



Mini Kaizens

These improvement efforts involve a small but vital part of a process. They are improvement opportunities caught by an individual or a small group. One such mini-kaizen may replace the chairs in consultation rooms with higher chairs, making it easier for senior citizens to sit and stand.

The process is:

1. An employee identifies and documents an opportunity.
2. Supervisor reviews it and encourages immediate action.
3. Implement idea.
4. The idea is written up and disseminated

5. Recognize the contribution.

| Ebola PPE Supplies | | |
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| Before | After | |
| <p>Nurses would have had to carry PPE equipment for Ebola screening in one bag and a separate bag with protective gowns.</p>  | <p>Everything combined into one bag.</p>  | |
| Effect | | |
| <p>By eliminating one bag, less likely for a nurse to forget something and have to come back. Reduces risk of exposure. Reduces delays in vital patient care.</p> | | |
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(Healthcare Kaizen, 2014)



ACT Idea Wall of Fame

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What was the current situation?

Metoprolol ER 25mg and 50mg stocked in same medselect drawer in ED

What was implemented?

Moved one strength to a different drawer to avoid an error

Before:



After:



What was the impact/ outcome?

___ Patient Experience; ___ Quality; ___ Financial;

___ Delivery; x Safety; ___ People

How? Mistake-proofing

Staff involved:

Pharmacy and Emergency Department Staff

(Healthcare Kaizen, 2015)

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