

# Nursing Informatics Led Optimization Program

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**4**

hospitals

**952**

Inpatient beds

**~60,000**

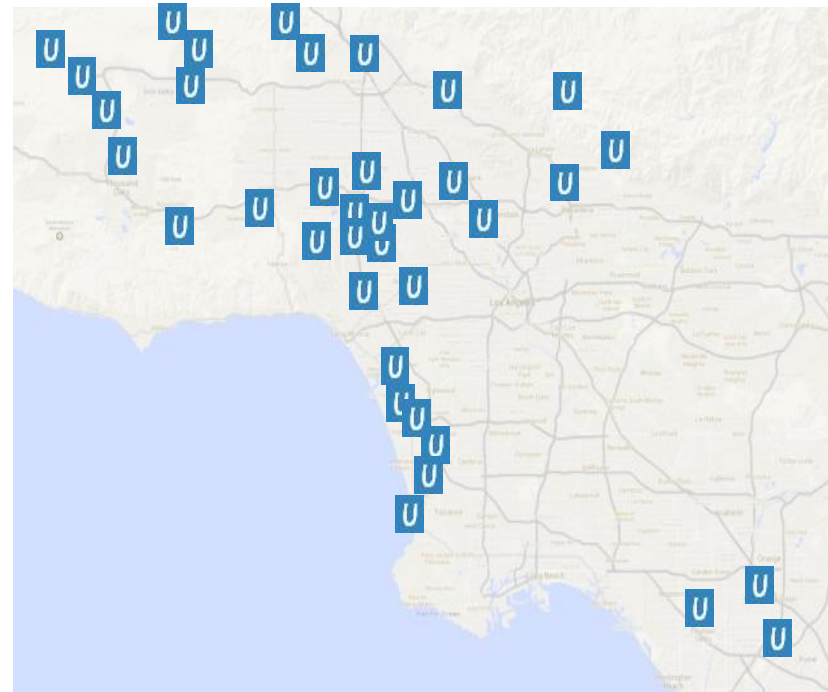
hospital encounters

**250+**

outpatient practices

**1.5 mil**

outpatient annual visits



# UCLA Health EHR Implementation

**March 2013**  
Big-bang go-live;  
full functionality  
across health  
system

**September 2015**  
Laboratory,  
Transplant go-live  
scheduled

Stabilization  
(6 months)



Optimization

**18,000+ Users**

Faculty

Clinical  
Volunteers

nurses

Fellows

Therapists, Technicians, Clerical

and Other Staff

# Optimization Goals & Objectives

- Develop governance structure to approve & prioritize optimization requests
- Ensure coordination & collaboration between IT & Department of Nursing
- Create process to effectively manage IT resources
- Improve engagement with front-line clinical nurses

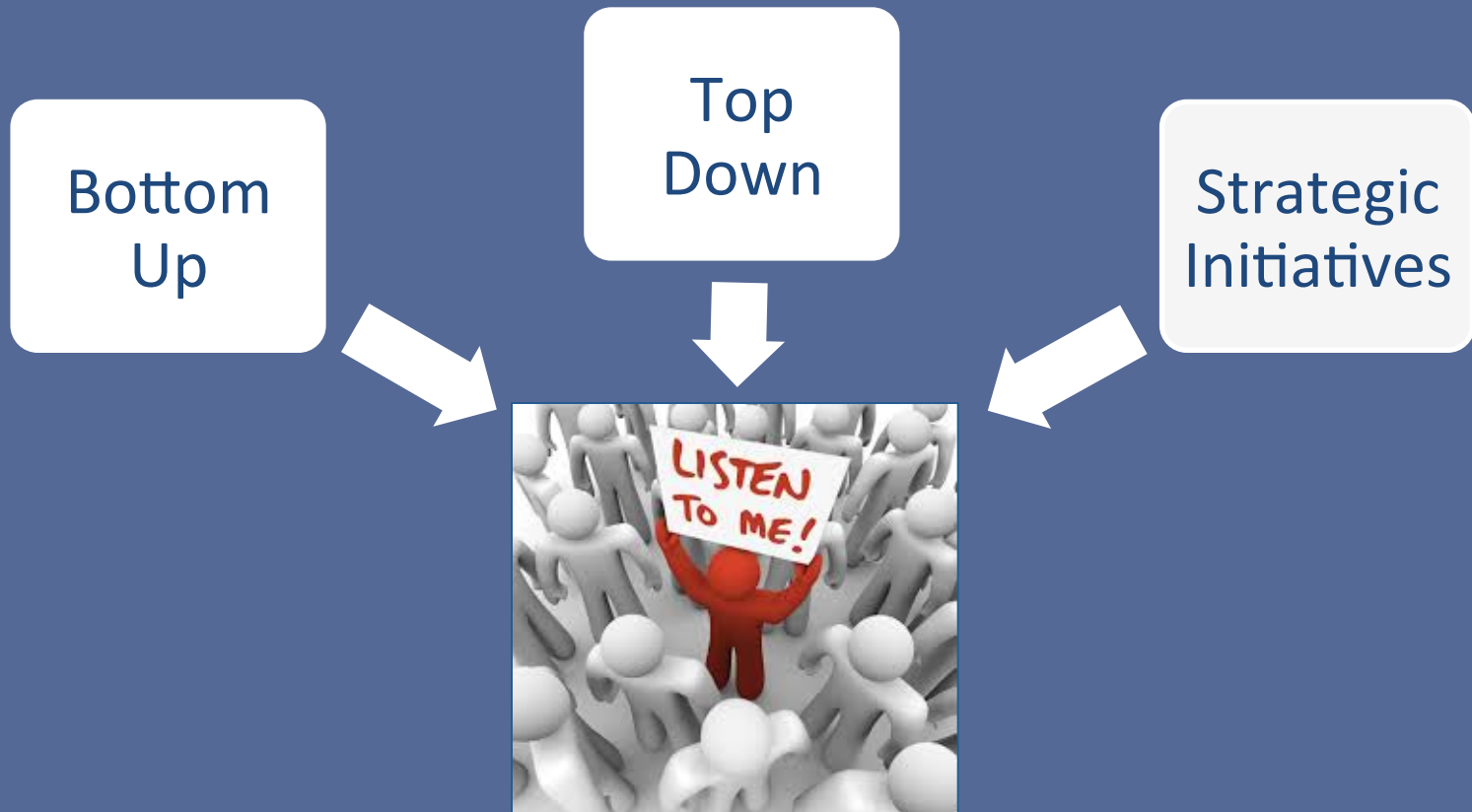
## Our definition...



Optimization is the continuous improvement of processes that help to enhance patient care, improve outcomes and create efficiency

Basically, everything *except* break-fix!

# REQUESTS COME FROM ALL DIRECTIONS



# Bottom Up Workflow

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with 'UCLA Health' and 'it begins with U'. Below it are links for 'About CareConnect', 'Upgrades and Go-Lives', 'Programs and Features', 'Updates', 'Training', and 'Support'. A 'RESOURCE CENTER' button is on the right. The main header features the 'careCONNECT' logo and the tagline 'Enhancing the Power of Caring'. A search bar is present with the text 'SEARCH BY KEYWORD(S)'. Below the header, there are several panels: a 'Chart Search is Here!' panel with a search bar containing 'med', a 'Search' panel with 'Tip Sheets & eLearnings' and search filters, and a 'Welcome to Epic Search' panel with a search tip. On the left, there are buttons for 'Downtime Procedures', 'Training (TMS)', 'Optimization Request' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Service Request'. A red arrow points from the 'Optimization Request' button towards the ticket form on the right.

The screenshot shows a service request ticket form. The fields are as follows:

Number	TIX00582462	Ticket Type	Service Request
Caller	Pollack, Ellen S.	Opened	04-26-2016 20:37:15
Department	ISS CareConnect	Opened by	Pollack, Ellen S.
Caller Contact #	(310) 267-0645	State	New
Alternate Number			
Building	Oppenheimer		
Room	Suite 1200		
Customer watch list			
Short Description	Optimization Request		

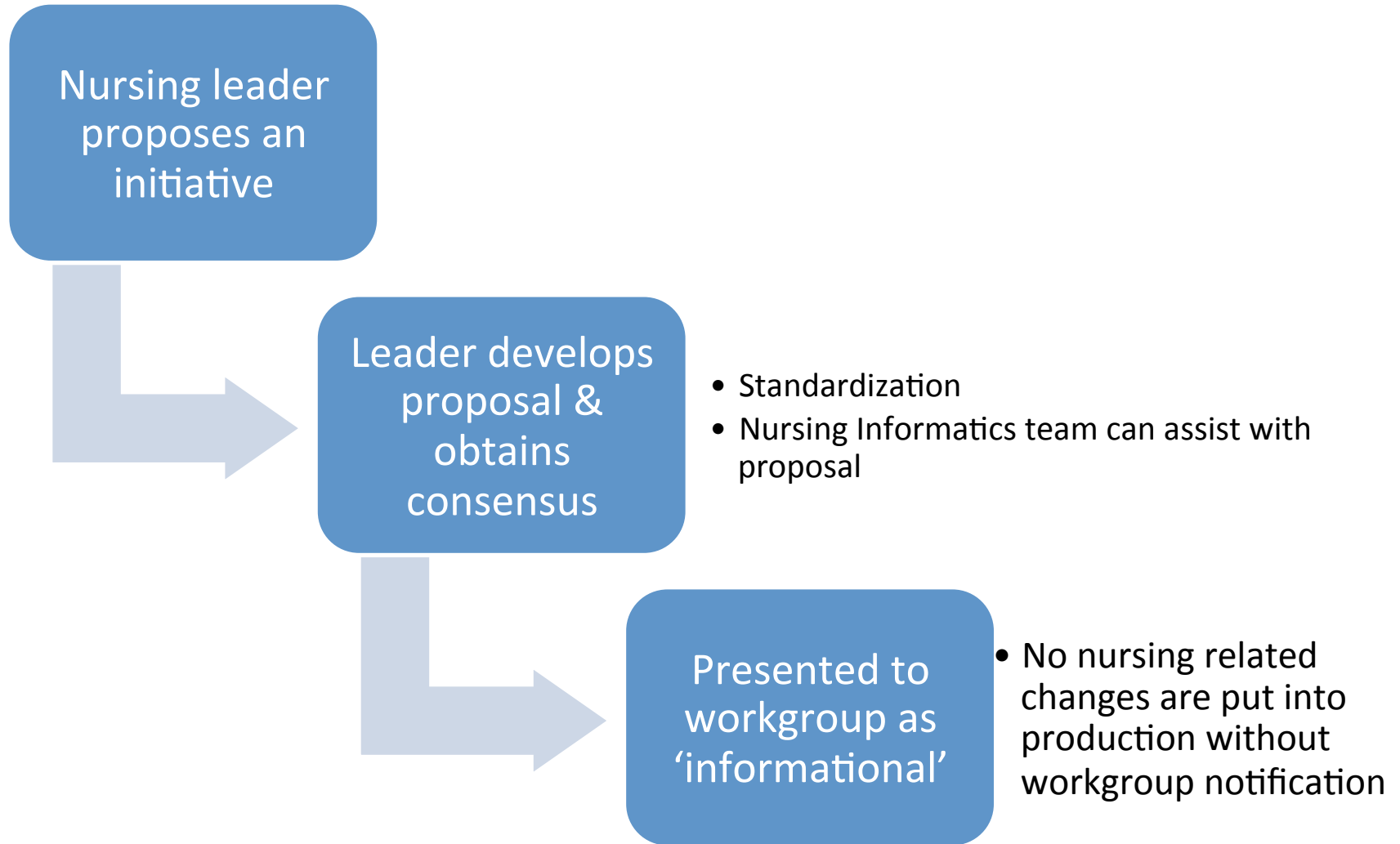
Below the form is a 'Description' field with a 'Submit' button. The 'Description' field and the 'Submit' button are highlighted with a red box.



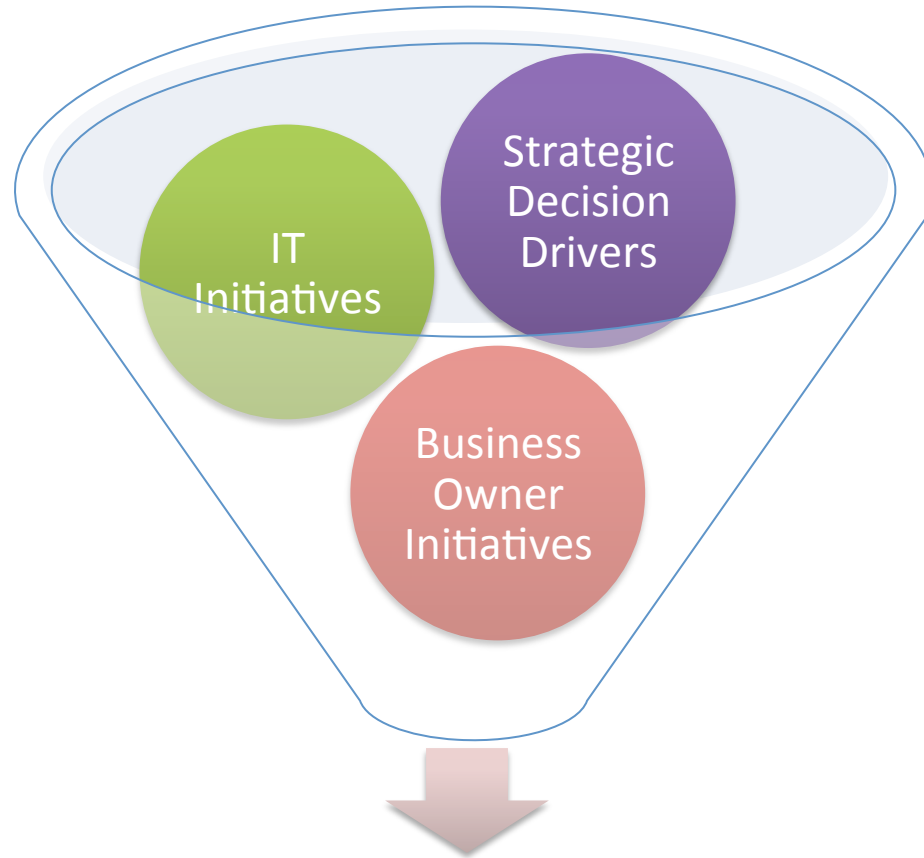
- Is it worth pursuing? Is it possible?  
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- NI to create proposal & develop specs  
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- Present to governance group for approval & prioritization  
↓
- Submit to Application Team for build  
↓
- Coordinate communications & training



# Top Down Workflow



# Strategic Initiatives Road Map



## Strategic Initiatives Road Map

Run/Grow/Transform

Business Categorization

Budgeting and Funds Flow

Management is  
doing things right;  
leadership is  
doing the right  
things.

Peter Drucker

# GOVERNANCE



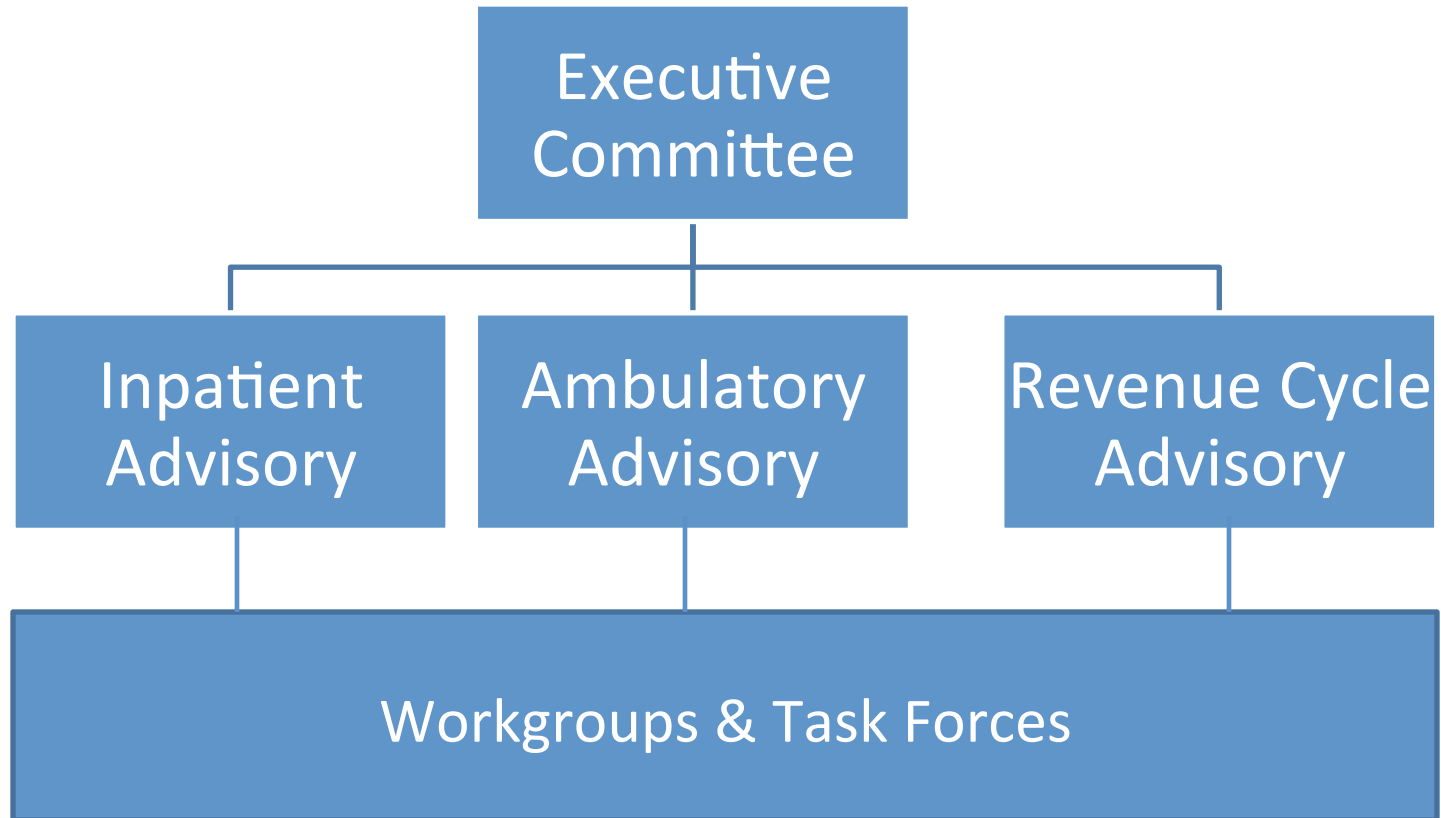
“When everything is a priority,  
then nothing is a priority”

Simon Fulleringer, IT professional

# Key Guiding Principles

- Decisions will be made based upon the **best interests of the patients.**
- We will focus on the best approach for the **overall UCLA organization**, while considering and balancing the needs of individual departments.

# Governance Structure



Workgroup

'Local'  
impact

70%

Advisory  
Group

Wide  
impact

20%

Executive  
Group

System  
Impact

10%



# Nursing Workgroups

- Nursing prioritization - M/S & ICU
- Mother - baby
- Emergency Department
- Perioperative
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Pediatrics
- Ambulatory
- Medication Administration
- Patient Education

Most groups meet monthly

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Chaired by Nursing  
Informatics

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Striving for 50% Clinical Nurse  
participation

# Task Forces - examples

- Handover Reports
- Discharge Instructions
- Code blue documentation
- Admission assessment
- Laboratory order management
- Sepsis
- Blood administration

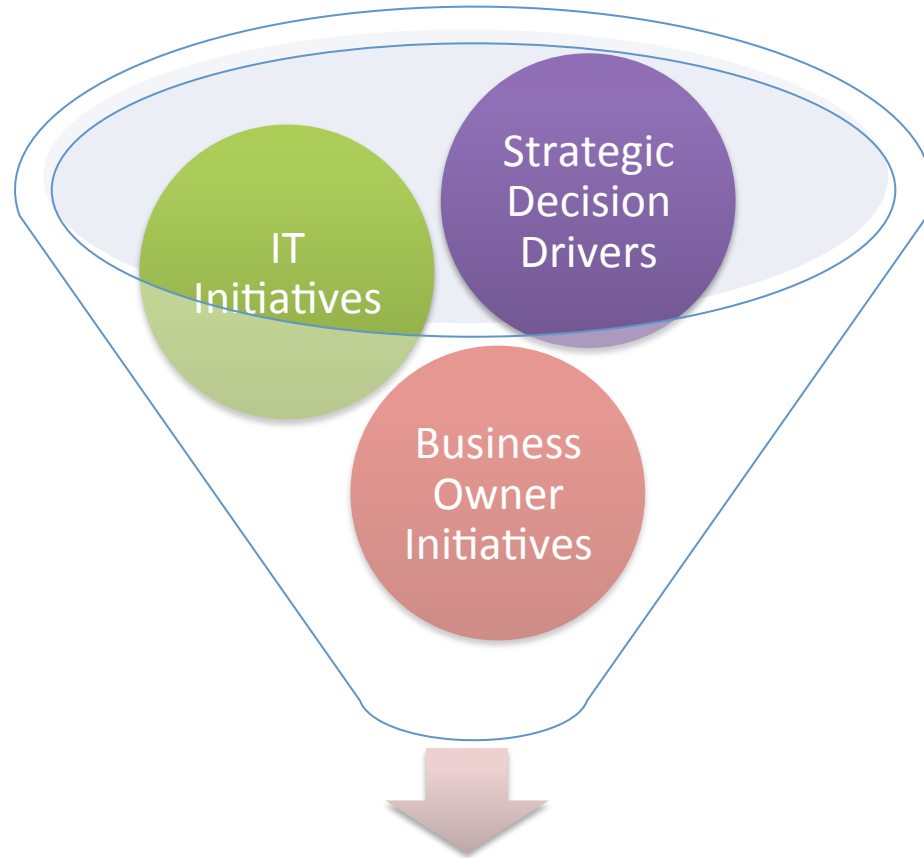
Task Forces are formed  
around specific topics

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Short term  
(most 2-4 meetings)

Task forces make recommendations to applicable workgroups

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# 3-Year Strategic Initiatives Road Map **DEFINITIONS**

- **Run (65% benchmark):**
  - Cost of doing business/continuing operations
  - *Example: Infrastructure upgrades, software upgrades/patching*
- **Grow (20% benchmark):**
  - Enhancing products, services or experiences.
  - *Example: Software replacements, data center growth/expansion*
- **Transform (15% benchmark):**
  - New products, new business models, or new markets.
  - *Example: Mobile technologies, Epic Bedside, Innovations*

# Strategic Initiative Drivers



Aligns with Education Mission



Aligns with Research Mission



Aligns with Community Mission



Aligns with Clinical Care Mission



Improves Quality/Safety



Ensures Business Continuity



Improves Customer Experience



Regulatory/Compliance/Contractual



Increase Revenue/Decreases costs



Improves Operational Efficiency

# Scoring Criteria and Decision Drivers

Using the scoring criteria below, we identified to what extent and manner

This project negatively impacts this Decision Driver <b><u>to a great degree.</u></b>	This project negatively impacts this Decision Driver.	This Decision Driver does not apply to this project.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a limited extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a limited extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a moderate extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a moderate extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a significant extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a significant extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver to a considerable extent.	This project positively impacts this Decision Driver <b><u>to the greatest degree possible.</u></b>
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

did [a given project] impact each of the requirements below:

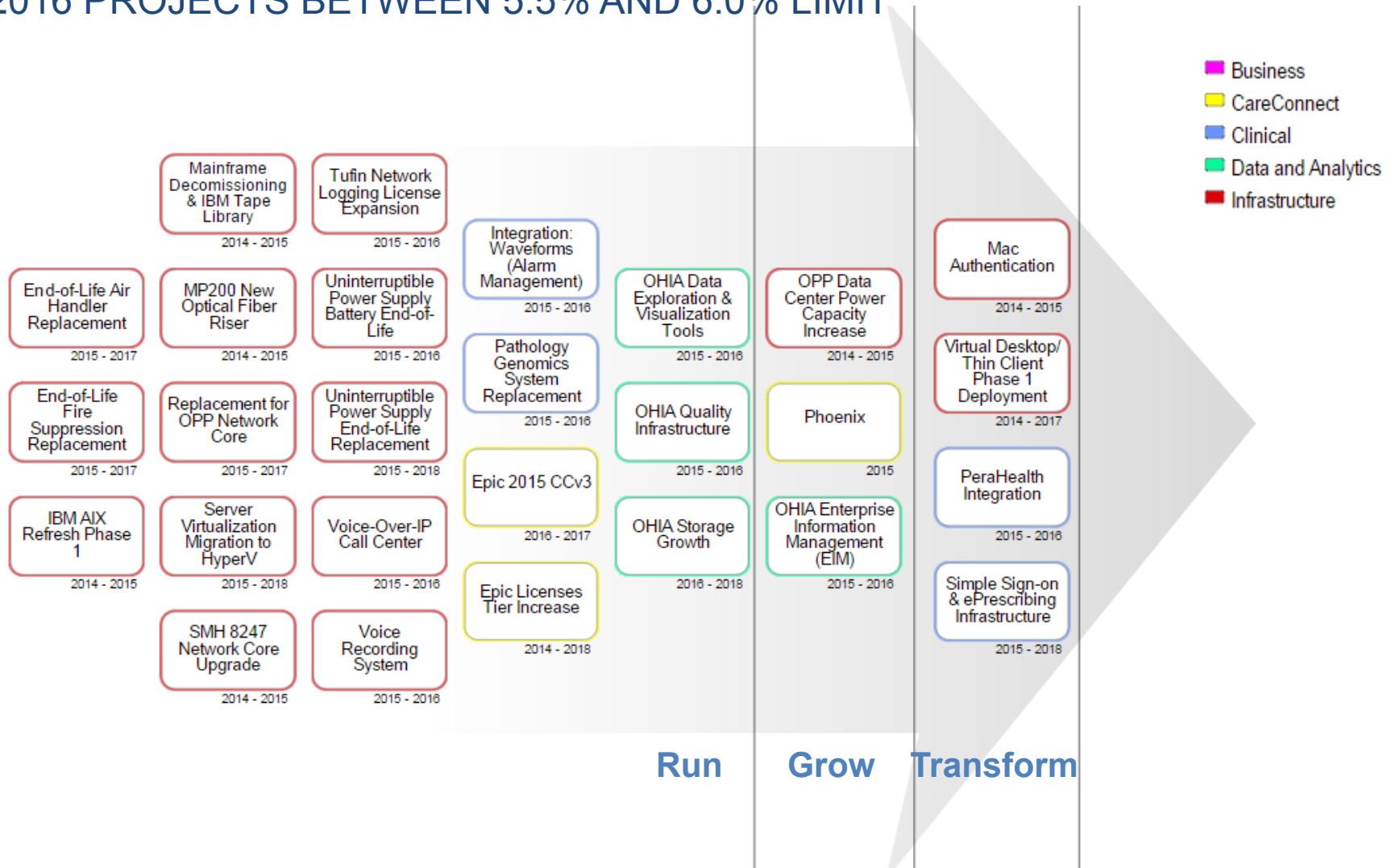
<b>Aligns with Clinical Care Mission</b>	<b>Aligns with Community Mission</b>	<b>Aligns with Education Mission</b>	<b>Aligns with Research Mission</b>	<b>Ensures Business Continuity</b>	<b>Improves customer experience</b>	<b>Improves quality/safety</b>	<b>Increases revenue/decreases costs</b>	<b>Operational efficiency</b>	<b>Regulatory/ Compliance/ Contractual</b>
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# Sample Budget Table with Budget Markers

Score	Proposal Name	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	Cumulative Total
547	OPP Datacenter Network Switch Replacement		\$440,000				\$440
580	Internet traffic sniffer replacement		\$120,000				\$560
460	OPP Row 8 Data Center Expansion		\$424,958				\$985
780	OPP chiller replacement		\$900,000				\$1,885
607	Servers Refresh		\$850,000				\$2,735
636	Print Cluster Upgrade		\$75,000				\$2,810
568	Pager Refresh		\$98,000				\$2,908
0	DNS Server Hardware Refresh		\$200,000				\$3,108
0	MP200 Paging Cabling Upgrade		\$100,000				\$3,208
738	Network Wilshire Center Infrastructure Refresh		\$585,000	\$585,000			\$3,793
0	SDSC Cabinet Expansion		\$207,000				\$4,000
<b>\$4M   Budgeted: \$4m   Band Total: \$4m   Allocation: 100%   Cumulative Total: \$4m</b>							
706	WOW Refresh	\$1,050,867	\$1,050,867	\$1,050,867	\$1,050,867		\$5,051
628	Computer Hardware Refresh - PCs and Printers		\$2,107,655				\$7,159
622	E-Fax Service Upgrade		\$115,000				\$7,274
702	Enterprise Storage Consolidation and Expansion		\$500,000				\$7,774
<b>\$8M   Budgeted: \$8m   Band Total: \$3.8m   Allocation: 97%   Cumulative Total: \$7.8m</b>							
722	UPS IDF Replacement		\$240,000	\$240,000			\$8,014
629	Paging Transmitter Disaster Recovery Equipment		\$16,000				\$8,030
471	System Center Refresh (SCCM & SCOM)		\$207,000				\$8,237
573	Desktop VoIP refresh		\$1,100,000				\$9,337
548	Check Point (Pointsec) Encryption Upgrade		\$75,000				\$9,412
518	Virtual Private Network Upgrade and Redesign		\$75,000				\$9,487
<b>\$10M   Budgeted: \$10m   Band Total: \$1.7m   Allocation: 95%   Cumulative Total: \$9.5m</b>							

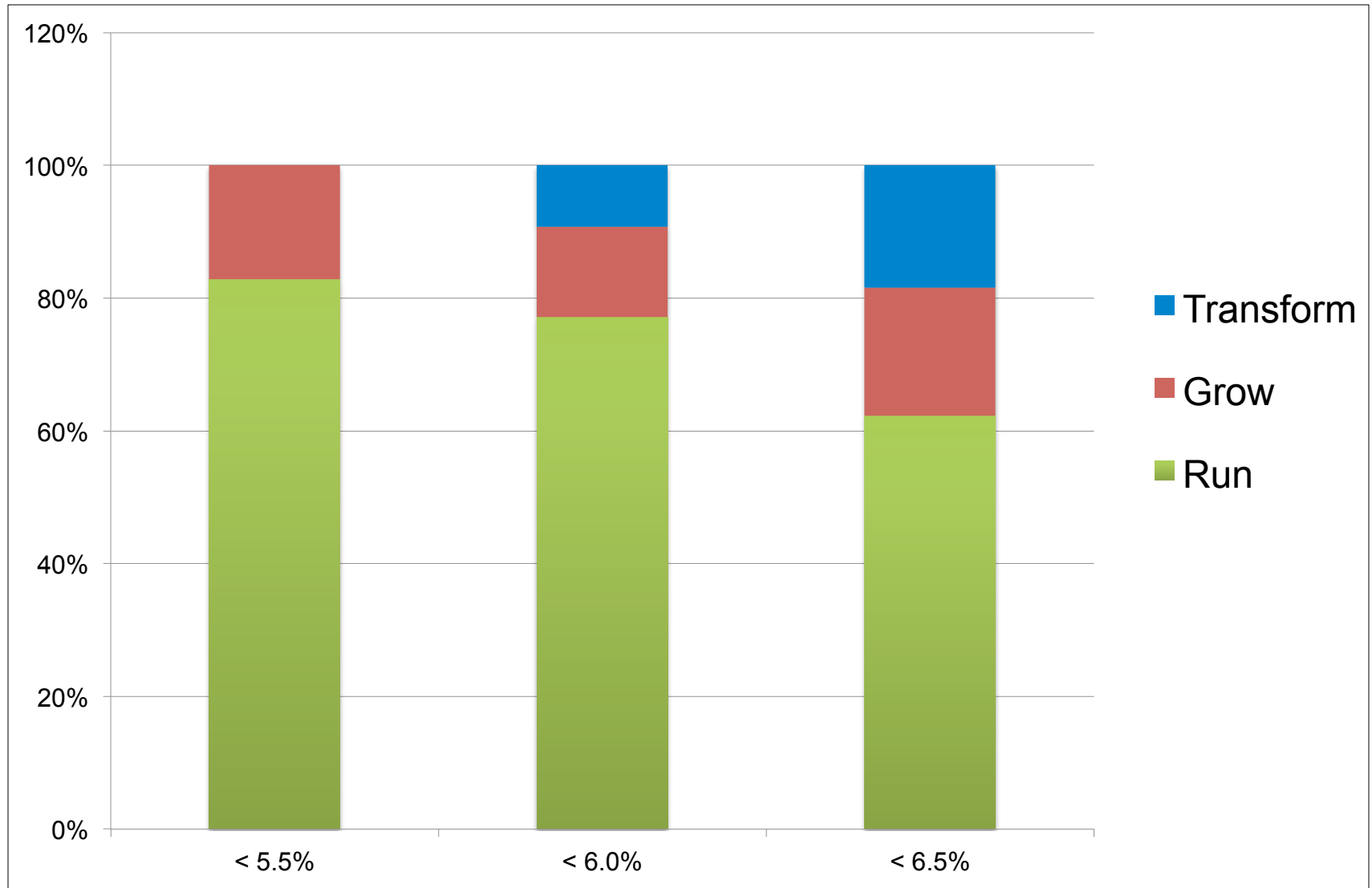
# Roadmap Example

## FY2016 PROJECTS BETWEEN 5.5% AND 6.0% LIMIT

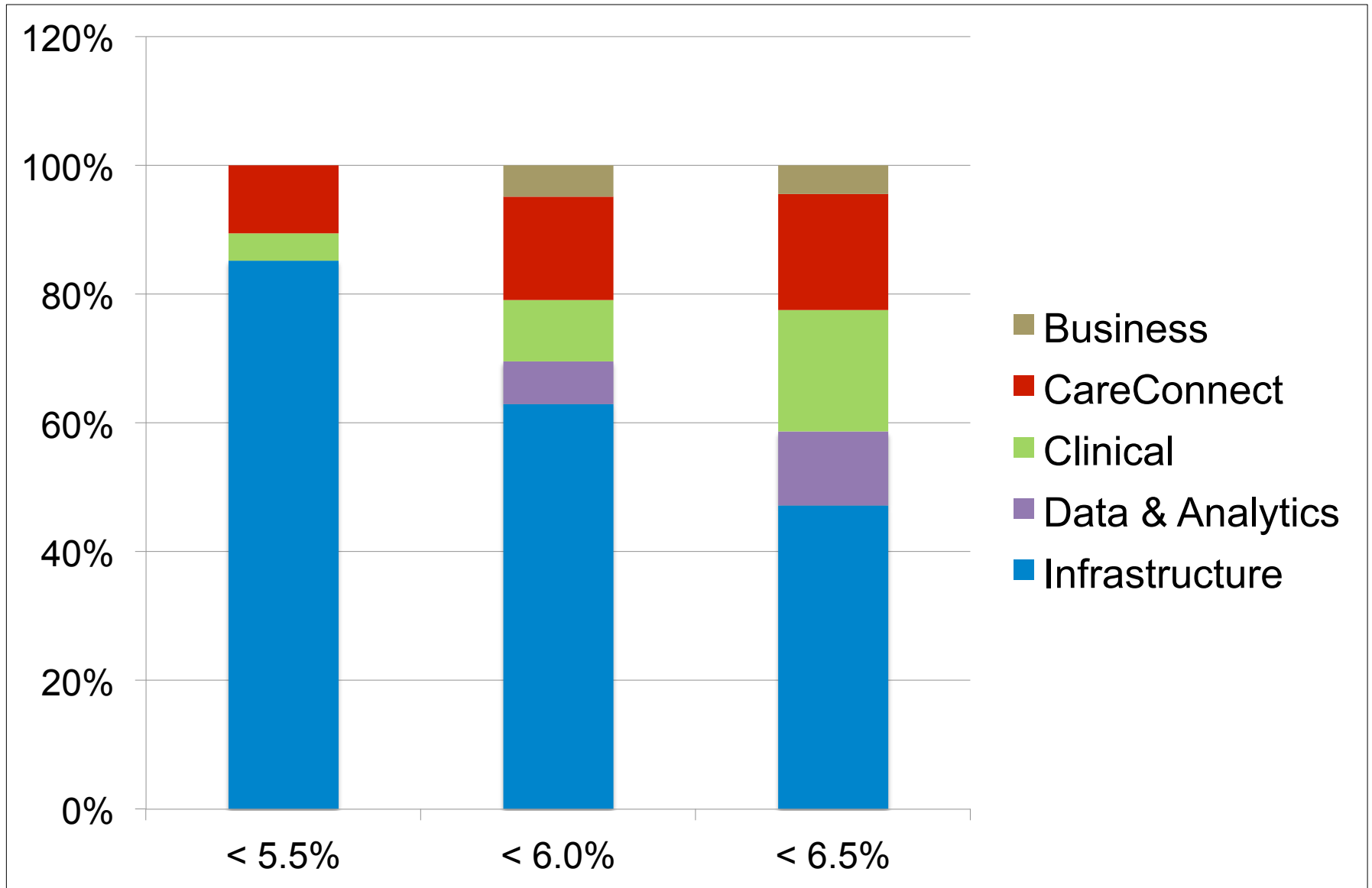




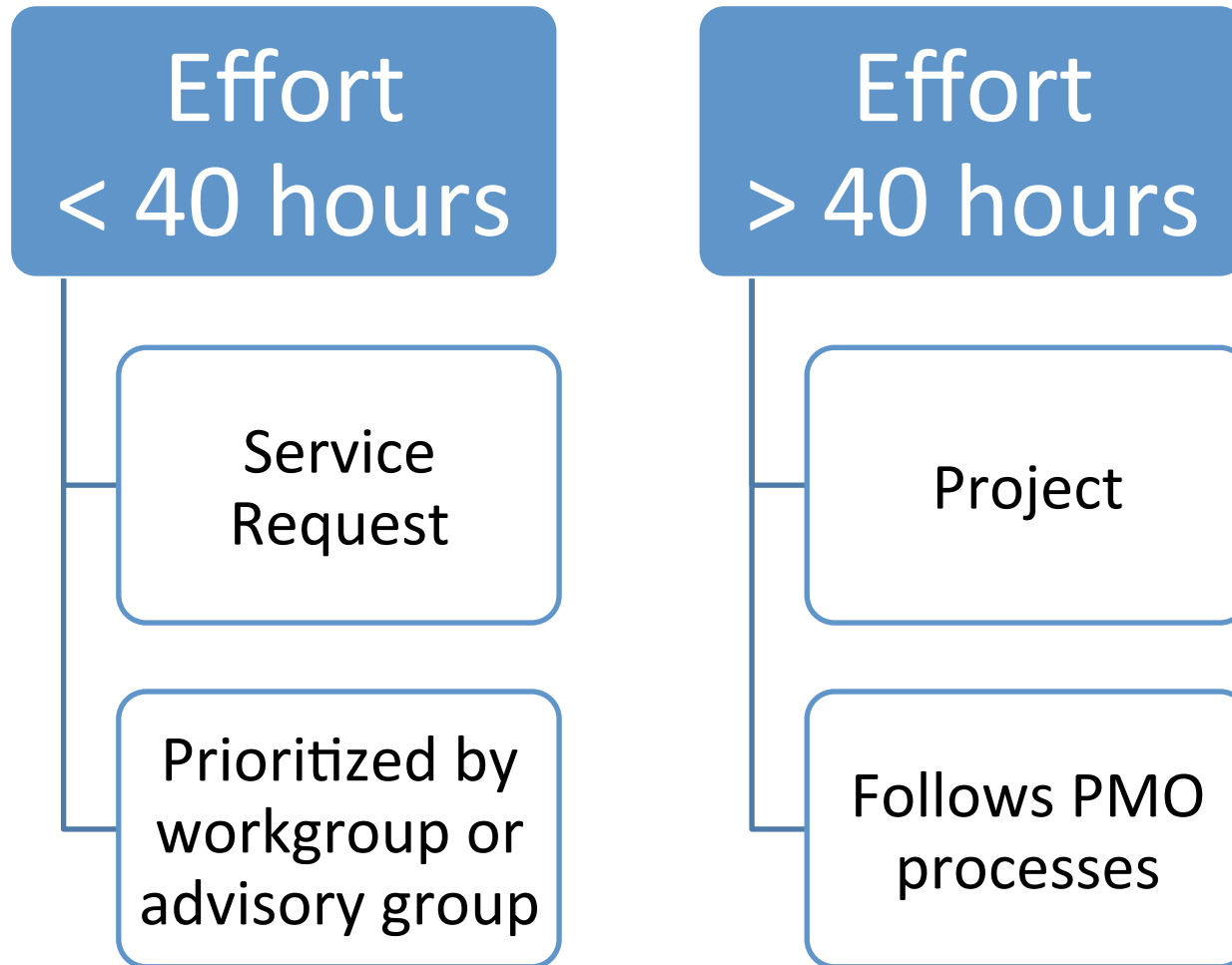
# FY2016 Spend by Type



# FY2016 Spend by Category



# ALLOCATING RESOURCES



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**30%**

Quick wins, innovation  
<40 hour projects

**30%**

New business, complex projects  
> 40 hour projects

**40%**

General maintenance / administrative / Break-fix  
(non-optimization)

# Sample Decision Document: Trauma Name Changes

<b>Decision Point:</b> Define <u>who</u> can change an Inpatient Name	
<b>Background/Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Concerns have been raised about the medical necessity for positively associating a patient with their legal name. Epic's strong recommendation is to utilize the "Alias" field for the legal name, then update or merge (if existing MRN) after discharge</li><li>Alias does not print on wristband</li><li>There are &gt;200 Templates in CareConnect that can change the Inpatient names and name and this is occurring without coordination of the Nurse and downstream systems such as Blood Bank, Lab and Pharmacy</li></ul>	<b>Link to Guiding Principles:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decisions will be made based upon the <b>best interests of the patients</b>.</li><li>We will focus on the best approach for the <b>overall UCLA organization</b>, while considering and balancing the needs of various constituencies.</li><li><b>Workflow process standardization</b> to drive consistent outcomes will prioritize enterprise-wide objectives versus individual, unit or department-specific objectives.</li></ul>
<b>Key Considerations:</b> <p>ED personnel can update the patient's name without any downstream implications <i>until the patient is marked <b>Arrived</b> in the ED.</i></p> <p>If the patient's name is updated prior to surgery or before transfer to the inpatient bed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant delays in providing blood products to the patient could occur</li><li>Every downstream interfaced system must accept the name change</li><li>Printed armbands, labels, etc. would need to be reprinted for proper patient identification</li><li>There must be intense coordination among a designated team of CareConnect support and ancillary department personnel to assure downstream systems stay in sync.</li></ul> <p><b>Risks:</b> Significant positive and negative testing needs to be completed to determine the full functionality of Security Point-99.</p>	
<b>Recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remove Security Point-99 in PLY, POC and TST from all Templates with the exception of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ADT UCLA PT Access Supervisor Template</li><li>ADT UCLA NPH PT Access Template</li><li>HIM UCLA Coding Director</li><li>HIM UCLA Chart Correction Analyst</li><li>HIM UCLA NPH Director</li><li>HIM UCLA PROJECT MANAGER TEMPLATE</li><li>HIM UCLA TRANS/ID STAFF TEMPLATE</li><li>OB Nursing Staff (3040000041 IP UCLA OB Nurse Template)</li><li>T HIM, ADM</li></ul></li><li>Once testing is completed and passed by the Testing team migrate the change into production</li></ul>	<b>Process:</b> <p>When the trauma patient arrives on the nursing unit and the patient does not have blood transfusing/ordered and the patient is not going to OR the RN will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Notify Admissions of the name change and MRN</li></ul> <p>Admissions will change the name and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Print new armband, labels and facesheet and will send them to the Nursing Unit</li><li>Notify: Communications, Security, Patient Placement, Blood Bank, Clinical Lab and Pharmacy of the MRN and name change</li></ul> <p>RN will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discard Trauma armband, labels and facesheet</li><li>Place new armband on patient and put the labels and facesheet in the chart</li></ul>





# Responsibilities

- **Nursing Informatics**
  - Define specifications (what exactly is needed)
  - Obtain governance approval
  - Assign to application team w/priority indicated
  - Communication back to requestor – status updates
  - Final review with business owners
- **Application Team**
  - Complete feasibility (estimate effort)
  - Design, build, testing
  - Change control & move to production
- **Principal Trainer**
  - Prepare end-user communication
  - Prepare & circulate training materials
- **Super User**
  - Unit based champion for new features

# ASSESSMENT & OPPORTUNITIES



# RN Satisfaction Survey Results

RN Satisfaction Survey	2014	2013
EHR tools support effective communication	84% 	81%
Overall satisfaction with reporting	81% 	70%
Overall satisfaction with training	90% 	79%
EHR tools are efficient and easy to use	82% 	72%

# Opportunities

Challenges:	Action:
Nursing Informatics structure being separate from Physician Informatics structure	Developed integrated Clinical Optimization Review Council (CORC)
Analyst perception that they were losing the relationship with the business owner	Ensure analysts are included in planning meetings & recognize the skills set they provide
Challenging getting clinical nurses to participate on workgroups	Offer money! Still a work in progress
Changes going into production too frequency; too many emails!	Non-urgent changes put into production twice a month

# Clinical Optimization Review Council (CORC)

- **Structure:**
  - Meets weekly
  - Reviews both projects & service requests
  - Includes all clinical informatics teams & application teams
- **Function:**
  - Reviews all ‘wide-reaching’ clinical initiatives to determine:
    - Clinical appropriateness (filter)
    - Appropriate governance structure (approval & prioritization)
    - Applicable clinical & application teams (who’s on first!)

