

# Nursing Informatics Led Optimization Program

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**4**  
hospitals

**952**

Inpatient beds

**~60,000**

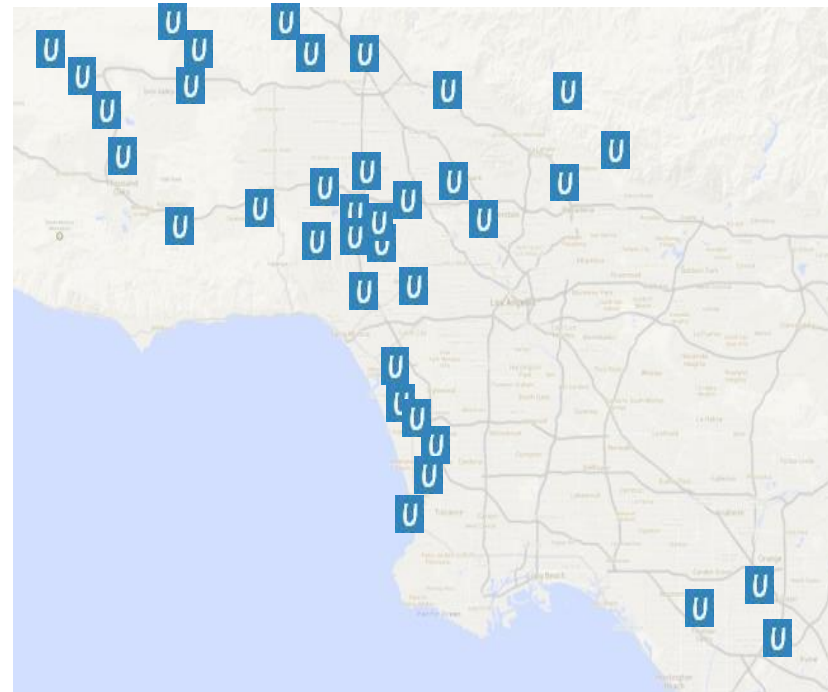
hospital encounters

**250+**

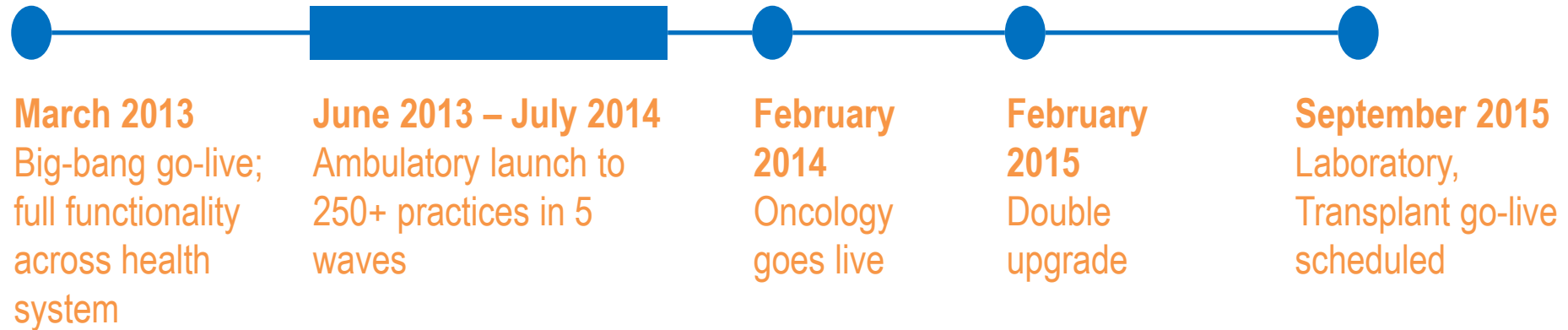
outpatient practices

**1.5 mil**

outpatient annual visits



# UCLA Health EHR Implementation



**18,000+ Users**

Faculty

Clinical  
Volunteers

Registered  
Nurses

Residents  
/ Fellows

Therapists, Technicians, Clerical and Other Staff

# Optimization Goals & Objectives

- Develop governance structure to approve & prioritize optimization requests
- Ensure coordination & collaboration between IT & Department of Nursing
- Create process to effectively manage IT resources
- Improve engagement with front-line clinical nurses

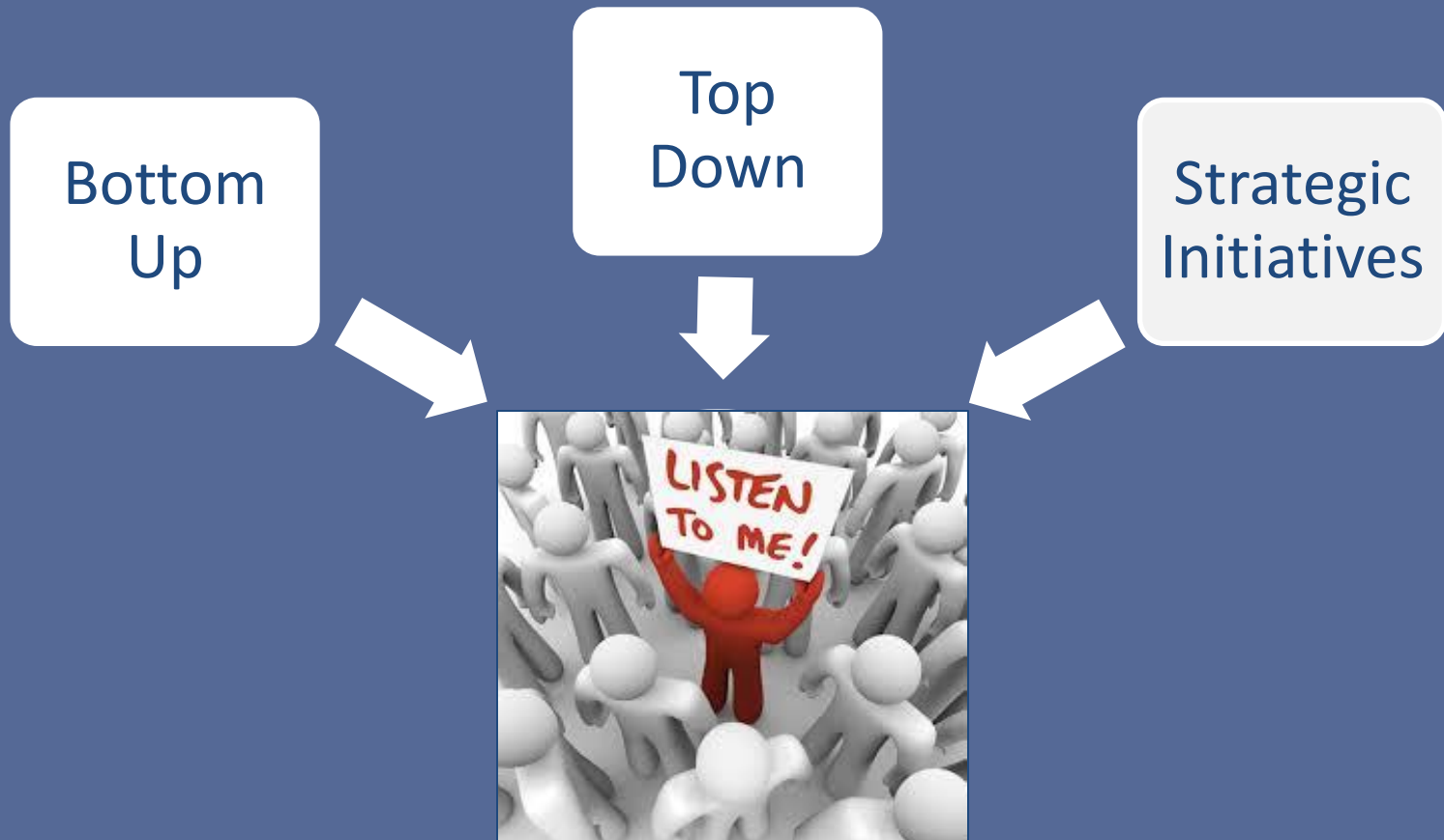
## Our definition...



Optimization is the continuous improvement of processes that help to enhance patient care, improve outcomes and create efficiency

Basically, everything *except* break-fix!

# REQUESTS COME FROM ALL DIRECTIONS



# Bottom Up Workflow

The screenshot displays the UCLA Health CareConnect portal interface. At the top, the 'UCLA Health' logo is visible alongside navigation links: 'About CareConnect', 'Upgrades and Go-Lives', 'Programs and Features', 'Updates', 'Training', 'Support', and a 'RESOURCE CENTER' button. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

The main header area features the 'careCONNECT' logo and the tagline 'Enhancing the Power of Caring'. Below this, a secondary navigation bar includes links for 'Chart', 'My Dashboards', 'Paging', 'Print', 'Secure', and 'Log Out'. A 'Search' section on the right offers options for 'Tip Sheets & eLearnings' and a search filter (ALL, ANY, EXACT).

On the left side, a 'Chart Search is Here!' banner promotes keyword-based chart searching. Below it, a sidebar contains buttons for 'Downtime Procedures', 'Training (TMS)', 'Optimization Request' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Service Request'. A red arrow points from the 'Optimization Request' button to a detailed form on the right.

The detailed form, titled 'Need help with CareConnect', contains the following fields:

- Number:** TIX00582462
- Caller:** Pollack, Ellen S.
- Department:** ISS CareConnect
- Caller Contact #:** (310) 267-0645
- Alternate Number:**
- Building:** Oppenheimer
- Room:** Suite 1200
- Customer watch list:**
- \* Short Description:** Optimization Request
- \* Ticket Type:** Service Request
- Opened:** 04-26-2015 20:37:15
- Opened by:** Pollack, Ellen S.
- State:** New
- Description:** (A large text area for the user to provide details, highlighted with a red box)
- Submit:** (A button to submit the request)



Is it worth pursuing? Is it possible?



NI to create proposal & develop specs



Presented to governance group for approval & prioritization



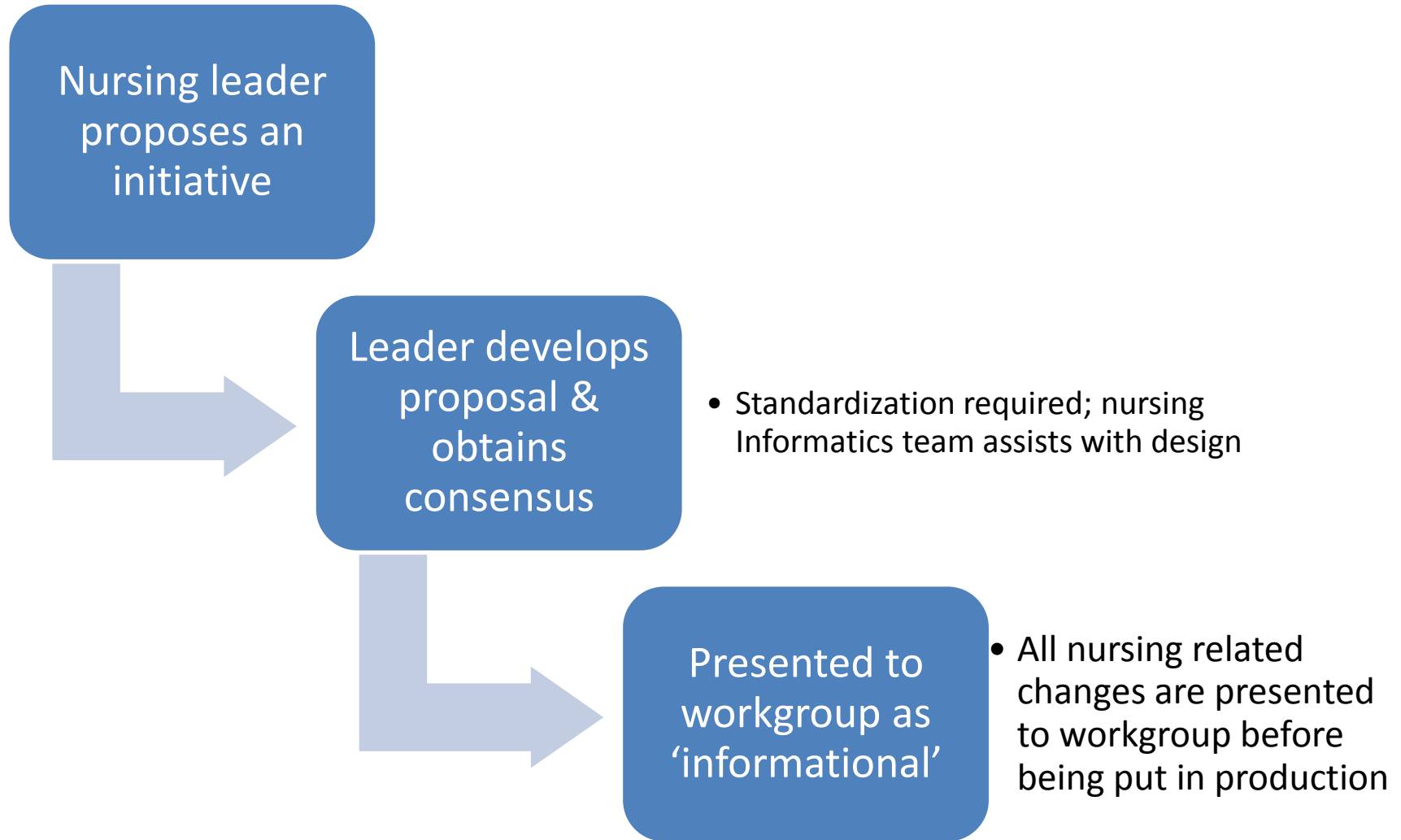
Submit to Application Team for build



Coordinate communications & training



# Top Down Workflow





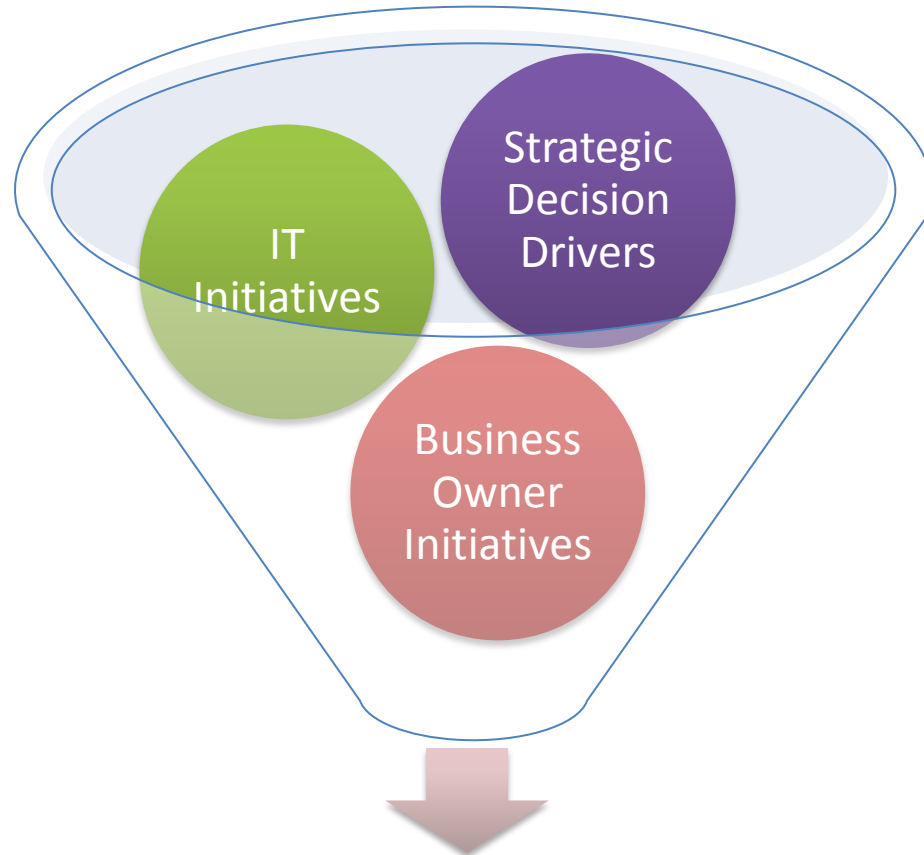
New in  
2016!

- **Structure:**
  - Meets weekly; reviews all clinical optimization requests
  - Internal to IT
- **Attendees:**
  - Nursing Informaticist, Physician Informaticist, Analyst (inpatient & ambulatory), Clinical Content, Decision Support, Security Design
- **Function:**
  - Reviews all ‘wide-reaching’ clinical initiatives to determine:
    - Clinical appropriateness (filter)
    - Appropriate governance structure (approval & prioritization)
    - Applicable clinical & application teams (who’s on first!)

# Clarity Responsibilities

- Nursing Informatics
  - Define specifications (what exactly is needed)
  - Obtain governance approval
  - Assign to application team w/priority indicated
  - Communication back to requestor – status updates
  - Final review with business owners
- Application Team
  - Complete feasibility (estimate effort)
  - Design, build, testing
  - Change control & move to production
- Principal Trainer
  - Prepare end-user communication
  - Prepare & circulate training materials
- Super User
  - Unit based champion for new features

# Strategic Initiatives Road Map



## Strategic Initiatives Road Map

Run/Grow/Transform

Business Categorization

Budgeting and Funds Flow

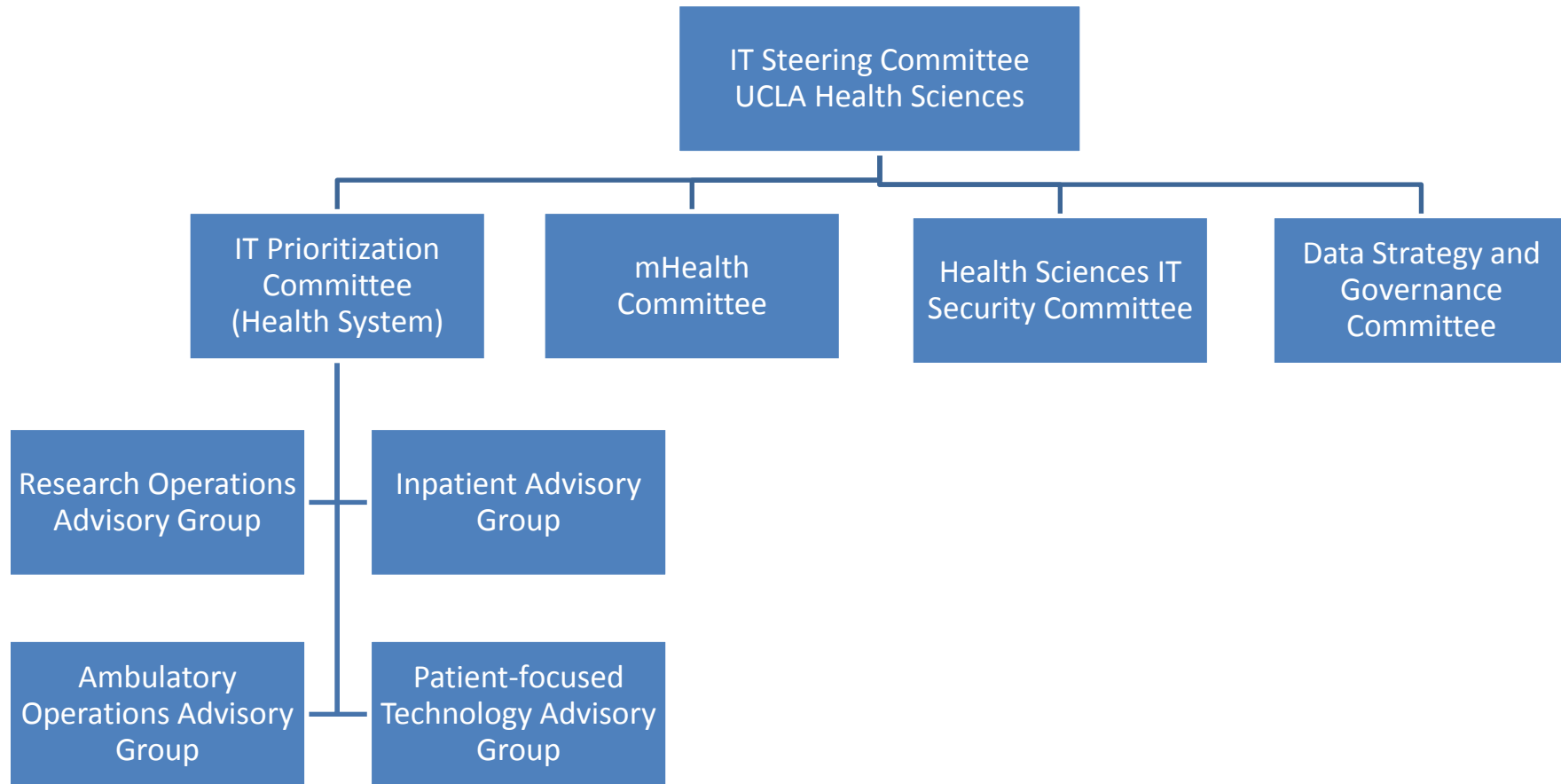
# GOVERNANCE



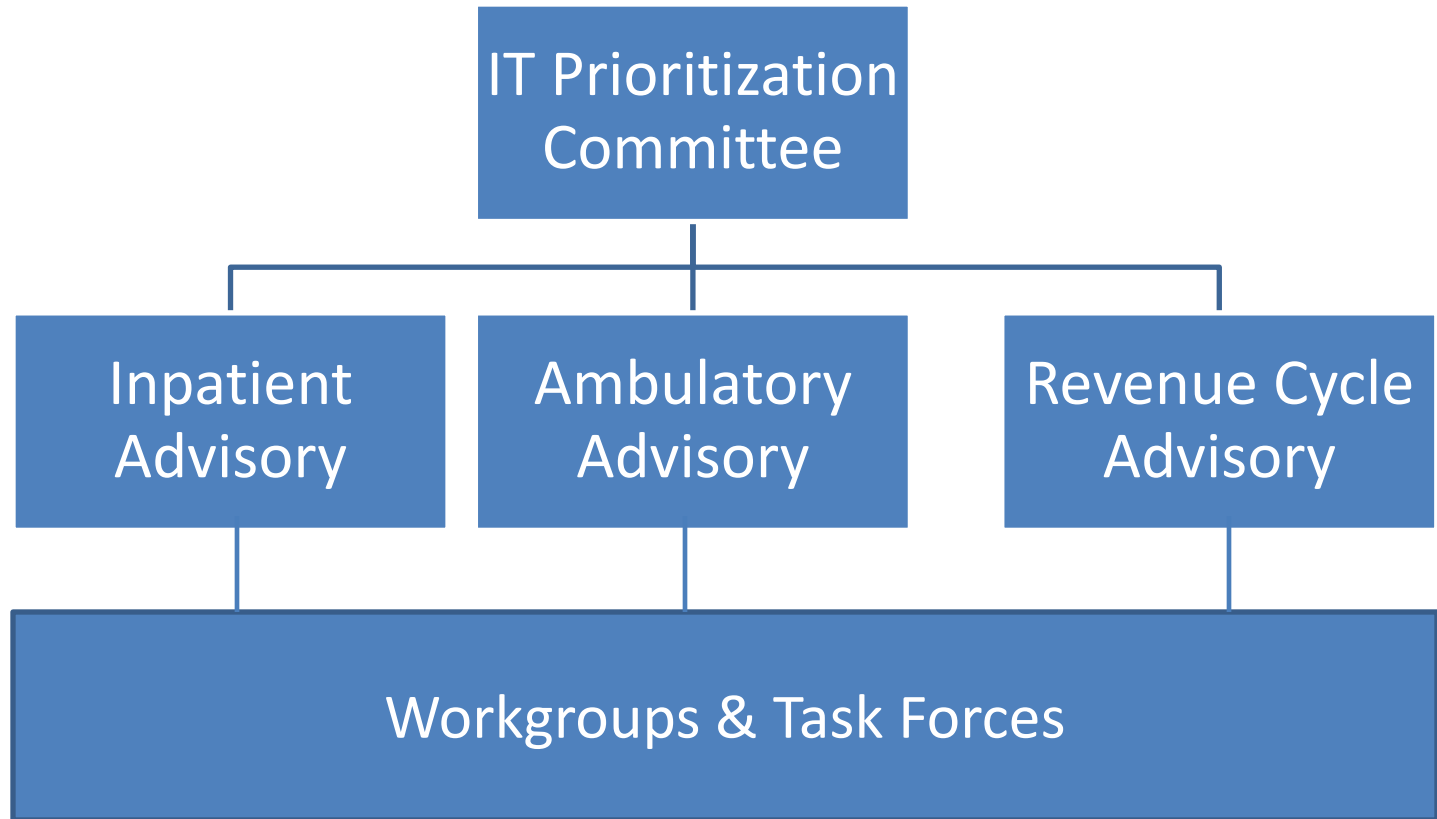
“When everything is a priority,  
then nothing is a priority”

Simon Fulleringer, IT professional

# UCLA Health Sciences IT Governance



# Governance Structure





# Nursing Workgroups

- Nursing prioritization - M/S & ICU
- Mother - baby
- Emergency Department
- Perioperative
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Pediatrics
- Ambulatory
- Medication Administration
- Patient Education

Most groups meet monthly

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Chaired by Nursing Informatics

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Striving for 50% Clinical Nurse  
participation

Workgroups make recommendations to advisory groups

# Task Force - examples

- Handover Reports
- Discharge Instructions
- Code blue documentation
- Admission assessment
- Sepsis
- Blood administration

Task Forces are formed  
around specific topics

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Short term  
(typically 2-4 meetings)

Task force make recommendations to advisory groups

Workgroup

‘Local’  
impact

70%

Advisory  
Group

Wide  
impact

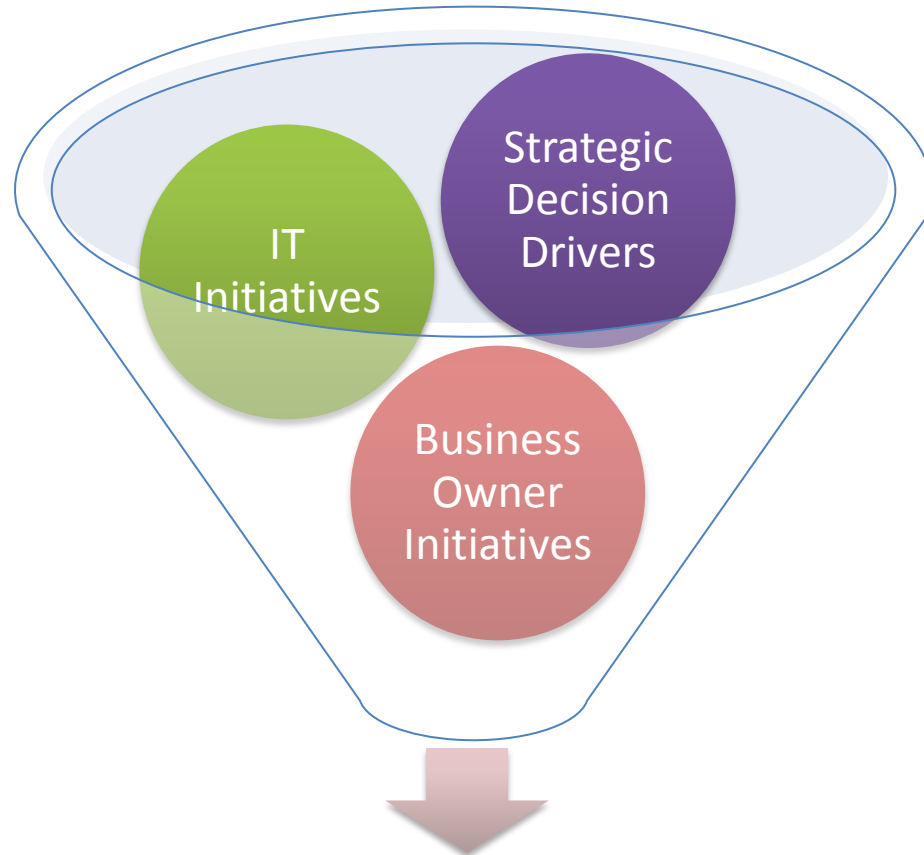
25%

Executive  
Group

System  
Impact

5%

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# Classifying Strategic Initiatives

- Run:
  - Cost of doing business/continuing operations
  - *Example: Infrastructure upgrades, software upgrades/patching*
- Grow:
  - Enhancing products, services or experiences.
  - *Example: Software replacements, data center growth/expansion*
- Transform:
  - New products, new business models, or new markets.
  - *Example: Mobile technologies, Inpatient Portal, Innovations*

# Strategic Initiative Drivers



Aligns with Education Mission



Aligns with Research Mission



Aligns with Community Mission



Aligns with Clinical Care Mission



Improves Quality/Safety



Ensures Business Continuity



Improves Customer Experience



Regulatory/Compliance/Contractual



Increase Revenue/Decreases costs



Improves Operational Efficiency

# Scoring Criteria and Decision Drivers

Using the scoring criteria below,  
we identified to what extent and manner

This project negatively impacts this Decision Driver <b><u>to a great degree.</u></b>	This project negatively impacts this Decision Driver.	This Decision Driver does not apply to this project.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a limited extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a limited extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a moderate extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a moderate extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a significant extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a significant extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a considerable extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver <b><u>to the greatest degree possible.</u></b>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

did [a given project]  
impact each of the requirements below:

Aligns with Clinical Care Mission	Aligns with Community Mission	Aligns with Education Mission	Aligns with Research Mission	Ensures Business Continuity	Improves customer experience	Improves quality/safety	Increases revenue/decreases costs	Operational efficiency	Regulatory/Compliance/Contractual
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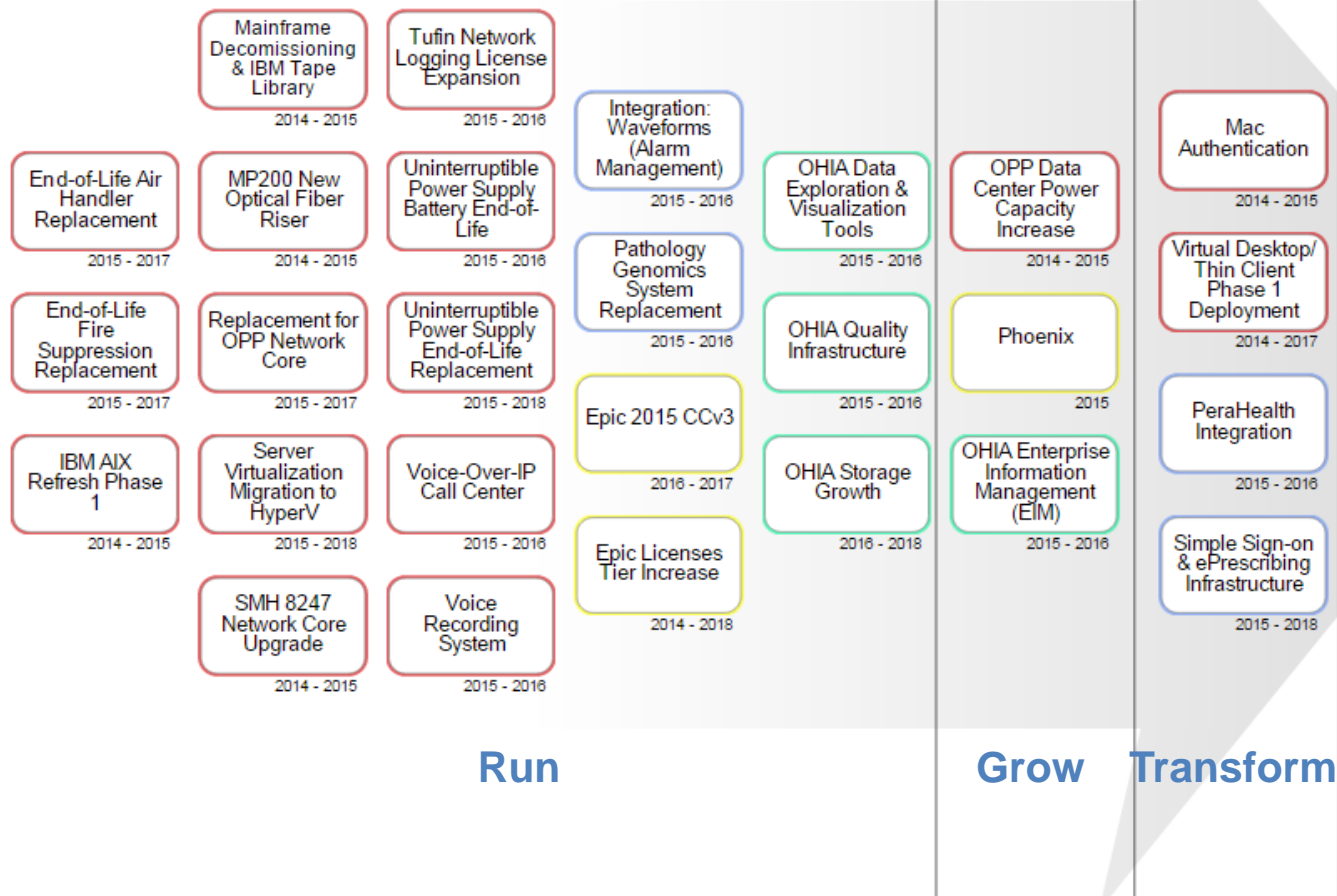
# Sample Budget Table with Budget Markers

Score	Proposal Name	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	Cumulative Total
547	OPP Datacenter Network Switch Replacement		\$440,000				\$440
580	Internet traffic sniffer replacement		\$120,000				\$560
460	OPP Row 8 Data Center Expansion		\$424,958				\$985
780	OPP chiller replacement		\$900,000				\$1,885
607	Servers Refresh		\$850,000				\$2,735
636	Print Cluster Upgrade		\$75,000				\$2,810
568	Pager Refresh		\$98,000				\$2,908
0	DNS Server Hardware Refresh		\$200,000				\$3,108
0	MP200 Paging Cabling Upgrade		\$100,000				\$3,208
738	Network Wilshire Center Infrastructure Refresh		\$585,000	\$585,000			\$3,793
0	SDSC Cabinet Expansion		\$207,000				\$4,000
<b>\$4M   Budgeted: \$4m   Band Total: \$4m   Allocation: 100%   Cumulative Total: \$4m</b>							
706	WOW Refresh	\$1,050,867	\$1,050,867	\$1,050,867	\$1,050,867		\$5,051
628	Computer Hardware Refresh - PCs and Printers		\$2,107,655				\$7,159
622	E-Fax Service Upgrade		\$115,000				\$7,274
702	Enterprise Storage Consolidation and Expansion		\$500,000				\$7,774
<b>\$8M   Budgeted: \$8m   Band Total: \$3.8m   Allocation: 97%   Cumulative Total: \$7.8m</b>							
722	UPS IDF Replacement		\$240,000	\$240,000			\$8,014
629	Paging Transmitter Disaster Recovery Equipment		\$16,000				\$8,030
471	System Center Refresh (SCCM & SCOM)		\$207,000				\$8,237
573	Desktop VoIP refresh		\$1,100,000				\$9,337
548	Check Point (Pointsec) Encryption Upgrade		\$75,000				\$9,412
518	Virtual Private Network Upgrade and Redesign		\$75,000				\$9,487
<b>\$10M   Budgeted: \$10m   Band Total: \$1.7m   Allocation: 95%   Cumulative Total: \$9.5m</b>							

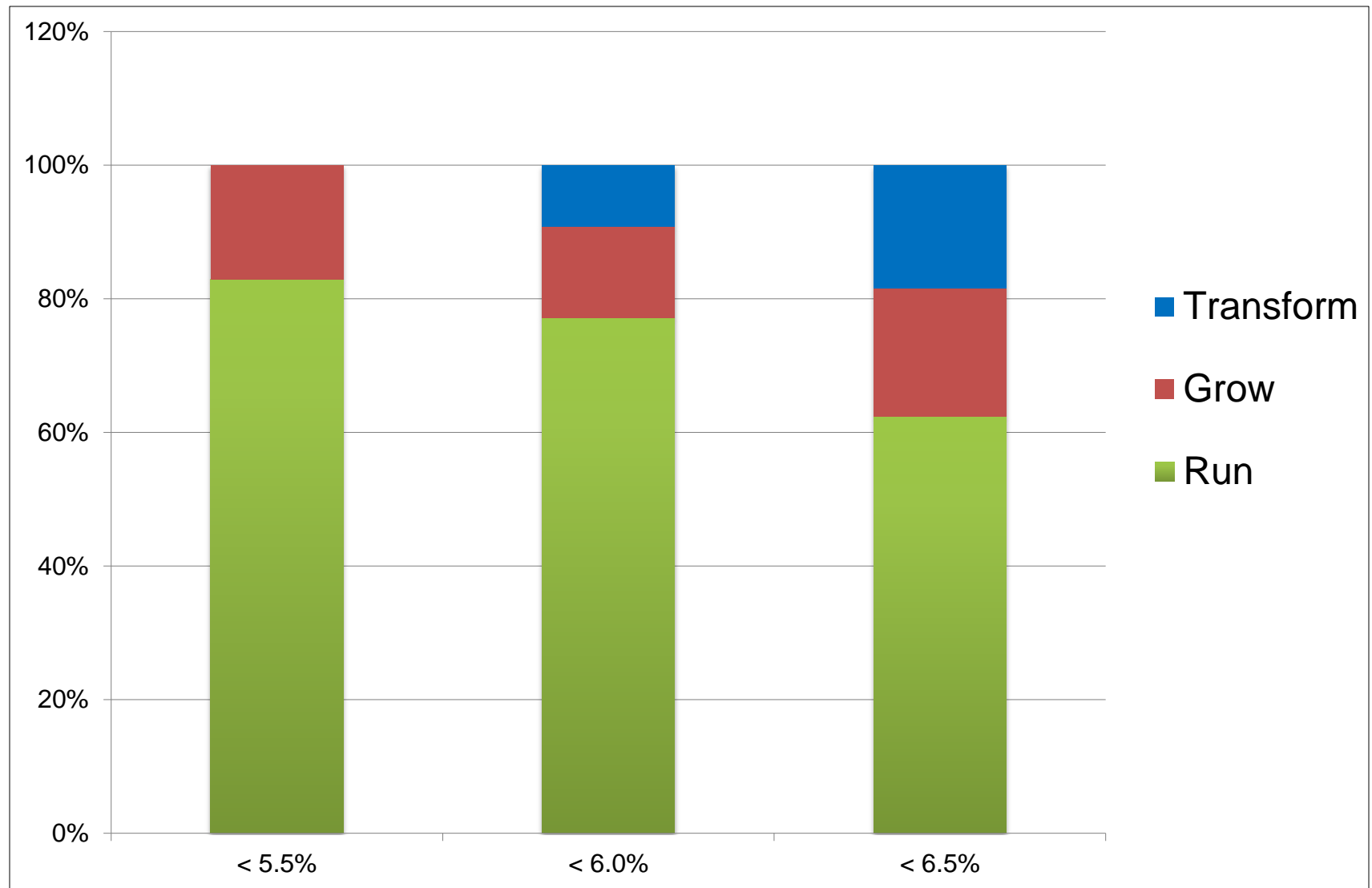


# Roadmap Example

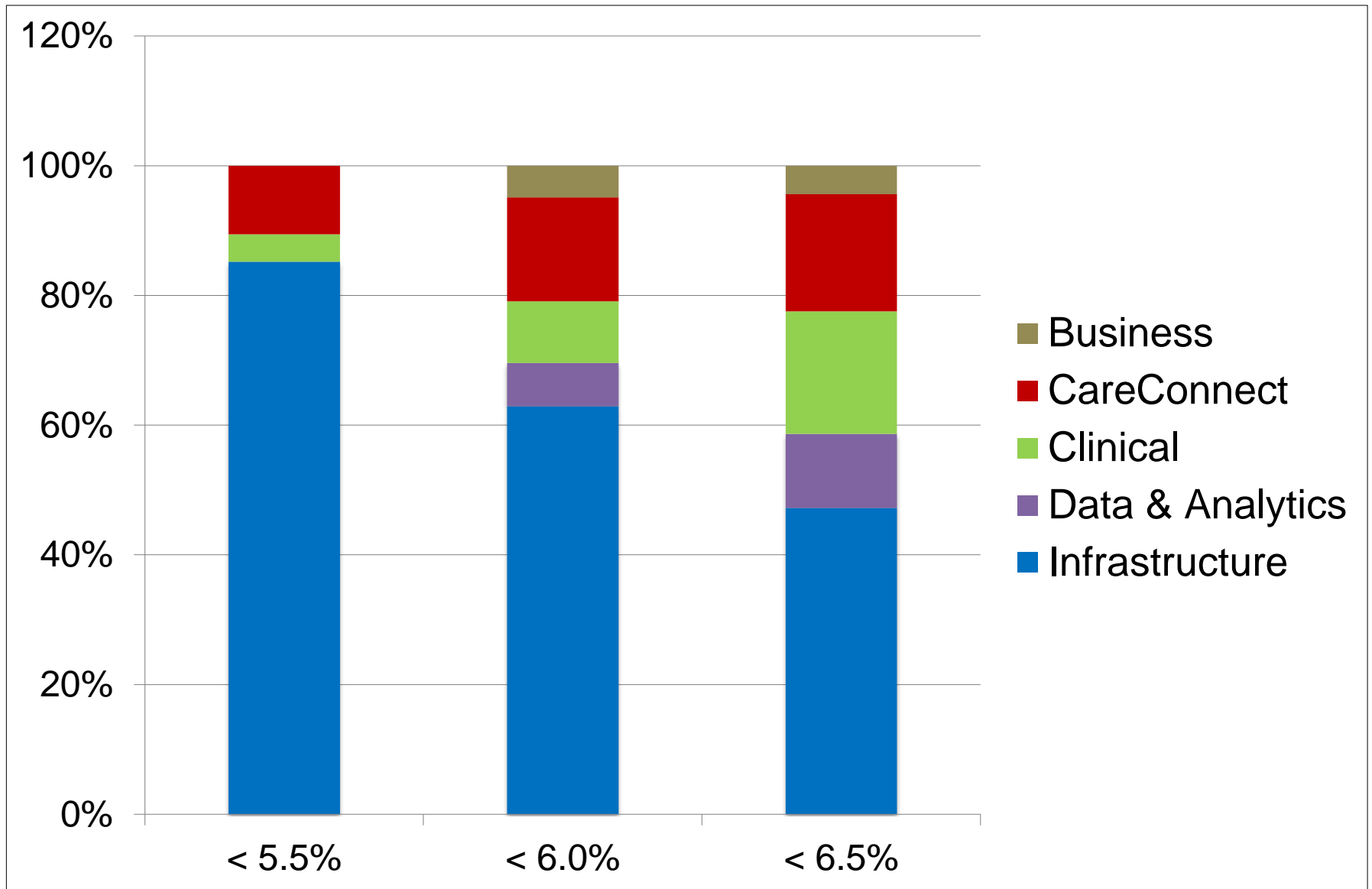
- Business
- CareConnect
- Clinical
- Data and Analytics
- Infrastructure



# FY2016 Spend by Type

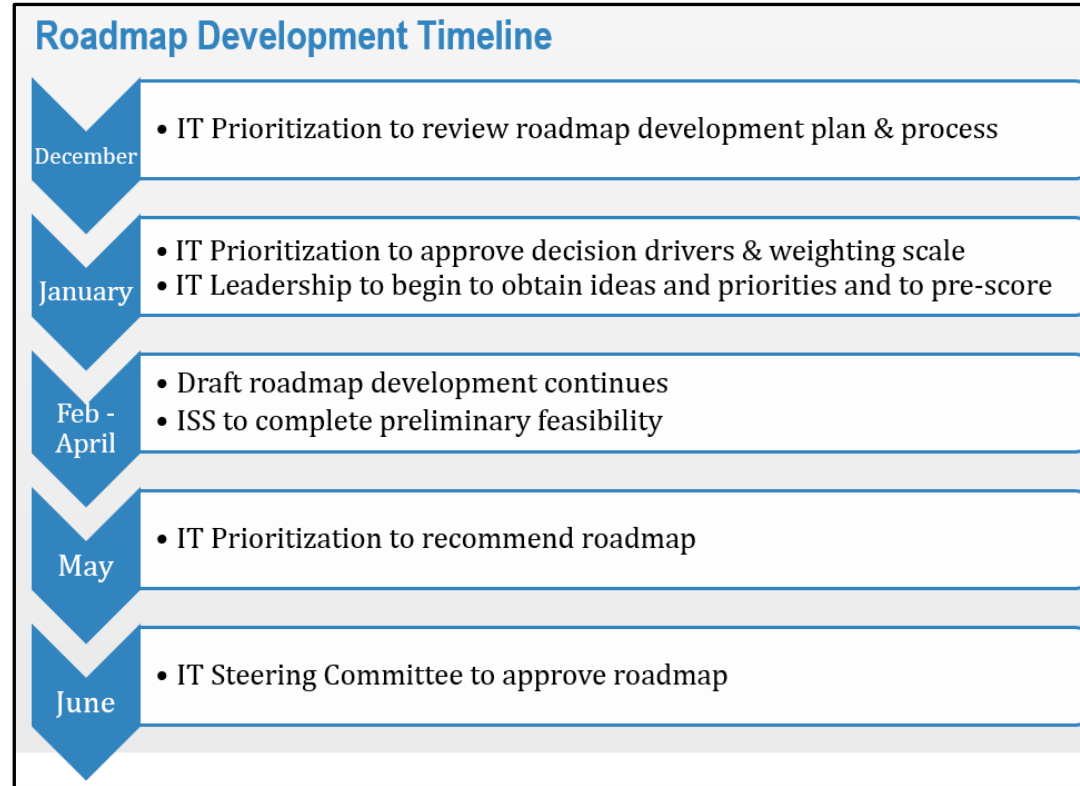


# FY2016 Spend by Category

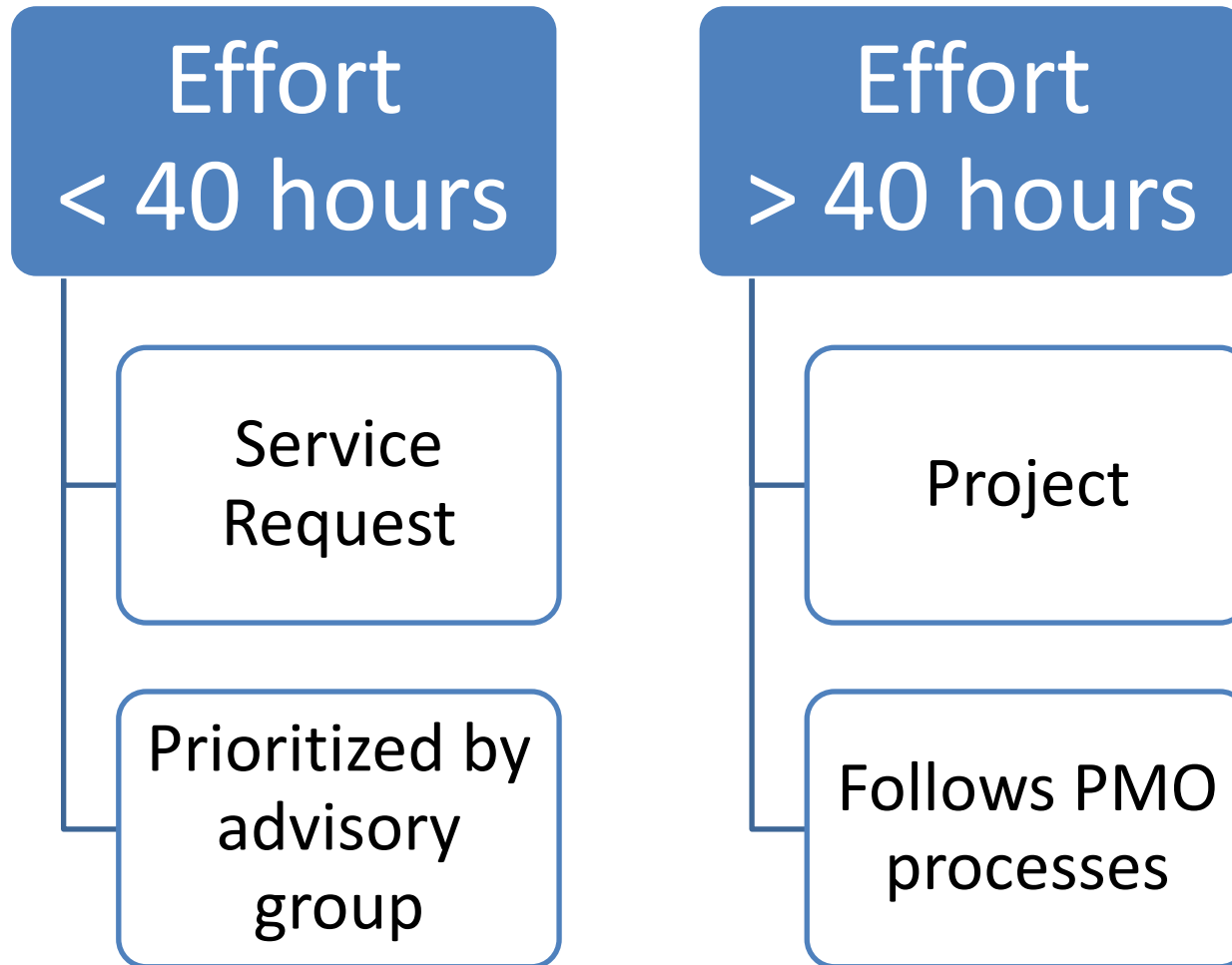


# Roadmap Development Plans for FY17

- Will include both capital & non-capital initiatives
- Reduce number of decision drivers to simplify scoring
- IT Prioritization will be more active in the development of the roadmap



# ALLOCATING RESOURCES



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**30%**

Quick wins, innovation  
<40 hour initiatives

**30%**

New business, complex projects  
> 40 hour projects

**40%**

General maintenance / administrative / Break-fix  
(non-optimization)

# Sample Decision Document: Trauma Name Changes

## Decision Point: Define who can change an Inpatient Name

### Background/Context:

- Concerns have been raised about the medical necessity for positively associating a patient with their legal name. Epic's strong recommendation is to utilize the "Alias" field for the legal name, then update or merge (if existing MRN) after discharge
- Alias does not print on wristband

### Link to Guiding Principles:

- Decisions will be made based upon the **best interests of the patients**.
- We will focus on the best approach for the **overall UCLA organization**, while considering and balancing the needs of various constituencies.
- **Workflow process standardization** to drive consistent outcomes will prioritize enterprise-wide objectives versus individual, unit or department-specific objectives.

### **Key Considerations:**

ED personnel can update the patient's name without any downstream implications *until the patient is marked **Arrived** in the ED.*

If the patient's name is updated prior to surgery or before transfer to the inpatient bed:

- Significant delays in providing blood products to the patient could occur
- Every downstream interfaced system must accept the name change
- Printed armbands, labels, etc. would need to be reprinted for proper patient identification

#### **Risks:**

Significant positive and negative testing needs to be completed to determine the full functionality of Security Point-99.

### **Recommendations:**

- Remove Security Point-99 in PLY, POC and TST from all Templates with the exception of:
  - ADT UCLA PT Access Supervisor Template
  - ADT UCLA NPH PT Access Template
  - HIM UCLA Coding Director
- Once testing is completed and passed by the Testing team migrate the change into production

### **Process:**

When the trauma patient arrives on the nursing unit and the patient does not have blood transfusing/ordered and the patient is not going to OR the RN will:

- Notify Admissions of the name change and MRN

Admissions will change the name and:

- Print new armband, labels and facesheet and will send them to the Nursing Unit
- Notify: Communications, Security, Patient Placement, Blood Bank, Clinical Lab and Pharmacy of the MRN and name change

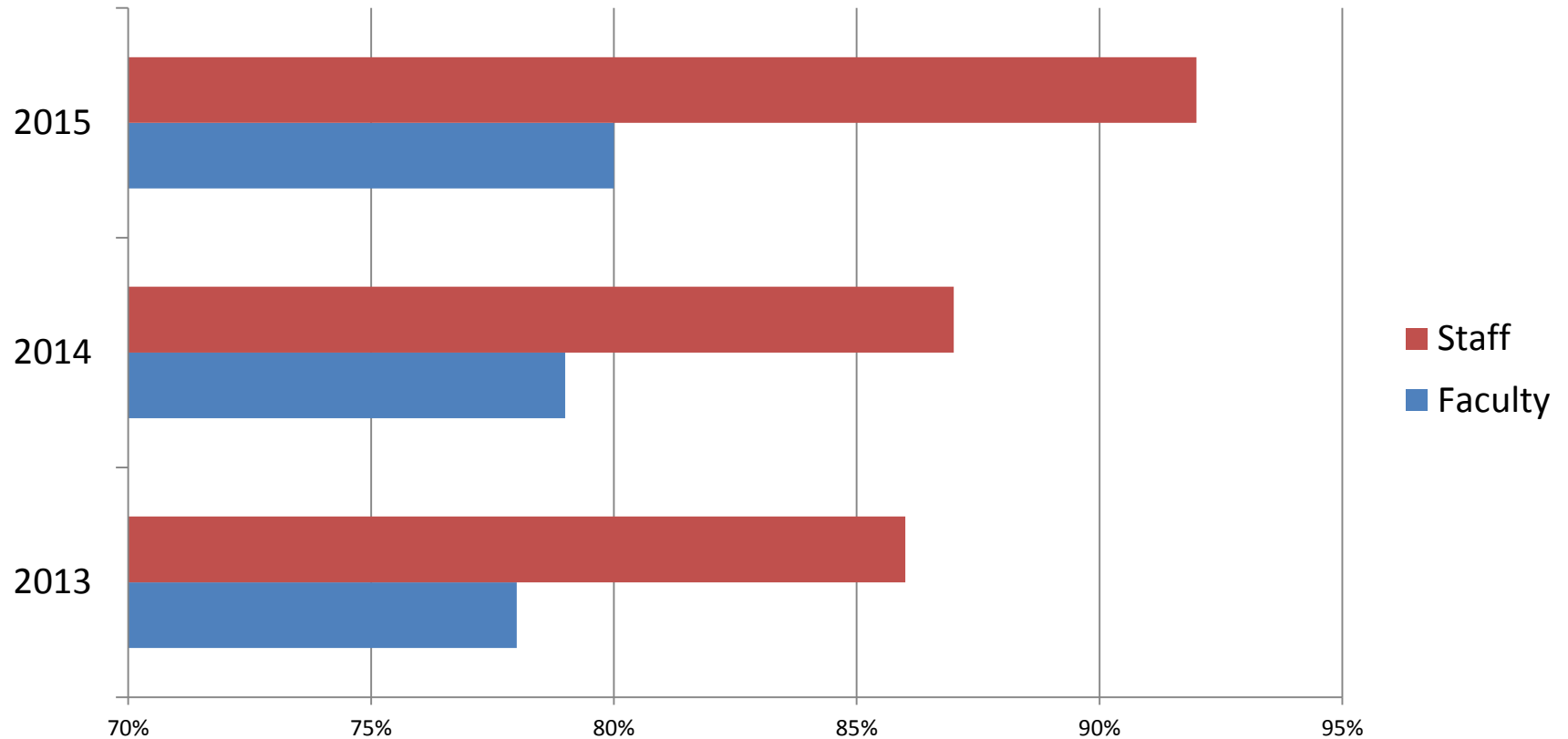
RN will:

- Discard Trauma armband, labels and facesheet
- Place new armband on patient and put the labels and facesheet in the chart







# ASSESSMENT & OPPORTUNITIES

# Overall Satisfaction with EHR



# Nurse Satisfaction Survey

	2015	2014	2013
EHR tools support effective communication	 88%	84%	81%
Overall satisfaction with reporting	 88%	81%	70%
Overall satisfaction with training	 90%	90%	79%
EHR tools are efficient and easy to use	 90%	82%	72%

# Opportunities

Challenges:	Action:
Analyst perception that they are losing the relationship with the business owner	Ensure analysts are included in planning meetings & recognize the skills set they provide
Challenge getting clinical nurses to participate on workgroups	Offer money! Still a work in progress
Changes going into production too frequency; too many emails	Non-urgent changes put into production twice a month (may move to monthly)

