

Project Title

Lumbar Endoscopic Awake Day Surgery (LEADS) Protocol in Lumbar Spinal
Discectomy Surgery

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Medical

Applicable Specialty or Discipline

Orthopaedics, Surgery

Aims

We aim to achieve LOS (from surgery to discharge) < 1 day for Lumbar Spinal
Discectomy through endoscopic spine surgery with LEADS protocol.

Background

See poster appended/ below

Methods

See poster appended/ below

Results

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Lessons Learnt

- Emphasis on preoperative patient education and perioperative rehabilitation help to enhance the patient experience and satisfaction.
- Strong leadership and support from the multidisciplinary team are key factors for the success of LEADS Protocol in Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy surgery.

Conclusion

See poster appended/ below

Project Category

Care & Process Redesign

Value Based Care, Length of Stay

Keywords

Lumbar Endoscopic Awake Day Surgery, Lumbar Spinal Discectomy, Length of Stay

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LUMBAR ENDOSCOPIC AWAKE DAY SURGERY (LEADS) PROTOCOL IN LUMBAR SPINAL DISCECTOMY SURGERY

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- ✓ QUALITY
- ✓ PATIENT EXPERIENCE
- ✓ PRODUCTIVITY

Define Problem, Set Aim

Problem/Opportunity for Improvement

Prolapsed Intervertebral Disc (PID) is a common spine condition causing disability, which is traditionally treated by open or microscopic tubular lumbar spinal discectomy. Although it is effective, patients had a hospital stay of 2 to 6 days after surgery, which may pose extra costs, significant perioperative pain and disability relating to surgical and general anesthesia methods, as well as stress on bed requirement and potential risk of nosocomial infection. Lumbar Endoscopic Awake Day Surgery (LEADS) is a protocol which potentially allows early mobilisation with less perioperative disability, leading to shorter Length of Stay (LOS) with potential of being a day surgery procedure. Key elements include preoperative (Pre-op) education, intraoperative endoscopic surgery and postoperative (Post-op) physiotherapy, medications and discharge criteria.

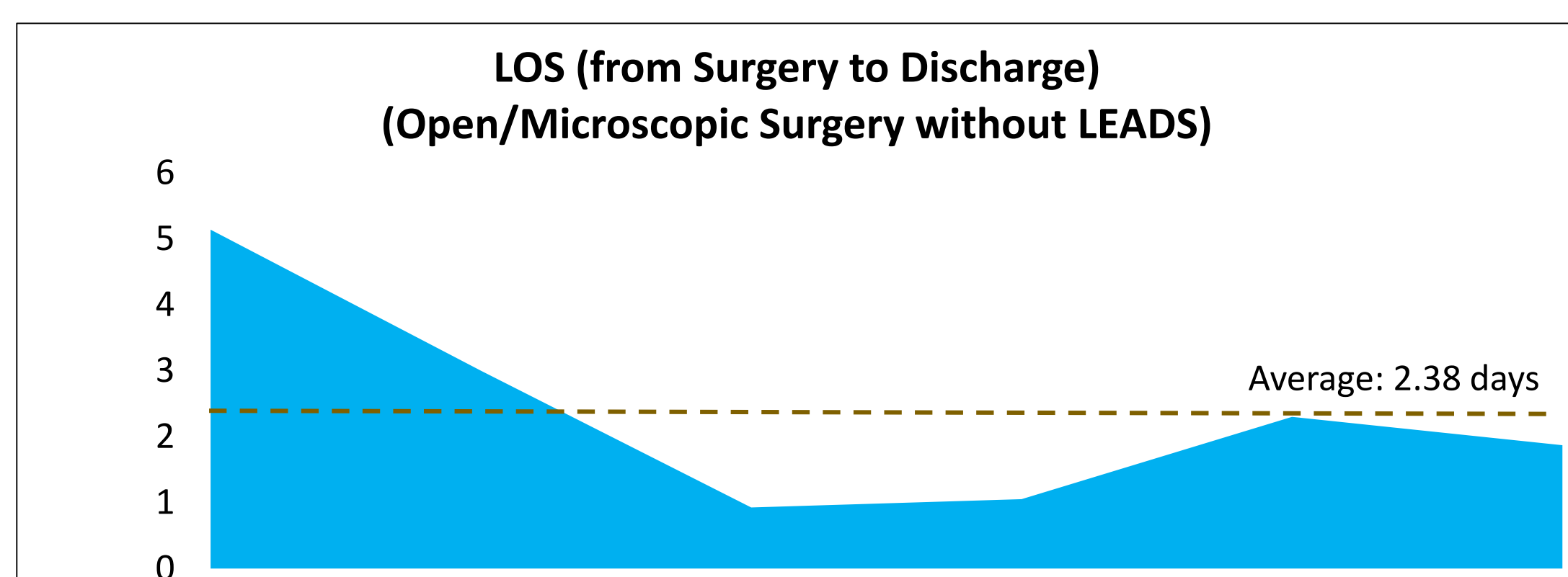
Aim

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Establish Measures

Baseline Performance

Comparison of LOS (from surgery to discharge) for 12 patients who underwent Endoscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy surgery with LEADS Protocol (April 2020 to April 2021) against 6 patients who underwent Open or Microscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy surgery (March to April 2021).

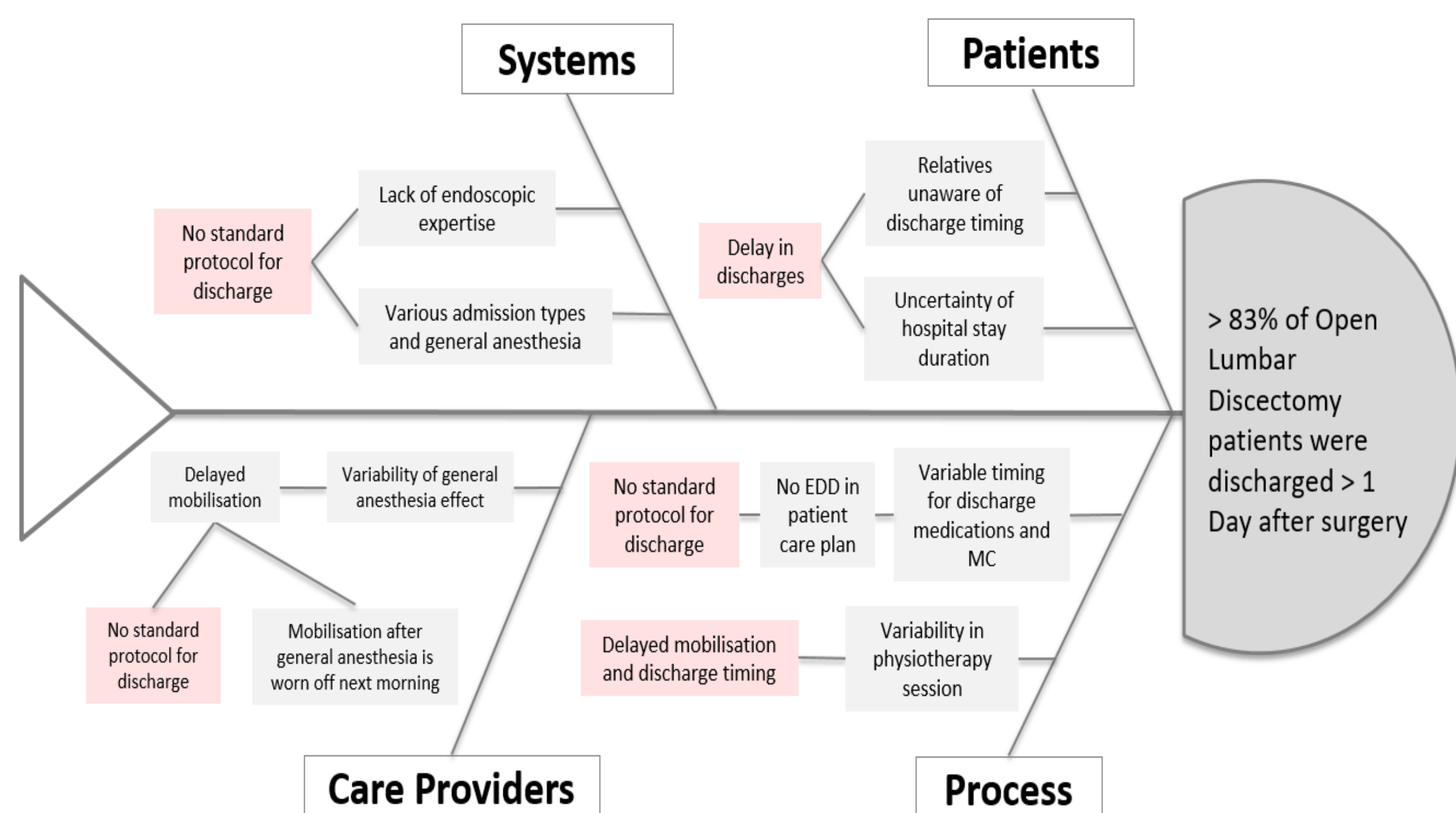


The Visual Analog Scale (VAS) Pain Score and Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) Score of 12 patients who underwent Endoscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy Surgery with LEADS Protocol had also been tracked.

Analyse Problem

Root Cause Analysis

Targeted areas of improvement were:



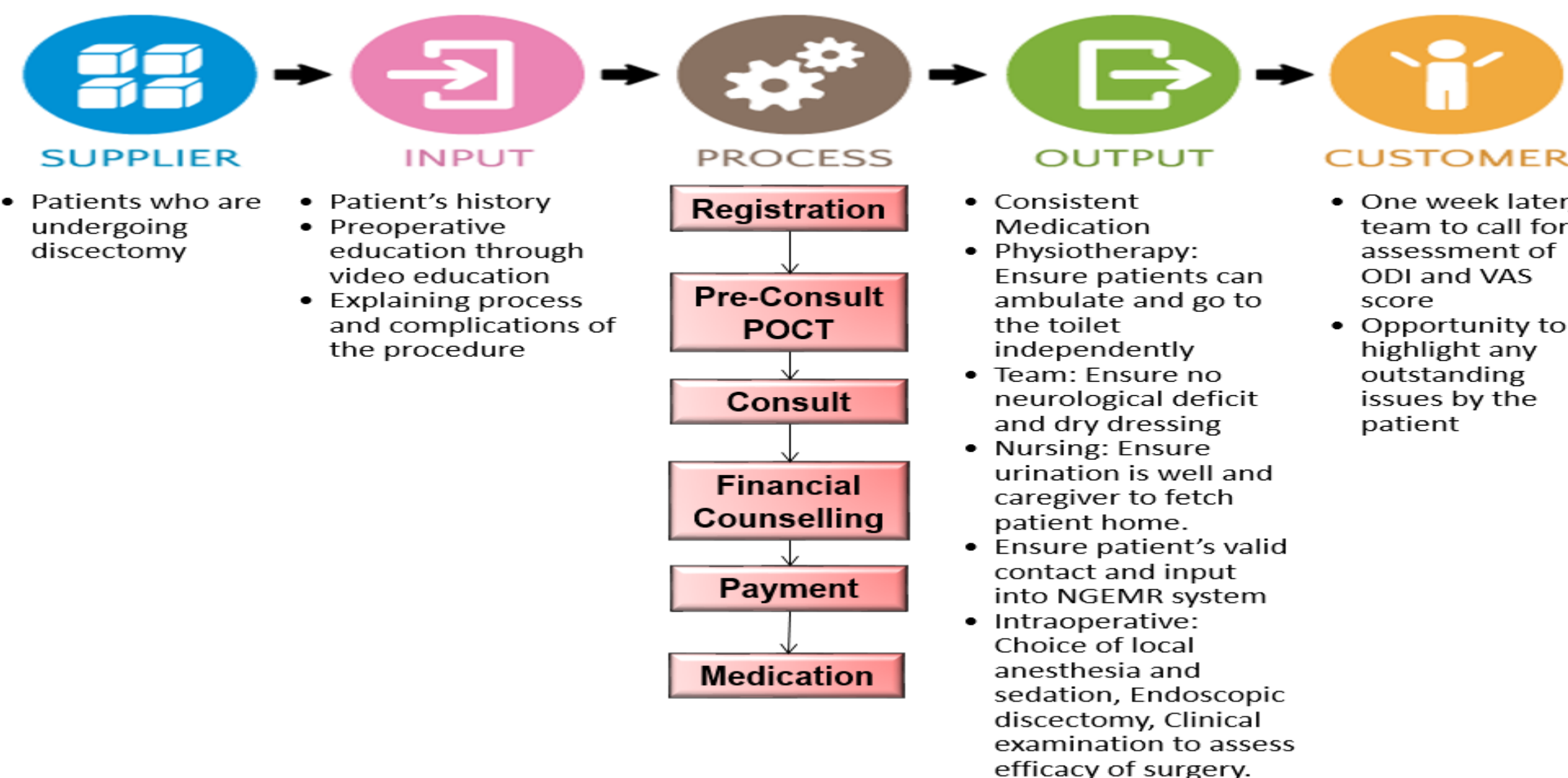
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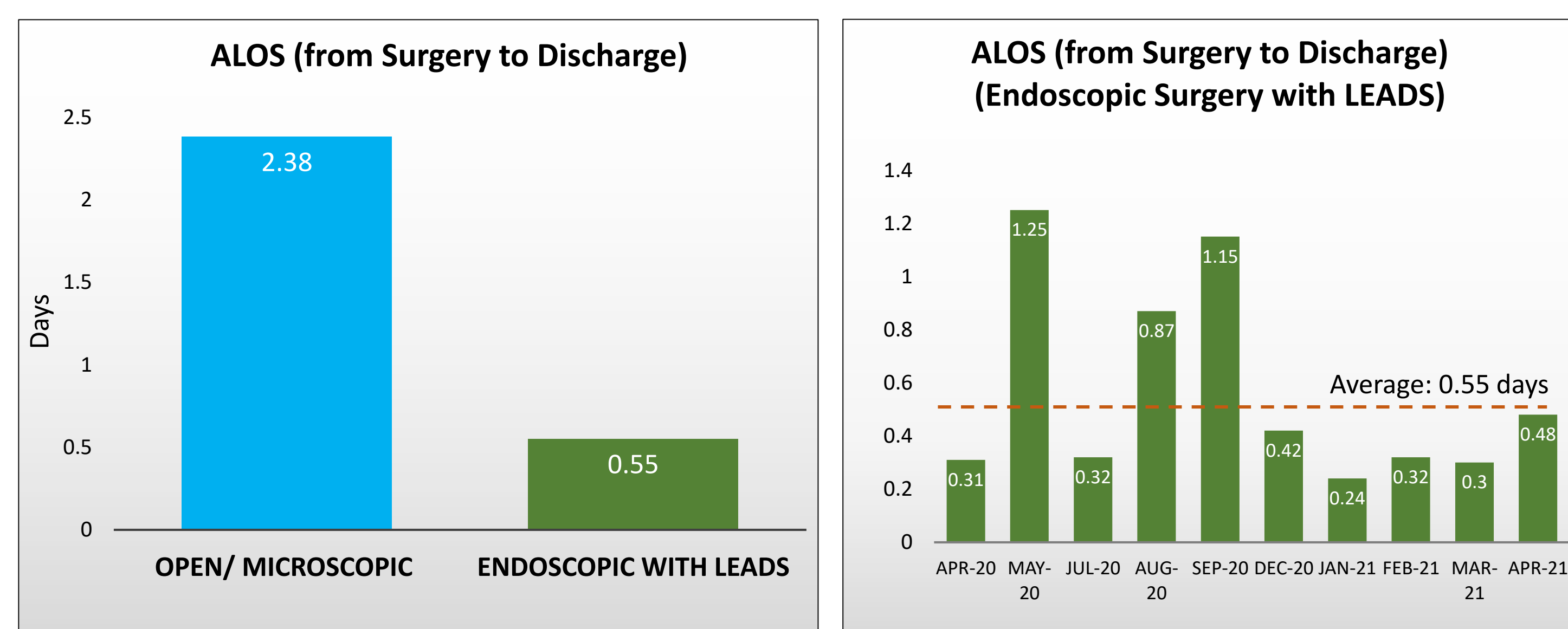
Probable Solution



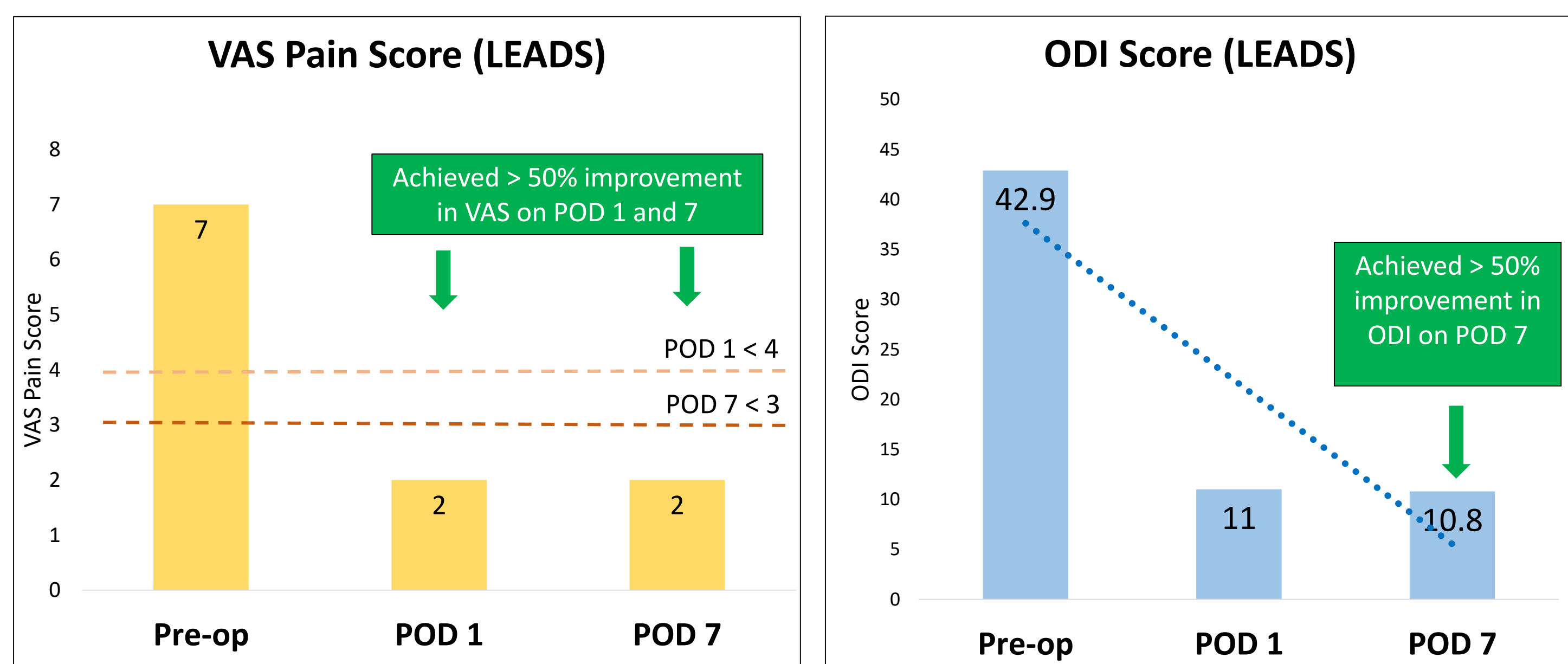
Test & Implement Changes

CYCLE	PLAN	DO	STUDY	ACT
1.	Compare LOS (from surgery to discharge) for the selected patient cohort	Pre-op education and perioperative protocol	Improvement in LOS (from surgery to discharge)	Continue LEADS protocol for Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy patients
2.	Track VAS Pain Scores and ODI Scores for patients who underwent with Endoscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy with LEADS Protocol (Pre-op, POD 1 and POD 7)	Pre-op education and perioperative protocol	Improvement from Pre-op VAS Pain Score and ODI Score	Continue LEADS protocol for Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy patients

The Average LOS, ALOS (from surgery to discharge) for patients who underwent Endoscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy with LEADS Protocol was reported at 0.55 days, compared to 2.38 days for those who underwent Open or Microscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy surgery.



The VAS Pain Score and ODI for Endoscopic Lumbar Spinal Discectomy with LEADS Protocol improved by 50% at POD 1 & POD 7, as compared to Pre-Op.



Spread Changes, Learning Points

- The early results of Endoscopic Surgery with LEADS Protocol are encouraging. There were clinically significant improvements in LOS (from surgery to discharge), Pain Score and Oswestry Disability Score.
- Emphasis on preoperative patient education and perioperative rehabilitation help to enhance the patient experience and satisfaction.
- Strong leadership and support from the multidisciplinary team are key factors for the success of LEADS Protocol in Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy surgery.