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## BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

- Initiation of Inpatient Hospice and Hospice Response Team in November 2015.
- Medical/surgical nurses unfamiliar with comfort measures in patient care.
- Nurses verbally admit to feeling uncomfortable with managing needs of patients at the end of life.

## PICO

For medical/surgical patients receiving inpatient hospice care, does implementation of multiple comfort modalities for pain management compared to current practice yield increased nursing satisfaction with care and pain management?

## METHODS

Qualitative and quantitative survey distributed to 6K nurses prior to education. Algorithm for comfort measures and hospice packet distributed upon admission to 6K.

Same pre-survey administered three weeks after re-education with hospice packet to assess learning.

## OUTCOMES

Improvement in 6K nurses' comfort level of providing care to inpatient hospice patients.



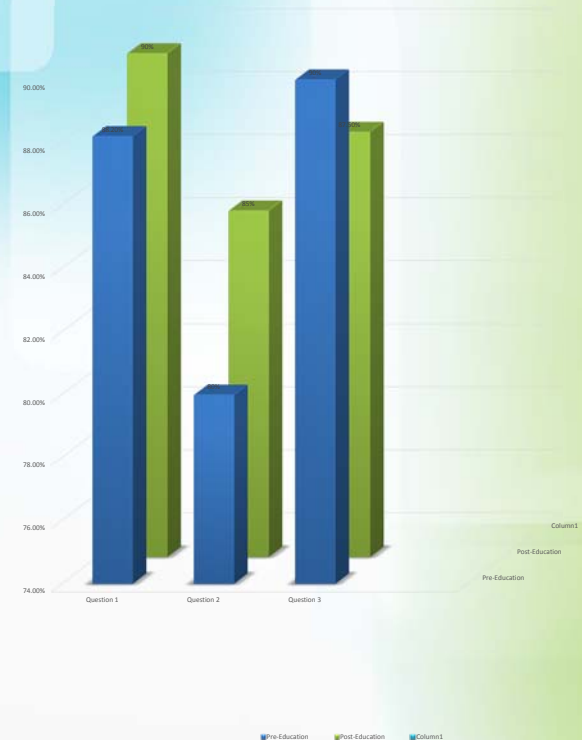
## CONCLUSIONS

- 1.8% improvement in nurses' feeling that they effectively managed pain.
- 5% improvement in nurses' ability to identify ways to improve comfort in inpatient hospice patients.
- 2.5% decrease in nurses' effectiveness in implementation of comfort measures after identification.

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## RESULTS



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