Patient- and Family-Centered Care within the Johns Hopkins Hospital Department of Surgery

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Background

The mission of Johns Hopkins Hospital is to "...provide innovative, patient-centered care to prevent, diagnose and treat human illness." (JHMI, 2011). Patient- and Family-Centered Care is defined as "... an approach to the planning, delivery, and evaluation of health care that shapes policies, programs, facility design, and staff day-to-day interactions. It leads to better health *outcomes* and wiser allocation of resources, and greater patient and family satisfaction. "(IPFCC, 2010). This definition emphasizes the importance of involving patients and family members not just in direct care decisions, but also in administrative processes, and indicates that patient involvement leads to safer, more efficient care. In order to assess how well the JHH Department of Surgery is meeting its goals in patientand family-centered care, we conducted a climate assessment and created and administered a survey to assess staff attitudes related to patient- and familycentered care on the surgical units.

2 Methods

Using a Likert-type scale, we created the 6-item survey below to assess staff attitudes toward patient-centered care in the Department of Surgery.

- 1. I am aware of the Patient-Centered mission and goals of JHMI.
- Patient and family members should be invited to participate in care discussions unless patients request not to have them involved.
- 3. There is a role for former patients, as trained JHMI volunteers on committees, to provide feedback to leadership about care processes.
- 4. It is realistic for inpatients to be provided with a daily schedule of tests, consultations and procedures.
- 5. Patient visiting hours should be customized for each unit.
- 6. Surgical patients should have an identified family member who may be present at all times.

This survey was administered to physicians, nursing staff, and support staff in April of 2013 via an online survey platform. A link to the survey was sent to staff via email. The survey was open for 10 days.

3 Results

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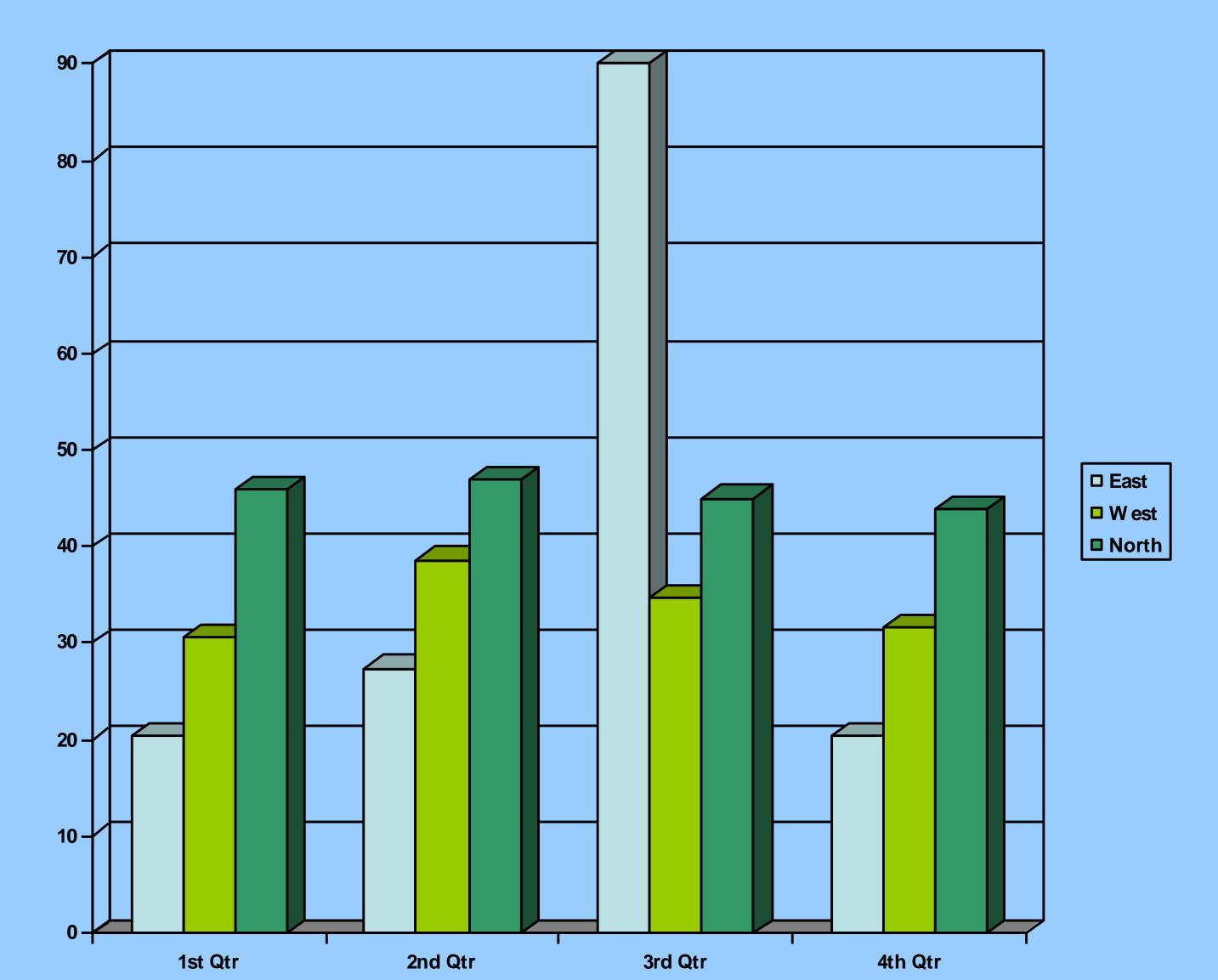
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4 Conclusions

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Future Directions

 Involvement of a trained patient or family representative on executive safety rounds within the Department of Surgery

Pre and post-test evaluation of executive leadership attitudes toward patient and family involvement in executive safety rounds.

6 References

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