

# Using LIS and CRM Integration and Process Improvement to Standardize and Centralize Caregiver Notification of Critical and Urgent Values

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# **Cleveland Clinic**



MORE THAN 150 NORTHERN OHIO OUTPATIENT LOCATIONS, including 18 full-service family Health centers and 3 health and wellness centers

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### **REGIONAL HOSPITALS**

Akron General Hospital Euclid Hospital Fairview Hospital Hillcrest Hospital Lodi Hospital Lutheran Hospital Marymount Hospil Medina Hospital South Pointe Hospital AFFILIATE HOSPITAL — Ashtabula County Medical Center



#### PEOPLE:



3,432 ..... PHYSICIANS AND SCIENTISTS

14,107 ..... NURSES

49,166 ..... EMPLOYEES

#### PATIENT CARE:

6.62 million ...... OUTPATIENT VISITS

164,704 ..... ACUTE ADMISSIONS

208,807 ..... SURGICAL CASES

1,437 BEDS ON MAIN CAMPUS

4,362 BEDS SYSTEM-WIDE





# Cleveland Clinic Laboratories

For 25+ years, a full-service reference lab providing quality testing and second opinion surgical subspecialty pathology case review.

- 11 million+ tests annually
- Comprehensive test menu with > 2,400 routine & esoteric tests
- 100+ board-certified anatomic
   & clinical pathologists
- 700+ medical technologists & laboratory technicians



#### **Mission:**

To efficiently and accurately assist all caregivers with lab-related inquiries ensuring all interactions are fully documented.

#### **Client Services Goals:**

- Provide excellent service to all caregivers
- Answer 80% of incoming call within 20 seconds
- Achieve a call abandonment rate of less than 6%
- Allow technically skilled employees to focus on their specialty
- Resolve majority of calls on the first contact



### **Laboratory Client Service Requests**

### **Stakeholders**

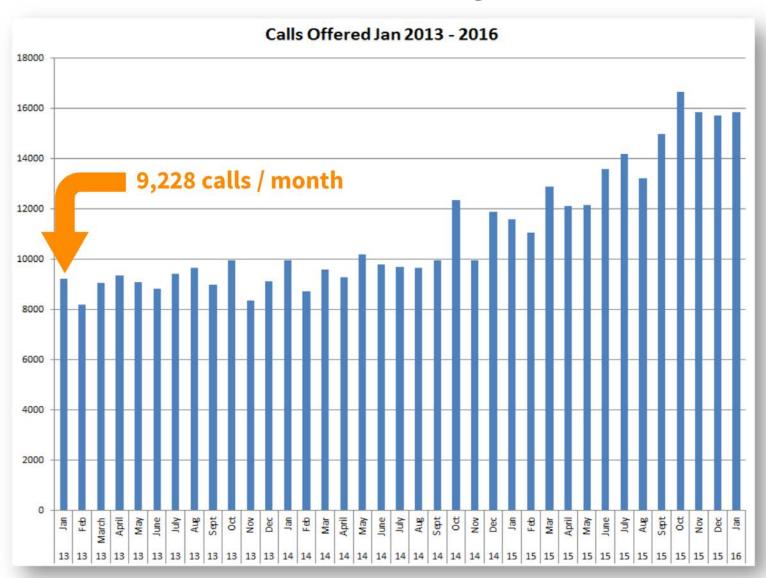


- Add-on Testing
- Accessioning
- Specimen Tracking
- Test Results
- TAT
- Directory Info
- Test Status
- Pricing or Billing
- Supplies Couriers

### **Inflection Point 2013:**

- Increasing Reference Lab Business
- Laboratory Consolidation
- Critical and Urgent Values

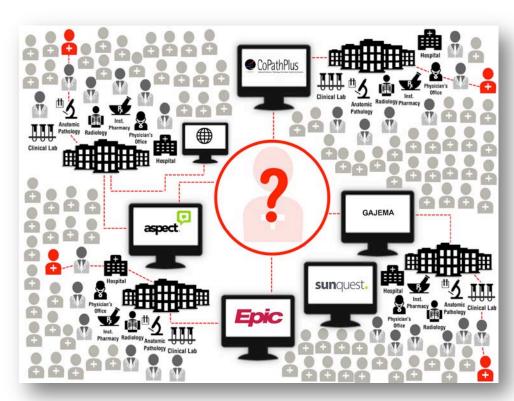
# LCS in January 2013





# **Disparate IT Systems**

- Data in silos
- Data collection & analysis was manual
- Action was delayed
- Difficult to spot trends





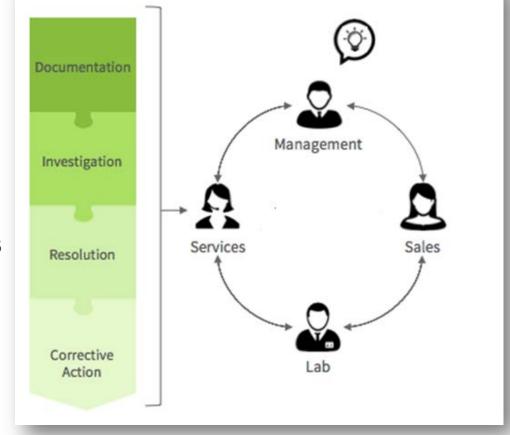


# **Customer Relationship Management (CRM)**

- Application that can compile information from multiple sources:
  - Client interactions
  - Lab Information System
  - Financial system
- Manage interactions with customers, such as services, sales projections, and marketing
- Analyze data about customer history to improve business relationships and retain customers

# Organizational CRM Needs

- Ability to document calls to allow:
  - Searching on multiple fields
  - Sorting on multiple characteristics
- Reporting for various audiences
  - Executive (overview)
  - Leadership (productivity & quality)
  - Sales (client issues)

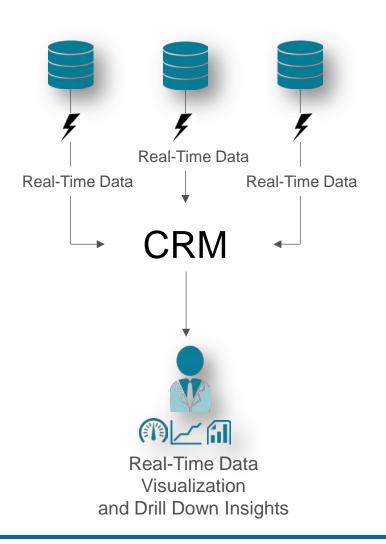


Interfaced to LIS



# **Organizational CRM Needs**

- Unify daily workflows, business processes, and information exchanges
- Allow for internal and external growth
- Monitor multiple performance metrics
- Provide executive and end-user dashboards





### **CRM Selections**





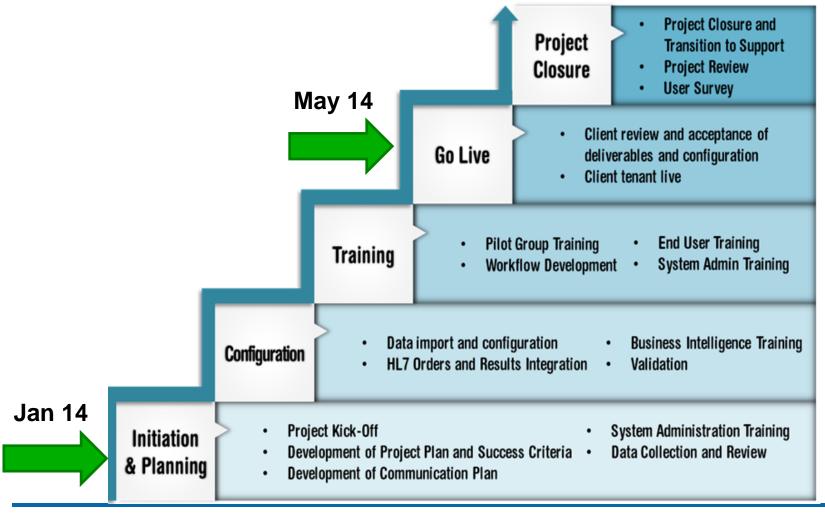


- Cross functional team:
  - IT
  - LCS
  - Sales
  - Pre-analytics
- Evaluated three vendors
  - Microsoft Dynamics
  - hc1.com
  - Salesforce
- Selected hc1.com

# Why hc1.com?

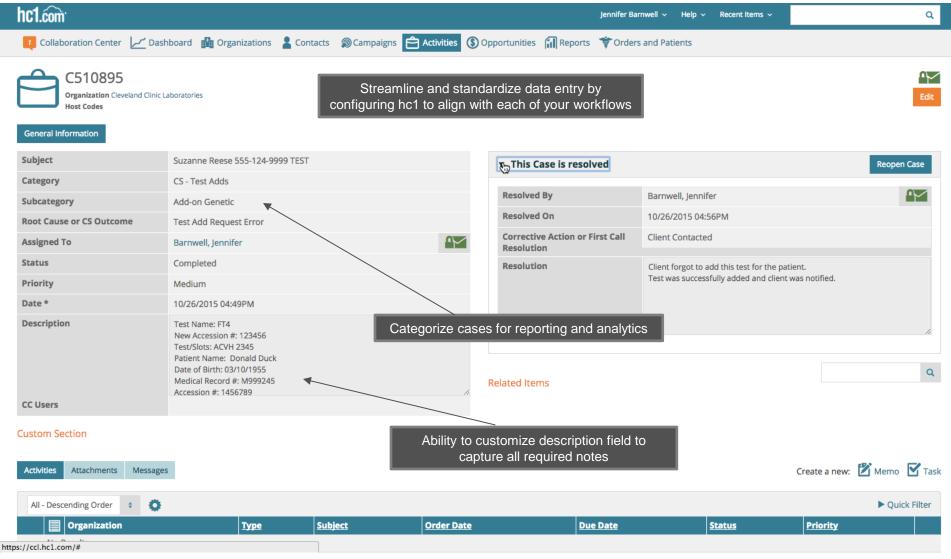
- Dedication to healthcare
- Understanding of the laboratory's role
- Familiarity with lab workflows
- Recognition of the value of designing new workflows and reports
- Extraordinary level of customer service

# 2014: CRM Implementation





# **Example of a Case**





## **Understand Relationship Status**

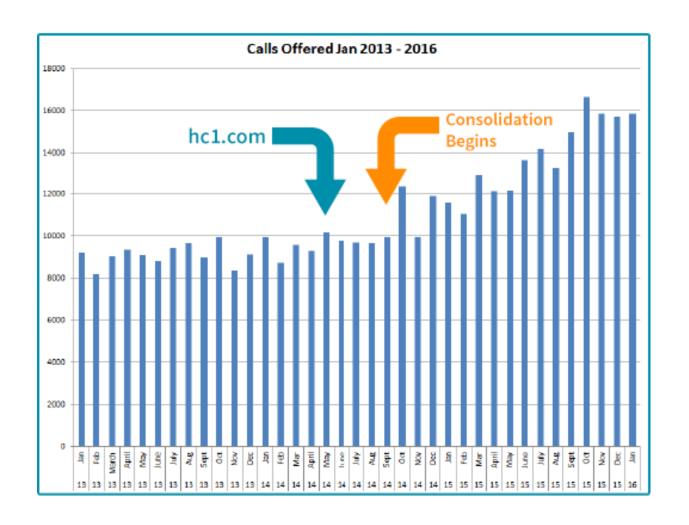




# **Instantly View Types of Issues**

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Case Totals by Category													
8/1/2014 -9/30/2015													
Category Name	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	Total
CS - Accessioning / Specimen Issues	37	29	27	45	24	43	35	60	44	43	50	30	467
CS - Anatomic Pathology	39	43	45	67	60	68	65	59	47	45	53	39	630
CS - Billing Issues	39	40	40	42	56	43	42	26	52	37	23	24	464
CS - General	4,252	5,042	4,908	4,374	5,092	5,163	5,327	5,920	6,285	5,810	6,136	5,164	63,473
CS - HW and SW Issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CS - Logistics	403	486	489	491	594	580	543	610	645	558	588	457	6,444
CS - Microbiology Lab Results	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	6
CS - Results	1,668	2,217	2,188	2,083	2,460	2,243	2,445	2,743	2,954	2,821	3,397	2,882	30,101
CS - Test Adds	2,692	2,782	2,880	2,803	3,142	3,185	2,937	3,157	3,284	3,304	3,589	3,301	37,056
	9,130	10,639	10,577	9,905	11,428	11,325	11,399	12,575	13,311	12,618	13,837	11,897	138,641

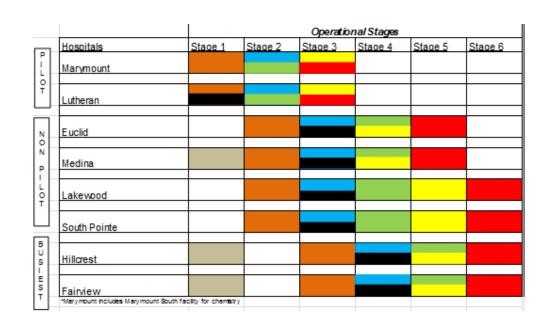
# Client Services in September 2014





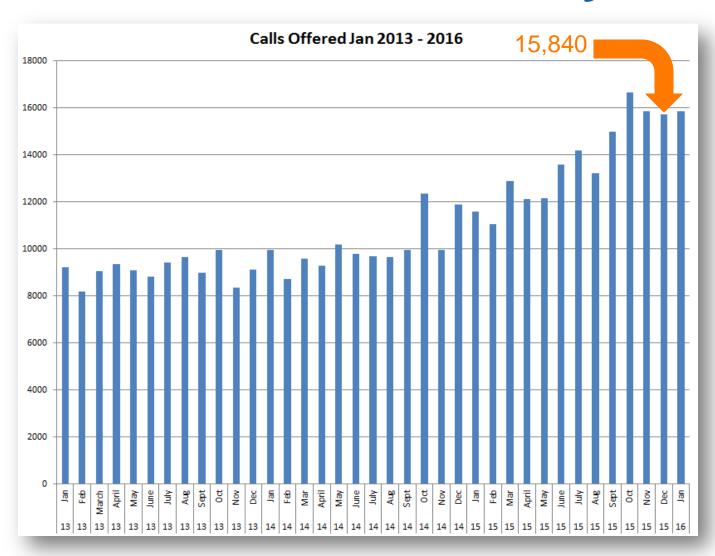
# 2015 Laboratory Consolidation

- 9 regional hospitals; 18 months
- Specimens transferred to main campus from regional hospitals
- Calls from local labs transferred to LCS
- Call volume was unknown
- Required standardization
- Required a culture change from "my" lab to a centralized lab





# **Client Services in January 2016**







# **Cleveland Clinic**

# 2016: Critical & Urgent Values

- Cleveland Clinic expanded through acquisition
- n locations = n tables of values
  - = n policies
  - = n practices
- IT systems variations
- Pilot in 2012 showed Sunquest Callback was not an option

# **Audit Revealed Lack of Standardization**

Issue	Resolution
Call critical and urgent values promptly	Dedicated service for calling: Lab Client Services
Limit bench tech interruptions	
Call caregiver directly	Do not transfer from main lab to hospital lab
	No auto-attendant
Values vary across the system	Standardize values
Policies vary across the system	Standardize policies
Lab and clinical policies vary	Engage nursing and hospital QA to standardize



# Three-pronged approach



Enterprise-wide Standardization



## 2016: Critical and Urgent Values

- Indicate the patient is in danger of death unless treatment is initiated immediately
- Require immediate interruptive notification of the responsible licensed caregiver who can initiate the appropriate clinical action for the patient
- Must be communicated by the laboratory within 30 minutes
- Were standardized when project began

Critical Values							
Test	Patient Type	Low Value	High Value				
Glucose		< 40 mg/dL	None				
Hemoglobin		≤ 6 g/dL	None				
Hematocrit		< 15.0%	None				
pO2		< 50 mmHg	None				
pH, arterial or capillary blood		< 7.20	None				
Potassium		< 2.5 <u>mmol</u> /L	> 6.0 <u>mmol</u> /L				
Platelets		< 10 K/uL	None				



# **Urgent Values**

- Test results that fall outside the normal range
- Represent a significant finding for the patient
- Require prompt communication to and attention by the caregiver
- Were not standardized at the beginning of the project

Hematocrit	Main		Yes	No	No	<15.0%	None
Hematocrit	Main	Neonates (<31 days old)	No	Yes	No	<26.0%	>65%
Hematocrit	North General Hospital		Yes	No	No	<19.9 %	None
Hematocrit	North General Hospital	Neonates (<31 days old)				≤25.9%	≥65.1%
Hematocrit	Chicago Hope		Yes	No	No	<15.0%	< 20.0 %
Hematocrit	Chicago Hope	Neonates (<31 days old)	No	Yes	No	≤26.0%	≥65%
Hematocrit	Seattle Grace		Yes	No	No	19.90%	None
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Hematocrit	Rampart General		Yes	No	No	<15.0%	None
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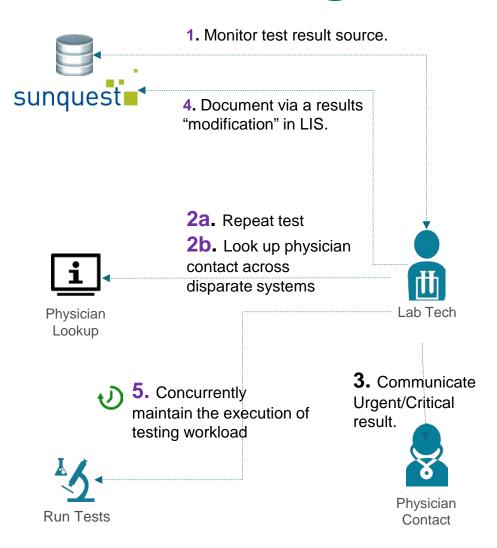


# **Cleveland Clinic**

### **System Wide Policy**

- Critical values were standardized and adopted across the enterprise before the audit
- Performed a gap analysis of urgent values
- Standard urgent values were approved by ePSC and MEC advisory committee
- Standard table go to BOG
- New procedure in Manual of Operations

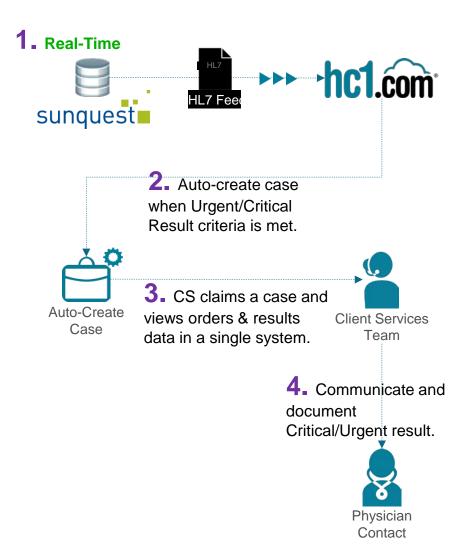
# **Original Workflow**



- Decrease in productivity
- Lack of standardization
- Highly manual process
- Time-intensive communication between laboratory and caregiver

### Streamlining the Process: New Workflow

- Removed lab techs from the process
- Centralized & standardized workflow in client services
- Decreased SLA missed
- Decreased turnaround time in delivering information to the caregiver





## **IT Challenges**

- Flag values in Sunquest
  - New flagging was possible
  - Reviewing existing flagging was not





### **Procedural Changes:**

- Limit repeat testing
- Change process for resulting values
- Only call urgent values to ERs during Sunquest and Epic downtimes



# **Implementation Timeline**

Start Date	End Date	LCS Responsibilities	Lab Responsibilities
June 27	June 28	revalidation	none
June 29	July 1	1 to 1 count	Report previous 24 Critical and Urgent Total
July 5; 11:00 am		West go-live: 11 am - 5 pm	5 pm to 7 am
July 6	July 8	Days only 7 am - 5 pm	5 pm to 7 am
July 9	July 10	none	Call all criticals and urgents
July 11	July 15	Days only 7 am - 5 pm	5 pm to 7 am
July 16	July 17	none	Call all criticals and urgents
July 18	July 24	Days only 7 am - 5 pm	5 pm to 7 am
		East go-live: Days only 7 am - 5 pm;	
July 25	July 29	West 24 x 7	East 5 pm to 7 am
July 30	Aug 14	East and West 24 x 7	East and West 24 x 7
Aug 15	Aug 24	MC Days only 7 am - 5 pm	5 pm to 7 am
Aug 25	Go-Live Comp	leted	

# **Staffing**

Table 3.			
Pero	ent Inpatier		tient
	8/1 - 10/	31/2015	
	90 days		1 day
IP*	8115	82.45%	184
OP**	1424	17.55%	39
			223
* In-patie	ents, include	s ER patien	ts

**Call Range** 

Low Volume

Average Volume

High Volume Total Calls in

Range

109

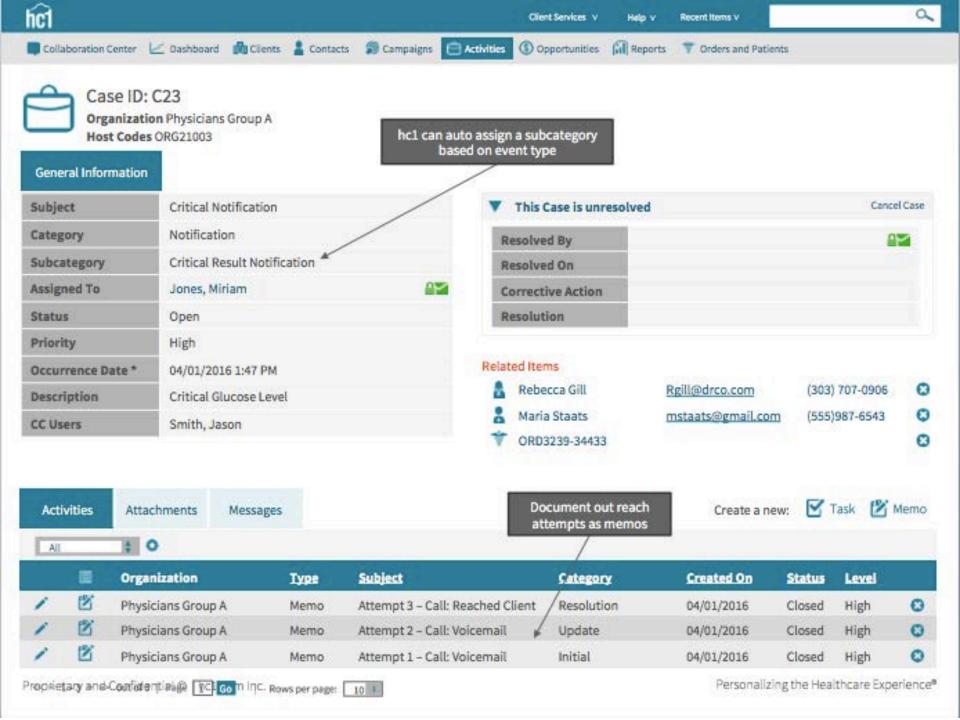
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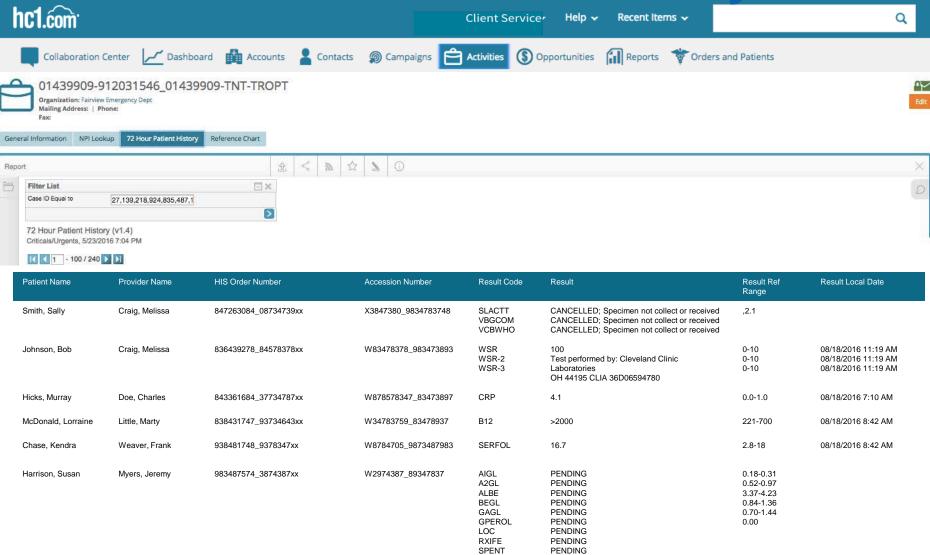
E	stimated F	TE based o	n Range of	Call Volum	ne		
		Total OP Call Time 18.1	Total IP Call Time 5.6	Total Call Time per	Total Call Time per	Total Call Time per Year	Estimated FTE (1FTE per 2080
OP	IP	min/call	min/call	Day (min)	Year (min)	(hours)	hours)
19	90	346	503	849	310,063	5,168	2
39	184	708	1,030	1,738	634,349	10,572	5
66	311	1,197	1,741	2,938	1,072,420	17,874	9

# **Critical and Urgent Dashboard**

Case	Case Status	Case Number	Case Assigned To	Organization Name	Provider	Patient	Test Code	Result Date	Target TaT	Time to
view	In- Progress	-BLCUL	Aboagye, Edina	E12 EMERGENCY DEPT	RISLEY, KIRSTEN		CULT	09/07/2016 10:51 PM	30	18
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View	In- Progress	· -PTT-	Rogers, Kaleigh	J32 HEART FAIL INTENSIVE CARE	WAKIM- FLEMING, JAMILE		APTT	09/07/2016 10:42 PM	60	39
View		-PTTAC-	,	H80 GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE	BADAR, MUSTANSER		APTT	09/07/2016 10:56 PM	60	53



### 72 Hour Patient History



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**TPSPE** 

PENDING

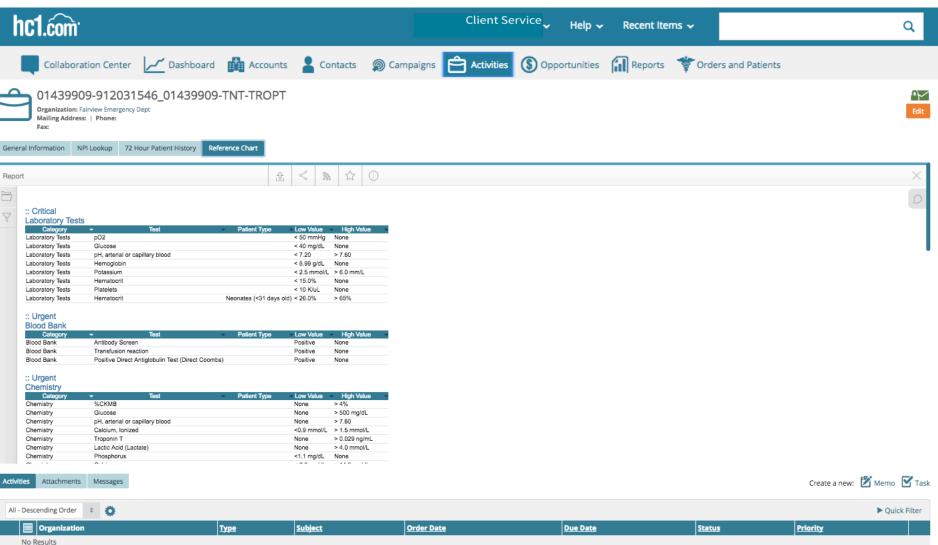
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### **Reference Chart**





### **Dashboards**

#### Critical and Urgent Value Report

Total Critical Count

144

Critical SLAs Not Met

2

Critical SLAs Met

142

Total Urgents Completed

355

Urgent SLAs Not Met

1

Urgent SLAs Met

354

Critical SLA Percentage Meter (v2.0)



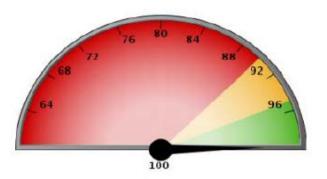
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Urgent SLA Percentage Meter (v2.0)

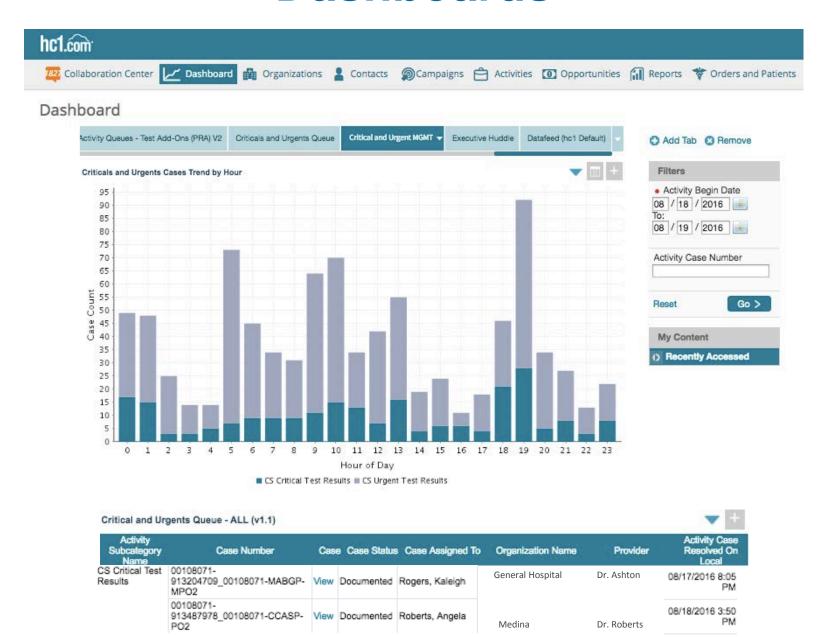


Urgent SLA Percentage Meter (v2.0)





### **Dashboards**







# **Critical & Urgent Values Successes:**

- Went live in 3 months
- Kept the labs in the process by having them do QA
- Gave 1 FTE up to manage the validation of the process
- Believed the project was possible in the faces of "NO"



# Critical & Urgent Values Opportunities to Improve:

- Find more methods to standardize additional items intradepartmentally, before starting
- Ask a lot more questions about the existence of downstream reporting
- Train more people longer before the go-live
- More communication with medical operations



# Thank You! Questions & Answers

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