Criteria Led Discharge

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What is Criteria Led Discharge?

- Also known as Event Led Discharge
- The establishment of a multidisciplinary approach to discharge for patients for whom complex planning is not required and who can be classified as requiring a simple discharge
- Process of discharging a patient when they meet a predetermined set medical criteria without waiting for medical review
Background to Criteria Led Discharge

> *Monaghan Review* identified that Criteria Led Discharge principles be further refined and implemented

> Criteria Led Discharge used inconsistently across Local Health Networks

> Not imbedded into every day practice
Benefits of Criteria Led Discharge

- Increased patient and family satisfaction
- Patients are able to leave hospital earlier
- Patients have more certainty about discharge time
- Empowerment of patients to be part of the discharge process
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- Reduced length of stay
- Improved bed flow
- Improved confidence of the multidisciplinary team
- Increased productivity in use of clinical staff resources
Change@SouthAustralia

- Change@SouthAustralia (formerly Public Sector Renewal Program) announced in October 2012
- Focuses on achieving a set of values defined through consultation with public sector employees
- The values in action are demonstrated through a series of 90 day change projects
- 90 Day Projects aimed at enhancing capability and efficiency of public sector
Criteria Led Discharge Projects

> 90 day projects gave opportunity to put spotlight on Criteria Led Discharge

> Tranche One trialed at Flinders Medical Centre

> Three clinical areas – medical, surgery and midwifery

> Achievements:

  • Challenging the status quo
  • Protocol, procedure and tool creation
  • Clinical consensus
  • Education of staff and managers
Criteria Led Discharge Projects

> Tranche Two expanded to the Lyell McEwin Hospital
> Focus on increasing compliance in 11 selected surgical procedures
> Achievements:
  • Increase in uptake from 3% to 22% in 90 days
  • Stakeholder group established
  • Consumer involvement
  • Education, visibility and awareness
What Next?

> Commence rollout across other sites
> Expand learnings from Flinders Medical Centre and the Lyell McEwin Hospital
> FMC, Noarlunga and Repat
> LMH and Modbury Surgical Stream
> CALHN have just commence at TQE and RAH
> WCH will soon prepare CLD on Post Natal
> Focus on moving to sustainable practice
> Systemic change in the way patients are discharged from hospital in South Australia