



# Same-Day Discharge for Colorectal Surgery: ERAS 2.0

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# Conflicts of Interest

- Abbott Nutrition (speaker: ERAS)
- Takeda (clinical research)



# Objectives: After this session, participants will

1

gain an overview of the pathway towards Same Day Discharge

2

understand the benefits of day surgery for colorectal resections for the patient, the hospital, and the healthcare system.

3

better understand how digital technology can facilitate patients' early discharge from the hospital.

# Outline

Quick intro to ERAS



MUHC experience with SDD



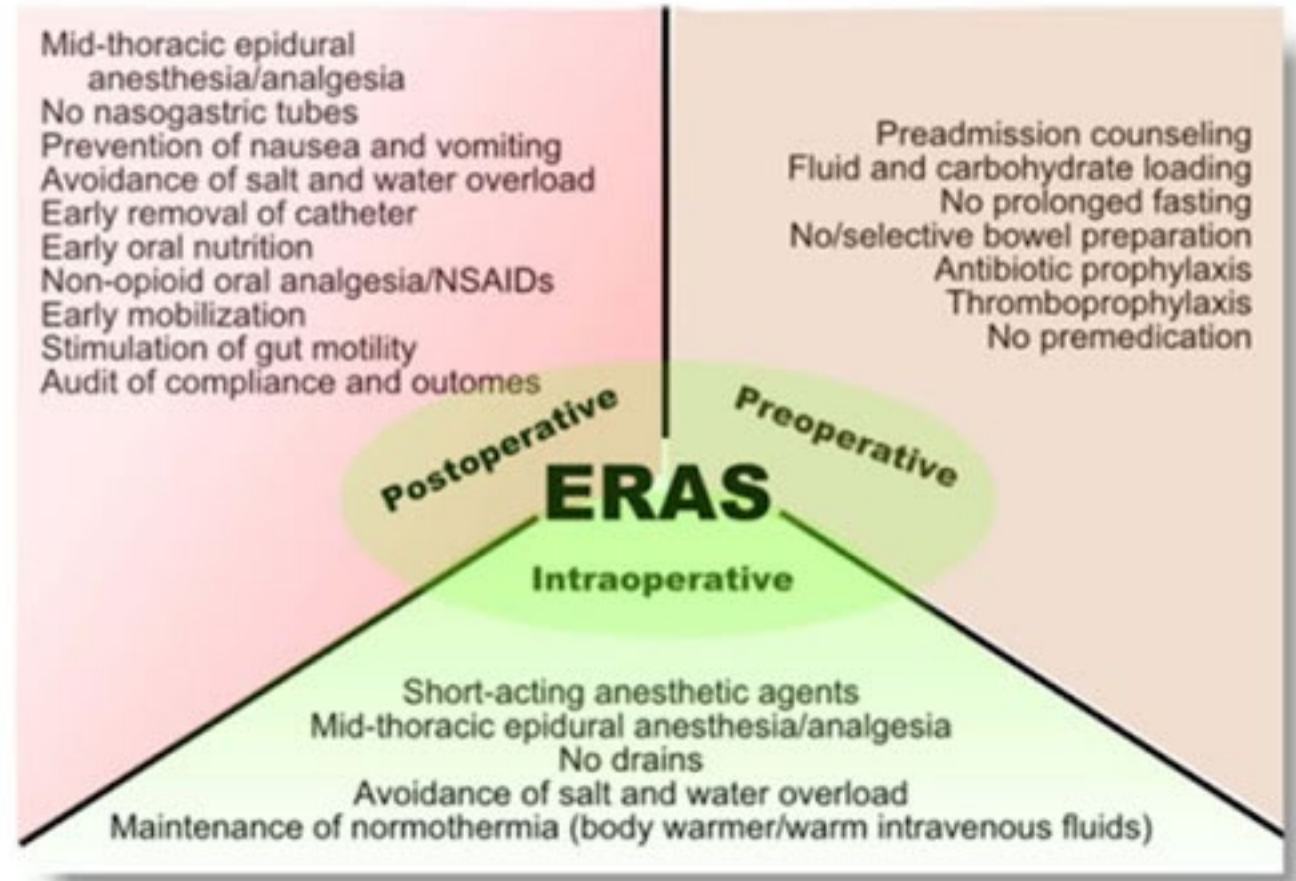
Lessons learned



Prehab

# Enhanced Recovery After Surgery

- Decreased length of stay
- Decreased complications
- Decreased healthcare resource utilization
- Increased patient satisfaction



# MUHC Experience

- Colorectal ERAS since 2008
- Multiple iterations
- Multiple new pathways across specialties
  
- Target LOS 2-3d
- **66% discharged within target LOS**



## A guide to your **Bowel Surgery**



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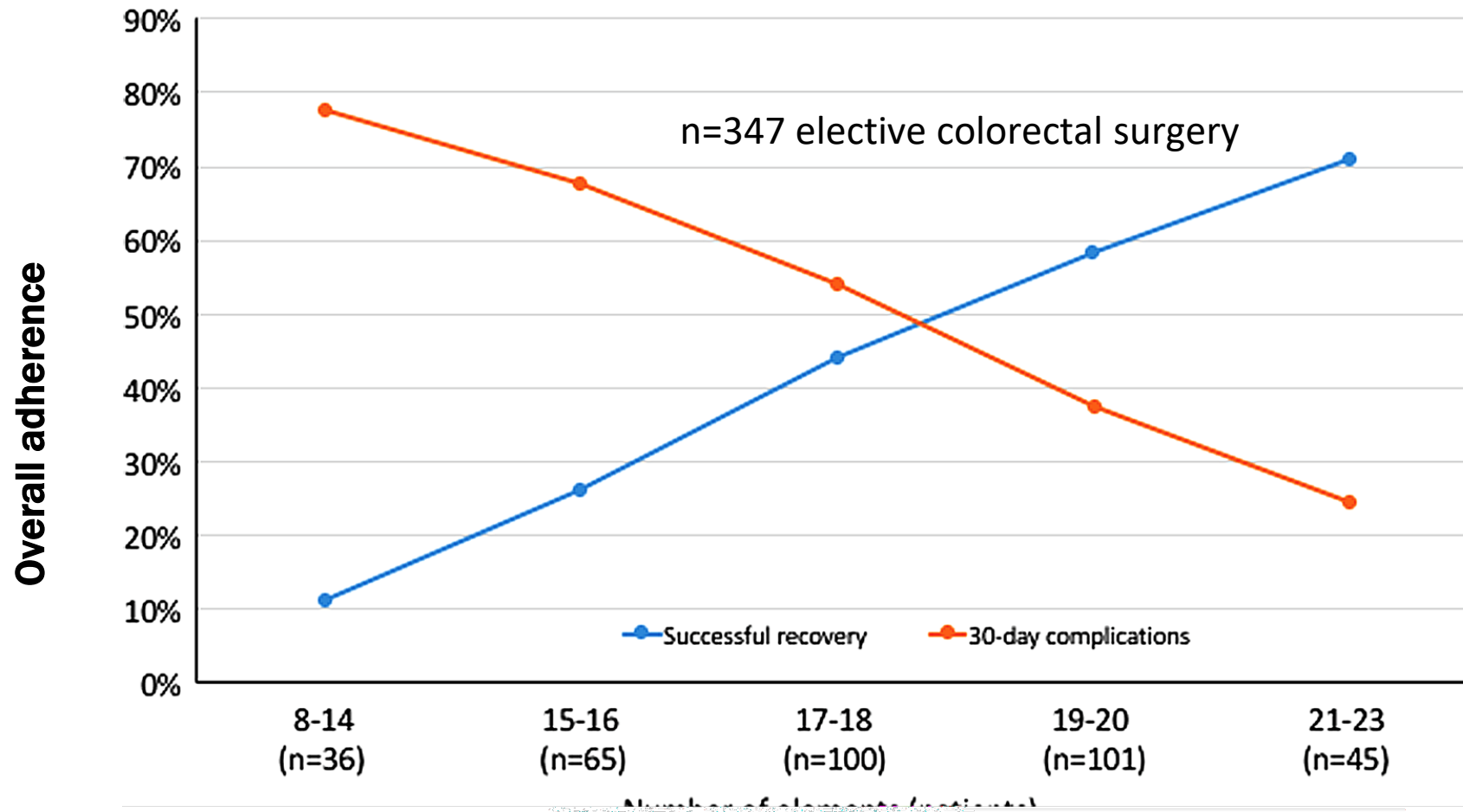
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MUHC Surgery Recovery Program

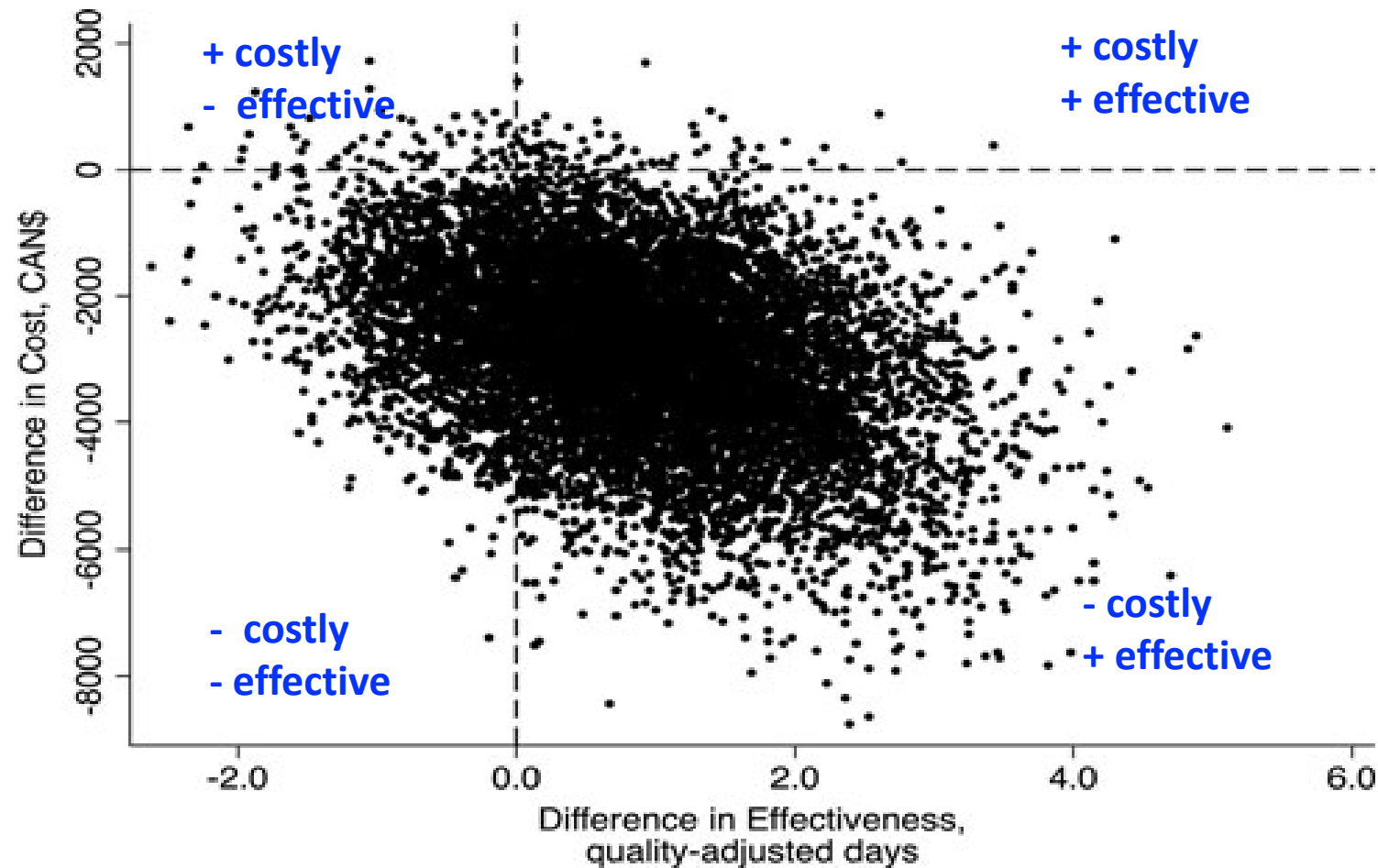
# Adherence to enhanced recovery pathway elements is associated with successful recovery and reduction in 30-day complications



Pecorelli et al. Surg Endosc. 2016



# Cost-effectiveness of Enhanced Recovery versus Conventional Perioperative Management for Colorectal Surgery



Each point represents 1 bootstrap estimate

# ERPs : beyond reducing length of hospital stay and complications?

	Conventional care (n=95) vs ERP (n=95)
Lost days from work	35(20) vs 26(18)*
Caregiver lost days from work	5(12) vs 1.3(2.6)*
Postoperative CLSC visits, n	3.7(9) vs 1.4 (4.6)*
Institutional cost saving	-\$1,150 (-3487 to 905)
Health care system cost saving	-\$1,602(-4,050 to 517)
<b>Society cost saving</b>	<b>-\$2,985(-5,753 to -373)*</b>

ERPs- specific costs (design, implementation and audit): 153 \$ per patient

Lee et al. Ann Surg. 2015 Dec;262(6):1026-33

# How can we do better?

Does this guy really need to stay???



**Traditional care**



**Enhanced Recovery**



**Outpatient surgery**

# Has this been done before?

- <2% of all colectomies in ACS-NSQIP discharged within 23h (out of >100k cases) Saadat et al. *World J Surg* 2020
- ~4% of ileostomy reversals in ACS-NSQIP discharged within 23h (out of ~25k cases) Taylor et al. *J Gastrointest Surg* 2019



“First!”

# Short-term Outcomes of Ambulatory Colectomy for 157 Consecutive Patients

Gignoux et al. *Ann Surg* 2019

## Inclusion criteria

- Laparoscopic colectomy
- “Good” general condition
- No serious comorbidities
- “Full patient understanding”

## Exclusion criteria

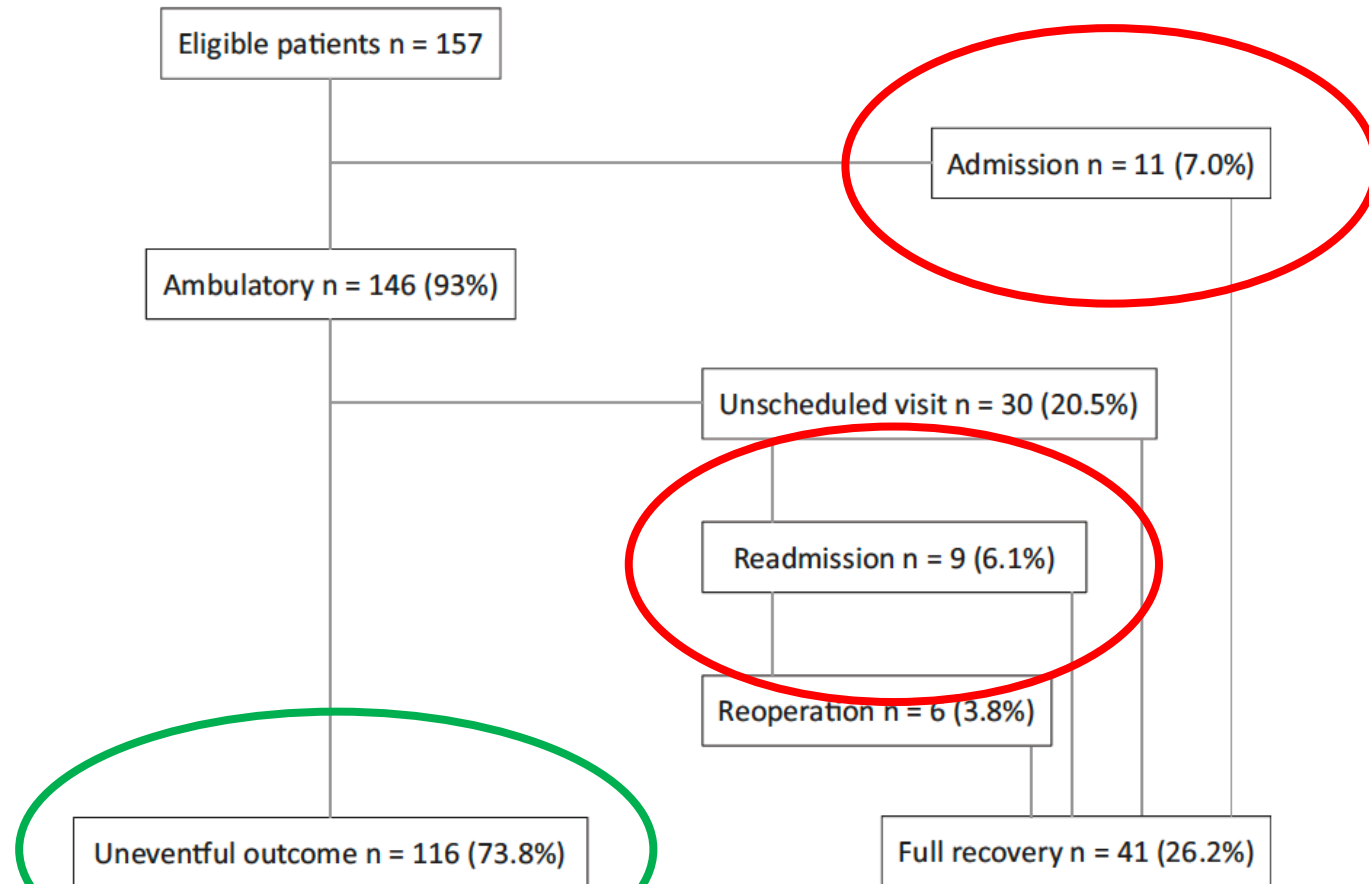
- Low rectal
- Right colectomy
- Large T4 tumours
- Prev perforated diverticulitis
- Prev midline laparotomy

- Home visit by a nurse BID x 5 days then DIE x5 days
- Another daily check-up phone call x5 days
- CRP on POD 1, 3, 7

# Short-term Outcomes of Ambulatory Colectomy for 157 Consecutive Patients

Gignoux et al. *Ann Surg* 2019

“Ambulatory”  
protocol required  
significant outpatient  
resources



# Retrospective review

- February 2019-August 2021
- 69 patients, 1 readmission (1.4%)
- LAR x 32, Right hemicolectomy x 11
- All robot-assisted, no conversions

Curfman KR, et al, Ambulatory colectomy: A pilot protocol for same day discharge in minimally invasive colorectal surgery. Am J Surg. 2022 Aug;224(2):757-760

# MUHC Outpatient Colectomy Protocol

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**Main outcome:** ER visit within 72h (standard ERP target LOS 3d)

**Stopping criteria:** >35% ER visits within 72h

- 35% baseline incidence of complications



# Outpatient Colectomy – Discharge Criteria

- Tolerating PO intake (at least 300cc of clear fluids)
  - No nausea/vomiting
  - Minimal anti-emetics
- Pain is adequately controlled on PO analgesia
- Able to pee
- Able to ambulate

# MUHC Experience

- 1<sup>st</sup> patient Feb 13, 2020
  - 69M
  - Laparoscopic right colectomy for malignancy
  - 4cm Pfannenstiel extraction incision, TAP block
  - OR time: 93 minutes
  - PACU time: 7h 15min
    - Fentanyl 25 mcg IV x3 (=22.5 MME)
    - Ketorolac 30mg IV
  
- ~1 patient per week

# MUHC SDD Colectomy Protocol

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General Surgery  
 Day Surgery Colorectal Care Pathway  
 Postoperative Medical Orders

**ALLERGIES** \_\_\_\_\_

**Poids / Weight** \_\_\_\_\_ **kg**    **Taille / Height** \_\_\_\_\_ **cm**    **Indice de masse corporelle / BMI** \_\_\_\_\_

Initiales du prescripteur pour chaque ordonnance Prescriber's initials for each order	<b>ORDONNANCE DU PRESCRIPTEUR/ PRESCRIBER'S ORDERS</b>	Initiales de l'infirmier(ère) notées Nurse's initials noted
	Discharge the patient home as per PACU discharge criteria and the surgical team's approval.  The patient must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tolerate liquids without the need for anti-emetics,</li> <li>• report reasonable pain control at rest and with movement on oral analgesia,</li> <li>• be able to ambulate,</li> <li>• have vital signs that are within their normal range.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Prior to discharge:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical team member must assess patient prior to discharge home.</li> <li>• Review exit/discharge prescription and postoperative instructions with patient/companion including: wound care and showering, fever, pain control, activity, dalteparin administration, diet and follow up appointment in 3-4 weeks.</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Additional orders not included in Day surgery care pathway:</u></b>	

General Surgery  
 Day Surgery Colorectal Surgery Care Pathway  
 External Postoperative Prescription

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 (AAYY/MM/JD)

Téléphone/Telephone:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hôpital Royal Victoria (514) 934-1934 poste _____           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hôpital Général de Montréal (514) 934-1934 poste _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institut thoracique de Montréal (514) 934-1934 poste _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Institut Neurologique de Montréal (514) 398-6644 poste _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hôpital de Montréal pour enfants (514) 412-4400 poste _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hôpital Queen Elizabeth (514) _____ - _____ poste _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hôpital de Lachine (514) 637-2351 poste _____               |   |

No. du télécopieur du service / Service's fax number (514) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Poids / Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (kg) Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Indice de masse corporelle / BMI \_\_\_\_\_

Médicament(s) * Posologie * Quantité * Durée / Medication * Dosage * Quantity * Duration	Nombre de renouvellement(s) Number of renewal(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen 1g PO q 6h x 72 hours then PRN dispense 50 tablets of 500 mg tablets	NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Celecoxib 100 mg PO BID x 72 hours then PRN dispense 28 tabs <b>Exceptions:</b> elevated creatinine, peptic ulcer disease- current or remote, allergy or intolerance to NSAIDs or ASA, <del>Crohn's disease</del>	NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Oxycodone 5 - 7.5 mg PO q 4h PRN dispense 10 tabs	NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Dalteparin 5000 units subcutaneously daily for 28 days after surgery continue until : _____ (AAYY/MM/JD)	NR
*****Return any unused medication to your pharmacy*****	

Signature du médecin / Physician's signature

Nom en lettres moulées / Print name

N° permis/ License N°

# MUHC SDD

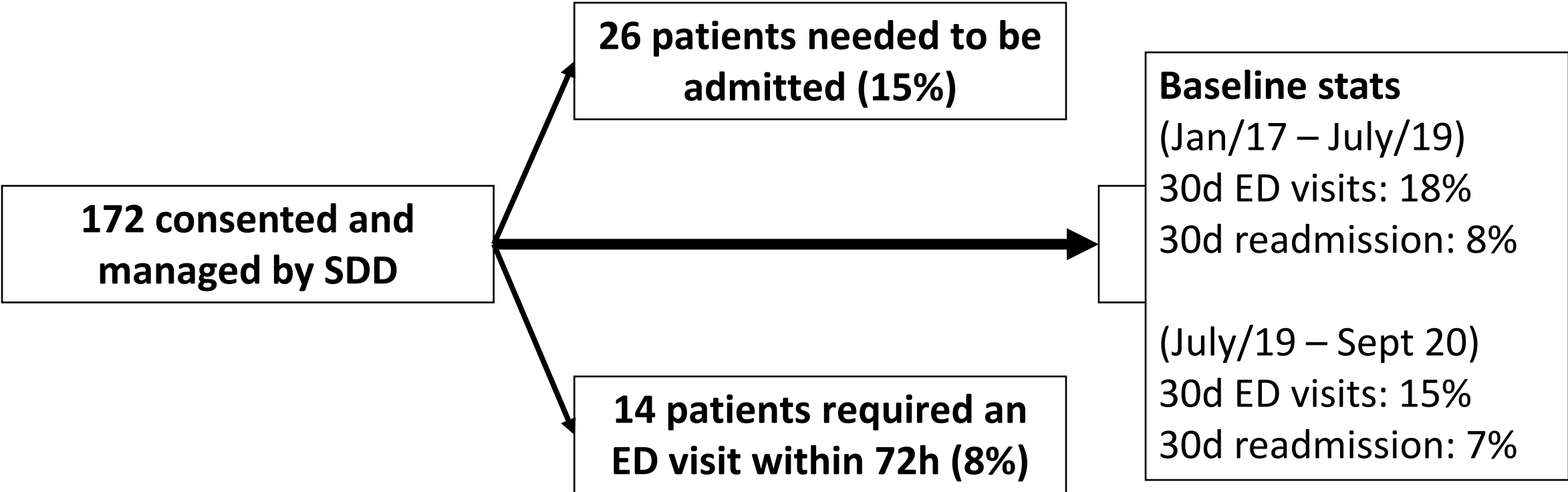
**361 patients  
laparoscopic**

	<b>N=172</b>
Mean age, years (SD)	58.1 (15.5)
Male gender	50%
Mean body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup> (SD)	26.7 (5.7)
Charlson Comorbidity Index	
0-1	21%
2-4	59%
5+	20%
ASA physical status	
1	16%
2	58%
3+	26%
Diagnosis	
Neoplasm	55%
Inflammatory bowel disease	8%
Diverticular disease	5%
Stoma closure	28%
Other	4%
Procedure	
Right colectomy	33%
Left/sigmoid colectomy	24%
Low anterior resection	15%
Stoma closure	28%
Mean procedure time, min (SD)	131 (65)
Median PACU time, min [IQR]	270 [190-365]
Median morphine mg equivalents, mg [IQR]	17.5 [7.5-36]

**ented and  
d by SDD**



# MUHC SDD



<b>Reasons for failure to discharge on POD0</b>	<b>n=26</b>
Patient/family refusal	6
Inadequate pain control	4
Persistent nausea	1
Intraoperative/early postoperative complications	15
Anastomotic bleeding	4
Cardiac monitoring/complications	3
Conversion to open surgery	2
Genitourinary complications	2
Rectus sheath hematoma	1
Unplanned stoma	1
Prolonged operating time	1
Spinal anesthesia complications	1
<b>Unplanned visits within first 72 hours</b>	<b>n=14</b>
Anastomotic bleeding	4
Urinary retention	3
Gastrointestinal dysfunction	3
Wound dehiscence	1
Inadequate pain control	1
Anastomotic leak	1
Fever without etiology	1

Overall 30-day ED visits: 19%  
Overall 30-day readmissions: 11%

### **Baseline stats**

(Jan/17 – July/19)

30d ED visits: 18%

30d readmission: 8%

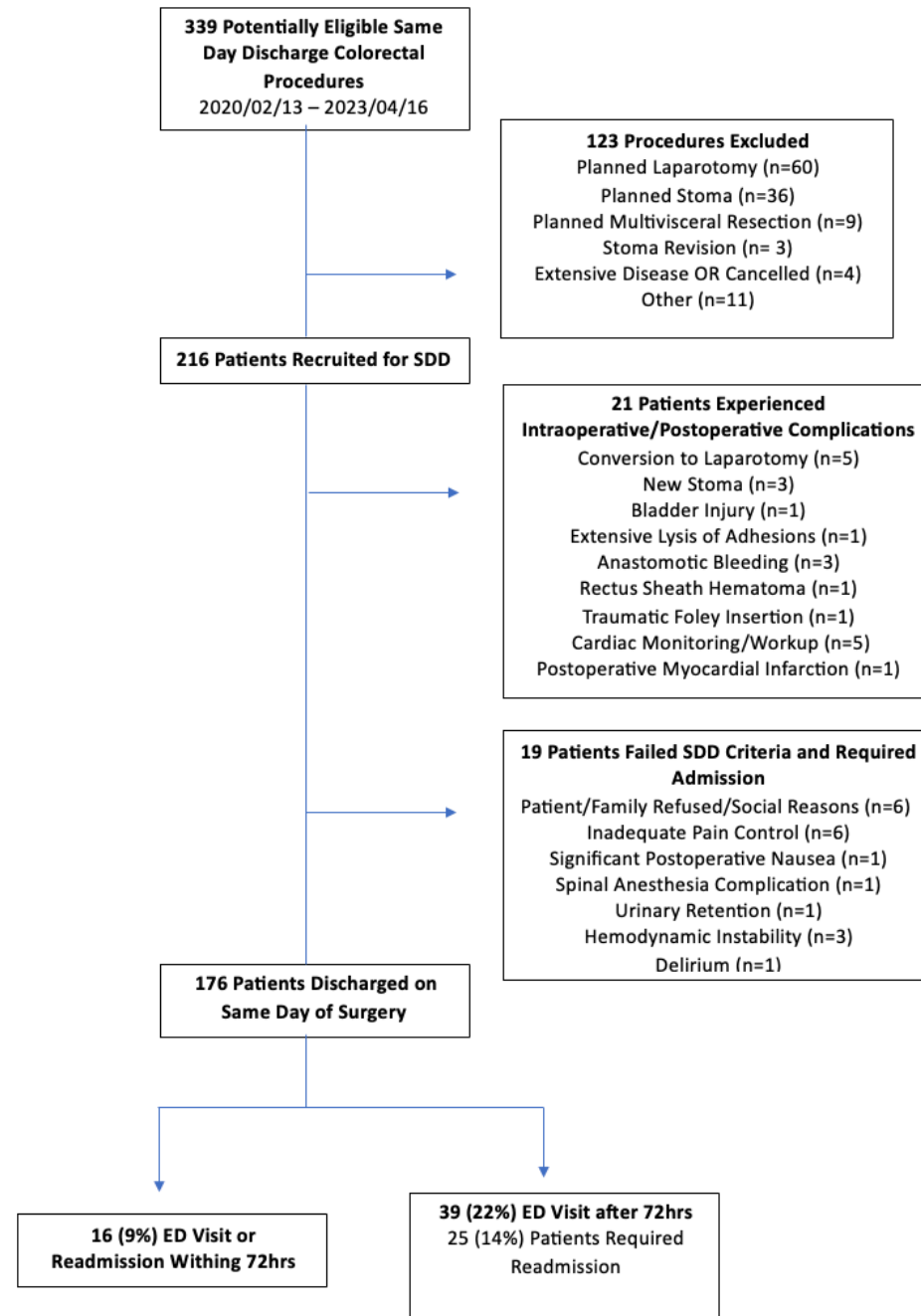
(July/19 – Sept 20)

30d ED visits: 15%

30d readmission: 7%



# Update



# Update

<b>Successful SDD</b>	<b>90% (n=160)</b>
<b>Reason for ED Visit 72Hr</b>	
Ileus (n=5)	
Bleeding per rectum (n=4)	
Urinary Retention (n=3)	
SBO (n=1)	
Pain (n=1)	
Seroma (n=1)	
Fever (n=1)	
<b>Types of Procedures for SDD</b>	
RHC/Ileocectomy 32% (n=70)	
Sigmoidectomy 23.6% (n=51)	
Low Anterior Resection 13.8% (n=30)	
Stoma Reversal 30% (n=65)	

# Essential Elements / Lessons Learned

1. Patient selection
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# Patient Selection

15% extraperitoneal rectal anastomosis

Phone, email, or app

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>25% are ASA 3+

# The Four Levels of Patient Activation

## LEVEL 1

### Predisposed to be passive

Patients lack the confidence to play an active role in their health.

*'My doctor is in charge of my health.'*

GENERAL POPULATION:

**10-15%**

## LEVEL 2

### Building knowledge and confidence

Patients have some knowledge but large gaps remain. They can set simple goals.

*'I could be doing more.'*

**20-25%**

## LEVEL 3

### Taking action

Patients have the key facts and are building skills. They are goal-oriented.

*'I'm part of my health-care team.'*

**25-30%**

## LEVEL 4

### Maintaining behaviors, pushing further

Patients have adopted new behaviors but may struggle in times of stress or change. Healthy lifestyle is a key focus.

*'I'm my own advocate.'*

**20-25%**

Source: Insignia Health

## ***Questions***

**Please circle the answer that best represents your response.**

**1. How often do you have someone help you read hospital materials?**

- a. Always
- b. Often
- c. Sometimes
- d. Occasionally
- e. Never

**2. How often do you have problems learning about your medical condition because of difficulty understanding written information?**

- a. Always
- b. Often
- c. Sometimes
- d. Occasionally
- e. Never

**3. How often do you have a problem understanding what is told to you about your medical condition?**

- a. Always
- b. Often
- c. Sometimes
- d. Occasionally
- e. Never

**4. How confident are you filling out medical forms by yourself?**

- a. Not at all
- b. A little bit
- c. Somewhat
- d. Quite a bit
- e. Extremely

## **BRIEF Health Literacy Screen**

Score range 4-20

Limited health literacy: 4-12

Marginal health literacy: 13-16

Adequate: 17-20

# Association Between Patient Activation and Health Care Utilization After Thoracic and Abdominal Surgery

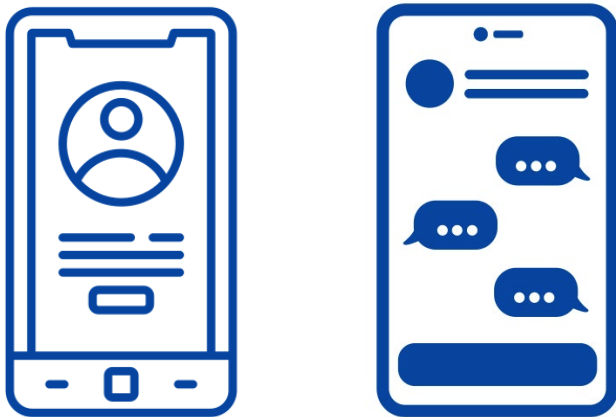
Dumitra et al. *JAMA Surg* 2021

Variable	No. (%)			P value
	Total (N = 653)	PAM		
		Low (n = 152)	High (n = 501)	
Any unplanned health care utilization	164 (25)	64 (42)	100 (20)	<.001 <sup>a</sup>
ED visits	106 (16)	33 (22)	73 (15)	.03 <sup>a</sup>
Readmission	71 (11)	16 (11)	55 (11)	.89
Outpatient clinic visit	77 (12)	41 (27)	36 (7)	<.001 <sup>a</sup>
Return to work within 30 d (n = 259) <sup>b</sup>	108 (42)	18 (29)	90 (45)	.02 <sup>a</sup>
Lost time from work, median (IQR), d	19 (15-22)	18 (15-21)	19 (15-22)	.68
Hospital LOS, median (IQR)	3 (1-5)	3.5 (2-6)	3 (1-5)	.04 <sup>a</sup>
Postoperative complications	223 (34)	63 (41)	160 (32)	.03 <sup>a*</sup>
Clavien-Dindo grade				
None	430 (67)	89 (59)	341 (68)	.14
I	107 (16)	28 (18)	79 (16)	
II	64 (10)	18 (12)	46 (9)	
≥III	52 (8)	17 (11)	35 (7)	
Comprehensive complication index				
Median (IQR)	0 (0-9)	0 (0-15)	0 (0-9)	.02 <sup>a</sup>
Mean (SD)	7.7 (14.6)	9.6 (15.7)	7.1 (13.2)	.06
Timing of complication (n = 223) <sup>c</sup>				
In hospital (initial admission) alone	129 (58)	33 (52)	96 (60)	.29
Postdischarge alone	67 (30)	17 (27)	50 (31)	.54
Both	27 (12)	13 (21)	14 (9)	.01 <sup>a</sup>
Mortality	5 (1)	1 (1)	4 (1)	.67

### Low activation (PA levels 1 & 2)

- More unplanned visits
  - aOR 3.15 (95% CI 2.05-4.86)
- More time off work
- Longer LOS
- More complications

# Patient activation



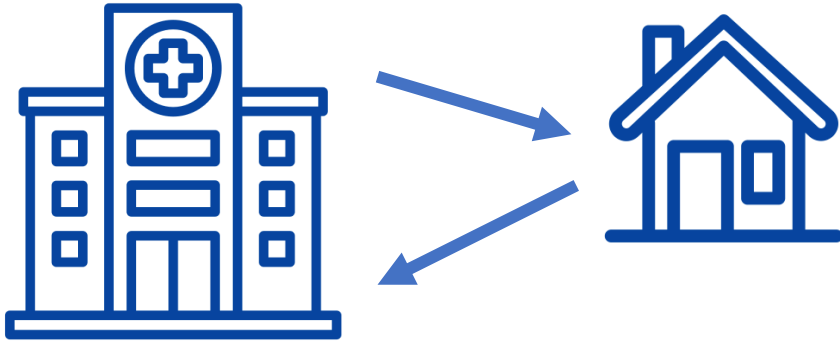
## Application Usage

No difference in app usage between high (87%)  
and low engagement (94%)

Number of communications similar between  
groups



# Results – SDD Cohort



## 30-Day Emergency Department Visits

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Patients with low engagement had increased 30-day ED visits 38% compared to 7% for those with high engagement (p-value 0.04)



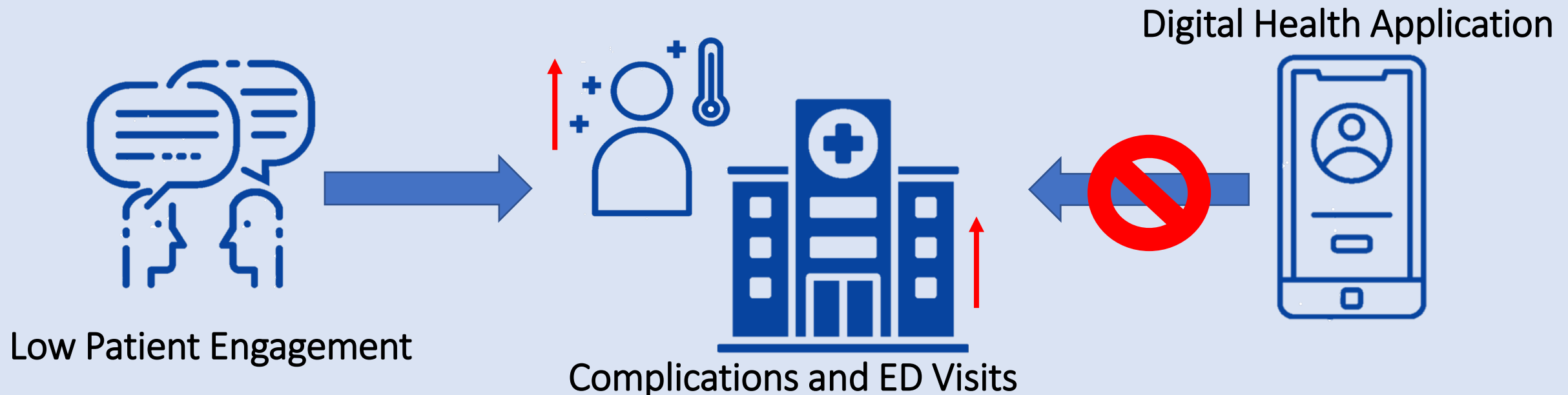
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# Patient activation

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- Patient engagement had no impact on success of digital health app follow-up after elective colorectal surgery
- Low patient engagement associated with ↑ 30-day ED visits + complications in a subset of SDD patients



# The association of health literacy and postoperative complications after colorectal surgery: A cohort study

Lauren M. Theiss, Tara Wood, Marshall C. McLeod, Connie Shao, Isabel Dos Santos Marques, Swara Bajpai, Elizabeth Lopez, Anh M. Duong, Robert Hollis, Melanie S. Morris, Daniel I. Chu\*

*Am J Surg* 2021

Unadjusted outcomes stratified by patient health literacy level, n (%).

Variable	Overall n = 552	Limited n = 46	Non-Limited n = 506	P value
Median LOS, days (IQR)	4.0 (3.0–6.0)	5.0 (3.0–8.0)	3.5 (2.0–6.0)	<b>0.006</b>
Readmission	83 (15.2)	5 (11.4)	78 (15.5)	0.47
Mortality	1 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.2)	0.77
Any complication <sup>a</sup>	143 (25.9)	20 (43.5)	123 (24.3)	<b>0.004</b>

## Limited health literacy

- More complications
- SSI
- Longer LOS

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- Preoperative education
  - Pain control = tolerable
  - Ok to have some nausea
- Patient expectations
  - “My friend/parent had this surgery 10 years ago and they stayed a week!”
- Get everyone on board
  - Caretaker!

# Essential Elements / Lessons Learned

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

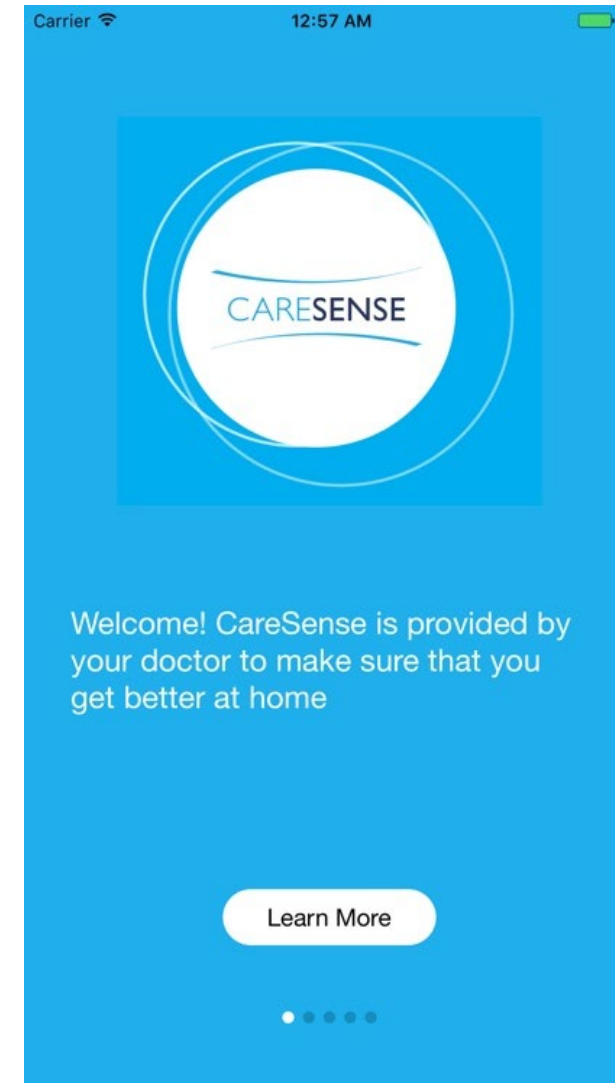
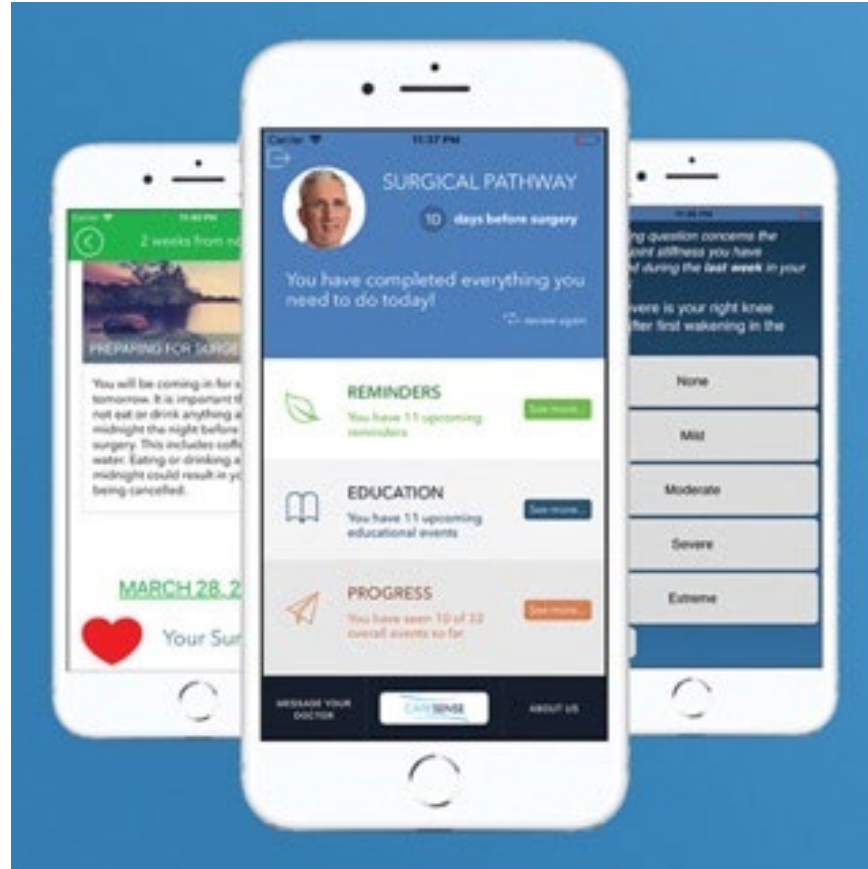
## Ready to Go Home? Patients' Experiences of the Discharge Process in an Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Program

**\*\*Common theme\*\***

Concerns about access to healthcare provider/information if complications/concerns arise after discharge

**instructions in postdischarge recovery:  
a qualitative study**

# CareSense – Post-Discharge Remote Monitoring



# mHealth Apps

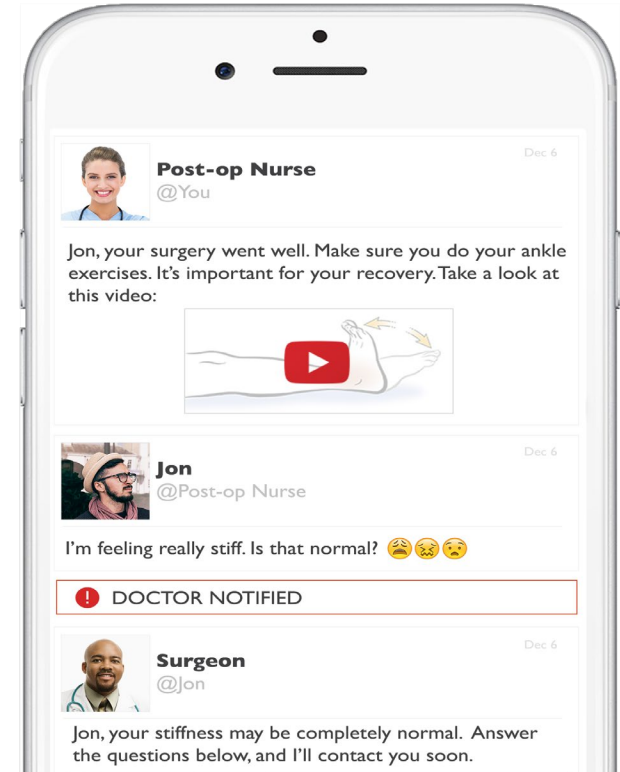


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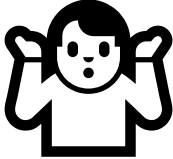

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**Doctella**  
Let's start a conversation  Beta

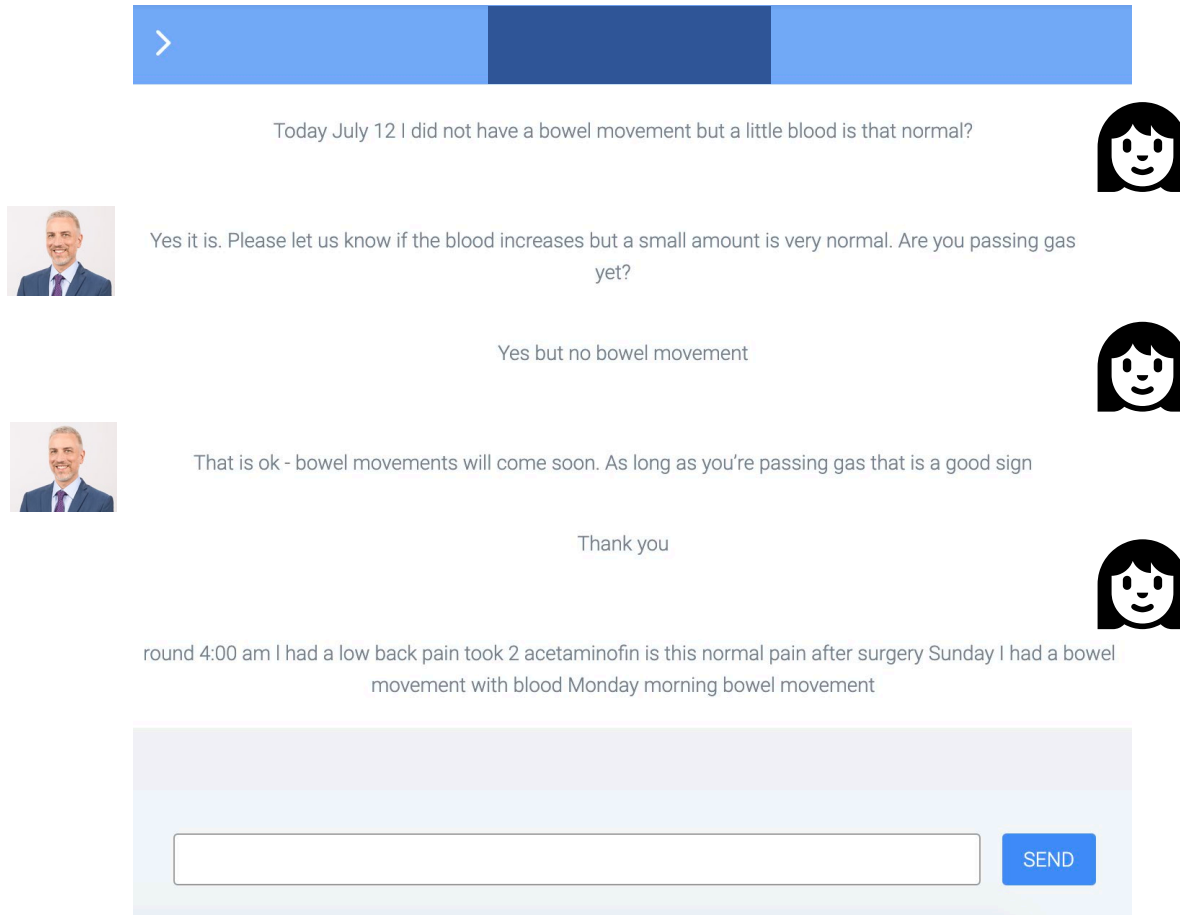




# Post-Discharge Remote Monitoring

- Patient education booklet 
- Daily 5-item questionnaire up to POD7
  - Is your pain controlled with oral pain pills?
  - Are you able to drink liquids without nausea?
  - Are you passing gas or bowel movements?
  - Do you have a fever?
  - Is your wound leaking?
- HIPAA-compliant Patient-Physician communication feature 

# Easy Access Communication



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for patient communication. At the top, there is a blue header bar with a white chevron icon on the left. Below the header, the conversation is displayed in a chat format. On the left side, there are three small profile pictures of a man in a suit, representing the healthcare provider. On the right side, there are three black icons of a woman's face, representing the patient. The messages are as follows:

Healthcare Provider: Today July 12 I did not have a bowel movement but a little blood is that normal?

Patient: Yes it is. Please let us know if the blood increases but a small amount is very normal. Are you passing gas yet?

Healthcare Provider: Yes but no bowel movement

Patient: That is ok - bowel movements will come soon. As long as you're passing gas that is a good sign

Healthcare Provider: Thank you

Patient: round 4:00 am I had a low back pain took 2 acetaminofin is this normal pain after surgery Sunday I had a bowel movement with blood Monday morning bowel movement

At the bottom of the screen, there is a light blue input area with a white text box and a blue 'SEND' button.

1. Patients love it

- >90% felt safer with this function

2. Platform/medium doesn't matter

- Mobile app
- Telephone
- Email

**\*\*as long as someone answers\*\***

Lee et al. *Surg Endosc* 2022

3. Patients don't abuse it

- Avg # messages in first 7 days:  
13.8 (incl. responses)

# CareSense – Post-Discharge Remote Monitoring

	APP+ (n = 94)	APP- (n=256)	Statistic 95% CI p-value
<i>Main Outcome</i>			
Total number of preventable ED visits	4	23	Incidence Rate Ratio: 0.34 (95% CI 0.12 – 0.97) <b>p = 0.043</b>
<i>Secondary Outcomes</i>			
Mean length of stay, days (95%CI)	3.2 (2.2 – 4.2)	4.6 (4.1 – 5.2)	Mean difference: -1.62 days (95%CI -2.88 – -0.38) <b>p = 0.011</b>
30-day complications, n (%)	21 (22%)	68 (27%)	Odds ratio: 0.68 (95%CI 0.39 – 1.19) p = 0.175
30-day ED visits, n (%)	14 (15%)	38 (15%)	Odds ratio: 0.84 (95%CI 0.44 – 1.61) p = 0.592
Total number of ED visits	15	41	Incidence Rate Ratio: 0.85 (95% CI 0.48 – 1.53) p = 0.594
Readmissions, n (%)	7 (7%)	16 (6%)	Odds ratio: 1.58 (95%CI 0.61 – 4.13) p = 0.348

Lower number of ED visits in APP+, but same number of readmissions

- able to identify adverse events through app-based interactions

Eustache et al. *DCR* 2021

# CareSense – Post-Discharge Remote Monitoring

- High satisfaction
- High useability
  - System Useability Scale 84.5 (SD 17.6)
- Improved communication
  - 88% felt that the app improved their ability to communicate with their surgeon

\*\*Average number of messages per patient in the first 7 days: 6.9

## ENHANCED RECOVERY 2.0 – SAME DAY DISCHARGE WITH MOBILE APP FOLLOW-UP AFTER MINIMALLY INVASIVE COLORECTAL SURGERY

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*Ann Surg* 2021

	<b>Strongly Agree/Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree/Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Did not answer</b>
I felt like I should have stayed in hospital to recover from my operation	3 (9%)	4 (11%)	28 (80%)	0 (0%)
I felt ready to go home when I left the hospital	27 (77%)	6 (17%)	2 (6%)	0 (0%)
I felt that I needed to go back to the hospital.	2 (6%)	3 (9%)	30 (85%)	0 (0%)
I was satisfied with my postoperative recovery at home	33 (94%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	0 (0%)
My symptoms and concerns after surgery were adequately taken care of using mobile phone app.	28 (80%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (17%)
If I had to go through it all over again, I would still choose to go home on the day of surgery.	28 (80%)	3 (9%)	5 (14%)	0 (0%)

# mHealth



mHealth remote follow-up after colorectal surgery is feasible & not associated with a high user burden



May decrease unnecessary ED visits



High satisfaction

# Essential Elements / Lessons Learned

1. Patient selection
2. Post-discharge follow-up
- 3. Pain control**
4. GI "dys"function

# Pain Control

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485 patients were included with 42% TAP block versus 58% without

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Specimen extraction incisions (SEI) were midline (11%), transverse (11%) and Pfannenstiel (78%)

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TAP blocks were independently associated with a significant decrease in opioid use on both POD0 and POD1, but not beyond

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TAP was independently associated with -6.8 MME (95%CI: -11.2,-2.3) on POD0 and -13.0 MME (95%CI -18.0,-8.1) on POD1 after adjusting for SEI and other confounders

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SEI had no impact on opioid requirements

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Stephan Robitaille MD, Anna Wang MD, Naser Al-Ali, Hiba Elhaj, A. Sender Liberman MD, Patrick Charlebois MD, Barry Stein MD, Liane S. Feldman MD, Julio F. Fiore Jr PhD, Lawrence Lee MD PhD, Does specimen extraction incision and transversus abdominus plane block affect opioid requirements after laparoscopic colectomy? \*Unpublished data



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# GI "dys"function



Is Clear Fluid (CF) diet tolerated on POD-0?

221 patients, 69% CF+ and 31% CF-

CF- more likely in IBD

The CF+ group

- fewer complications (19% vs. 35%,  $p = 0.009$ )
- shorter mean LOS (mean 3.6d (SD 2.9) vs. 6.2d (SD 9.4),  $p = 0.002$ )
- More likely to be discharged by the target LOS (66% vs. 50%,  $p = 0.024$ )

CF+ on POD-0 = potential criteria for SDD

# Provider/Healthcare System Benefits

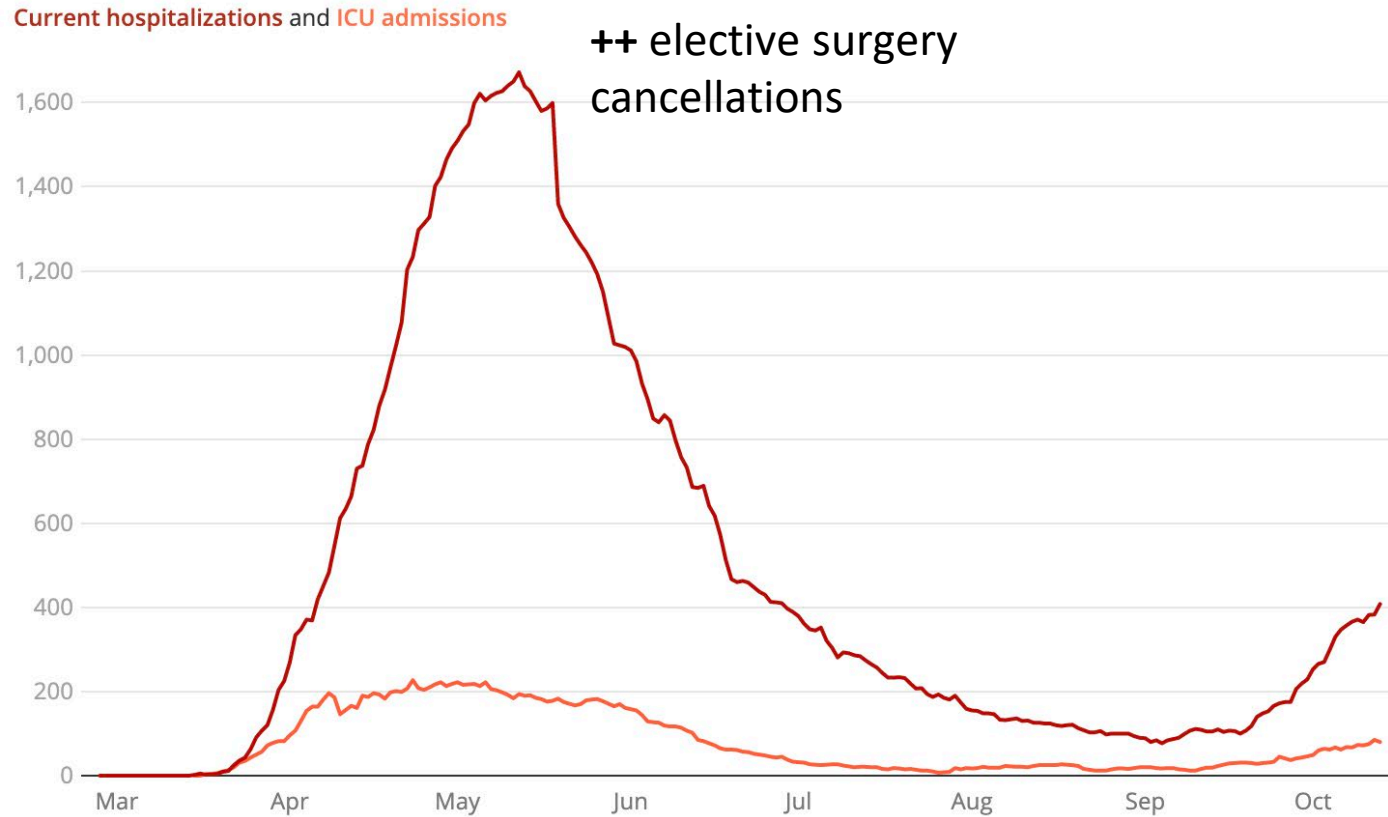
## Hospital costs

SDD << standard inpatient ERP

	Difference in \$CAD (95% CI)
Overall costs	-3486 (95% CI -5670, -1302)
OR costs	+329 (95% CI -432, 1091)
Hospital ward costs	-2090 (95% CI -3322, -858)
Pharmacy costs	-490 (95% CI -778, -202)
Diagnostic examination costs	-300 (95% CI -676, 76)
Laboratory costs	-203 (95% CI -328, -77)
Allied health costs	-64 (95% CI -376, 247)
ED and readmission costs	-736 (95% CI -1415, -57)



# COVID-19 Hospitalizations October 2020



CBC NEWS

Chart: CBC • Source: [INSPQ](#)

SDD allowed patients to get their surgery even with limited inpatient hospital capacity

- Shorter delays to surgery
- "Better" cancer outcomes

Still relevant with ongoing human resource limitations

# Future Directions

- Health wearables integration for *true* remote monitoring



HR >100, T >38.5, no activity

HR >100, T 37, ↑ activity



# How can we improve eligibility for SDD?



# Prehabilitation



WHERE DOES THIS FIT IN?

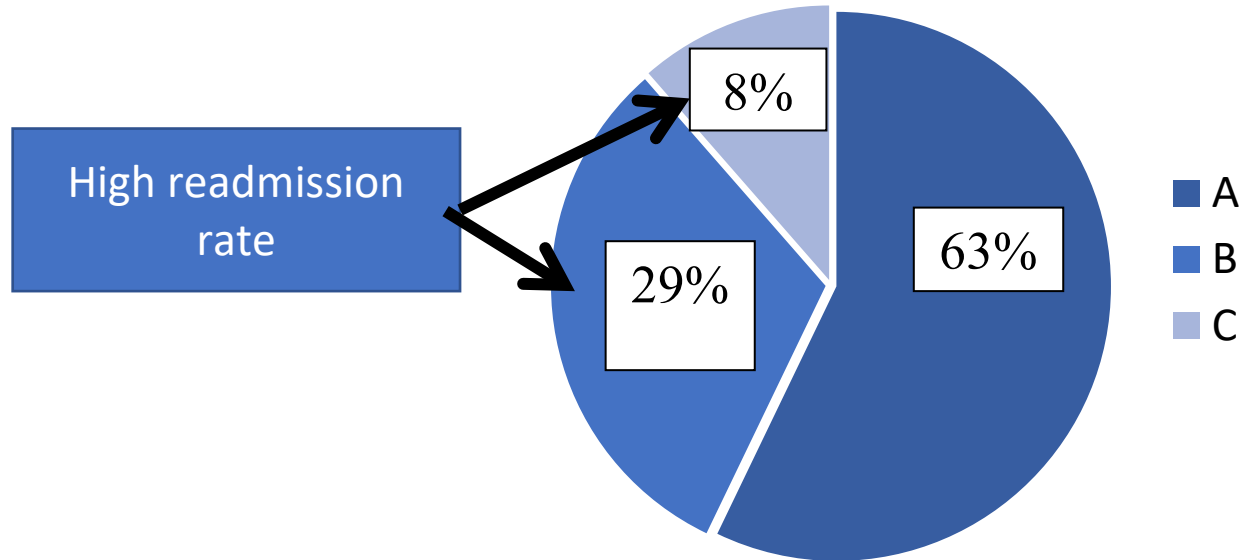


CAN WE IMPROVE SDD  
RATE?

# Undernutrition Before Surgery: Our Experience.

Gillis C, Carli F . Nut Clin Pract 2015

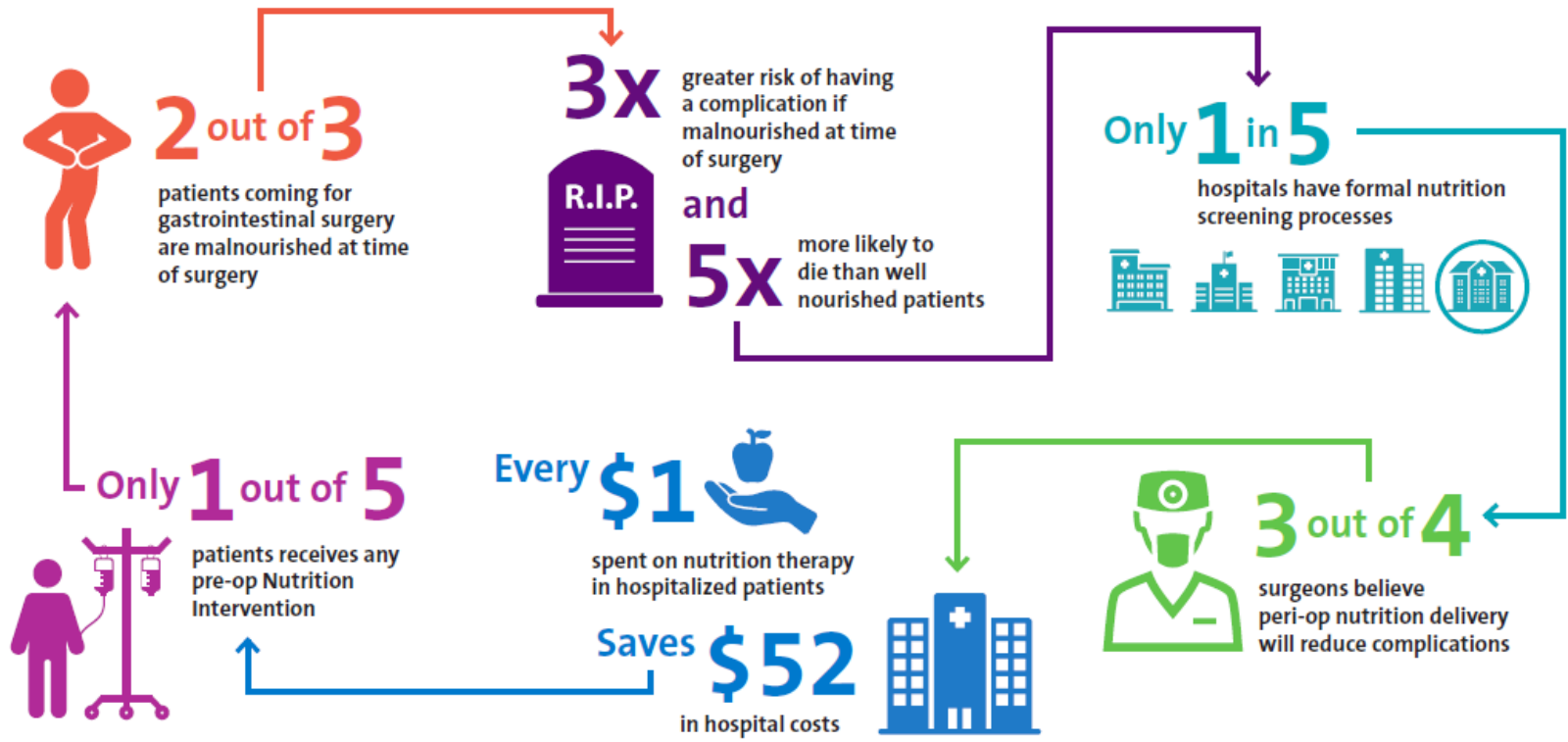
The incidence of undernutrition in *all* patients attending preoperative clinic at Montreal General Hospital for *elective colorectal surgery*



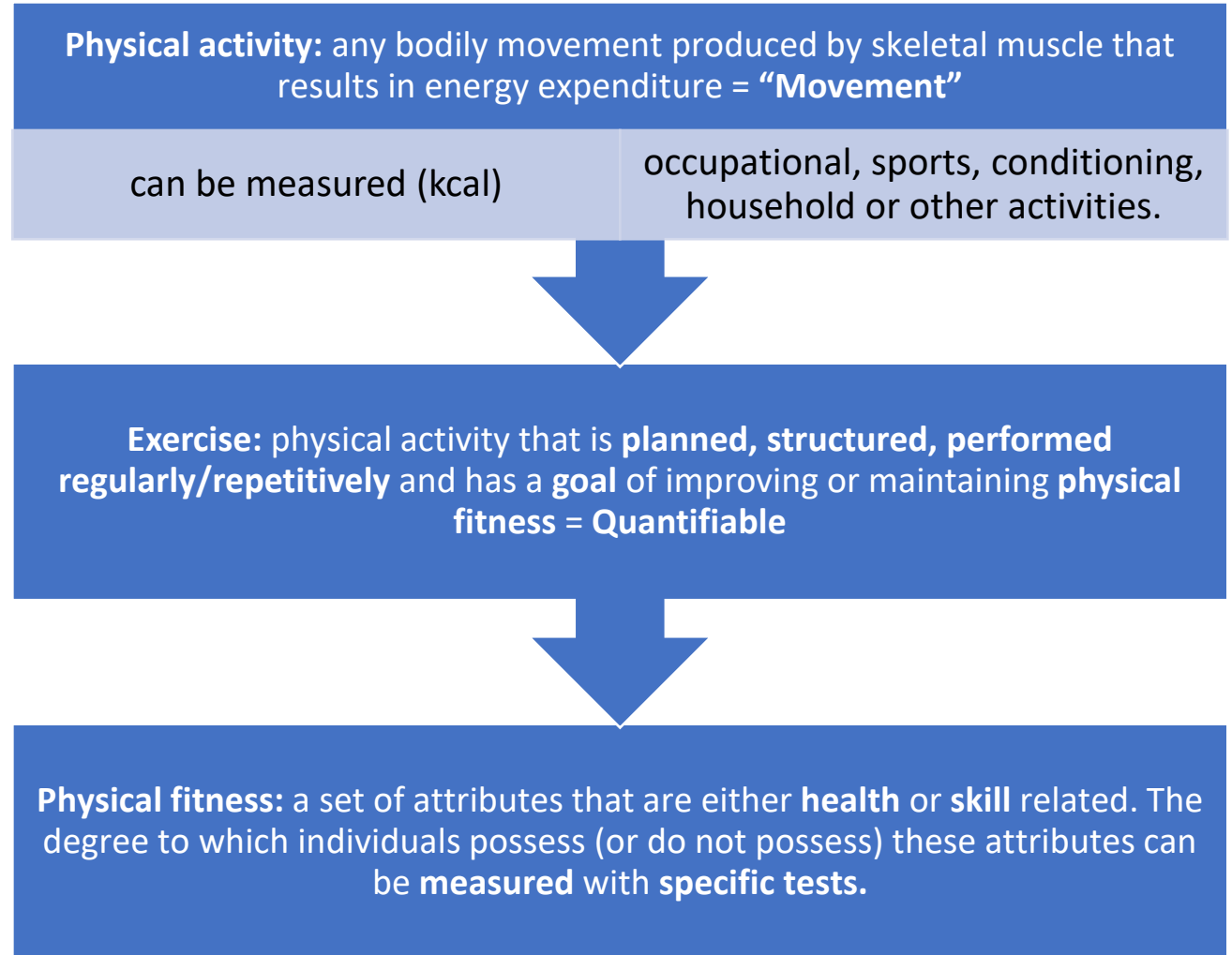
Global Assessment (n=70) score A refers to adequately nourished; B moderate or suspected undernutrition; C severely undernourished



# Malnutrition



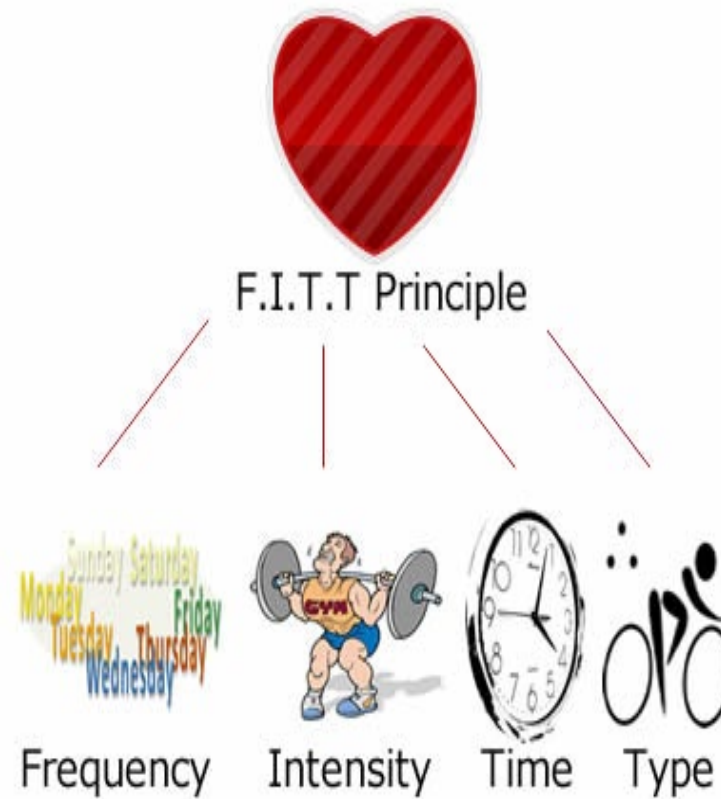
# Exercise



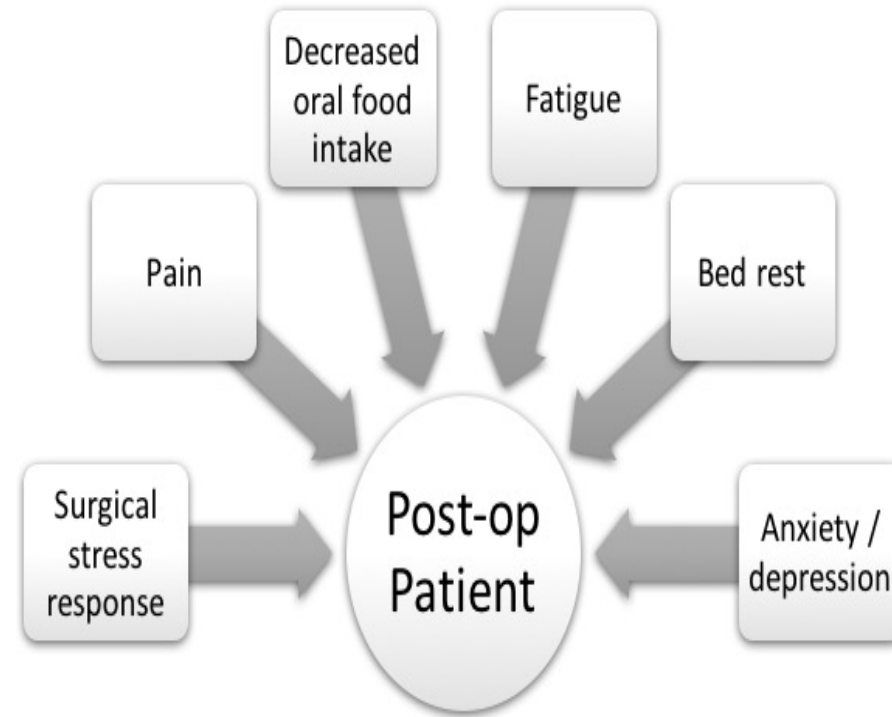
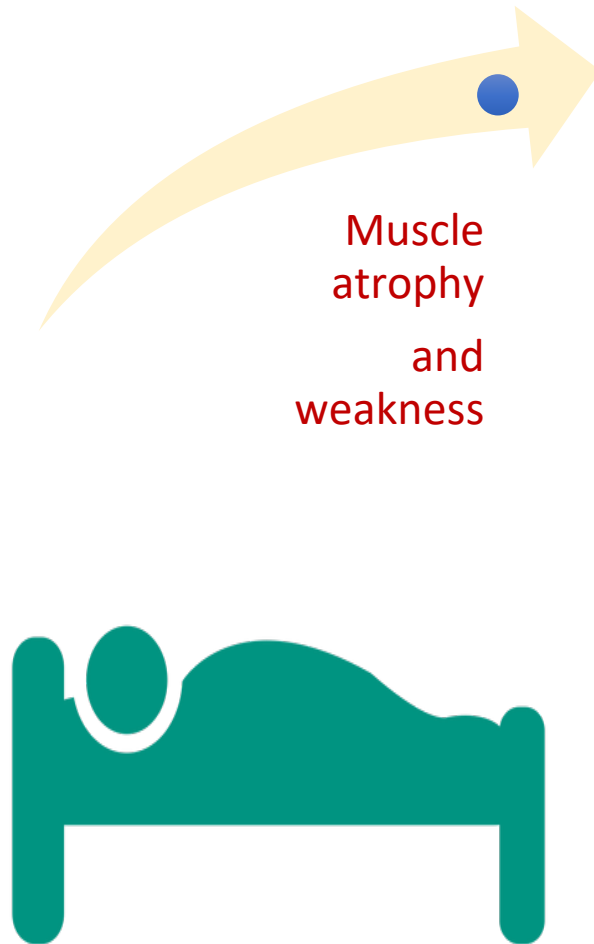
(Caspersen et al., 1985)



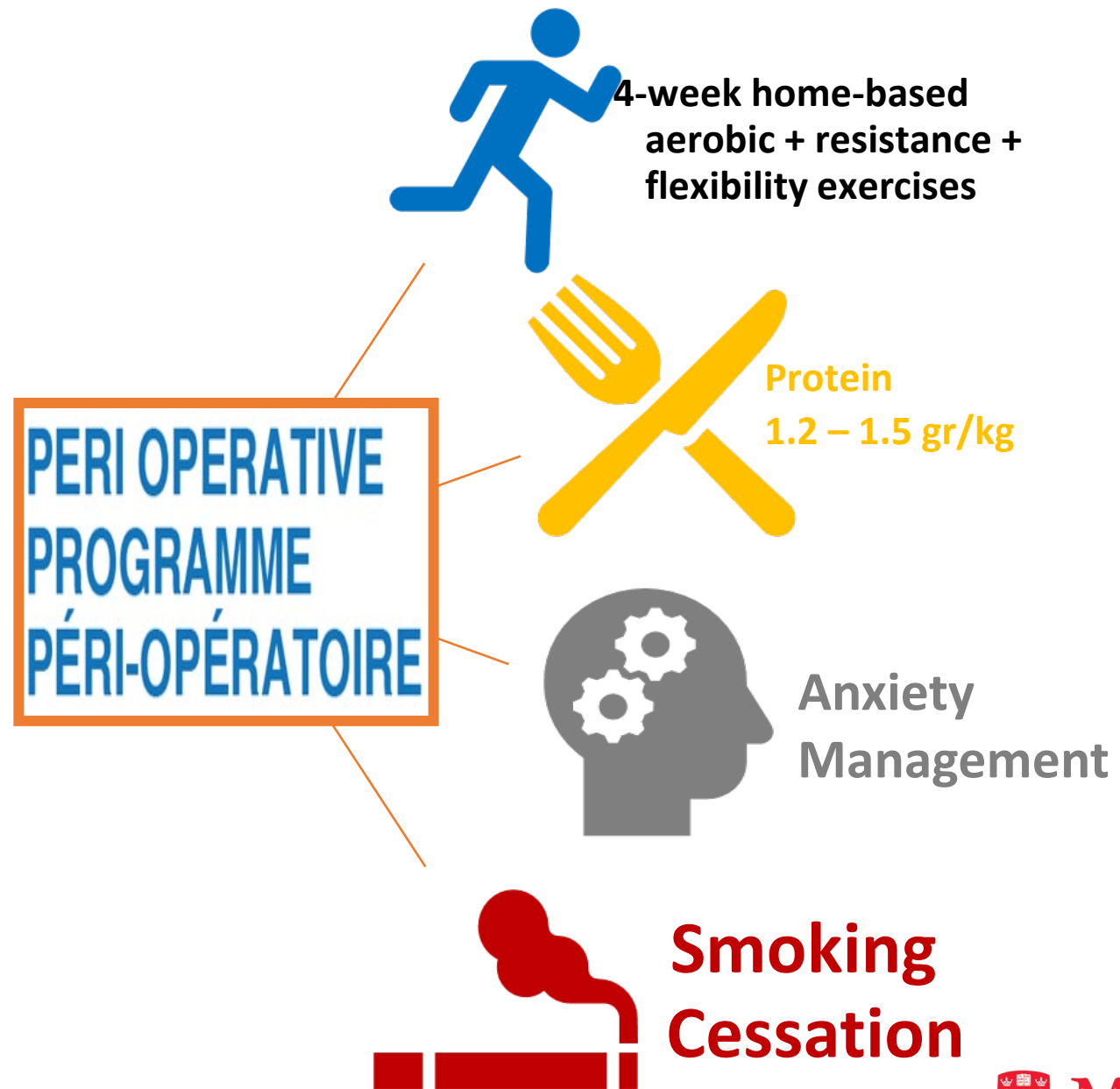
# Further defining exercise: dose



# For the (pre) surgical patient, exercise is especially important

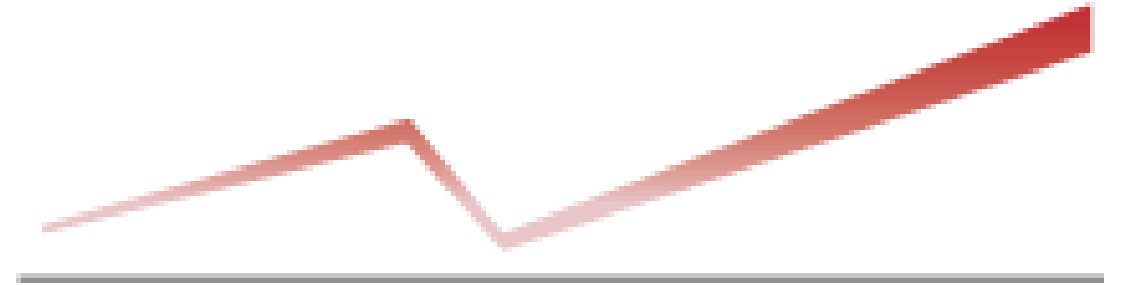


# Components of McGill Multimodal Prehabilitation



# Can Prehab improve SDD rates?

- Strengthening candidacy for same day discharge colorectal surgery: A multi-centered mixed methods study (Grant submitted)



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Same-day discharge for colorectal surgery: looks promising

Digital health technologies are central

Patient, provider, and healthcare benefits

Prehabilitation may expand the candidacy range for SDD



Questions?



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