

RUN CHARTS:

TIPS FOR CREATING AN IMPACTFUL CHART

START SIMPLE

Pick one measure, track it consistently, and use real-time data. Don't wait for "perfect" data; plot what you have.



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SET UP CLEAR AXES

Put time on the x-axis (days, weeks, months, etc.) and your clinical measure on the y-axis, then connect data points with straight lines.

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BUILD YOUR CHART

You can create the chart with any tool, like Excel, Google Sheets, or hand-drawn. What matters most is consistency and clarity.

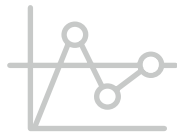
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ADD A MEDIAN LINE

The median is less affected by outliers and provides a stable reference point. To quickly interpret patterns, look for sustained runs above/below the median to spot non-random change.

EVALUATE INTERVENTIONS

Plot before and after changes, watch for trends, and reassess if the trend doesn't improve.



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ENGAGE YOUR TEAM

Involve front-line staff in choosing measures and interpreting results.



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CELEBRATE INSIGHTS

Use the chart to highlight wins, learn from setbacks, and tell the story of your improvement.



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KEEP YOUR CHART VISIBLE

Post charts in team huddles or dashboards to sustain momentum.

LEVERAGE THE FEEDBACK

Leverage the visual feedback loop from the chart to guide your next step as new data come in.

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