

Vascular Limb Preservation Clinic Royal Columbian Hospital

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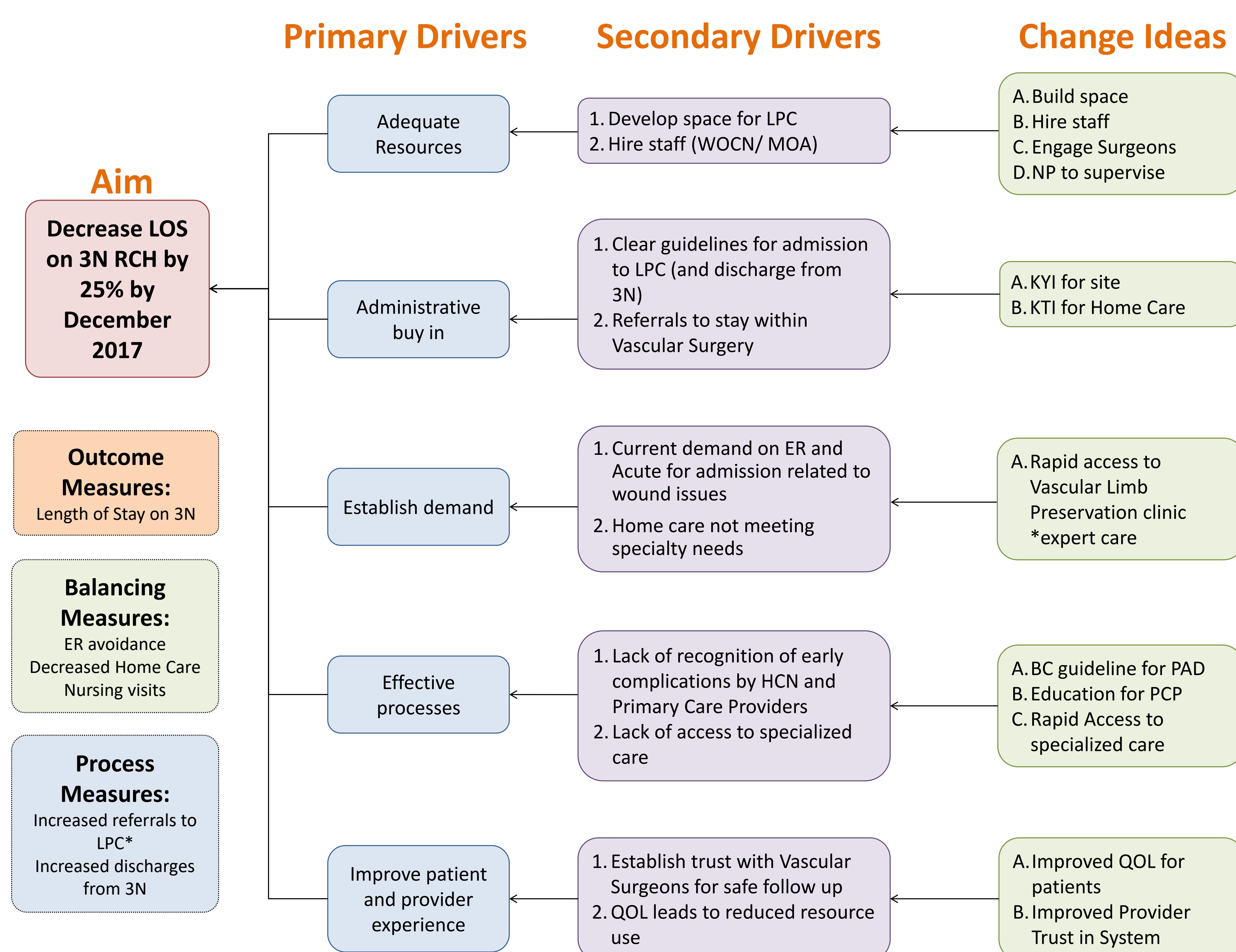
Aim

Decrease Length of Stay (LOS) associated with 3 North patients at RCH by 25% by December 2017.

Background

Vascular patients with complex wounds often have long hospital admissions, demand high emergency department time and have frequent readmissions due to lack of expertise in the community for follow up. This can also lead to amputations and long term disability, resulting in increased health care costs, decreased Quality of Life (QOL), and increased societal costs.

Project Design & Strategy

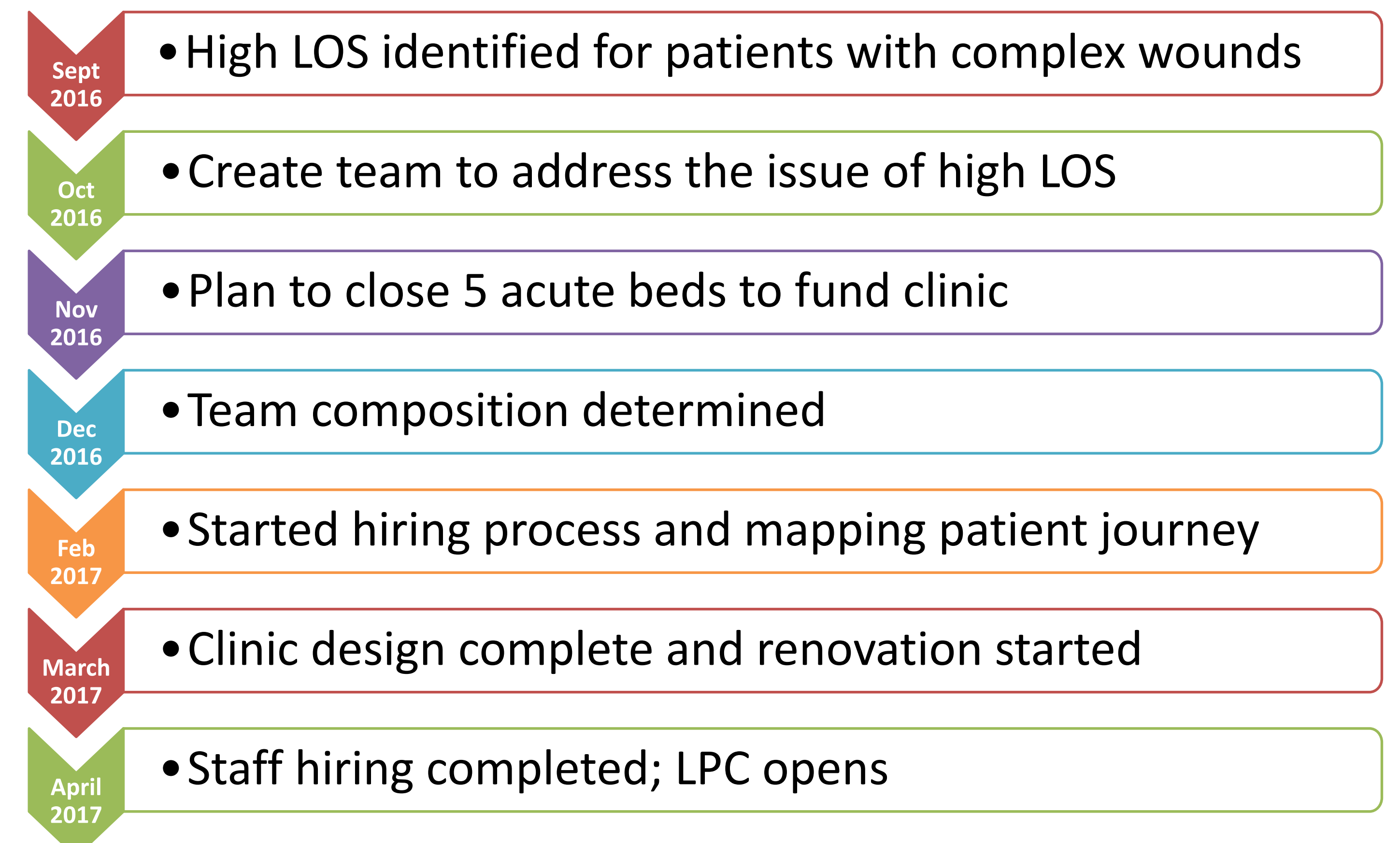


Team

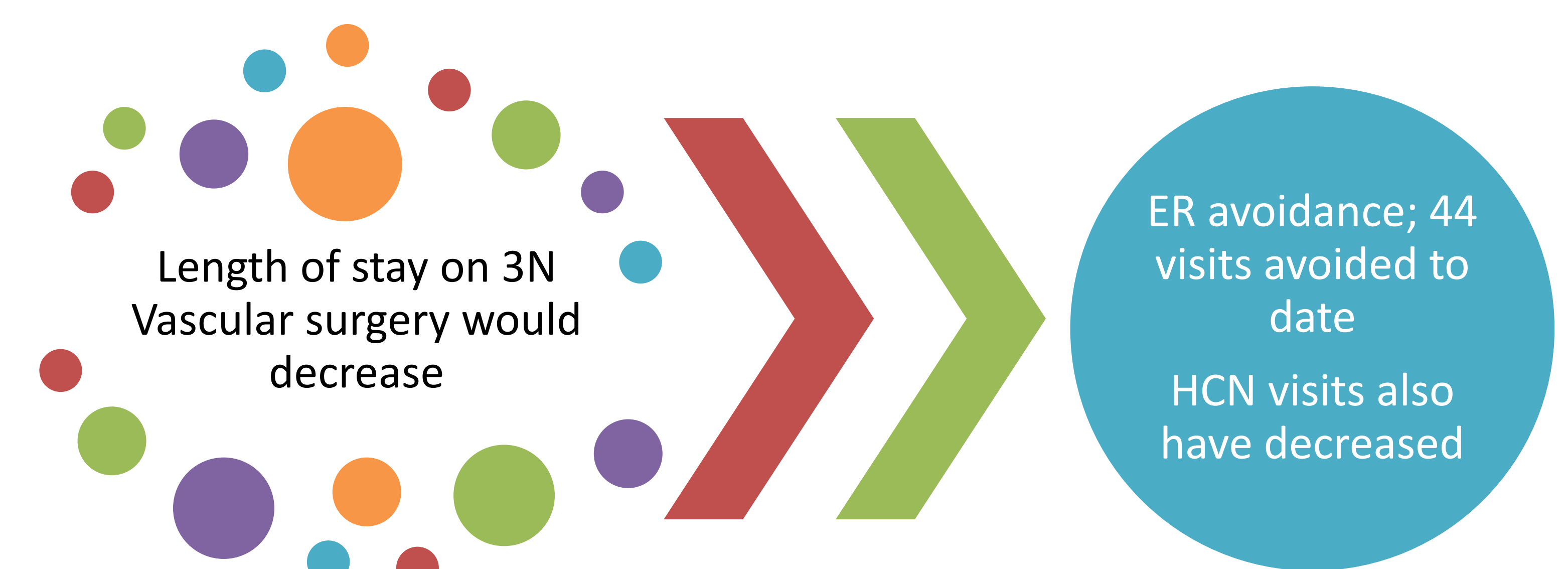
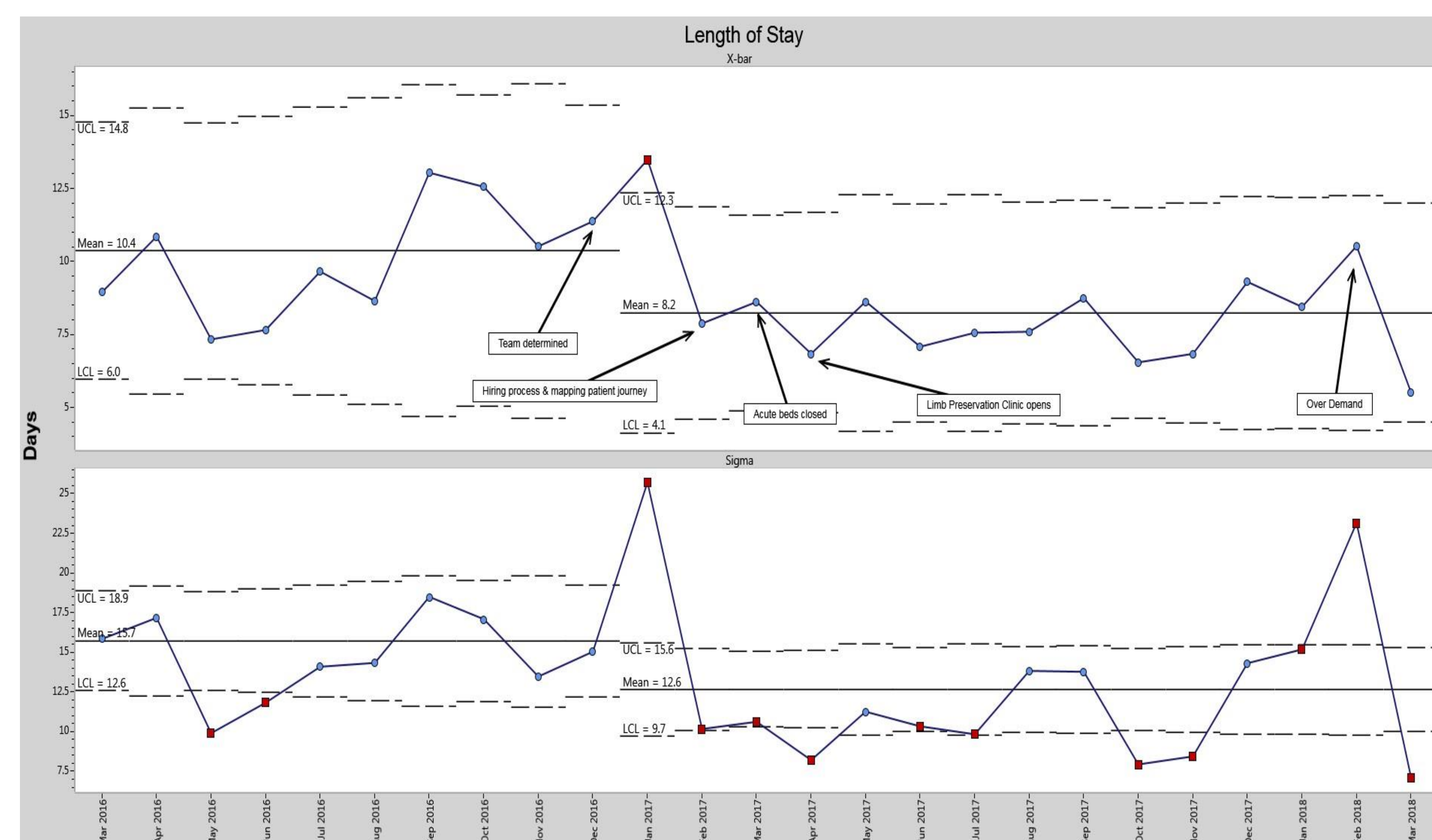
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Changes Made



Results



Lessons Learned

- Patients' experience improves with increased continuity of care
- Wound healing rate improves with access to specialized care
- Emergency demand decreases with rapid access to specialized care team
- Home care visits decrease with access to specialized care
- Provider experience and trust improves with stable specialized team

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