**Title**: Development of Mechanical Educational brochure for Patient/Families as part of clinical transformation project

**Descriptions**: Critically ill intensive care patients often have no memory of the actual events while on a mechanical ventilator. In addition families are often overwhelmed unable to understand or recall any verbal information that has been provided by the healthcare team. As part of a clinical transformation project, our goal was to develop written education material on the mechanical ventilator in hopes to lessen the family’s anxiety, enhance the patient and family comprehension, help the family communicate with their loved one, and participate in the patient’s care.

**Aim**: To bridge the identified comprehension gap between verbal education to written education on a ventilator

**Actions taken**: Developed a survey tool, conducted a survey of fifty ICU families whose loved one was on a mechanical ventilator, and developed a mechanical ventilation educational brochure which met a readability for low health literacy.

**Summary**: The survey demonstrated over 80% of the families desired to receive educational material on the ventilator, how to communicate with their loved one, and desired to participate in their physical care. Our next steps is to re-survey families to establish if the brochure strengthens the patient and family care experience.