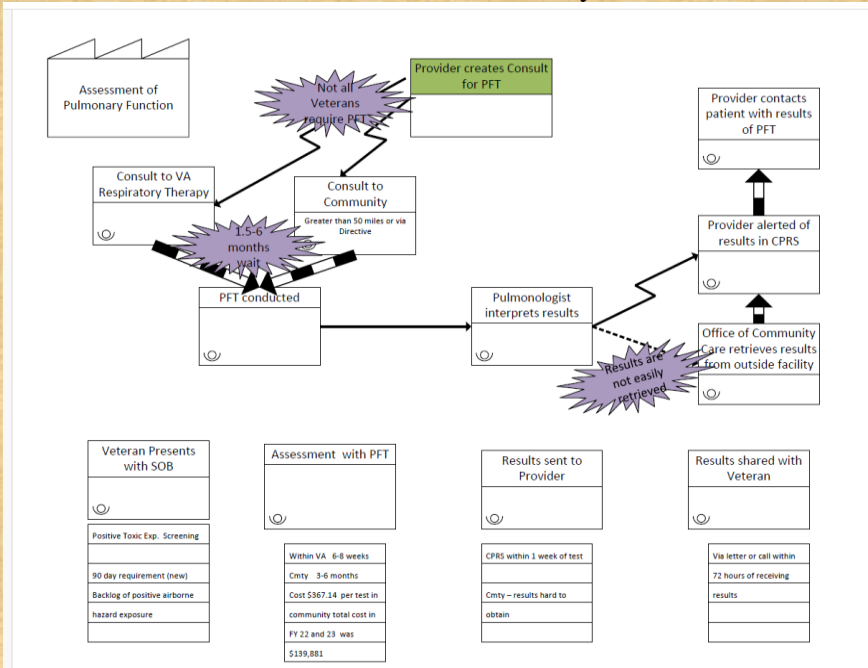


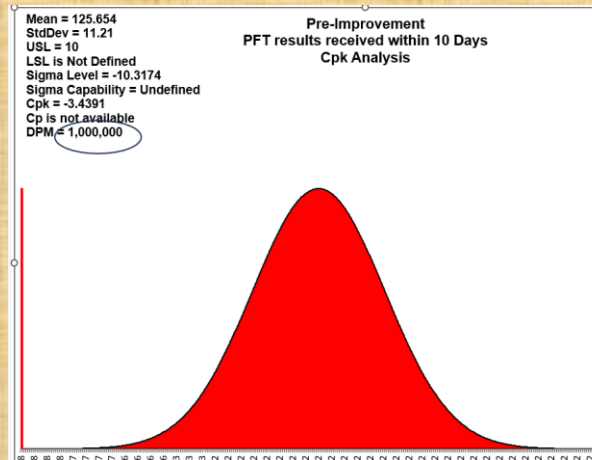
Spirometry Project for Special Programs Clinic Airborne Hazard Registry

Problem Statement: PFT lab was down for many months due to COVID and all consults went to community care and we could not always retrieve results. In addition, there were no qualifying standards to validate care completed at other facilities. Pandemic was no longer preventing point of care testing.

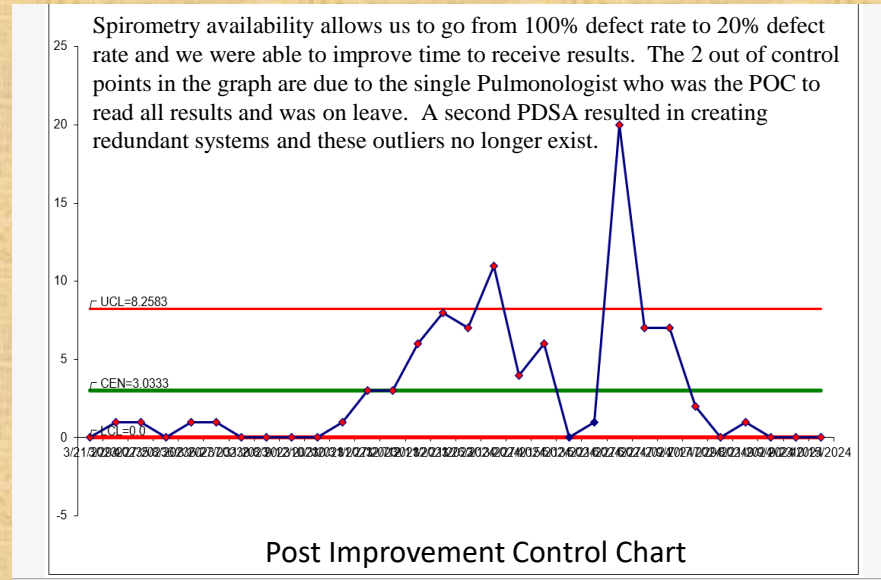
SMART Goal: All respiratory screening ordered from Special Programs will be completed and in the chart for use by providers within 30 days of the order, 100% of the time at the WRJ VAMC by 12/31/2024.



Out of the 139 PFTs 37 were ordered from the Environmental Hazard (EH) clinic. Out of the 37 ordered from EH clinic, 8 were never completed due to patient scheduling issues or inability to follow up.



We had 100% defects as 37 out of 37 requests needed full PFTs. After implementing Spirometry, only 6 out of 30 required full PFT for a 20% defect rate.



DISCUSSION

Better more timely care that can be tracked and results utilized by all providers.

There is a cost savings as community care has decreased its use of outside vendors for PFTs, in FY 2022, \$79,670.00 was spent on PFTs. In FY 2024 only \$28,270 was spent and 60% of that was Burlington Lakeside Clinic (BLC).

Due to the distance of BLC from the WRJ Medical Center, we hope to spread this project to that site.



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Ultimately providing timely, efficient care to our Veterans