

Avera Sacred Heart Stroke Program

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Mission

Avera is a health ministry rooted in the gospel. Our mission is to make a positive impact in the lives and health of persons and communities by providing quality services guided by Christian values.

Values



Compassion



Hospitality



Stewardship

Vision

Working with its partners, Avera shall provide a quality, cost-effective health ministry which reflects gospel values. We shall improve the health care of the people we serve through a regionally integrated network of persons and institutions.

Objectives

- Living the Avera Mission
- Infrastructure Development
- Process Development
- The Avera Way
- Sustainability
- Q&A

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Living the Avera Mission



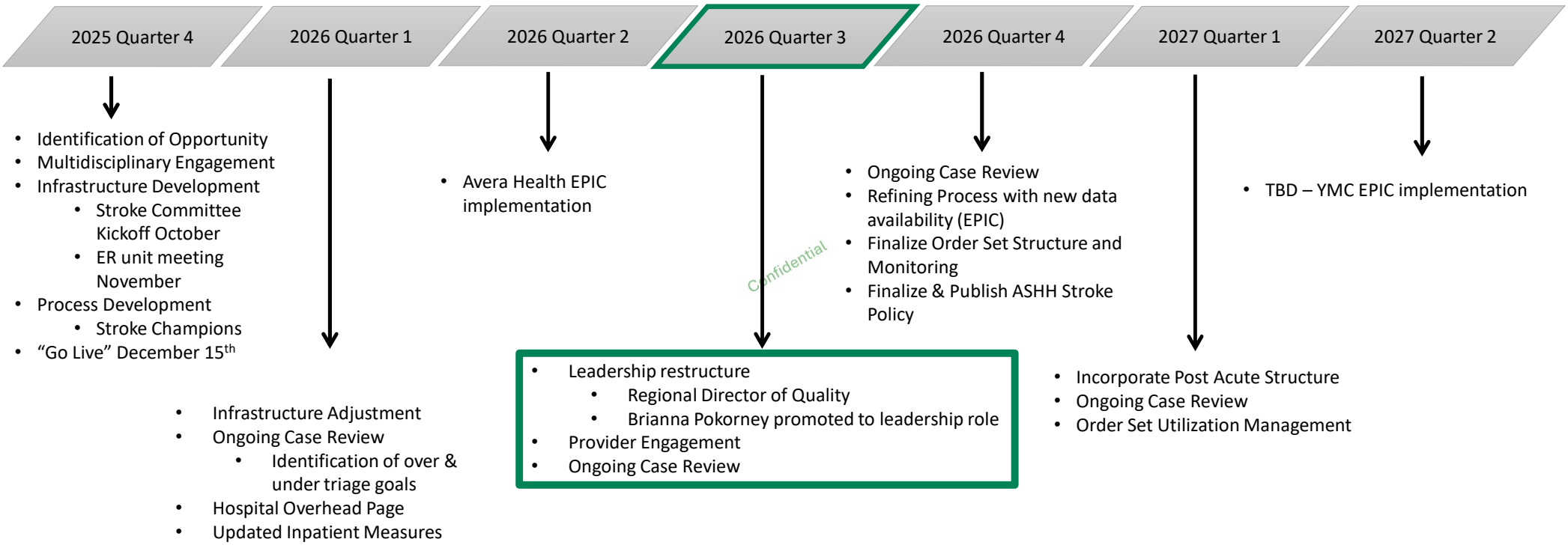
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- Door to Needle
- Door in Door Out
- Limit Disability

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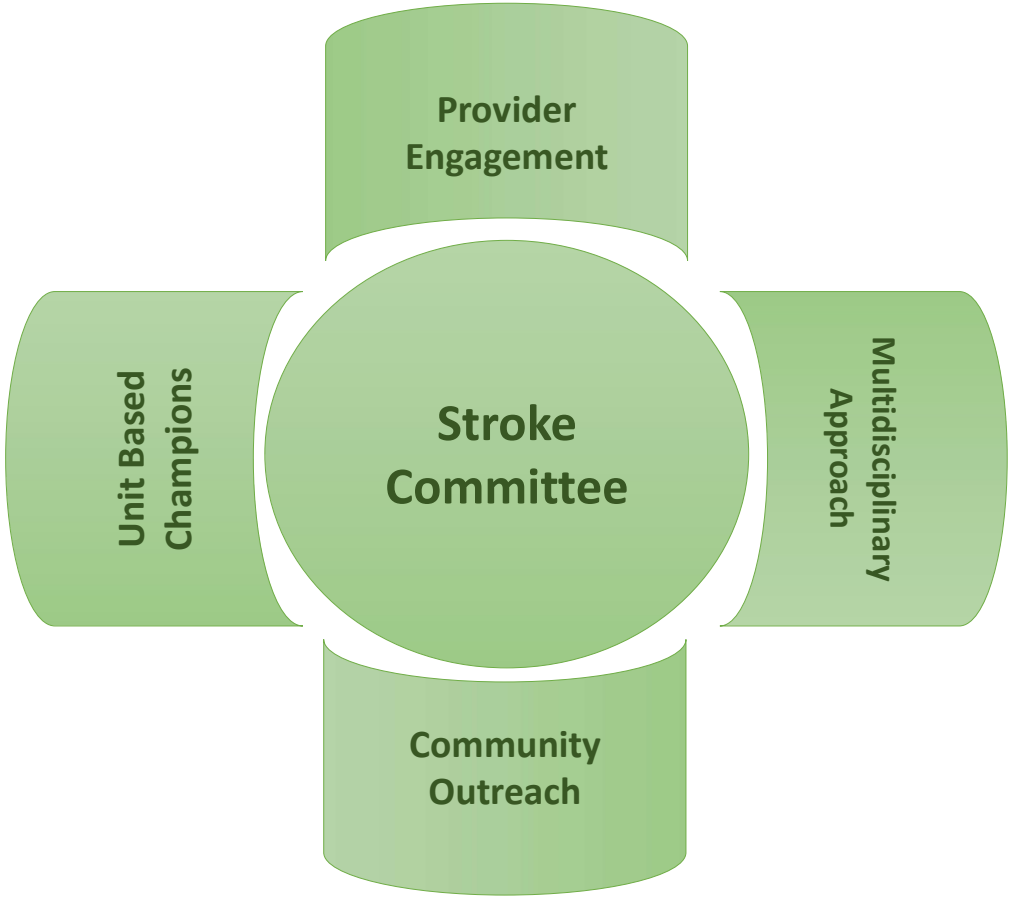
Our Journey



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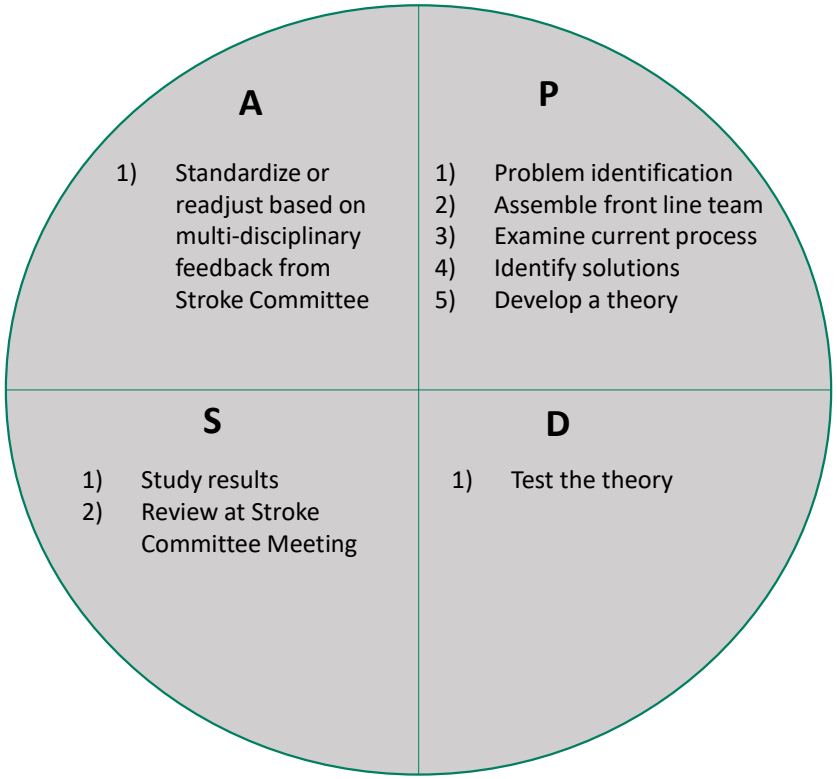
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Infrastructure Development



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Process Development



Key Learnings:

- Thorough data review
- Front line staff involvement
  - Production of process & accountability
- Provider engagement
- Visible scorecard

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Process Development

HEALTH UNIT COORDINATOR

- Utilizes BEFAST tool to alert ER RN and provider of possible stroke alert
- Arrives patient in EPIC and places patient immediately into w/c and ER room

STROKE TEAM ACTIVATION

- ER RN, Float RN, House Supervisor, Radiology, Lab, Health Unit Coordinator

CLINICAL PATHWAY

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- Immediate consult to eNeuro
- Patient brought to ER room for “Pit Stop” ABC assessment
- ER provider or designee enters “Stroke” order set
- **If clinically appropriate, transported directly to CT in wheelchair**
- **Stroke Team meets patient in radiology with hospital gown, stretcher, tele monitor, IV supplies & glucometer**
- eNeuro assessment and utilizes VIZ platform to read CT real time
- eNeuro and ER provider decide definitive clinical pathway for patient

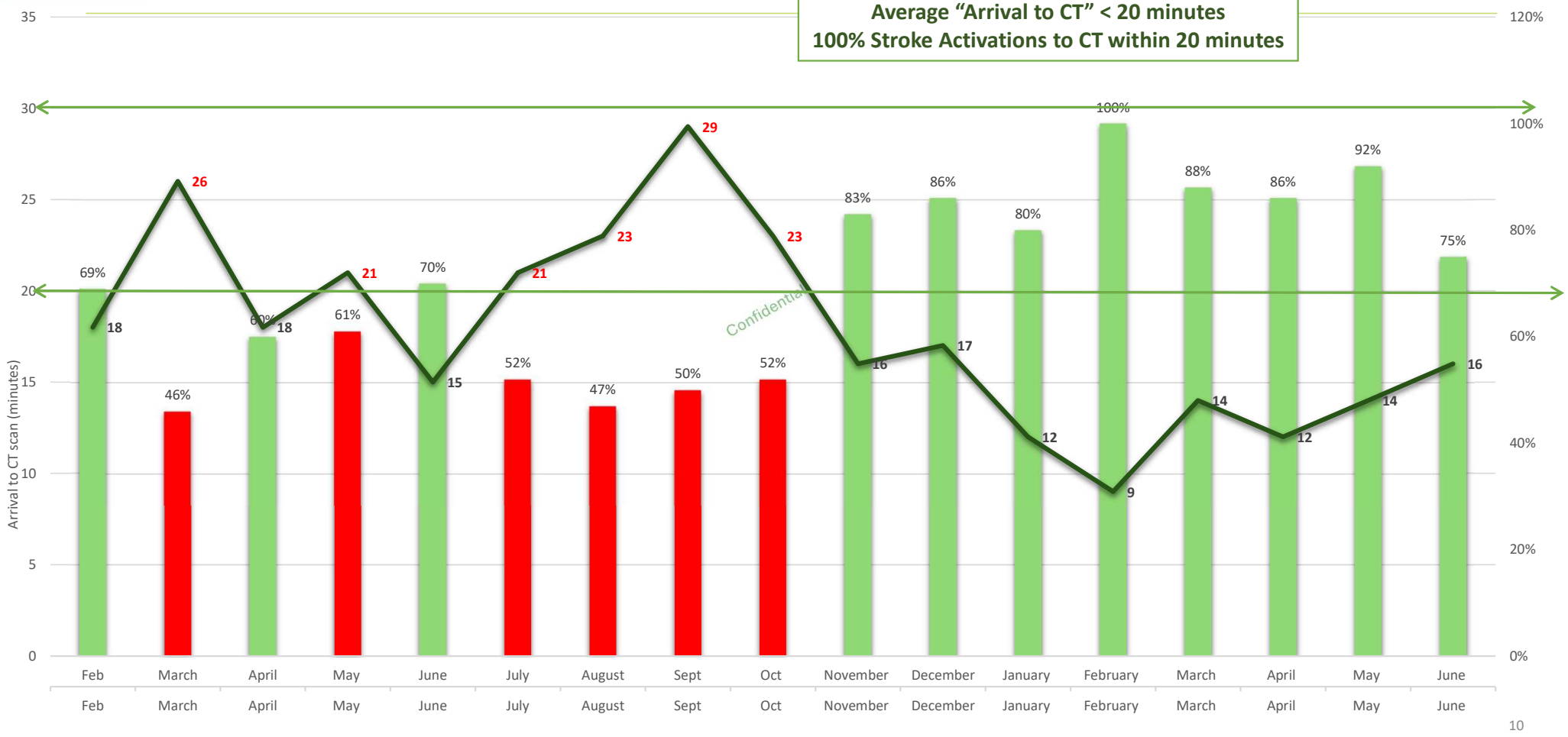
The Avera Way



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Emergency Department Efficiency

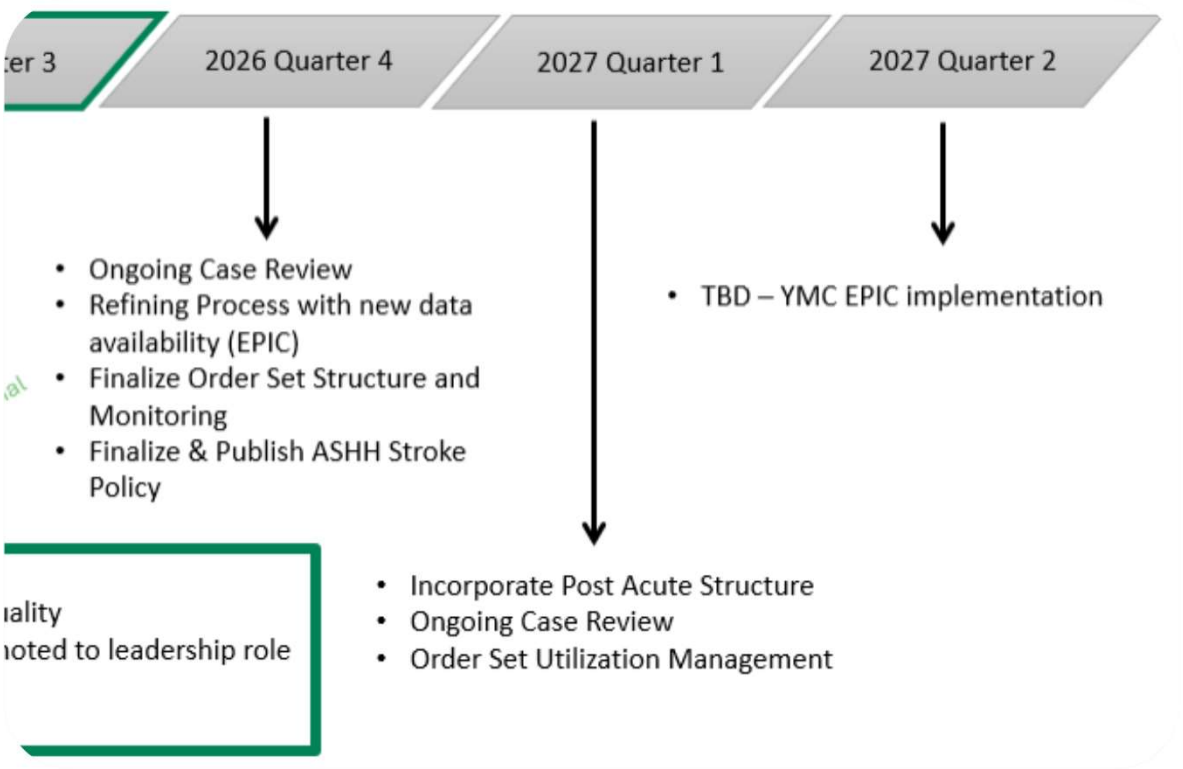
GOALS:
Average "Arrival to CT" < 20 minutes
100% Stroke Activations to CT within 20 minutes



Monthly Data

	MONTH	N	DTN (min)
2025	January	-	-
	February	1	56
	March	-	-
	April	1	84
	May	-	-
	June	1	69
	July	1	46
	August	-	-
	Sept	-	-
	October	2	96
	November	-	-
	December	-	-
YTD 2026	January	-	-
	February	1	88
	March	-	
	April	1	31
	May	-	-
	June	1	32
	July	-	-

Sustainability



Thank You

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Questions?

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