

Building A World Class Outpatient TJA Program

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Buffalo Surgery Center

28,000 SF Free standing, multi-specialty ASC

Buffalo, NY

Excelsior Orthopaedics

65,000 SF comprehensive MSK campus





Excelsior Orthopaedics™

Comprehensive MSK “center of excellence”
Unmatched patient experiences, continuity of care, and integrated services

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PROVIDERS

25

SURGEONS /
PHYSICIANS

15

PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS

10

PTs/OTs

- ▶ Physical therapy
- ▶ MRI/imaging
- ▶ Excelsior Express –
Orthopaedic Urgent Care
- ▶ Sports training and school outreach
- ▶ Concussion management
- ▶ 130 employees and 100,000 patient visits per year at 3 locations in WNY



BUFFALO SURGERY CENTER

28,000 sq. ft. freestanding multi-specialty ASC

Orthopaedics, GI, ophthalmology and pain

100%

PHYSICIAN
OWNED

8

ORS/PROCEDURE
ROOMS

15,000

CASES PER YEAR

99%

PATIENT
SATISFACTION

<10min

OR TURNOVER
TIME

.15%

INFECTION RATE

50

EMPLOYEES



New facility opened in August, 2016

—| WHY WE DID IT

NEW KNEE, HIP, OR SHOULDER

without **ever** stepping foot inside a hospital

KNEE



700%

HIP



200%

SHOULDER



330%

Total Joint Replacements are on the

RISE

**Projected increases in demand by 2030*

TRENDS



- ▶ 50% of patients <65 years old
- ▶ Payer cost trends for MSK care
- ▶ Shifts to value based reimbursement (MACRA, APMs, etc.)

CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES



- ▶ Minimally invasive surgical techniques
- ▶ Advancements in pain management protocols
- ▶ Accelerated rehabilitation protocols

THE TRIPLE AIM



- ▶ Improved patient access
- ▶ Exceptional patient outcomes
- ▶ Lower cost

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY



- ▶ Strategic differentiation and the “balance of power”
- ▶ Great control of revenue and continuity of care
- ▶ Enhanced reimbursement for surgeons

- ▶ Built a safe and effective outpatient TJA program that achieves the Triple Aim objectives

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- ▶ Aligned and integrated the entire “means of production” under physician control



Surgeon



Anesthesia



BSC



DME



Recovery suite



Rehabilitation



Industry Partners

- ▶ Developed “bundled payment” agreements with payers

- ▶ Increased reimbursement for all lines of business and grew practice wide TJA volume

- ▶ Established workflows, clinical protocols, and patient education materials

PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM BUFFALO SURGERY CENTER TO SURGICAL RECOVERY SUITE

- ▶ 5 star accommodations
- ▶ 24X7 nursing care
- ▶ On-site PT until discharge
- ▶ Gourmet meals and covered parking for overnight guests
- ▶ Tempur-pedic adjustable mattress with luxury linens
- ▶ Flat screen TVs with streaming content and complimentary wi-fi
- ▶ ipads for video chat with surgeons
- ▶ Personalized service and access to indoor pool, spa, and fitness center
- ▶ Focus on early motion and ambulation

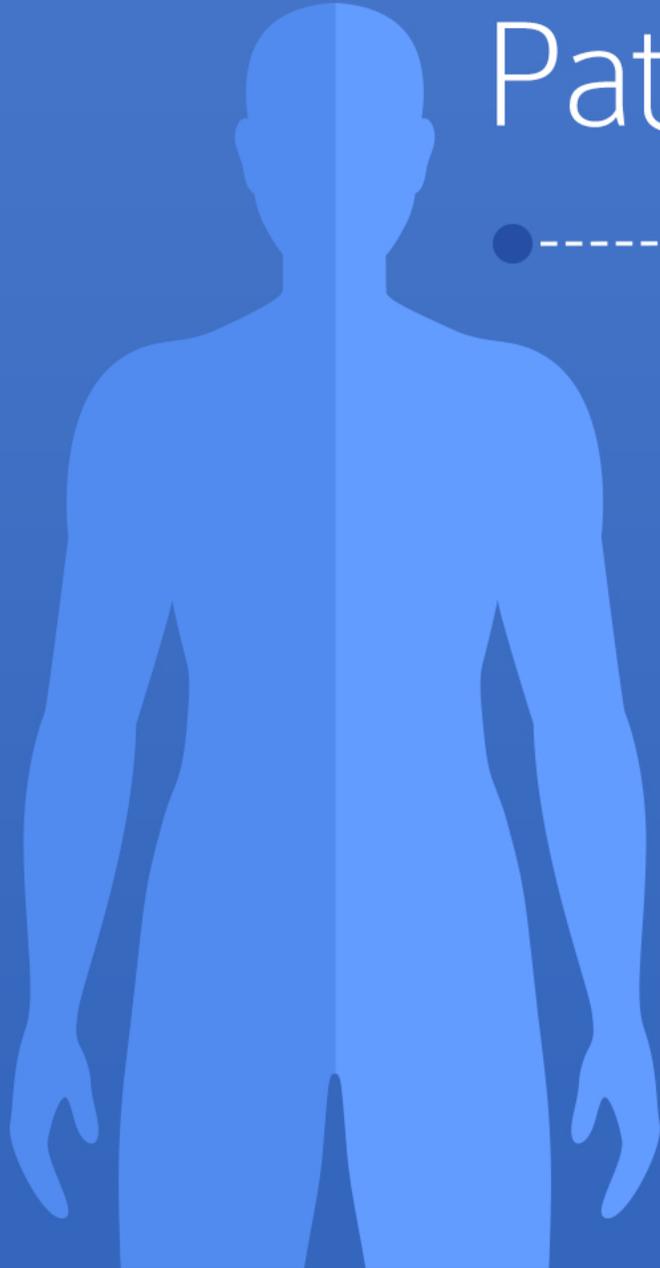


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CLINICAL PROTOCOLS

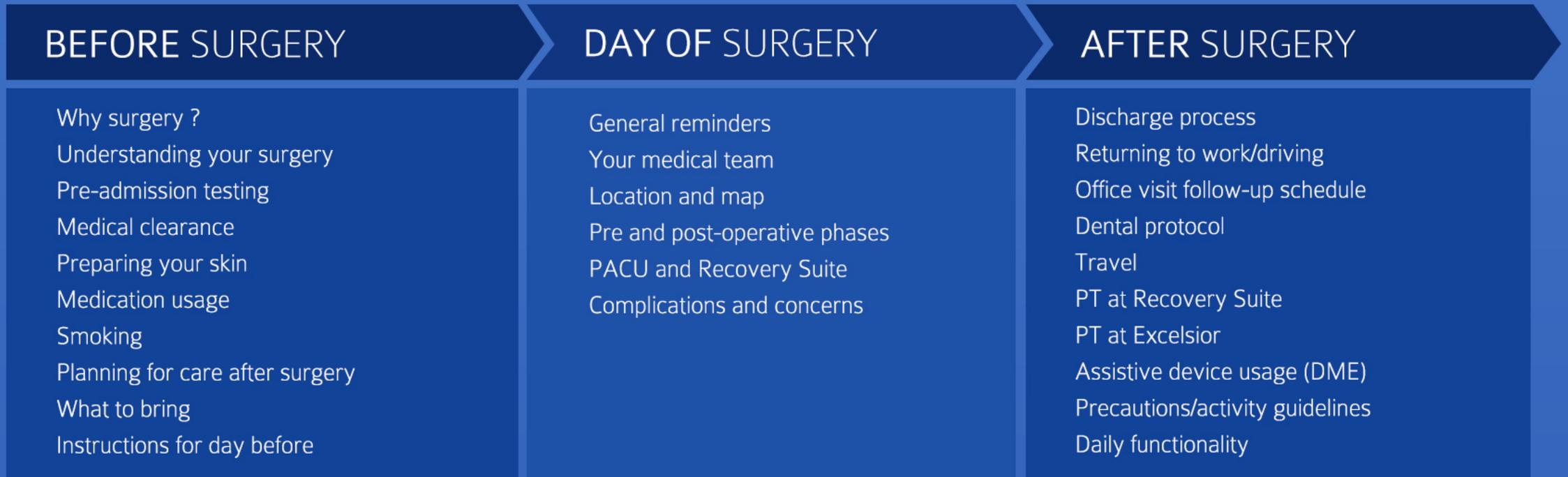
Patient Selection Criteria



- ▶ BMI <40
- ▶ No specific age criteria
- ▶ Minimal past medical history with few/if any co-morbidities
- ▶ Well controlled sleep apnea
- ▶ Narcotic naïve
- ▶ Specifically, no history of:
 - ▶ Cardio-thoracic or diabetic problems (hgb <7.0)
 - ▶ RA
 - ▶ PE/DVT
 - ▶ MRSA
 - ▶ Blood thinners
 - ▶ Gastric by-pass
- ▶ Patient motivation
- ▶ Family support
- ▶ Patient resiliency - the “Crazy Factor”

Patient Education

- ▶ Critical to achieving exceptional outcomes
- ▶ Patients and caregivers are more accountable for successful outcomes and recovery
- ▶ All outpatient TJA patients and caregivers must attend an Excelsior patient education class
 - ▶ Taught by PAs, therapists, nurses, and DME staff



Surgical Techniques and Pain Management

ANTERIOR APPROACH FOR HIPS

- ▶ Less pain
- ▶ Fewer restrictions
- ▶ Quicker ambulation and ability to navigate stairs

METICULOUS HEMOSTASIS

- ▶ TXA IV/Topical
- ▶ Careful dissection in hips and tie off small vessels
- ▶ Tourniquet in knees
- ▶ AquaMantis?

MULTIMODAL PAIN MANAGEMENT

- ▶ Steroids
- ▶ The “Cocktail”
- ▶ Regional blocks
- ▶ Anti-inflammatories

AQUACEL DRESSINGS

- ▶ On for 7 days and water resistant

Excelsior's Intraoperative Cocktail –

AKA

“The Hairy Buffalo”



- ▶ TRANEXAMIC ACID
 - 2 grams - hips (1 gram IV)
 - 3 grams – knees
- ▶ LIPOSOMAL BUPIVACAINE
 - 20 mg. (22 gauge needle)
- ▶ MORPHINE
 - 10 mg.
- ▶ BUPIVICANE .25% WITH EPI
 - 10 mg.
- ▶ NSS
 - 20 mL
- ▶ TOTAL VOLUME
 - 80 cc – hips
 - 90 cc – knees

Medications

▶ EXTENDED RELEASE NARCOTICS

- ▶ OxyContin 20 mg BID or MS Contin 30 mg BID

▶ SHORT ACTING NARCOTICS

- ▶ Percocet 5/325 mg. or Norco 5/325 mg every 4 hours

▶ ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

- ▶ Celebrex 200 mg BID or Mobic 15 mg daily

▶ VTE PROPHYLAXIS

- ▶ Enteric coated aspirin 325 mg BID x 4 weeks

▶ CONSTIPATION

- ▶ Senna – 5 daily (softener and laxative) or Mag Citrate 150 mL BID

▶ ANTIBIOTICS

- ▶ Keflex 500 mg QID for 1 day

▶ URINARY RETENTION

- ▶ Flomax 0.4 mg once

▶ ANTIEMETIC

- ▶ Zofran 4 mg every 8 hours

Equipment and Planning

- ✓ Mirror inpatient and outpatient equipment
- ✓ Drapes, leg-holders, retractors, music, etc.
- ✓ Conduct “dry-runs” in ASC OR from start to finish
- ✓ Simplify implant trays

- ▶ Size specific trays
- ▶ Rad link pre op templating option to simplify trays
- ▶ Keep one full master set available as back-up

Simplify the variables

- ▶ Practice in the hospital first . . . then implement at the ASC
- ▶ Don't introduce something new without trial, especially if only for cost purposes

Fully leverage vendor relationships

- ▶ Patient education
- ▶ Patient advocates and testimonials
- ▶ Lead generation
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Site visits
- ▶ Outcome measurement
- ▶ Equipment procurement and surgical planning
- ▶ PRICING

Steal shamelessly!

TJA Credentialing

- ▶ Surgeons must have privileges at BSC and must meet standard credentialing requirements
- ▶ Surgeons must also meet outpatient TJA specific requirements with supporting documentation
- ▶ Surgeons must document proficiency with multi-modal pain management
- ▶ Case specific requirements – for the past 6 mos.

	TKA	THA	TSA
TOURNIQUET TIME	<90 min.	N/A	N/A
OR TIME	<120 min.	<120 min.	<150 min.
INPATIENT VOLUME	50	35	10

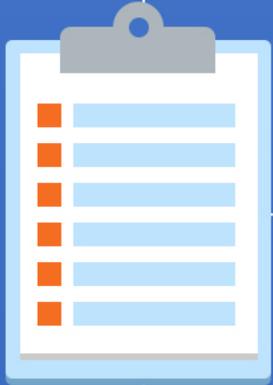
Rehabilitation

- ▶ Critical to achieving positive outcomes, returning patient to normal activities of daily living
- ▶ Pre-hab
- ▶ Post-op focus on early ambulation, strengthening, minimizing swelling, and obtaining full range of motion
- ▶ Begins day of surgery at SRS and continues on-site at Excelsior
 - ▶ Control over protocols, quality, and consistency of staff are keys to success
- ▶ Establish goals and define exercises/activity and progression criteria for 4 distinct phases of rehabilitation
 - ▶ Acute (day of surgery to post-op day 2)
 - ▶ Motion (weeks 1-4)
 - ▶ Intermediate (weeks 4-6)
 - ▶ Advanced Strengthening (weeks 8-12)



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OUTCOMES

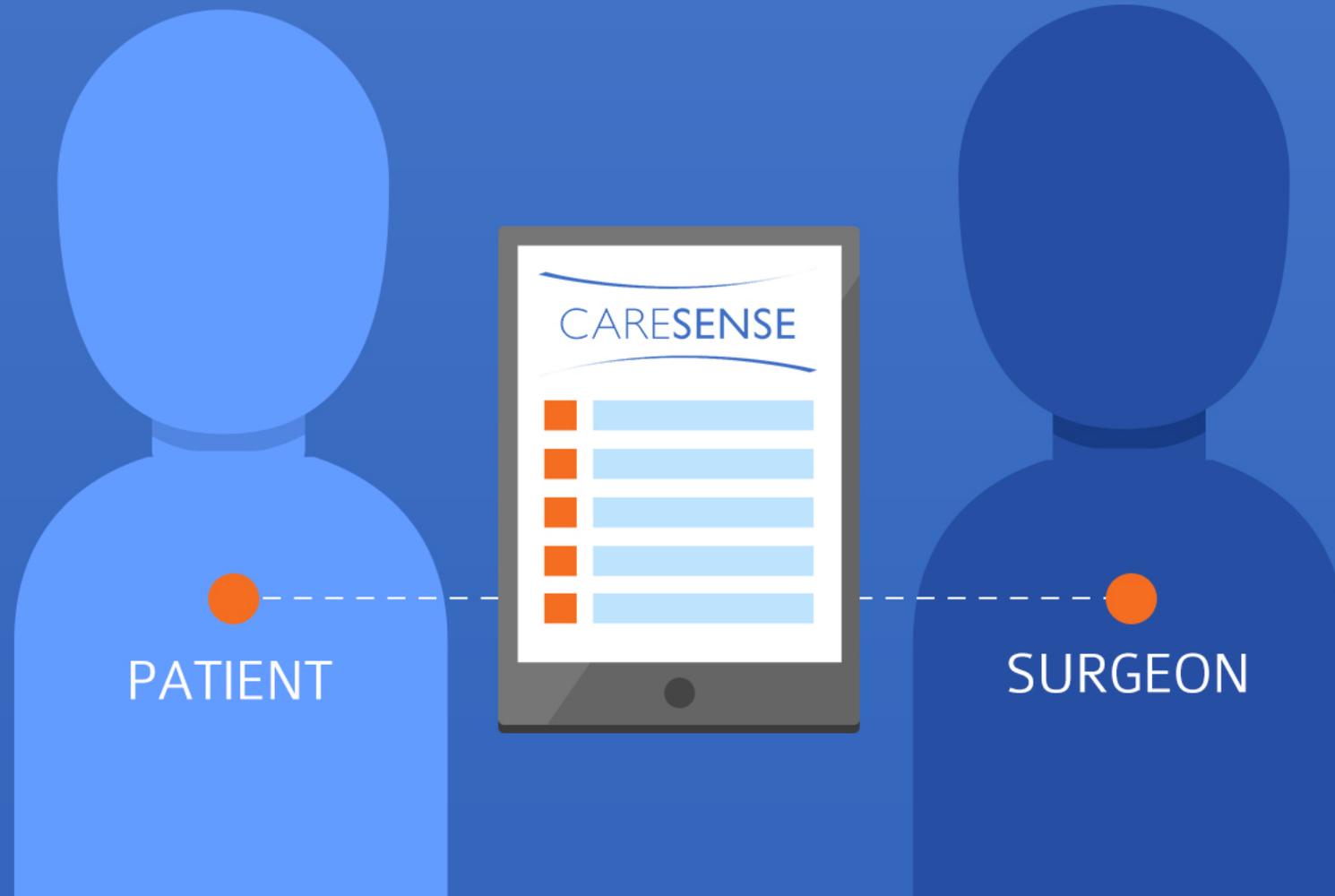


- ▶ NEEDED TO OBTAIN STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT
- ▶ PATIENT SATISFACTION, OUTCOMES, AND EXPERIENCE ARE CRITICAL TO SUCCESS
- ▶ REQUIRED TO MANAGE INCREASED RISK AND ACCOUNTABILITY
- ▶ PREPARATION FOR SEISMIC SHIFTS TOWARD VALUE BASED REIMBURSEMENT
- ▶ ALL PRESUPPOSE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH TO TRACKING AND MEASURING OUTCOMES

What we measure

- ▶ QUANTITATIVE DATA FOR BOTH INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT TJA PATIENTS
- ▶ SSI
- ▶ COMPLICATIONS
- ▶ DVT
- ▶ RE-ADMISSIONS
- ▶ PROs
 - ▶ VAS Pain scores
 - ▶ SF-12
 - ▶ Reduce WOMAC
- ▶ PATIENT SATISFACTION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE EPISODE OF CARE

How do we collect the data?



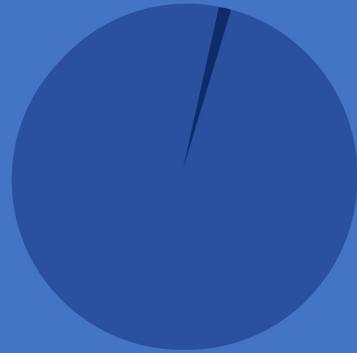
- ▶ Surgical discussion triggers ipad survey input of data (10 min.)
- ▶ Patient data for TJA surgeons is pre-loaded into CareSense via daily interface with EMR
- ▶ Surgical scheduling triggers “alert note” in EMR to administer follow-up surveys either at f/u visits or via internet at:
 - ▶ 2 weeks
 - ▶ 6 weeks
 - ▶ 3 months
 - ▶ 6 months
 - ▶ 12 months
- ▶ Surgical code in EMR via interface with CareSense triggers electronic survey

The Results are in



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OUTPATIENT TJA
AND COUNTING



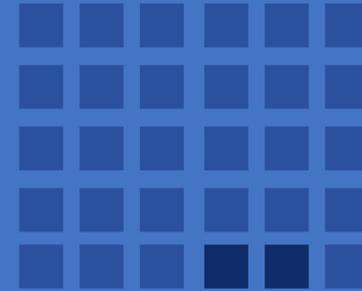
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PATIENT
SATISFACTION



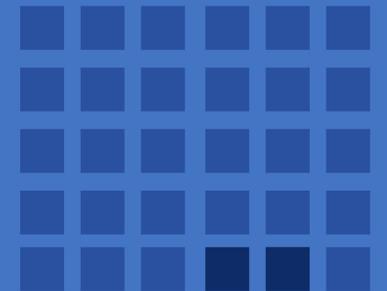
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SURGICAL
COMPLICATIONS



2

HOSPITAL
TRANSFER



2

MANIPULATIONS
UNDER ANESTHESIA

Demographic Data

Patients 2015-2017			
	Male	Female	Total
Knee	86	96	182
Hip	96	52	148

AVERAGES		
Mean Age	Mean BMI	Average LOS
57 (21-81)	30.2 (18.6-44.6)	1.25 days in Surgical Recovery Suite

Comorbidities		
Asthma	Diabetes	Hypertension
7%	2%	21%

Intraoperative Data

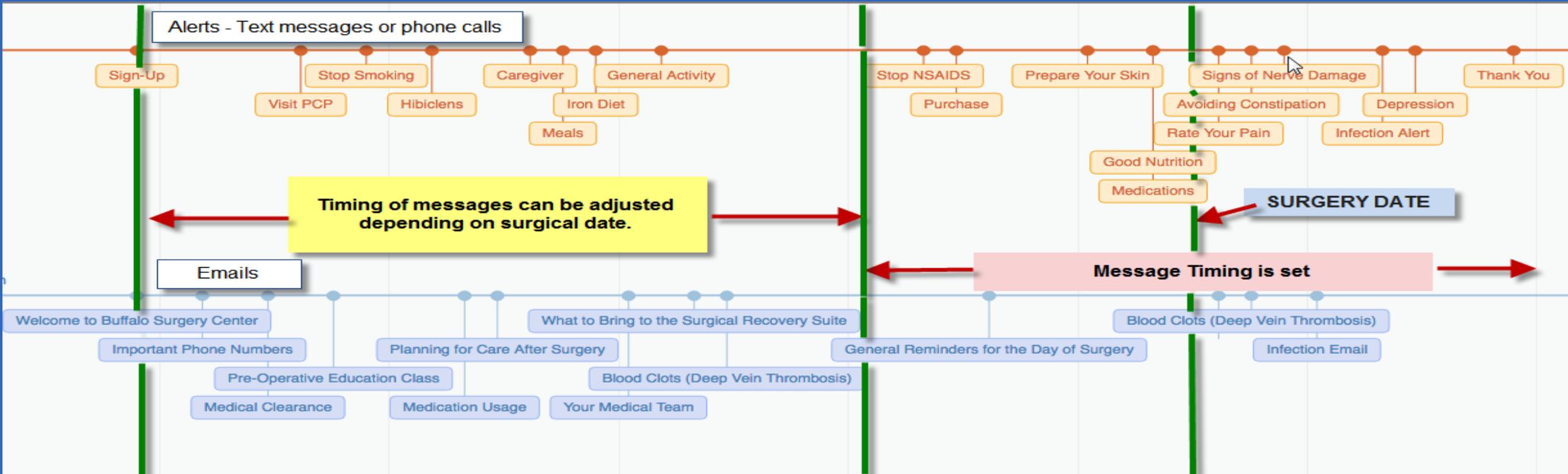
Patients 2015-2017	
Complications	0
Hospital Transfers	2 (.6%) - 1 undiagnosed atrial fibrillation and 1 for inability to stabilize blood pressure in recovery
Infections	0
DVT	0
PE	0
Fractures	1 (.3%) Patient tripped over his dog
Post-Operative Manipulations Under Anesthesia	2 (.6%) 1 for patient non-compliance and 1 for post operative hemarthrosis

Digital Care Navigation - Pathways

- ▶ Pathway timeline: -30 days before surgery to 10 days after surgery.
- ▶ Combination of Text Alerts (or phone calls) and Emails
- ▶ Provides timely information to the patient as he/she prepares for surgery

- ▶ Signing patients up is easy
 - ▶ Name
 - ▶ Email
 - ▶ Phone #
 - ▶ Preference of Texts v. phone call
 - ▶ Time preference of text/call
- ▶ Then information is initiated based on entering date of Surgery

Pathways





BUNDLED PAYMENTS

- ▶ Payment for all services during an “episode of care” as one fixed price
- ▶ Greater pressure and incentives for providers to improve quality and manage costs
- ▶ Estimated costs savings for outpatient TJA – 30-40% driven from elimination of hospital costs, sub-acute rehabilitation stays, and downward pressure in supply costs
- ▶ High payer receptivity given skyrocketing musculoskeletal medical cost trends
- ▶ Greater control over the “means of production” and the “episode of care”
- ▶ Opportunities for enhanced reimbursement/ shared savings.



Surgery



BSC



Implants



Anesthesia



DME & Therapy



Recovery



Post Op



BUNDLED PAYMENT

Step 1 | Define the bundle

▶ DEFINE DURATION OF THE “EPISODE OF CARE”

- ▶ Typically surgical discussion through 90 days global post-op

▶ DEFINE WHAT SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE “BUNDLE”

- ▶ Surgical and surgical assist fees
- ▶ Anesthesia
- ▶ ASC facility fee and supply costs, including implants
- ▶ Therapy visits
- ▶ Recovery suite facility, meals, and nursing
- ▶ Home care
- ▶ DME
- ▶ Post-op follow-up and x-rays

▶ WHAT SERVICES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE “BUNDLE”?

- ▶ Pre-op testing and medical clearance
- ▶ MRIs
- ▶ Hospital re-admissions due to complications
- ▶ Post-operative pharmacy costs
- ▶ Revision procedures

Step 2 | Building the bundle

▶ ANALYZE SERVICES, COSTS, AND CURRENT REIMBURSEMENT

- ▶ Gather data on services received by TJA patients
- ▶ What? How many? Current global reimbursement
- ▶ What will it cost to provider all of the services in the “bundle”
- ▶ What reimbursement do you want for each service/line of business?
- ▶ What’s the total cost and preferred reimbursement for the “bundle”?
- ▶ Build in some contingency for risk and unexpected outcomes

▶ IDENTIFY LOCAL HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT IF POSSIBLE

- ▶ Determine payer costs for TJA for all services
- ▶ Ensure savings opportunities for payers
- ▶ Create negotiating leverage

TKA (27447)				
	Reimbursement		Costs	Profitability
	Current	Proposed		
Pre-Op				
Pre-Op Office Visit	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$60.00
2 Pre-Op X-Rays	\$70.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$35.00
Surgical Fees				
Surgeon's Fee	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$775	\$3,225
Surgical Assist Fee	\$250	\$500	\$150	\$350
BSC Facility Fees				
Facility Fee	N/A	\$5,000	\$2,030	\$2,970
Implant Allowance	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Anesthesia				
	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,000	\$800
90 Day Post-Op				
3 Office Visits	\$0	\$235	\$170	\$65
2 X-Rays	\$0	\$85	\$50	\$35
DME				
Polar Care	\$0	\$200	\$110	\$90
Cane	\$35	\$50	\$9	\$41
Walker	\$75	\$100	\$25	\$75
DVT Sleeve	\$0	\$400	\$200	\$200
Physical Therapy				
5 SRS Visits	\$0	\$500	\$200	\$300
15 On-Site Visits	\$1,125	\$1,500	\$750	\$750
Hospital Stay				
	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	N/A
Sub-Acute Rehab				
	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	N/A
Transportation				
	\$0	\$100	\$75	\$25
SRS Nursing (EO)				
	\$0	\$1,620	\$1,620	\$0
Recovery Suite				
	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$4,000
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Step 3 | Negotiating the bundle & contract terms

- ▶ NEGOTIATE THE BUNDLED PAYMENT - \$
 - ▶ Validate savings opportunities to create necessary leverage
- ▶ NEGOTIATE CONTRACT TERMS
 - ▶ Pilot program?
 - ▶ Covered products
 - ▶ Patient selection
 - ▶ Episode of care inclusions and exclusions; duration
 - ▶ Outcome measures and program evaluation checkpoints
 - ▶ Claim submission and adjudication
 - ▶ Assignment of risk for related, avoidable, and unrelated spital readmissions

\$ XXXX.XX



Step 4 | Internal contracting & operational issues

▶ MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT – AMONG INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS

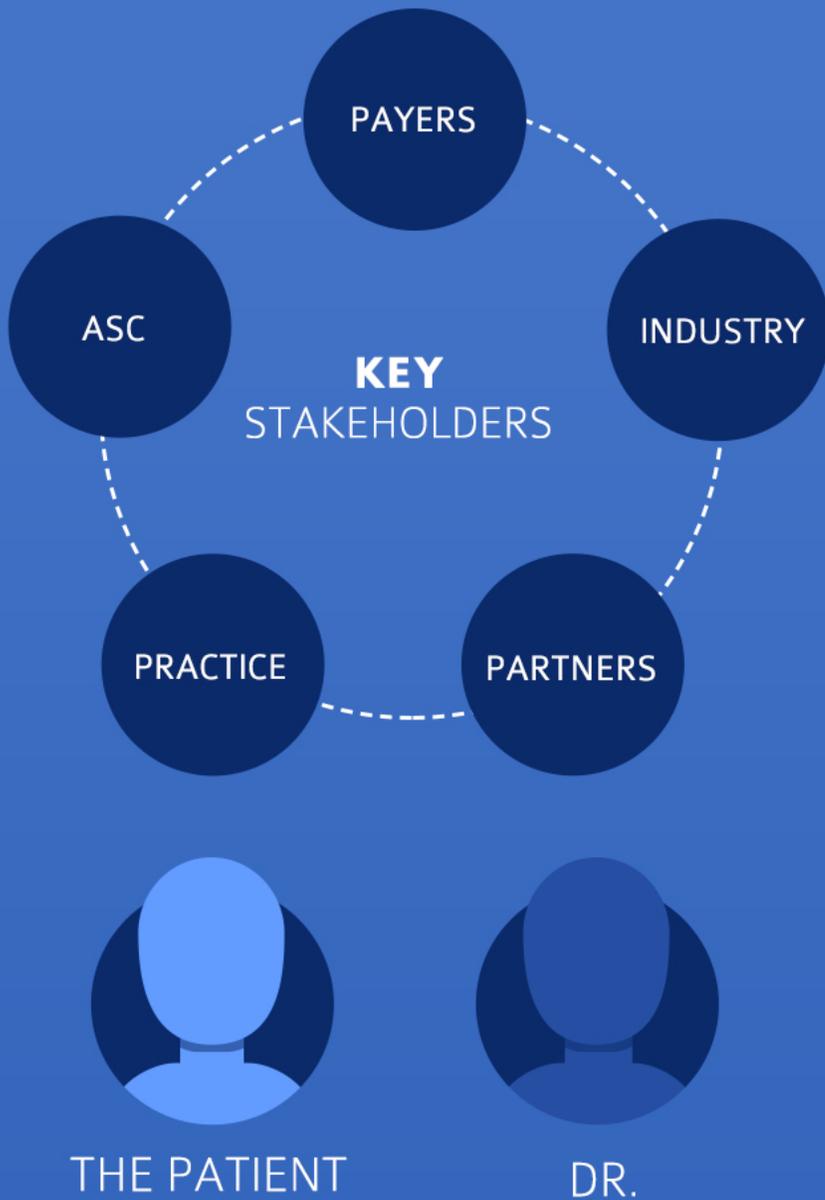
- ▶ Who provides what services?
- ▶ Who gets what? - \$
- ▶ How will the \$ flow?

▶ BILLING AND ADMINISTRATION

- ▶ What gets billed and how?



Critical Success Factors



▶ YOU NEED A DEDICATED AND EXPERIENCED TEAM

- ▶ Physician leadership
- ▶ Support staff (PT, nursing, OR staff, admin. staff)
- ▶ Vendors
- ▶ Anesthesia – on board early

▶ PAYER SUPPORT AND READINESS – HEALTHCARE IS LOCAL!

▶ PATIENT SELECTION AND EDUCATION

▶ CONTROL THE “MEANS OF PRODUCTION” AND THE “BUNDLE”

▶ STANDARDIZATION, CARE COORDINATION, AND CONTINUITY OF CARE

▶ STEAL SHAMELESSLY FROM EXISTING “ROADMAPS AND PLAYBOOKS”

▶ LEVERAGE KEY RELATIONSHIPS

▶ MEASURE OUTCOMES TO MANAGE RISK!

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

