

Always be willing to take a new pathway



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Background.

Radiation induced skin reactions are a common side effect of radiotherapy and can affect up to 95% of patients receiving radiotherapy. To ensure patients receive person-centred care at the appropriate time, radiographers should carry out weekly skin assessments and document them in the patient management system.

During a previous service evaluation in the department it was noted that only 46% (median 40.5%) of skin reactions were correctly documented. This was used as baseline data.

Aim

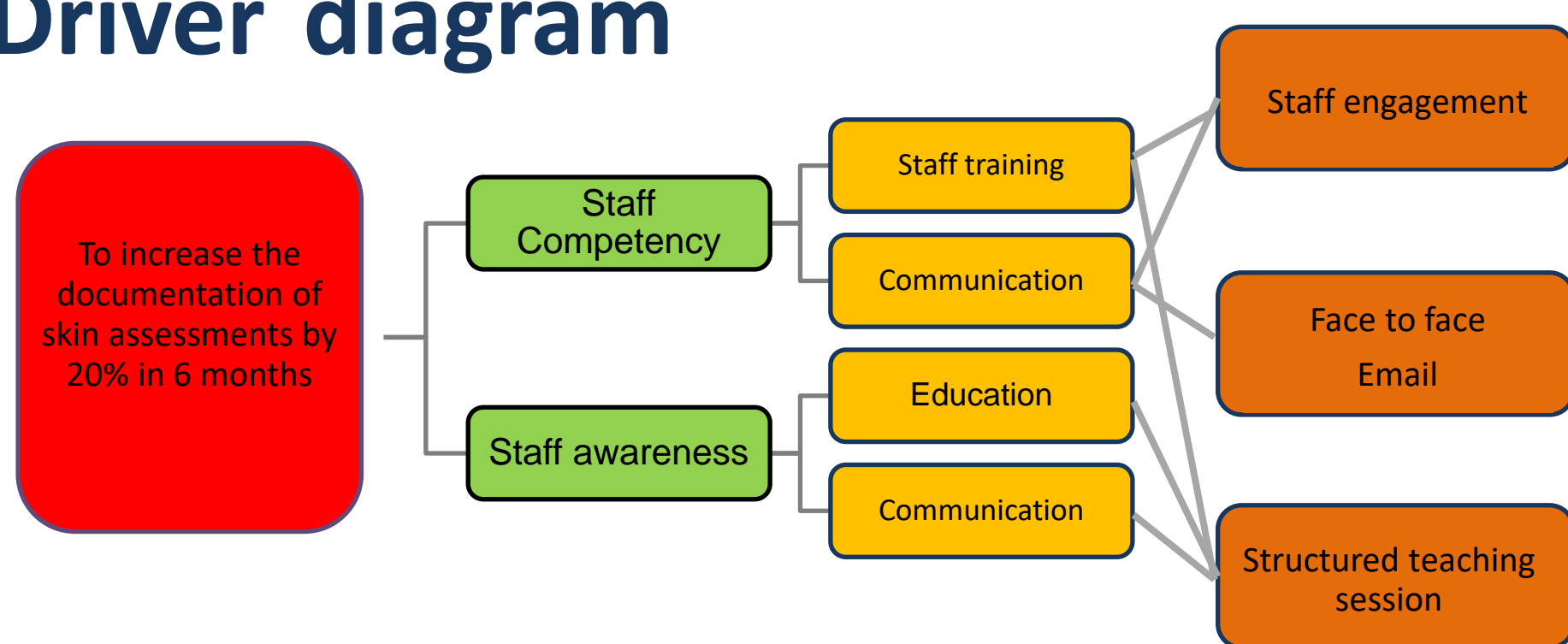
To ensure the introduction of a skin care pathway for high risk patients in radiotherapy improves the documentation of skin assessments by radiographers by 20% over a 6 month period. To be initially reviewed at 3 months.

Outcome Measures

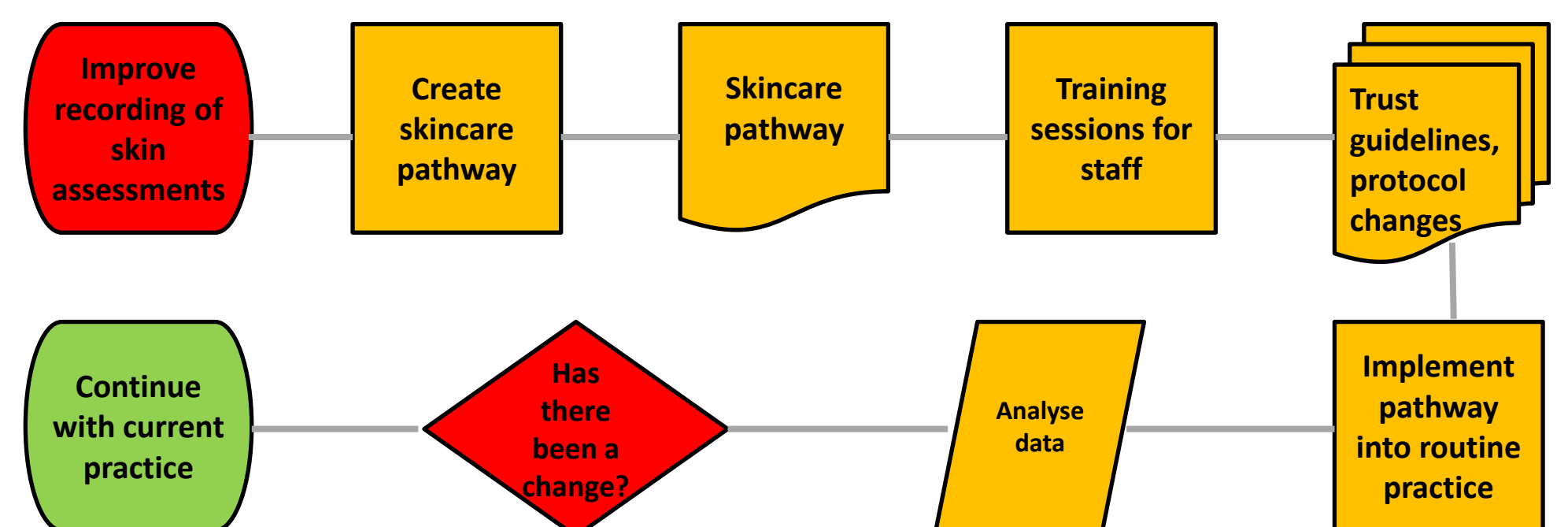
Outcome Measure: the number of skin assessments documented in the patient management system.

Process Measure: The number of times the pathway was used by staff

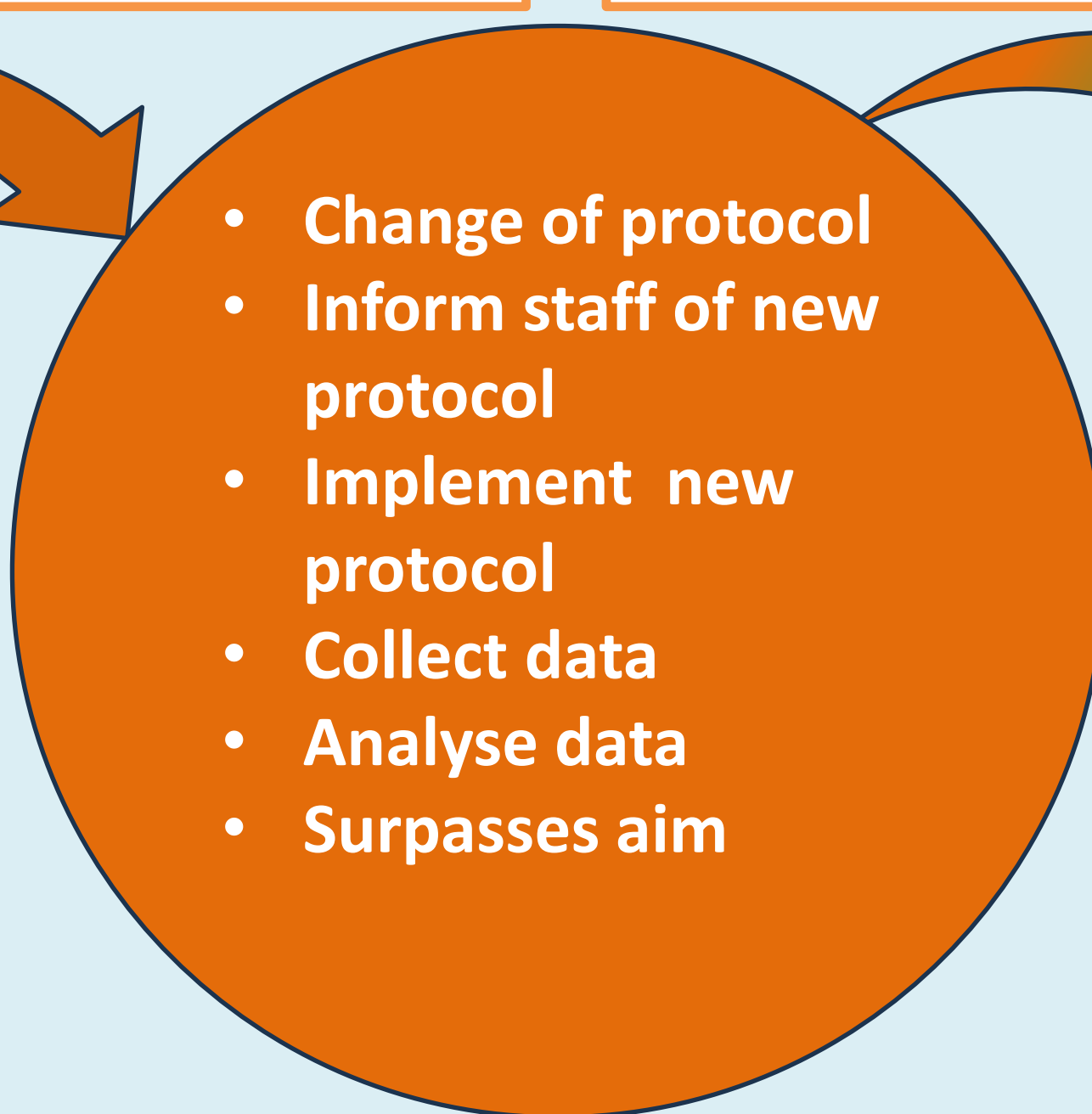
Driver diagram



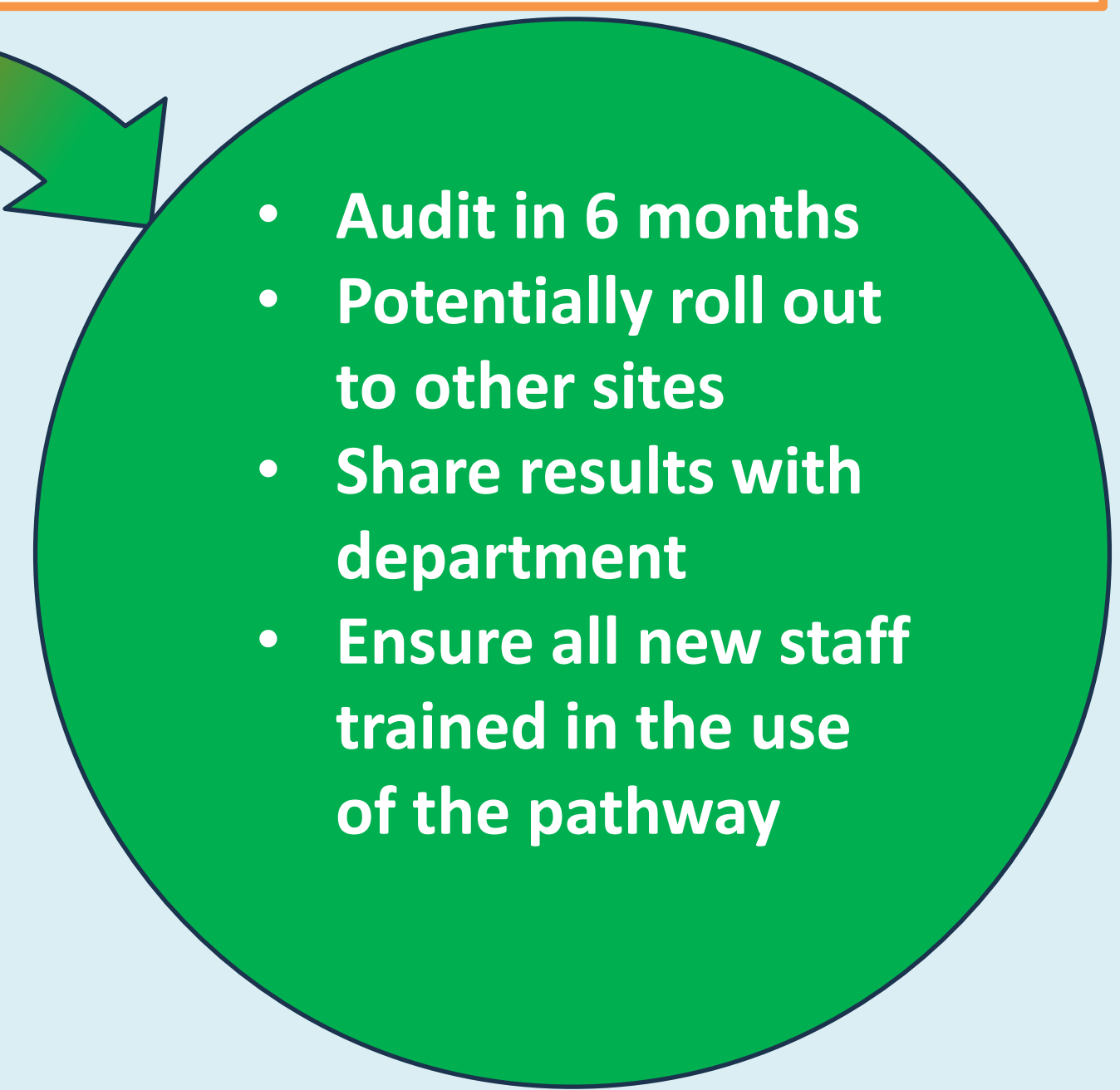
Process Map



PDSA Cycle 1



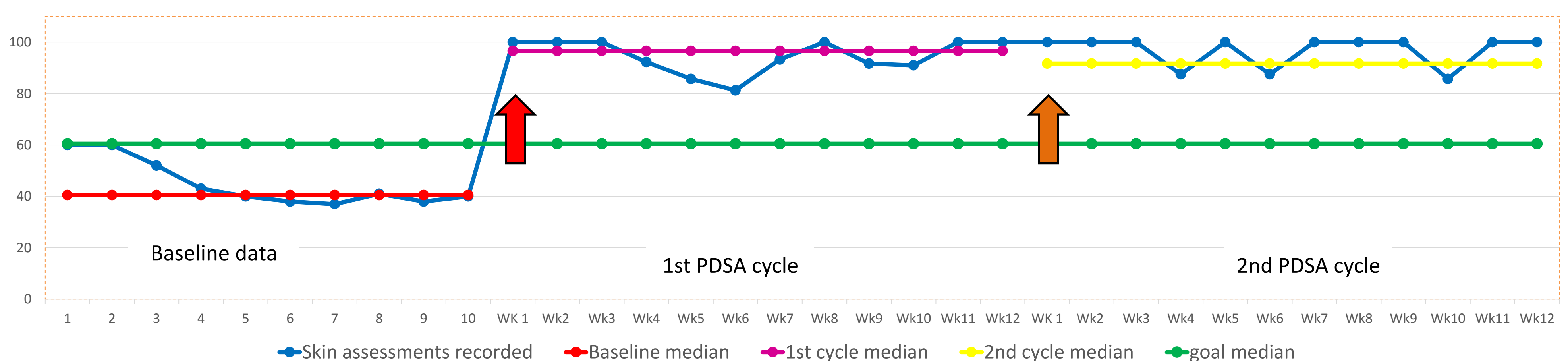
PDSA Cycle 2



Next steps

Results

Skin assessments recorded in patient management system



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