#### Curtis Tucker Public Health Center Continuous Improvement Team

Quality Improvement Project

# Improving Client Access to Laboratory Results Using ORCHID's MyWellness Patient Portal





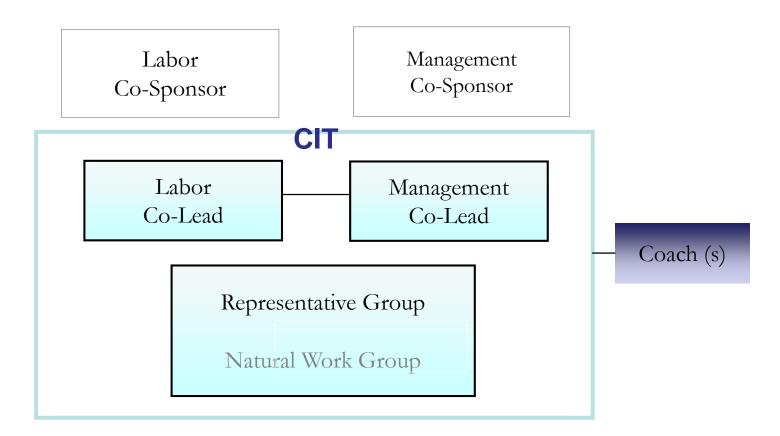


#### PLAN: Assemble the Team

The QI project team: Curtis Tucker Health Center's Continuous Improvement Team (CIT) members



## Continuous Improvement Team (CIT) Structure

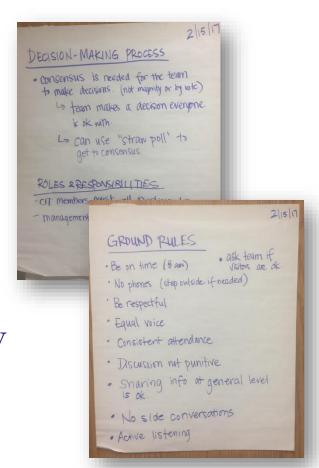






## How the CIT works together

- Everyone has a voice
- Decisions are made by "consensus"
- Focus on the system, not individuals
- Focus on issues within the team's control (e.g., workflow, processes, etc.)
- The team charter is an agreement of how the team will operate



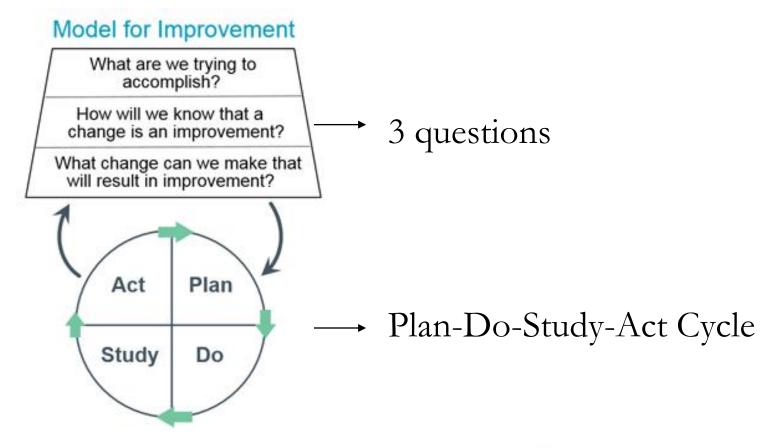
Curtis Tucker CIT Charter





## Continuous Improvement Team Process:

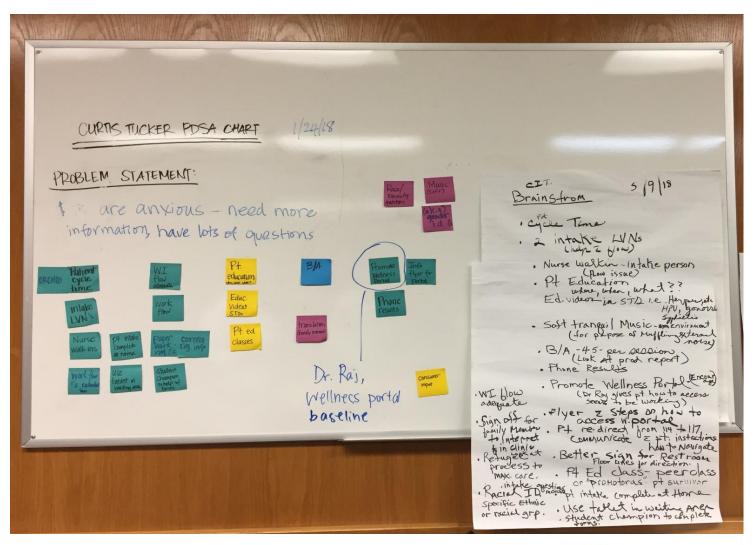
Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Model







#### **Brainstorm**





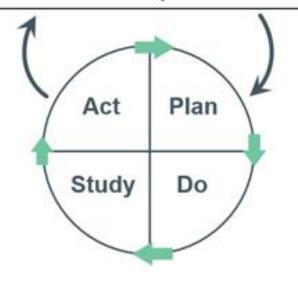


#### Model for Improvement

What are we trying to accomplish?

How will we know that a change is an improvement?

What change can we make that will result in improvement?



# 1. What were we trying to accomplish?

Improve access to lab results for patients





## PLAN: Identify the Problem

- The team identified timely access to lab results as an opportunity for improvement:
  - Lab results are given via phone or in person
  - Takes at least 1 week or longer
  - Requires dedicated staff on phones taking them away from other clinic duties





## PLAN: Examine the Current Approach

• The team reviewed data logs to measure the current state

### In December 2017 (before ORCHID):

- > Avg # of phone appointments: 16 per day @ 3x's/week
- > Time spent on phone appointments: Approx. 8 hours/week





## PLAN: Identifying All Possible Causes

### Delays in providing lab results via phone:

- Disconnected phones
- Incorrect phone numbers
- Dedicated staff & time





## PLAN: Strategy Identified

• The team decided to use the electronic medical record (ORCHID)'s secure online patient portal known as: MyWellness Portal as an option for patients to access their lab results



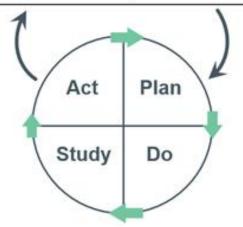


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## 2. How will we know that a change is an improvement?

#### Baseline data

February 12 – June 30, 2018:

**62.2%** of Curtis Tucker patients successfully enrolled in MyWellness portal

#### **SMART Goal:**

Increase enrollment to 70% by August 31, 2018



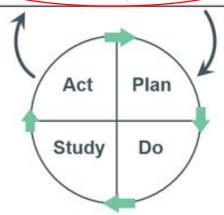


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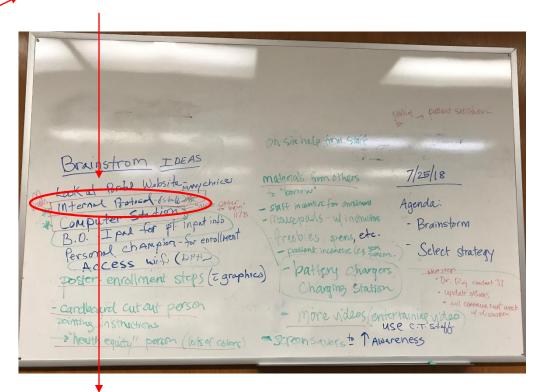
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3. What change can we make that will result in improvement?



Draft an internal protocol to promote

MyWellness Portal in <u>all</u> units of the STD clinic

work flow

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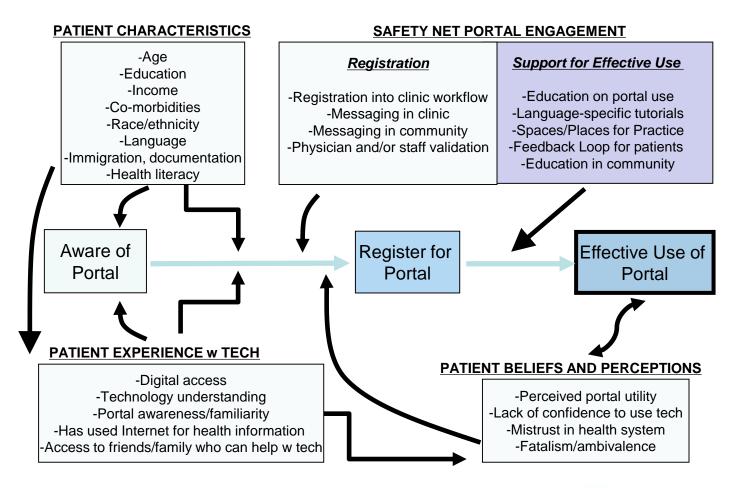
## Patient Portal Background

The Reality: Patient portals are a first step in connecting patients with their health information and teams Health information Self-service View personal Send a Schedule Refill or View account message to request statements or request health information your care team appointments perscriptions and pay bills





# Patient and Safety Net Factors that influence LAC Health Agency Portal Use







## DO: Strategy Implemented

#### **New Process Steps:**



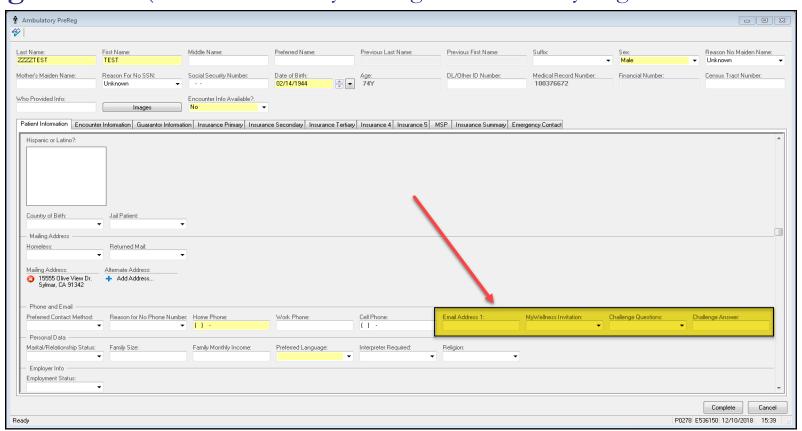
★ Patients were offered the option to enroll in the MyWellness Portal at all steps of the clinic visit



#### **Screenshots:**

## MyWellness Invitation Generation

Registration (From Ambulatory PreReg or Ambulatory Register Patient Screen)



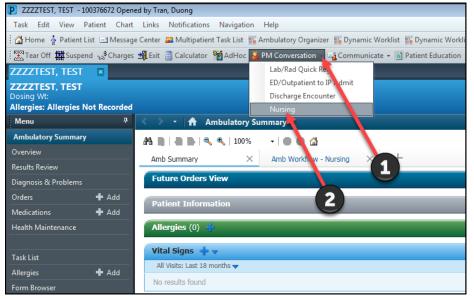




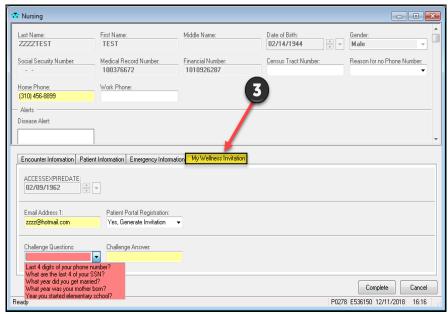
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## MyWellness Invitation Generation

Nursing/PHI (From PowerChart)







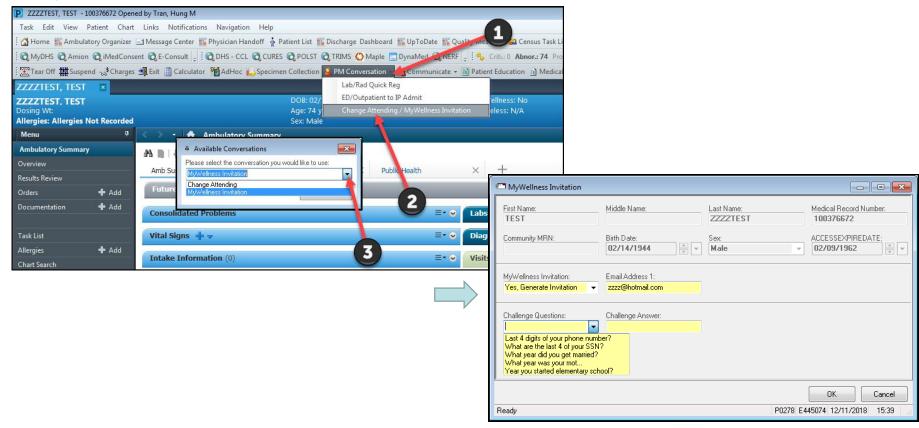




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## MyWellness Invitation Generation

#### Physicians (From PowerChart)



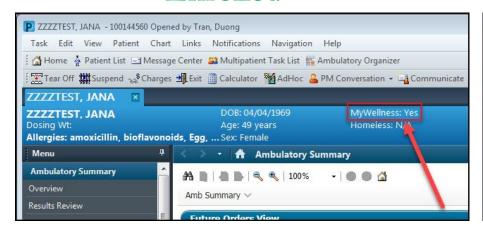


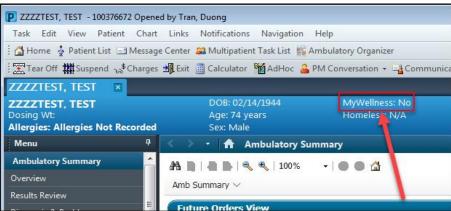


## Verification of MyWellness Portal Enrollment

#### **Enrolled**

#### Not Enrolled





New Message	
Task Edit	
¶ High	Launch Orders
Patient: ZZZZTEST, JANA Caller #: H (323) 409-8575, B 3.	23 500 2233
To:	Include me
CC: Provider: To consumer Disable f	urther replies
Subject:   ✓ Save to Chirt As: Phone Message/Call	•
Attachments  Transition of Care  Browse Documents  Other Attachments	
Message	
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#### From New Message

- Enrolled: "To consumer" enabled
- Not Enrolled: "To consumer" not enabled





## Patient Materials to Help Them Enroll







(postcards)

(posters)





### Tip sheet for clinic staff

LAC DPH-Curtis Tucker Public Health Center
How to Send a Patient Their Lab Results via MyWellness Portal



- 3. Double click on the result that you would like to send your patient. Review results.



- 5. Navigate to the Action Pane (bottom of the page)
  - a. Select Additional Forward Actions
  - b. Select Send To Consumer.
  - c. Enter a message to accompany the result(s) under Comments
  - d. Select OK & Close



If your message is longer than 212 characters, you may also send a message by clicking the down arrow next to Create, select Consumer Message (this will be greyed out if patient is not on the portal)

#### Consumer Message

- Type in the subject and message (can create dot phrases for common messages about normal results, chronic disease advice, gtc. will be discussed in a later section)
- b. Click Send





## Patient View: Test patient demo

- https://mywellnessladhs.iqhealth.com
- UserName: TestJana
- Password: cerner2016
- Patient: ZZZZTEST, JANA

▼ ... Level: Patient Viewable Results

NEGATIVE

NEGATIVE; NEGATIVE

- **DOB**: 04/04/1969
- **MRN**: 10014460

Lab Results

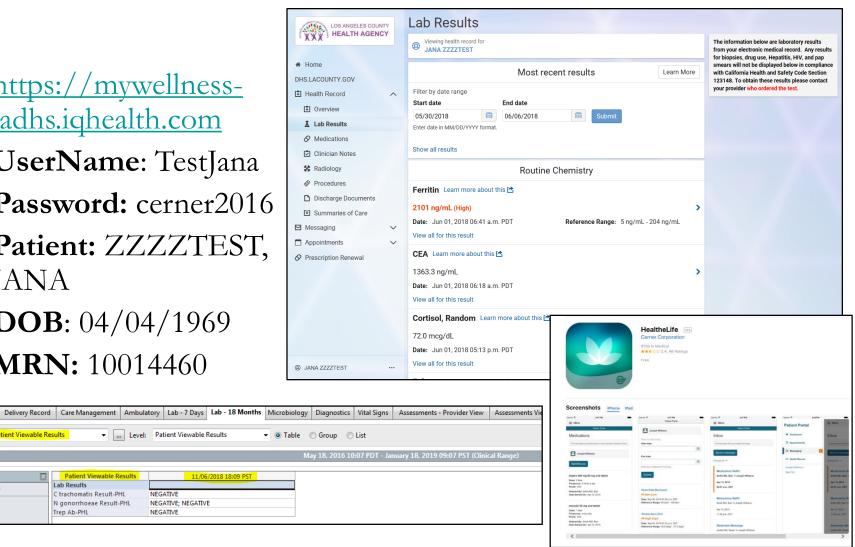
trachomatis Result-PHL

N gonorrhoeae Result-PHL Trep Ab-PHL

Flowsheet: Patient Viewable Results

Navigator

Lab Results

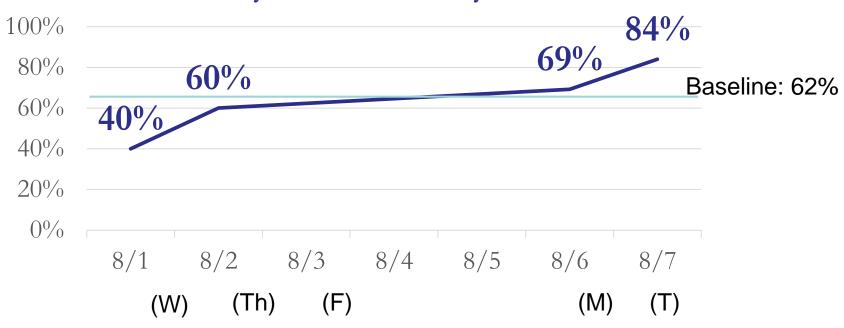






#### STUDY: Check the Results

Week 1: Percent of new patients who successfully enrolled in MyWellness







#### STUDY: Check the Results

During the CIT pilot at Curtis Tucker HC, there were less phone appointments for results as more patients were receiving their lab results through the Portal

#### December 2017 (before ORCHID):

Average # of phone appts: 16 /day @ 3x's/week

Time needed for phone appointments:

Approx. 8 hours per week

#### Early August 2018:

Average # of phone appts:

2-3/day @ 3x's/week

Time needed for phone appointments:

Approx. 1.5 hours per week





<sup>\*</sup>Both months had an average of 6-7 new patients per clinic

#### ACT: To Standardize or Not?

#### What action should be taken next?

- 1) <u>ADOPT</u> Describe how the strategy will be standardized or plan for testing on a larger scale
- 2) <u>ADAPT</u> –Describe what variations of the strategy should be tested in the next PDSA cycle
- 3) <u>ABANDON</u> Describe why the strategy is being abandoned and select a new strategy to test in the next PDSA cycle





#### "Act" Phase

- All health centers *adopted* the strategy to offer patients the option to retrieve lab results through the MyWellness portal
- Prior to 12/18/18, all PH labs had to be sent to consumer by MD after review
- As of 12/18/18, all PH labs are auto-posted in the portal (Except HIV Ab, hepatitis antigens, drug testing and processed tissue pathology, which by State law cannot auto-post and will have to be reviewed and sent to the consumer by the provider)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&s ectionNum=123148.

- Additional features of the portal:
  - Message Center: communication with clients
  - Preferred Pharmacy option







#### **New Rack Cards**

#### SAVE TIME, ENROLL TODAY

1) Accept the e-mail invitation sent to you by your medical team to create an account.

Or self-enroll at: bit.ly/mywellnesslacounty

 Once you create an account, download the HealtheLife app or log in on a web browser to access MyWellness Patient Portal.

#### HealtheLife









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