

# Benchmarking Platform: A New Tool for Child Life

Child Life Professional Data Center: Program and Productivity Data



# **Webinar Objectives**

- Development of survey questions and platform
- Research drives data collection
- Managing staff response
- Introduction of platform data collection
- Plan for future education



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# Benchmarking- Past How did we tell our story?

- Share the impact of our work through anecdotes and stories
- Collect quotes, letters of support, staff testimonies
- Recommend a staffing ratio- 15:1 or adjusted based on location: AAP Statement
- Piloted data collection across pilot sites to compare "Apples" to "Apples": Benchmarking Task Force (2010 – 2014)



### What data has been collected in the past?





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### What data is important to you?



Utilization - best practices of using resources including staffing, supplies, general and special programs, and environment (e.g. play areas, healing gardens, etc)

Productivity - numbers of patients served including how staff use their time (e.g. variables that would be helpful for improving ratios and expanding staffing)

Cost saving metrics for medical systems

Improvement of patient outcomes, including better throughput and patient safety



Patient satisfaction metrics, including customer driven dynamics and expectations

Prioritization, based on assessment (e.g. PRAP)

Big data for multisite studies and information for research

Big data for advocacy and lobbying



### How do we know what data is important?

- We let evidence guide us.
- Outcomes from psychosocial support include better coping, less sedation use, increased patient and family satisfaction, better communication and more.
- Review of the literature: Published research shows child life impact in 7 distinct areas-

Acute Care Critical Care Radiology Pre-Surgery Outpatient Care Emergency Department Children of Adult Patients



## What are our new building blocks?





# **Definitions of Target Areas**

#### **Current Areas Definition:**

Inpatient Acute Care: Medical, Surgical, Disease specific units, Rehabilitation/Sub Acute units

Critical Care: PICU, Neonatal ICU, Cardiac ICU

Radiology/Imaging: MRI, CT, Pet MRI, Radiation Oncology

Outpatient Services: Primary Care, Specialty Clinics, Community based programs, Dialysis, Infusion Centers

Pre-Surgery: Same Day Surgical Centers, Procedure Units, PACU (Post Anesthesia Care Unit)

Emergency Department/Center: Emergency Departments, Emergency Centers, Emergency Rooms, Urgent Care, Evaluation Centers

Adult Care: Areas primarily serving adult patients, pediatric family members of adult patients

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### Apples to Apples Comparison: Finding all the *red delicious*

- Time:
  - Record the length of the assigned clinical care shift (for example, 4 hours, 8 hours, 12 hours, etc) based on area of assignment
- Location:
  - Record the number of patient seen and provided with services during the shift in each area
- Who:
  - Child Life Specialist providing the encounter



# What is defined as a patient encounter?

- Total # of patients seen: any interaction with a patient, sibling, or primary caregiver (introduction of services, procedural preparation, phone call to prepare, when a *child life specialist* interacts with patient/sibling/caregiver in a playroom session, special event) associated with a unique MRN.
  - A CCLS can have more than one encounter with the same patient/sibling/caregiver tied to one MRN but it will be counted just once for that CCLS.
  - In the case of sibling transplant where the sibling has their own MRN, seeing the transplant recipient and sibling donor would count as 2 patients seen.
  - If more than one CCLS is assigned to a clinical area and both see the patient/sibling/caregiver tied to the same MRN in the same day, each would count it as 1 patient seen.



# **Example of Patient Encounter**

Some days, Belle would see the same patient, Olaf, and his family multiple times. She would only count this as 1 patient encounter.

The same MRN would be used to document.







### **Determining where to log patient encounters**

Scenario 1: Specialist spends 80% of time in primary unit but consults a patient in another area- count the encounter in the primary unit bucket not the area where service was provided.

OR

Scenario 2: Specialist spends shift in more than one area every day as part of their scheduled coverage- divide the time equally across the areas.

ie,  $3 \operatorname{areas} = 2.7 + 2.7 + 2.6 = 8 \operatorname{hrs}$ 

If the time spent is consistent, divide time accordingly.

ie, 2 areas = 30% (2.4) + 70% (5.6) = 8 hrs



### Area: =/> 80% services in one area

#### EXAMPLE:

Cinderella works an 8 hour shift in Acute Care inpatient. Usually, all encounters & scheduled hours would be recorded in the Acute Care bucket.

If Cinderella goes to the ED to see 1 patient, that 1 patient will be tallied in the Acute Care bucket along with all the other patients she sees that day in Acute Care Inpatient because she spends 80% or more of her time there.





### Float Position or Consult Staffing Model

Belle might see patients all over the hospital in her role of float. How does she capture this?

Time divided would be 2.7 hours Radiology, 2.7 hours Acute Care, 2.6 hours Critical Care.

Belle would list encounters in these 3 designated buckets.



#### Belle sees 3 patients in Radiology

Belle sees 6 patients in Acute Care-Inpatient





Belle sees 5 patients in **Critical Care** 

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# Understanding the use of the median to measure the number of patient encounters

Some days, Rapunzel is constantly running from one room to the next. On those days, her patient data was really high!





# Understanding the use of the median to measure the number of patient encounters

Other days, Rapunzel had a chance to sit down and focus on some nonpatient care activities, like trainings. On those days, her patient data was lower.





# Over time, Rapunzel's patients seen/hours worked looked like this:



To account for variation over time in how many patients are seen, the *median* will be used. Don't worry – we will help you calculate this!



#### And all together, when everyone's data is collected and compiled from many specialists or many sites, it might look like this:





## **Data Collection Method**

The Local Daily Productivity Data Collection Tool (word document or excel spreadsheet) is intended to be used by a specialist to record all patient encounters per scheduled shift, or "day" the specialist works. The term "local" refers to productivity data collected in the healthcare setting where the specialist works.

# **Word Document – Daily**



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Daily Productivity Data Collection Tool Refer to Local Productivity Data Collection Tool for Instructions on use of this form				
Staff Name:	Date:			
Inpatient Acute Care # of scheduled hours worked in area: # of Patients Encounters:				
Inpatient Critical Care # of scheduled hours worked in area: # of Patients Encounters:				
Radiology # of scheduled hours worked in area: # of Patients Encounters:				
Pre-surgery # of scheduled hours worked in area: # of Patients Encounters:				
Outpatient Ambulatory (excluding radiology and pre-surgery) # of scheduled hours worked in area: # of Patients Encounters:				
Outpatient Emergency Department/Center # of scheduled hours worked in area: # of Patients Encounters:				
Children of Adult Patients				

# of scheduled hours worked in area:

# of Patients Encounters: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Word Document – Quarterly**

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	Lo	cal Productivity	Quarterly Data	Collection Tool S	Sample
	Quarter:	Jan/Feb/March	April/May/June	July/Aug/Sept	Oct/Nov/Dec
	Inpatient Ac # of schedu # of Patient	cute Care Iled hours worked: Is Encounters:			
	Inpatient Cr # of schedu # of Patient	ritical Care Iled hours worked: is Encounters:			
	Radiology # of schedu # of Patient	iled hours worked: s Encounters:		5 -	
	Pre surgery # of schedu # of Patient	, iled hours worked: is Encounters:			
	Outpatient / # of schedu # of Patient	Ambulatory Iled hours worked: Is Encounters:			
	Outpatient # of schedu # of Patient	Emergency Departme iled hours worked: is Encounters:	ent/Center	-	
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# **Excel Document – Daily/Monthly**



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Name:						
Location: local setting use only						
August	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Length of Scheduled Shift						
Acute Care Encounters						
Time Spent Inpatient						
Critical Care Encounters						
Time Spent Critical Care						
Radiology Encounters						
Time Spent Radiology						
Pre-Surgery Encounters						
Time Spent Ambulatory						
Ambulatory Encounters						
Time Spent Pre-Surgery						
<b>Emergency Department Encounters</b>						
Time Spent Emergency Department						
<b>Children of Adult Patient Encounters</b>						
Time Spent Children of Adult Patients						

# **Excel Document – Quarterly**



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Quaterly Summary									
Use this tab when the only daily	data collecte	d is fro	m the mo	nthly tabs	in this work	kbook.			
		Jan	Feb	March	<b>Qtr Total</b>	April	May	June	<b>Qtr Total</b>
Acute Care Encounters					0				0
Scheduled hours					0				0
Critical Care Encounters					0				0
Scheduled hours					0				0
Radiology Encounters					0				0
Scheduled hours					0				0
Pre-Surgery Encounters					0				0
Scheduled hours					0				0
Ambulatory Encounters					0				0
Scheduled hours					0				0
Emergency Department Encoun	ters				0				0
Scheduled hours					0	6			0
Children of Adult Patient Encounters					0				0
Scheduled hours					0				0



# **Instructions for Specialist**

The sum of the # of hours worked per area in one shift should not exceed the total hours per specialist per scheduled shift.

Record # of patient encounters based on the location where the patient was seen.

- If a specialist is assigned to an area and works there 80% or more of the scheduled shift that day, all patient encounters are recorded for the "primary" work area.
- If a specialist is assigned to cover more than one area for the shift and the time spent in each area varies due to patient or other needs, the specialist divides the shift equally between areas. This process accounts for the notion that the time spent in the areas changes from day to day, but for the most part averages out. The specialist accurately documents the # of encounters in each area per shift.
- If a specialist is partially clinical but also has additional assignments outside of clinical care, truncate the shift accordingly.



# **Instructions for Program Leader**

*Excel Spreadsheet.* The Program leaders would refer to the quarterly summary tab of the workbook to locate data for entry into CLPDC Quarterly Productivity Dashboard

*Word Document*. The program leader would collect the Local Daily Productivity Data Collection Tools per quarter from all staff. The program leader totals both scheduled hours and patient/family encounters as described below.

- Sum # of scheduled hours worked per Inpatient Acute Care. For example, if a program has 2 FTEs who collected data for Inpatient Acute Care for that quarter, all of their scheduled hours are added up and entered into the CLPDC Quarterly Productivity Dashboard.
- Sum of patient encounters per Inpatient Acute Care. For example, if a program has 2 FTEs who collected data for Inpatient Acute Care for that quarter, all of their patient encounters are added up and entered into the CLPDC Quarterly Productivity Dashboard.
- The process is repeated for each of the six Areas of Service each quarter
- The process to total scheduled hours and patient encounters is the same, regardless of how many FTEs are on staff



### With change comes emotions: Supporting staff





### Introducing "FEELINGS" around PRODUCTIVITY and DATA COLLECTION



#### Who Are You Today? Who Will You Be Throughout This Process? Who Will We All Be When We Have Data Collection Center?



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### Child Life Professional Data Center (CLPDC) Website

Annual Metric	CS			2017
Ê	Profile » Your Hospital	j	Programs » Child Life Professional Structure » Child Life Programming » Budget & Finance	
23 o	f 24 questions answered	24 of	67 questions answered	
	Staffing » Child Life Professional Staffing » Select Positions » Position Details		Annual Results Summary » Key Performance Indicators	
36 o	f 49 questions answered			
Quarterly Met	trics		Apr-Ju	n 2017
	Productivity <ul> <li>Select Inpatient Departments</li> <li>Inpatient Services</li> <li>Select Outpatient Departments</li> <li>Outpatient Services</li> </ul>		Quarterly Results Summary	
0 of	9 questions answered			



### Child Life Professional Data Center (CLPDC) Website

lome	Enter Data 👻 Compare Data 👻 Run	Reports	Year: 2017 🔻 Apr-Jun
	Enter Data Compare Data Run Report		
	COMING	OON! REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JULY.	
	Select and Set Filters		
	Filter	Value <u>Change</u> 🞯	
	Hospital Facility Type	Any	
	Type of Business Entity	Any	
	Type of Pediatric Units/Services	Any	
	Level of Pediatric Trauma Service	Any	
	Number of Labor and Delivery Beds	Any	
	Number of Pediatric Inpatient Beds	Any	
	Total Number of Pediatric Beds	Any	
	Peer Cluster	Any	
	Annual Reports		
	This report provides a sample	f annual data displayed in personalized charts and graphs.	



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### **Child Life Professional Data Center** (CLPDC) Website

#### PEDIATRIC INPATIENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- » Capacity for Patient/Family Impact: Critical Care Calculation: Calculation: Number of guarterly inpatient encounters for this department divided by the quarterly inpatient scheduled staff hours for this department.
- » Capacity for Patient/Family Impact: Inpatient Acute Care Calculation: Calculation: Number of quarterly inpatient encounters for this department divided by the quarterly inpatient scheduled staff hours for this department.
- » Total Quarterly Inpatient Encounters for the Pediatric

#### Organization

Calculation: Total number of guarterly inpatient encounters entered for all the departments in your organization.

» Total Quarterly Inpatient Scheduled Hours Staffed by the

#### Child Life Department

Calculation: Total number of guarterly inpatient scheduled staff hours entered for all the departments in your organization.

» Quarterly Inpatient Encounters Per Staff Hour Calculation: Number of total guarterly inpatient encounters divided by total number of guarterly inpatient scheduled staff hours.

#### STAFFING KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

» Program Staffing Hours During Weekdays

Calculation: Number of week day hours (Monday through Friday) covered by a child life specialist divided by number of days per week your child life program is staffed.

» Program Staffing Hours During Weekends

Calculation: Number of weekend hours (Saturday and Sunday) covered by a child life specialist divided by number of days per week your child life program is staffed.

#### » Weekly Program Staffing Hours

Calculation: Number of weekly hours (Sunday through Saturday) covered by a child life specialist divided by number of days per week your child life program is staffed.

#### » Weekly Hours Per FTE Employee

Calculation: Total number of cumulative hours worked by Child Life Specialists per week divided by total number of Child Life Specialist FTEs.

» Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) Funded by Separate Cost

#### Centers

Calculation: Child Life Specialist FTEs funded by separate cost centers divided by total number of Child Life Specialist FTEs.

» Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) Located on the Main Campus Calculation: Child Life Specialist FTEs located on the main campus divided by total number of Child Life Specialist FTEs.



### **Timeline of Data Collection**

#### Welcome to Child Life Professional Data Center!

To assist in completing the questions as efficiently as possible, we recommend you download the following documents before you begin:

Download the User's Guide - This document will assist users in navigating the online survey and will answer most of your "how to" questions regarding the site.

Data Collection Worksheet - This document includes a list of survey questions and help text, organized by section.

Reporting Period	Data Entry Period	Reports Available
<i>Fiscal Year 2019</i> Annual Data	4/1/19 - 5/31/19	June 1, 2019
<i>January – March 2019</i> Quarterly Productivity Data	4/1/19 - 5/31/19	June 1, 2019
<i>April – June 2019</i> Quarterly Productivity Data	7/1/19 - 8/31/19	September 1, 2019
July – September 2019 Quarterly Productivity Data	10/1/19 - 11/30/19	December 1, 2019
<i>October – December 2019</i> Quarterly Productivity Data	1/1/20 - 2/29/20	March 1, 2020



#### **Next steps:**

Login to the CLPDC starting April 3, 2017 and start to become familiar with the sections and survey questions.

All supporting documents are located on the CLPDC landing page and inside the platform for easy access.

Contact ACLP at <u>datacenter@childlife.org</u> to join a peer group to provide support during the first year of data entry.

View future webinars to explain the Compare and Reports tab and how to use the analytics in the platform.



## Thank you to the ACLP members who contributed to the building of the Benchmarking Platform

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