

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PLANNED AND UNPLANNED DISCHARGE PROCESSES

IN TPA COVERED PATIENTS

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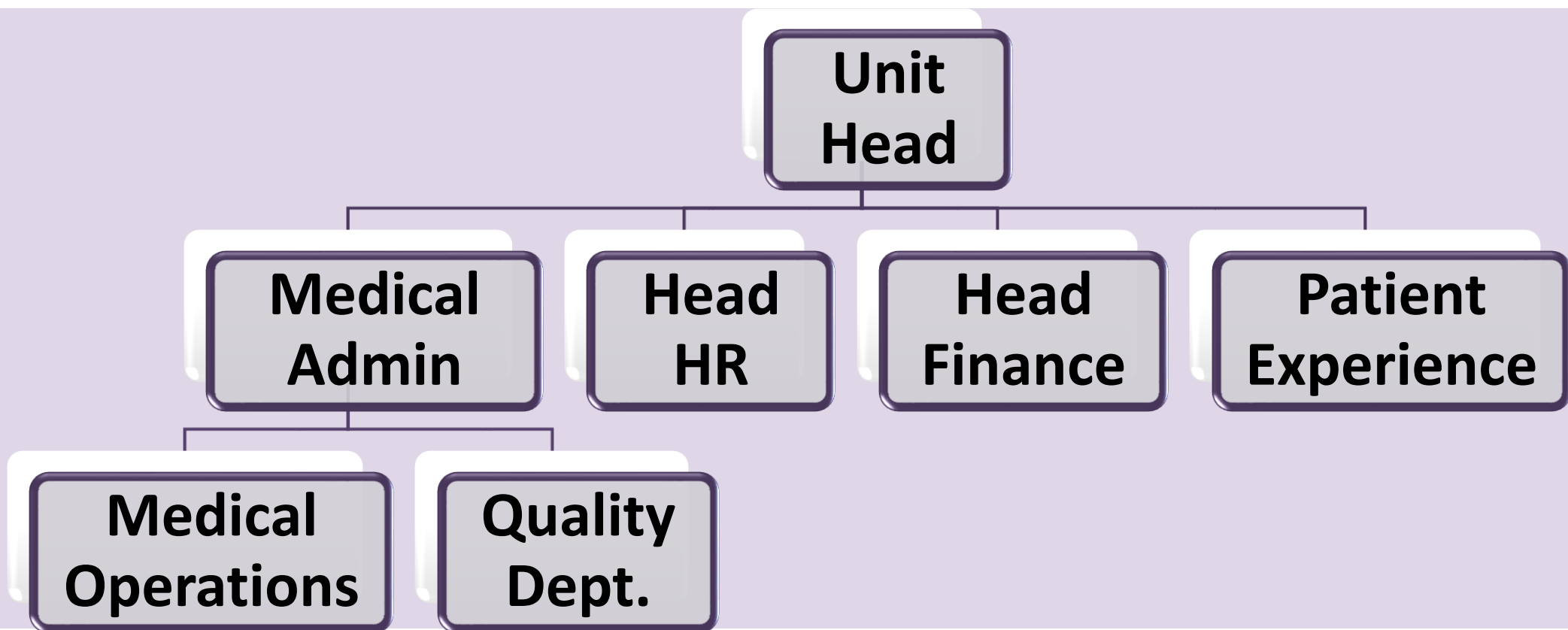
VISION

To provide best of Patient Service & Clinical Excellence.

MISSION

To create Clinical Centers of Excellence on a strong backbone of research, academics and evidence-based medicine for best clinical and patient outcome

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



Theoretical

- Enhanced understanding about all the various departments of a hospital
- Gained knowledge, basic core concepts of hospital management

Practical

- Conducted audit of crucial departments of a hospital .
- Developed and applied skills like problem solving, decision making and teamwork.

Strength

- Planned Discharges have good coordination.
- Unplanned Discharges are scattered, flexible.

Weaknesses

- Planned Discharges face peak time delays.
- Unplanned Discharges faces inaccurate documentation in rush

Opportunities

- Digitize and reduce manual workload .
- Integrate real alert feature on the HIS.

Threats

- Delay in 1 step disrupts the whole process .
- Rushed unplanned discharges creates errors.

SWOT

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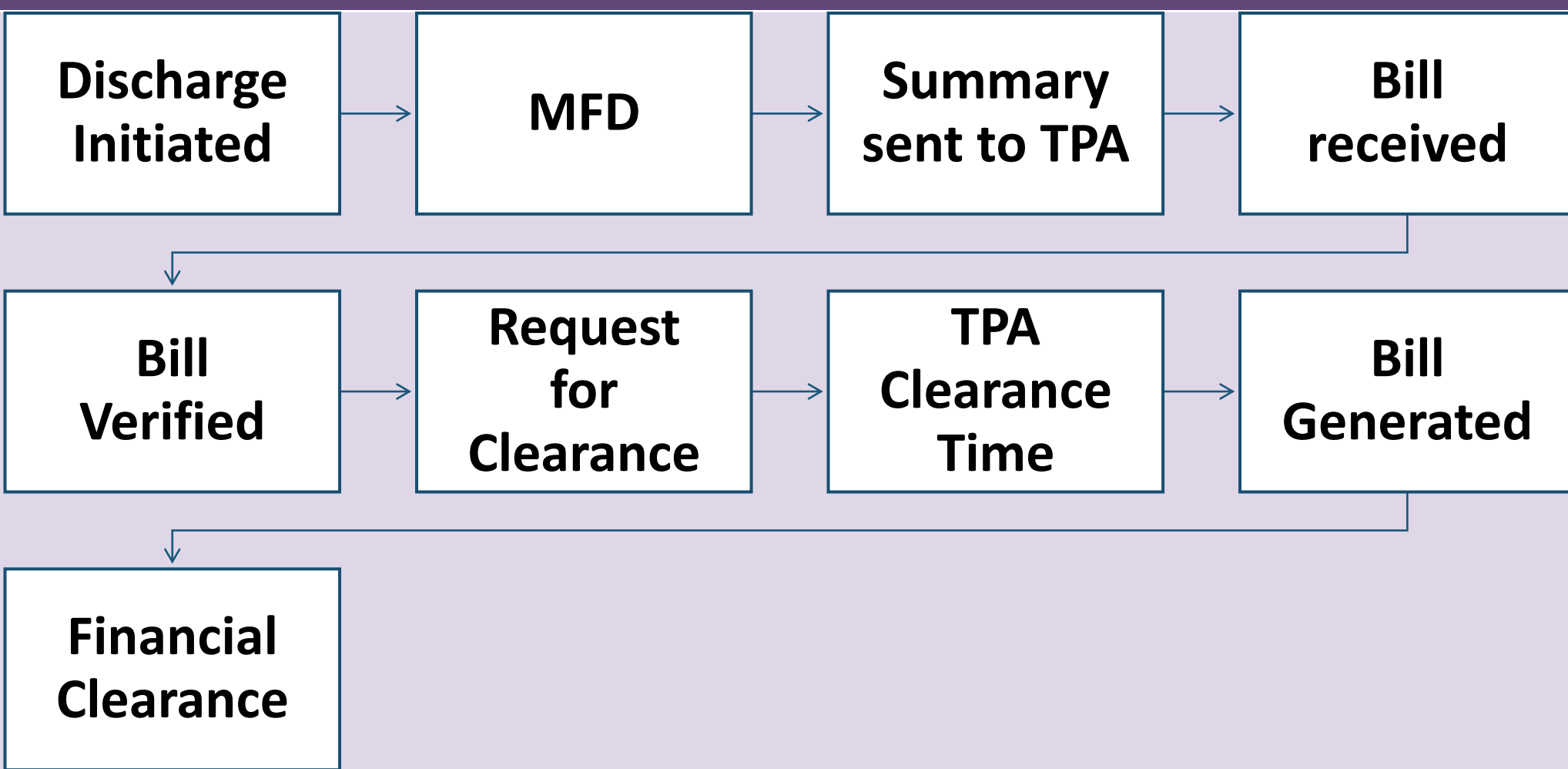
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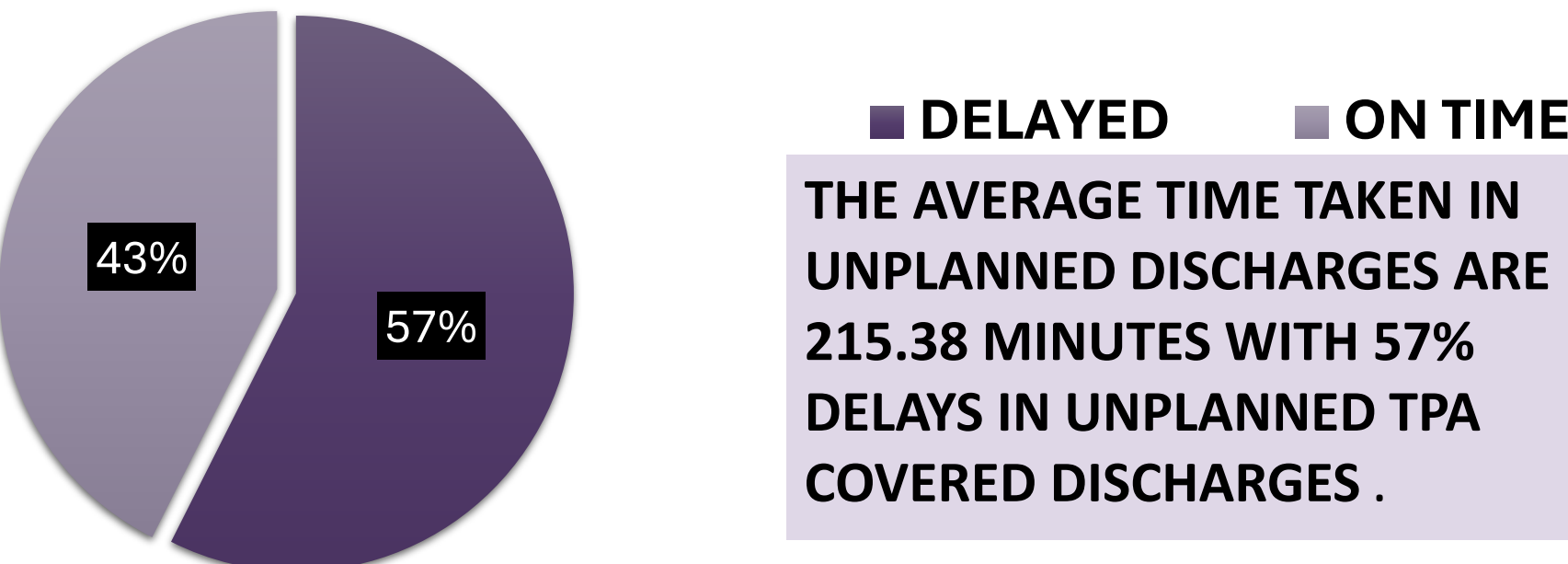
ANALYSIS OF DISCHARGE TAT IN TPA COVERED PATIENTS

“ **AIM - To compare the efficiency, challenges, and outcomes of planned versus unplanned discharge processes among TPA-covered patients in a hospital setting, with a focus on identifying gaps and opportunities for improvement in discharge workflows.** ”

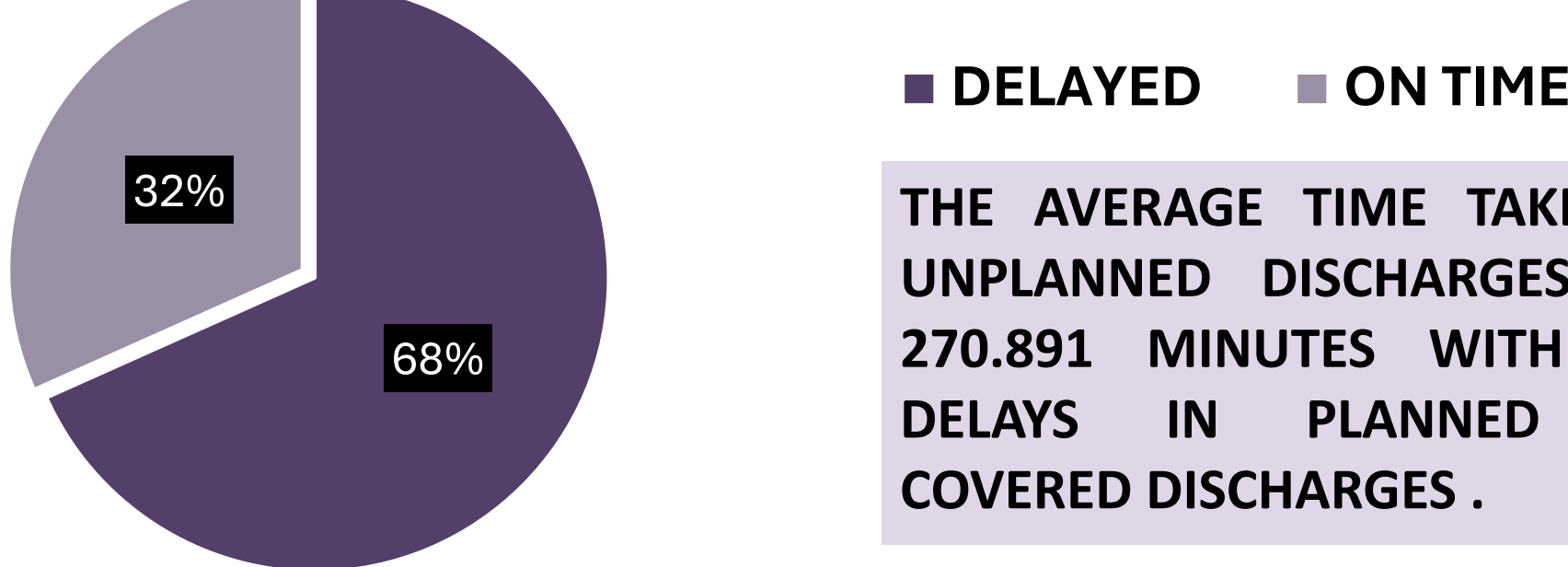
PROCESS FLOW (<180 MINUTES)



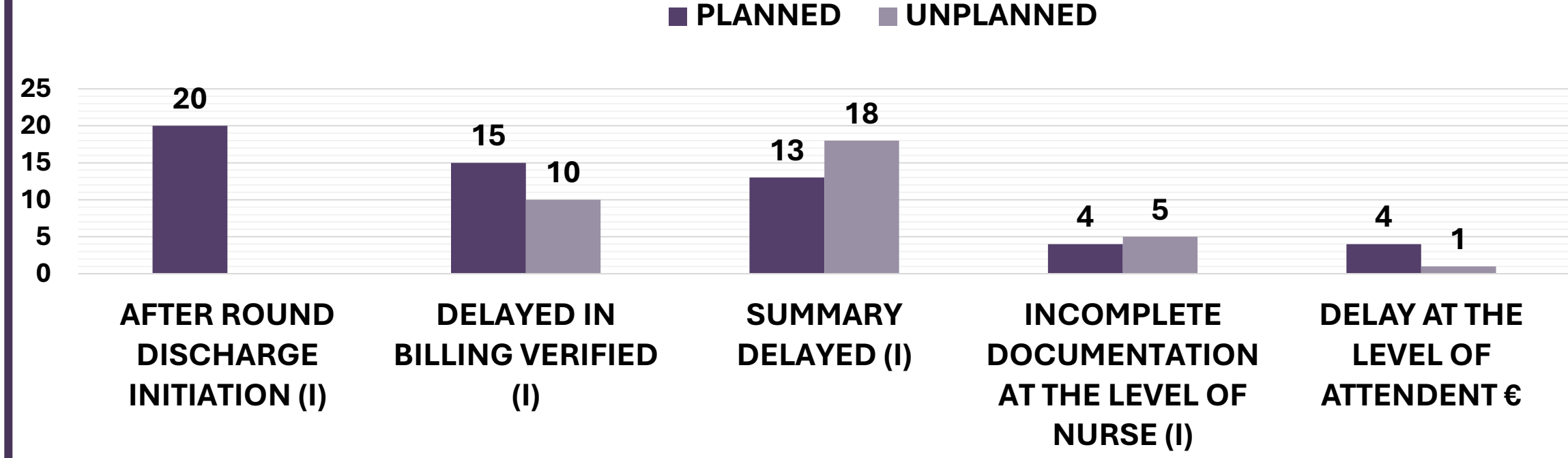
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PLANNED V/S UNPLANNED DELAY PARAMETERS



- Use coordination to digitize manual work
- Pilot alert in HIS system in flexible workflows .

- Good coordination can prevent process disruption .
- Agility in staff can reduce error in unplanned discharges

- Digitization can reduce peak – time delays .
- Alert system can support better documentation in rushed discharges

- Automate steps (E-filling) to reduce bottlenecks .
- Add training and real – time alerts to minimize discharge errors .

METHODOLOGY

- ➔ **Study design:** Cross-sectional comparative observational study.
- ➔ **Duration of study:** One month (23 May 2025 – 23 June 2025).
- ➔ **Sample Size:** Total 200 discharge cases
 - 101 Planned TPA discharges
 - 100 Unplanned TPA discharges
- ➔ **Inclusion criteria :**
 - Patients discharged under TPA during the study period.
 - Both planned and unplanned discharges.
- ➔ **Exclusion criteria:**
 - Cash paying or government scheme patients.

CHALLENGES FACED DURING INTERNSHIP

- Resistance to data sharing in some departments.
- Miscommunication and coordination gaps across the department .
- Sudden changes in priorities / tasks.

LEARNING DURING INTERNSHIP

- ✓ Understood the real-time hospital operations and interdepartmental workflows.
- ✓ Gained knowledge of discharge processes ,billing and TPA coordination.
- ✓ Learned to conduct audits and apply quality improvement tools like fishbone analysis (RCA) & SWOT .
- ✓ Learned about the open and close file audits .
- ✓ Conducted a retrospective study of Pre-operative ALOS from closed file.
- ✓ Conducted an internal audit for infection control in three crucial department like CSSD, Pre & post Operative department and OT.
- ✓ Analyses the usefulness of clinical pathway process, found out the gaps & gave suggestion
- ✓ Gained hands-on experience in data management and analysis .

SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVEMENT

- **Strengthen the billing manpower :** Assign 2 staff in billing—1 for cash, 1 for TPA—via a proper morning roster.
- **Prioritize Consultant Rounds :** By ensuring that discharge eligible patient will be seen first by the doctors ,after that OT should be scheduled for better planning of discharges .
- **Interim Bill Counselling:** Inform attendants to check interim bills early to avoid final billing delays.
- **Digitize Document Submission :** Integrate new feature in HIS where discharge summaries and billing sheets should directly be uploaded on the system which will reduce GDA staff dependency .
- **Introduce a common communication platforms for the staff** to inform about the information like bed vacancy , unplanned discharges to reduce the miscommunication rather than passing messages on the social media apps.
- **Periodic refreshment training** should be provided to all the clinical staff for HIS system operation .

