

Welcome to TCAB!

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Congratulations on your decision to become part of one of the most innovative strategies in healthcare today – Transforming Care at the Bedside – TCAB for short. We are so glad that you are joining us in this process. Together, we intend to help make inpatient care safer, more reliable, more focused on the patient and more efficient for the bedside caregiver.

Transforming Care at the Bedside is a progressive and collaborative way of working. Actually, TCAB serves as a laboratory for change, with a focus on improving the delivery of care in medical/surgical units – where most of the nation's inpatient care is delivered, where an estimated 35 – 40 percent of unexpected hospital deaths occur, and where nurse turnover is highest.

Seton Northwest Hospital is one of the primary pilot sites for TCAB in the nation. They began their TCAB journey in 2003. Their results have been so successful that Ascension Leadership is encouraging and supporting all departments to enroll in this process.

Our experience has been one of excitement, enthusiasm and collaborative efforts, improving the work environment for front-line staff, and strengthening the link between effective nursing care and better clinical outcomes. These are essential elements of the TCAB initiative.

Another critical piece of the process is that changes and improvement efforts are led by the bedside caregiver. Those participating in the TCAB initiative have begun to see a cultural transformation that has led to better clinical outcomes for patients, increased time in direct care, reduced turnover for nurses, and reduced costs for the hospital overall.

We hope you enjoy your experience. We are all learning a great deal about new ideas that work, and are committed to sharing those ideas through TCAB.

Please feel free to contact us for any questions, suggestions and concerns.