Promised TAT as a Key Performance Indicator: All the Secrets and Successes of Making it Work

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Why are we here...

- **Purpose**: To share insights learned by BloodCenter of Wisconsin’s Diagnostic Laboratories on their humble journey, from selecting a meaningful metric to managing the data and translating this data into actionable opportunities for improvement.

- **Objectives**
  - Demonstrate how published turn-around-time (PTAT) is a reflection of the internal and external customer voice.
  - Share best practices of PTAT data management and customizing the metric to fit you and your customers’ needs.
  - Explore the process of translating a static metric to a dynamic action plan/continuous improvement opportunity
Why are we here...

• Take Aways
  • Insights into choosing a goal and metric based on the voice of the customer.
  • Methods to utilize standard work in managing published turn-around-time (PTAT) metrics.
  • The importance of recognizing why tests miss their PTAT, how to track this data, and ways to make data actionable.
  • A mechanism to identify and ask for help in addressing road blocks to achieving PTAT goals.
  • Real lessons learned regarding the challenges and successes around the implementation of percent made PTAT as a Key Performance Indicator (KPI).
**BloodCenter of Wisconsin**

**Mission:**
BloodCenter of Wisconsin advances patient care by delivering life-saving solutions grounded in unparalleled medical and scientific expertise.

**Vision:**
Together we will become the blood center without equal, discovering new ways to save more lives.

**Values:**
- **Excellence** – To strive to be the best
- **Integrity** – To bring honesty and responsibility to all we do
- **Learning** – Dedication to acquire and share new knowledge and skills
- **Respect** – To affirm each person’s dignity and worth
- **Innovation** – To create new knowledge and solutions
- **Service** – To anticipate and exceed customer expectations

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Multifaceted Care

- Blood Services
- Medical Science Institute
- Blood Research Institute
- Organ and Tissue Donation
- Diagnostic Laboratories

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Diagnostic Laboratories

• Use innovative tests and unparalleled expertise to help physicians deliver better care to the patient.
• Comprised of multiple areas of expertise
  • Hematology Lab (HEM)
  • Histocompatibility Lab (HLA)
  • Immunohematology Reference Lab (IRL)
  • Molecular Diagnostics Lab (MDL)
  • Molecular Oncology Lab (ONC)
  • Platelet Immunohematology Lab (PNIL)
  • Transfusion Services (located in Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin)
• Product Development Lab
• Applied Research Lab
One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire Cat in a tree.

“Which road do I take?” she asked.

“Where do you want to go?” was his response.

“I don’t know,” Alice answered.

“Then,” said the cat, “it doesn’t matter.”

Excerpt from *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland*

If you don’t know where you are going, any road will get you there.

~Lewis Carroll
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Establish the Voice of the Customer
Take Action
Monitor Progress toward your Goal
Find your foundation…

Everything we do starts and ends with **patient care**: 
Establish the Voice of the Customer

- Define your customer
- Choose a tool to capture the voice of your customer. The tool should:
  - Capture the wants and needs of your customer
  - Assess the gap between your services and your customers’ requirements
  - Be easily accessible to the customer

http://www.b2bmarketing.net/
Taking Action on What You’ve Heard and Learned

- Use the results of your assessment tool to **create a goal**
- Your Goal should:
  - Bridge the gap between the service you’re currently providing and the needs of your customer
  - Be supported from the executive to the staff level
  - Be S.M.A.R.T.
## S.M.A.R.T.

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<td>Set realistic goals. They shouldn’t be so big that they seem impossible</td>
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<td>Set goals that challenge you but fit within the “bigger picture” of your Lab and DL and BCW</td>
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<td>T Timely</td>
<td>Make your goals fit into a manageable time frame.</td>
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Approach goals with a “From ______ to ______ by ______” mentality.
Monitor your progress toward your goal

- Select a metric
  - Easy to manage
  - Quick to retrieve
- Display the metric
  - Reviewed frequently
  - Owned on the bench level
- Establish process to support progress toward the goal
  - Celebrate successes
  - Celebrate and learn from failures

http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/Courses/ProgramEvaluation/NREPP_0406_0070.html
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Voice of the Customer

TAT Metric
Diagnostic Labs’ Customer Feedback (VOC)

- **VOC:** 14% of customers said their TAT expectations were not met; Quick TAT is critical because it is needed to deliver timely and well-informed care to patients.

- **Established Baseline:** In Q4 of 2008, the Diagnostic Labs:
  - Met 83.4% of their published TAT
  - Had an overall average TAT of 4.2 days

- **Identified Need:** Focus on and improve on TAT

- **Resulting Goal:** Improve DL average TAT for results by 25%, from 4.20 days to 3.15 days by 12/31/2009.

- **Metric:** Average TAT in days
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Capturing, Maintaining, and Displaying the Data
January 2009 – Defining the Metric

- Focus on DL impact
- **Start:** Sample **receipt** onsite
  - Paper requisition: Time of order entry
  - Interface: Time of sample receipt
- **End:** Results made available to client
January 2009 – Capturing the Data

- LIS System (Cerner) Report
  - Testing Lab
  - Test Name
  - Client
  - Patient Name and/or Accession Number
  - Contributor System (interface, manual, etc)
  - Order Date
  - Receipt Date
  - Completed Date
April 2009 – Managing the Data

“Pushing the button”

Utilities Switchboard

TAT Analysis

- Order Items Excluded from TAT Report
- Organizations Excluded from TAT Report
- Import Utilities
- Database Limitations
- Back
June 2009 - Reason Codes

• Lab staff began to enter pre-determined reason codes for each test that missed into the DL TAT Access Database

• Pareto the reason codes overall or by lab
2009 - Displaying the Metric

- Monthly summary
- Quarterly summary

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Average Exceed TAT= 9.8 days

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Diagnostic Labs Average TAT by Lab January - May 2009

- HEM
  - Exceed TAT: 2031
  - Made TAT: 9906
  - Total: 11936
  - % PTAT: 83%

- HLA
  - Exceed TAT: 606
  - Made TAT: 6956
  - Total: 7561
  - % PTAT: 92%

- IRL
  - Exceed TAT: 608
  - Made TAT: 1350
  - Total: 1958
  - % PTAT: 80%

- MDL
  - Exceed TAT: 771
  - Made TAT: 2954
  - Total: 3725
  - % PTAT: 80%

- PNIL
  - Exceed TAT: 1378
  - Made TAT: 5659
  - Total: 7037
  - % PTAT: 80%

- DL Total
  - Exceed TAT: 5394
  - Made TAT: 26859
  - Grand Total: 32257
  - % PTAT: 83%
2009 Average TAT by Month

TAT Goal: 3.15 Days

- January 2009: 3.57 days
- February 2009: 4.72 days
- March 2009: 4.14 days
- April 2009: 3.75 days
- May 2009: 3.57 days
- June 2009: 3.76 days
- July 2009: 3.72 days
- August 2009: 3.21 days
- September 2009: 3.33 days
- October 2009: 3.38 days
- November 2009: 3.6 days
- December 2009: 3.27 days

Actual vs. Goal

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2009 DL % Made PTAT by Month

Month

Jan-09  Feb-09  Mar-09  Apr-09  May-09  Jun-09  Jul-09  Aug-09  Sep-09  Oct-09  Nov-09  Dec-09

Percent Made PTAT

78.0%  80.0%  82.0%  84.0%  86.0%  88.0%  90.0%  92.0%  94.0%

86.68%  83.03%  86.16%  86.01%  86.05%  86.75%  87.49%  91.61%  90.06%  91.25%  90.01%  91.04%

Actual
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Strategy

Deployment

Driving Progress

Adjusting the Goal
Changing the Approach for 2010

- Launched Strategy Deployment
  - **Define** key strategic initiatives to establish growth
  - **Monthly** review of performance
  - **Track** performance using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Impact on TAT: Monitored as % Made PTAT

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2010 - Driving the Progress

Rewarding the Positive

- Individually celebrated labs that made monthly goal in SD
- Individually awarded “Trophy” to lab with best 3 month rolling-average RA

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MDL has the highest % Made PTAT

Enforcing Accountability

- Individually put labs that did not meet goal into Countermeasure
2010 - Driving the Progress

Benefits
• Fostered “healthy” competition between labs
• Drove the message of TAT at the staff level
• Helped get staff engaged in process improvements

Drawbacks
• One or two labs tended to win the bowl every month
• Didn’t consider the support teams helping to make the process improvements
• Monthly award intervals penalized the labs with long term solutions
• Enforced silos
2010 - Driving Progress
HLA Sequencing First Pass Yield - Six Sigma Project

• **Problem Statement:**
  During the period from 2/12/10 to 7/16/10 the first pass yield for the HLA sequencing process was observed to be 57.9%

• **Objective Statement:**
  Improve the HLA sequencing first pass yield from 57.9% to >80% by 7/30/10.

• **Primary Metric Definition:**
  First Pass Yield – frequency of sample progression through the entire sequencing process without having any step repeated. This is correlated to the repeat rate for any of the individual sequencing assays
2010 – Adjusting the Goal

**2010 DL % Made PTAT by Month**

![Chart showing percent made PTAT by month from January 2010 to December 2010. The actual percent made PTAT fluctuates throughout the year, while the goal remains relatively stable.](chart.png)
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2011 – Adjusting the Goal

2011 DL % Made PTAT by Month

Percent Made PTAT

Month

Survey result comparisons and trending

- Evidence of overall positive trending or improvement with shipping procedures, TAT, online reporting & pricing
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Weekly Pulse
Monthly Report
2013 Planning
January 2012 – Adjusting the Goal

- Incremental increase in PTAT goal each quarter
- Ended the Trophy award
**Weekly Pulse…**

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CCR data is already included in the individual and overall lab totals. This box breaks out the CCR data to give a snapshot of its impact on the overall DL total.
July 2012 – Monthly Report Modifications

One comprehensive DL report

- Individual and overall laboratory dashboards
- Individual lab p-charts
- One section for each lab highlighting “top 3” tests

PNIL Monthly Turn Around Time (TAT) Report

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PNIL TAT Percent Made

- Histogram of Platelet Antigen Genotyping (Panel)

Summary:

In the month of December, PNIL completed 66 Platelet Antigen Genotyping panel tests. Of these, 20 (15.2%) exceeded the published TAT (PTAT) of 7 days.

Of the 66 tests completed in December, 21.2% were completed in 2.0 to 2.9 days, 25.8% 3.0 to 5.9 days, and 15.2% were completed in 7.0 or greater days. In sum, 84.3% were completed in less than 7 days.

Please see last month’s report for more details: PNIL November TAT Report

Top 3 Assay Dashboard

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NAIP: The reason these three tests were selected was because each of them is part of the NAIP test. Each of the three sections below contains a very high level overview of the three tests compared to last month’s data.

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Streamline the Calculations

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December 2012 - Planning for 2013

- Reviewed the KPI Goal
  - How S.M.A.R.T is it?

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Introduction of the “Alignment Diagram”

Vision: To Become a Blood Center Without Equal

Strategic Imperatives:
- Patient
- Innovation
- Stewardship
- Quality
- People

Strategic Metrics:
- Serve More Patients
- Revenue from new tests and grants, services, and philanthropy
- Cost Reduction to Invest in the Future
- Operating Margin
- 50% defect reduction
- 80% Employee Engagement and 50% retention

Key Performance Indicators (DL):
- Service: Patients Served, 96% Made PTAT
- Innovation: Revenue by new test, # New tests Launched
- Financials: DL Revenue, DL Expense
- Quality: Corrected Reports, Mislabeled specimen, Billing errors
- Compliance: Audits findings, OSHA receivables
- Engagement: % Turnover

Department Goals with related metrics – roll up into one or more DL KPIs:
- Goal 1: Increase % Made PTAT for XXX Assay from 92% to 96% by 12/31/2013.
- Metric 2: % Made TAT for XXX Assay
- Goal 2
- Metric 3
- Goal 3
December 2012 - More planning for 2013

- Conducted our first Operational Retreat
- Launched Huddle System in DL
- Built a new Support Analyst Team
  - Centralized data analysis
  - Comprehensive approach
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January 2013 - Monthly Reports

- Overall Made PTAT p-Chart
- Individual and overall laboratory dashboard
- Analysis
- Overall reason code table
- Individual lab p-Charts
- Individual lab reason codes
January 2013 - Strategy Deployment Presentation

![Graph showing percent made, DL 2012 - 2013 with UCL and LCL calculations.

Tests performed with unequal sample sizes.}
DL % Made PTAT 3 Mo RA

DL % Made PTAT by Lab 3 Mo RA (April 2013 - June 2013)

Percent Made

97.1%
97.1%
97.8%
97.8%
96.3%
99.3%

DL
HEM
HLA
IRL
MDL
PNIL
ONC

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Calculation Updates

- **HLA Flow Cytometric Crossmatch and QLS Override**
  - Turned on to accommodate FRD data request
  - Not historically included and currently deleted from the data set
- **Meeting with RC users on July 8th**
  - New RC to be added
  - Will start to see in July’s data
April 2013 - Reason Code Guide

- Input from user group
- Consolidated codes that were similar
- Assigned a definition for consistency in coding
- Revisit the guide quarterly

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<td>Test completion delayed due to equipment or instrument failure.</td>
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<td>Test was ordered incorrectly by BCW or client.</td>
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<td>Test held because of a supplier or supply problem such as backordered reagents, bad lot number, or bad batch of kits.</td>
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<td>Repeating a sample or samples based on a defined set of rules or by director request.</td>
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<td>Client provided an incomplete requisition and testing must be delayed until required information is gathered.</td>
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<td>Additional testing on a sample or samples that involves a change in method or reagent compared to the original run.</td>
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<td>Sample(s) arrived on or around a BCW holiday.</td>
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## April 2013 - Reason Codes in the SD Presentation

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- Improved ways of capturing the customer voice real-time
- Raising the bar– dropping published TAT (PTAT) while continuing to meet our goal of % made
- Serving 24/7 customer operations as an esoteric laboratory
- Alignment of Strategic and Operational Goals
- Lowering the published TAT
The secret to making TAT work as a KPI...

1. Establish the voice of the Customer
   - Define your customer
   - Know where you are going

2. Set a goal
   - SMART
   - Supported from the top down and bottom up

3. Monitor progress toward the goal
   - Select a metric
   - Display the progress
   - Establish a process to support progress
What we think we did well –

- **From the beginning:**
  - Captured the customer voice
  - Selected an actionable goal based on customer feedback
  - Enrollment of DL and Corporate support groups from the beginning
  - Centralized team with protected resources to “own” launch and support
- **Along the way:**
  - Simplified the metric
  - Centralized team to standardize and report the metric
  - Used lessons learned to reground our goal each year
  - Continuously challenged the labs and each other
  - Realized the importance of and included Contract Research in TAT
  - Used operational retreat to ground operations around KPIs
What we think we could have done better -

- Initiated goal planning earlier in the year
- Grounded our goals and focused on alignment from the beginning
- Refrained from overloading on too many metrics and projects at once
- Established clear agreement on how to measure and measure consistently

- Rolled out standard work from the beginning
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Helpful Sites

• Needs Assessment Tools: http://www.needsassessment.org/
• Program Evaluations: http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/Courses/ProgramEvaluation/NREPP_0401_0010.html
• Tag Clouds: http://tagcrowd.com/
• Alice in Wonderland Images (unless otherwise noted): http://fromoldbooks.org