United States (287,000/yr from heart disease)
- **75%** of the nation's \$1.7 trillion medical care costs



CHF-Costly Chronic Disease

- Number **one** diagnosis
- **3.5 million** admissions/year
- **60-75%** of total costs
- **47%** re-admission rate in six-months



5 million

US citizens have
heart failure

Disease Management Will...

- Support the provider/patient relationship and plan of care
- Prevent exacerbations by utilizing practice guidelines
- Provide tools to monitor patient outcomes



CHF Management Issues

- High volume of CHF patients
- No CHF Clinic
- Inability to track patient status
- Frequent hospitalizations/ED visits
- Communication with other providers



Disease Management Software

Solution

Achieving Physician Acceptance

- Presented concept to Administration, IS Committee and Physicians
- Determined program would improve management of CHF patients
- Agreed to participate as beta site utilizing our Camden regional office
- Worked with development team to determine content and workflow

Implementation Process

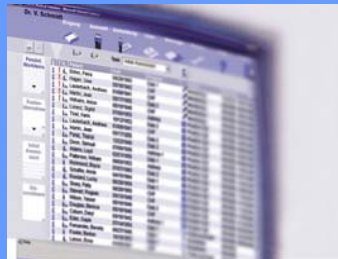
- Workflow mapping
- Staffing requirements
- Training
- Patient engagement
- Went live February 23, 2005

CHF Program Goals

- Improve quality of life
- Optimize communication
- Enhance compliance
- Early intervention
- Reduce frequency of CHF admissions
- Reduce length of stay

CHF Management Program

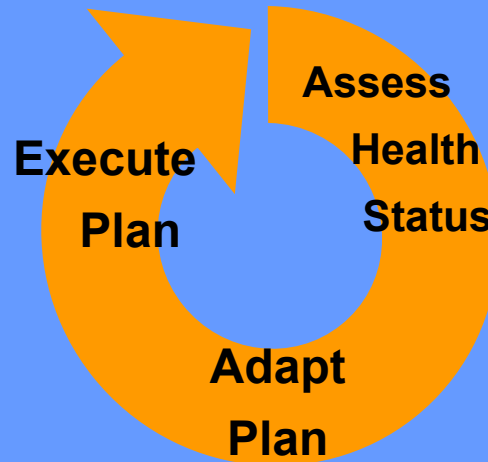
- Regular assessment of the patient's health status
- Management according to guidelines
- Provider communication
- Outcomes measurement



CHF Management Concept

The Management Loop

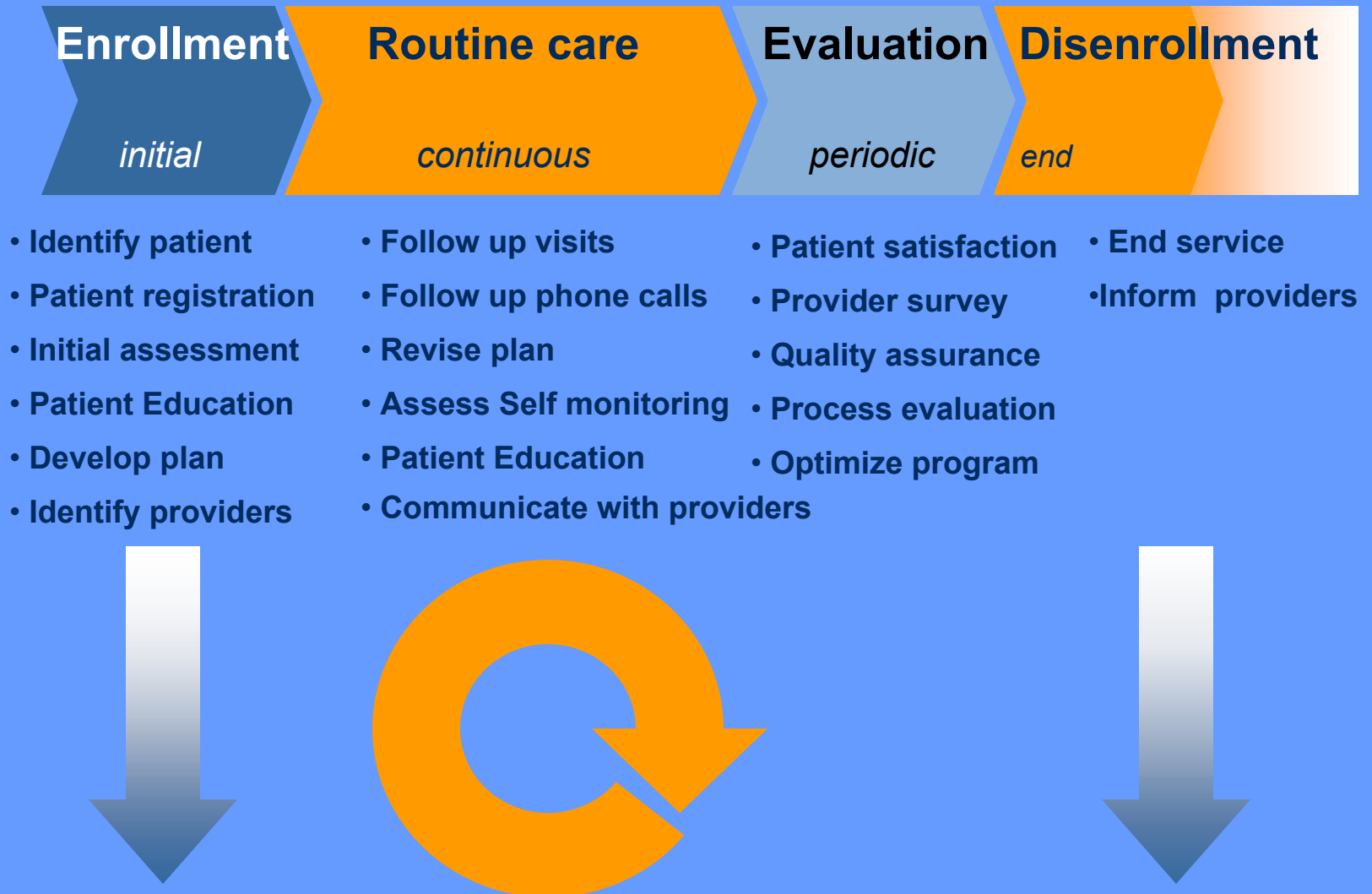
- Follow up visit
- Adapt medication and diet
- Schedule tests/procedures
- Educational session
- Self-monitoring



- Lab tests
- Physical examination
- History
 - EF %
 - problem list
 - symptoms
 - diet
 - medication

- Medication
- Diet
- Education
- Monitoring
- Appointments

CHF Process Model



<div>PATIENT SUMMARY</div> <div>23/01/2004 – 23/03/2004</div>																																																	
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Our Experience

- Strategy for patient enrollment
- Workflow adjustments
- Telephony adjustments
- Patient alerts
- Patient compliance
- Home Health participation
- Longitudinal tracking of disease

Benefits

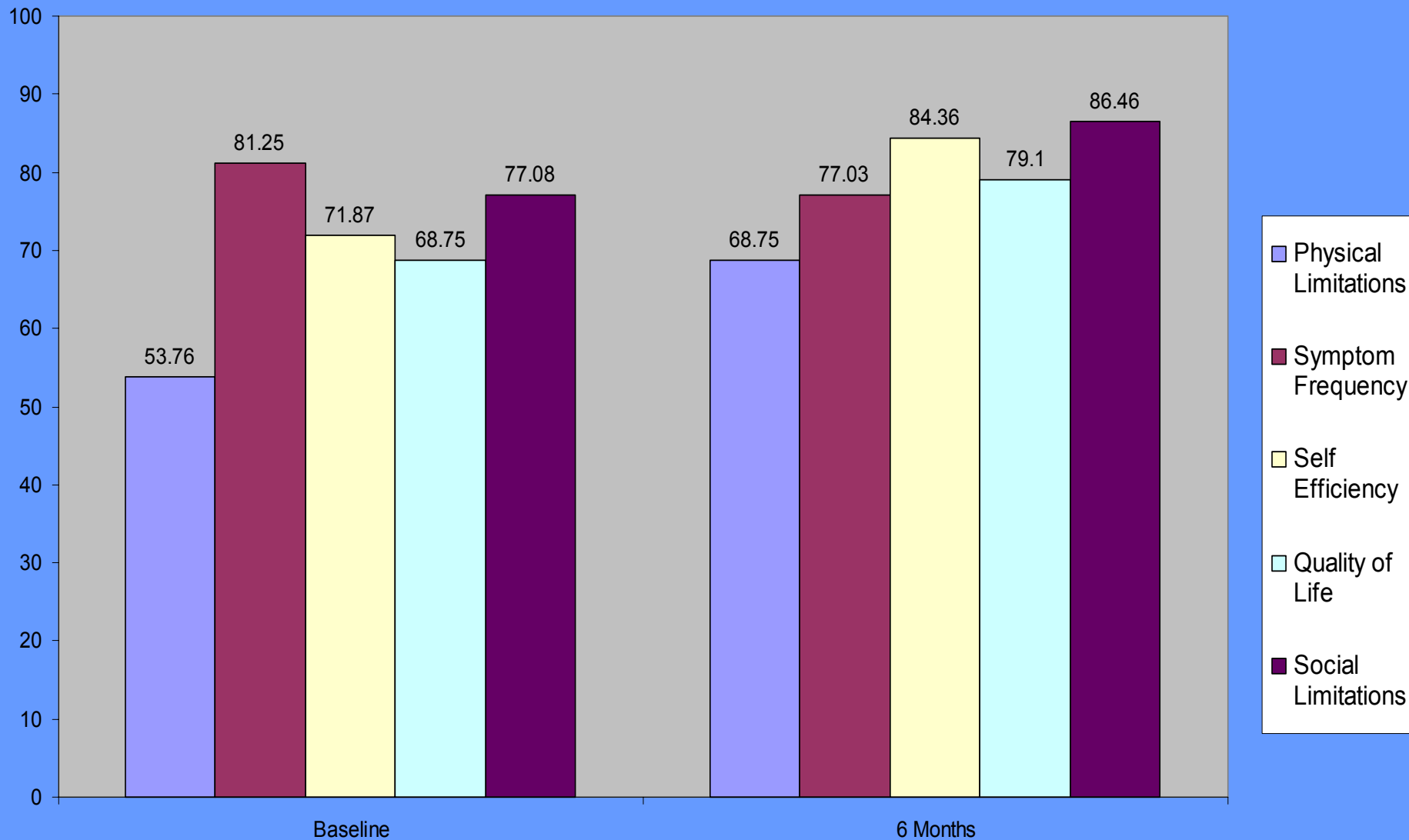
- Improved patient compliance
- Active patient participation
- Early Intervention due to alerts
- Improved communication with providers
- Ability to track patient disease process
- Improve outcomes-core measures
- Decrease number of hospitalizations/year

16 Total patients tracked on SDM

71 Total patients not in SDM program

Admitted to hospital	70
In SDM	0
Not in SDM	70
% total event free	19.5%
% event free not in SDM	1.4%
% event free in SDM	100%
% SDM patients hospitalized	0.0%
% non-SDM patients hospitalized	98.6%

KCCQ Questionnaire Results (%)



Potential Impact of Disease Management Programs:

Reduce Negative Financial Impact

of treating chronic ill patients by reducing Admission LOS and ER visits

Optimize Resources

by freeing up valuable resources for higher reimbursable procedures

Improve Quality of Care

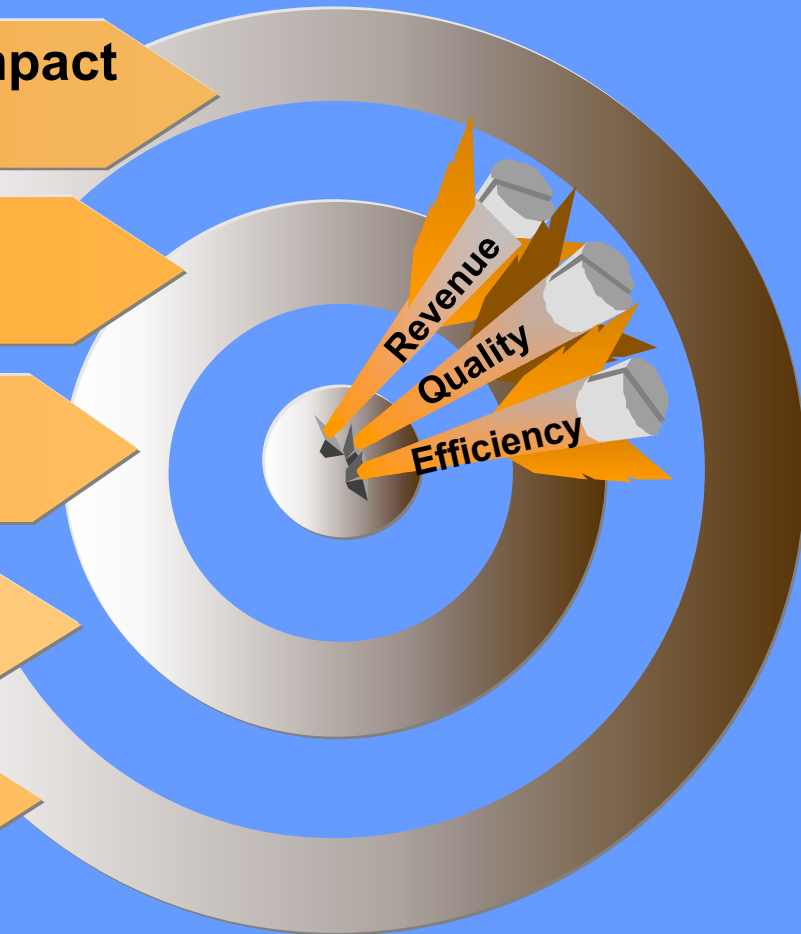
by delivering better care to at risk patients

Improve Patient Affinity

by keeping valuable patients tied to your organization

Prepare for Future Revenue

anticipate reimbursement for disease management services (CMS)



QUESTIONS????