



Féidhmeacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Quality Improvement Division



# QI TALK TIME

Building an Irish Network of Quality Improvers

Leadership for Quality  
Quality and Safety Walk Rounds

1pm Thursday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
2018

**Connect**

**Improve**

**Innovate**

# Speaker

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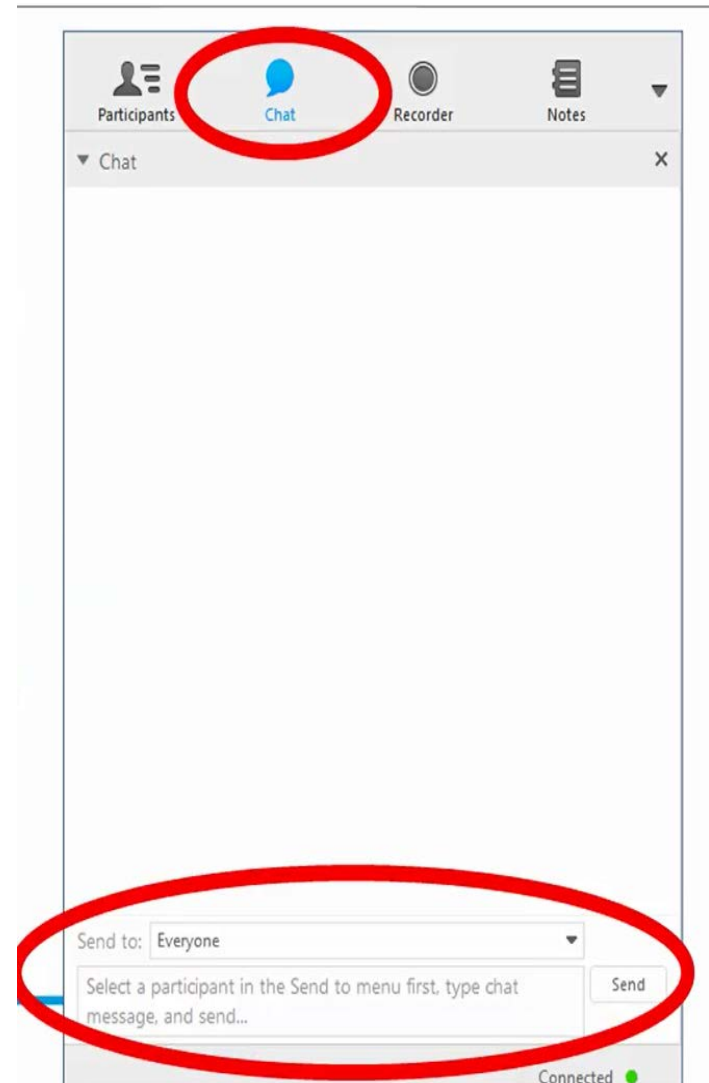
is a Quality Facilitator in the Quality Improvement Division of the HSE.

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# Instructions

- Interactive
- Sound:  
Computer or dial in:  
**Telephone no: 01-5260058**  
**Event number: 843984434#**
- Chat box function
  - Comments/Ideas
  - Questions
- Keep the questions coming
- **Twitter: @QITalktime**



## Participants will gain an understanding of:

- Shared concepts around Quality Leadership and Culture
- Approaches to carrying out walk-rounds
- Critical success factors of Quality and Safety Walk-rounds
- How to set up a Quality and Safety Walk-round programme

“Structured process to bring senior managers and frontline staff together to have quality and safety conversations with a purpose to prevent, detect and mitigate patient/staff harm” (Source : HSE 2016)

- 2001 conversation at the Institute of Healthcare Improvement with Dr. Allan Frankel - *Patient Safety Leadership Walk-rounds*.
- NHS Patient Safety first Campaign - *'Patient Safety Walk-rounds'*
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland – Safe in our Hands *Leadership Walk-rounds*.

# Walk-rounds are....

- A planned discussion between frontline staff and senior management teams.
- An opportunity to identify good practice
- An agreed schedule of staff leading walk-around
- Regularly repeated
- Where frontline staff do their work – deference to expertise.
- Supported by Quality and Safety function

# Walk-rounds are not ....

- An informal meeting
- An inspection
- Only about safety concerns



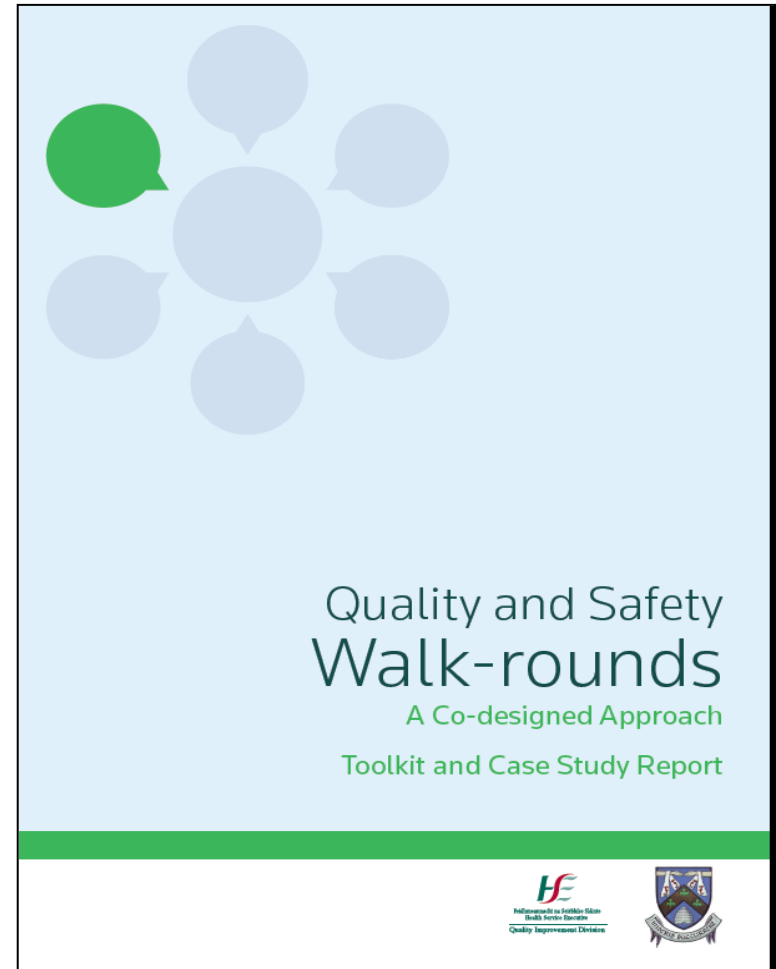
# Why Quality and Safety Walk-rounds?

- Demonstrate senior leaders **commitment** to quality and safety.
- Increase **staff engagement** and ensure staff ideas for change are actioned.
- Identify, acknowledge and **celebrate good practice**
- Strengthen **commitment and accountability** for quality and safety.
- Supports the development of an **open culture for safety**.
- Increasing the **in-basket of patient safety** information

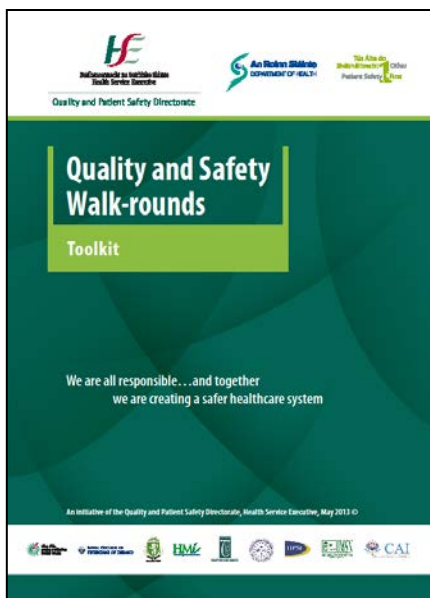


# Irish Context

- 2015 - Beaumont Hospital in partnership with Quality Improvement Division and Royal College of Physicians
- 2016 - Toolkit and Resources (Beaumont) published Launch and Learn Event
- 2017 - Social Care - Older Persons services commenced training
- 2018 – Cavan and Mayo Hospitals



2013



## Step by Step Guide to Quality and Safety Walk-rounds

### AIM:

- Demonstrate senior managers' commitment to quality and safety for service users, staff and the public;
- Increase staff engagement and develop a culture of open communication;
- Identify, acknowledge and share good practice;
- Support a proactive approach to minimising risk, timely reporting and feedback; and
- Strengthen commitment and accountability for quality and safety.

### Step 1 Establish Teams

- Set up Steering Group/Project Group
- Identify coordinator
- Identify leadership team (Visiting)
- Identify unit teams (Participating)

Terms of Reference Steering Group (Resource 1)  
Contact Information (Resource 2)

### Step 2 Develop Training Programme / Refine Tools

- Identify training needs
- Develop training programme / workshops
- Review available tools and templates
- Customise and test tools
- Agree measures of improvement

Walk-rounds Process (Resource 3)  
Opening and Closing Statements (Resource 4)  
Customised Questions (Resource 5)  
Transcription Template (Resources 6)

### Step 3 Communicate Schedule

- Develop a communication plan
- Create schedule for year
- Notify staff
- Remind leadership and unit teams

Notification E-mail (Resource 7)  
Notice (Resource 8)  
Leaflet (Resource 9)  
Schedule (Resource 2)

### Step 4 Undertake Walk-rounds

- Meet unit team
- Meet service users/family
- Discuss quality and safety topics

Transcription Template (Resource 6)

### Step 5 Agree Action Plans

- Record agreed actions
- Circulate to team in draft
- Confirm actions

Transcription Template (Resource 6) or  
Action Plan (Resource 10)  
Communication After Walk-round (Resource 11 & 12)

### Step 6 Track and Report on Trends

- Update central records/database
- Identify trends
- Report on progress to relevant committees
- Close the loop on actions

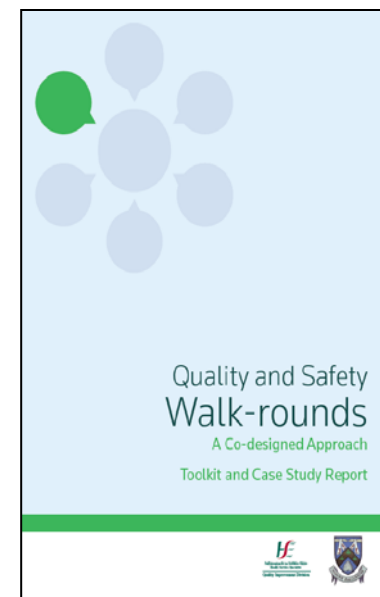
Transcription Template (Resource 6)  
Action Plan Template (Resource 10)  
Database (Resource 13)

### Step 7 Evaluate, Spread and Sustain

- Review effectiveness of process
- Analyse outcomes and measures of improvement
- Identify further training needs
- Share learning with staff and service users locally and nationally

Database (Resource 13)  
After Action Review (Resource 14)

2016



# Setting up a Walk-round Programme

# QSWRs - Key Tasks

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1. Annual schedule
2. Confirmation of walk-round teams
3. Information to staff prior to the visit
4. Ground rules – ways of working agreed
5. Reporting of actions
6. Measuring effectiveness



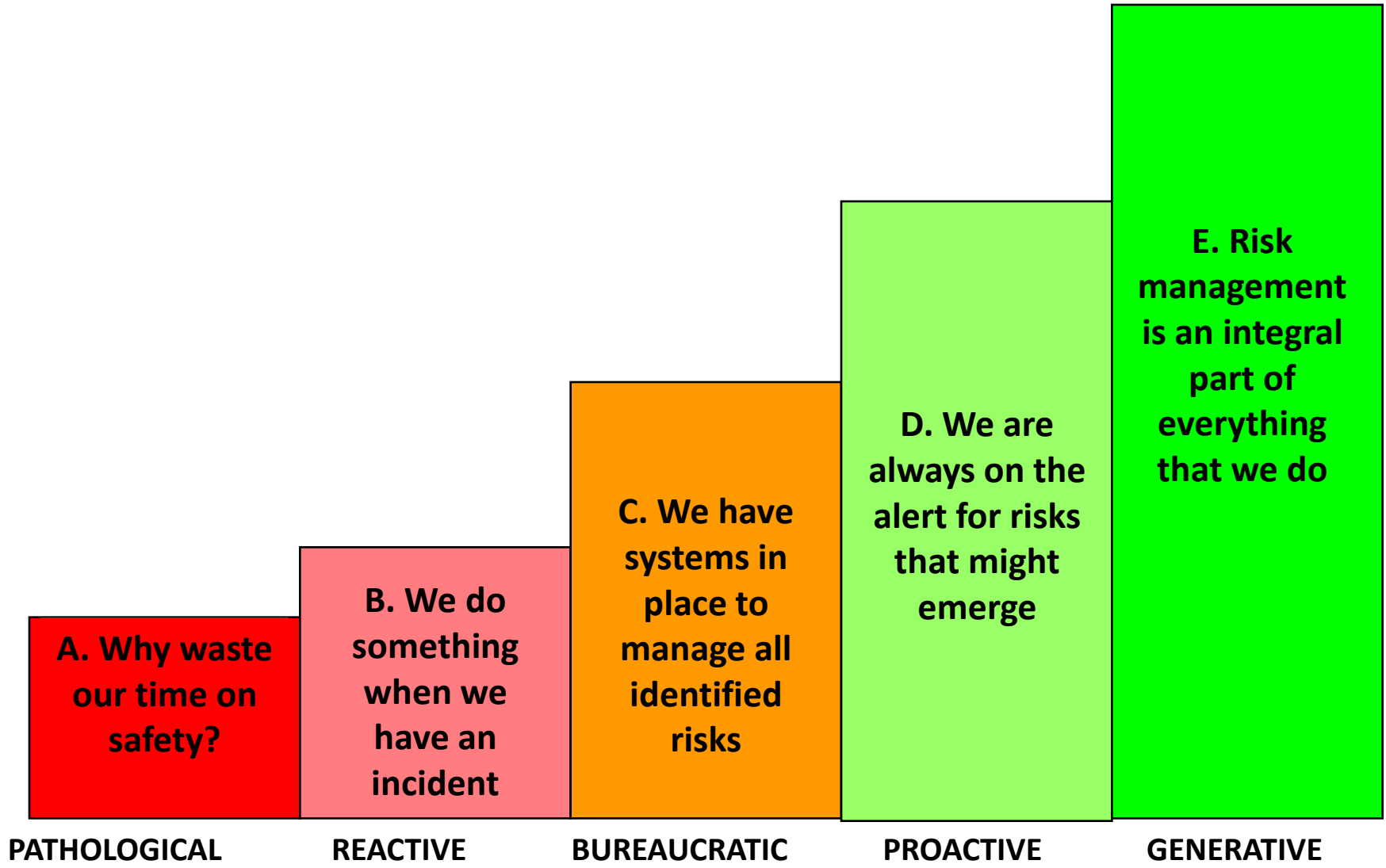
# Safety Culture Assessments

They address a variety of issues including:

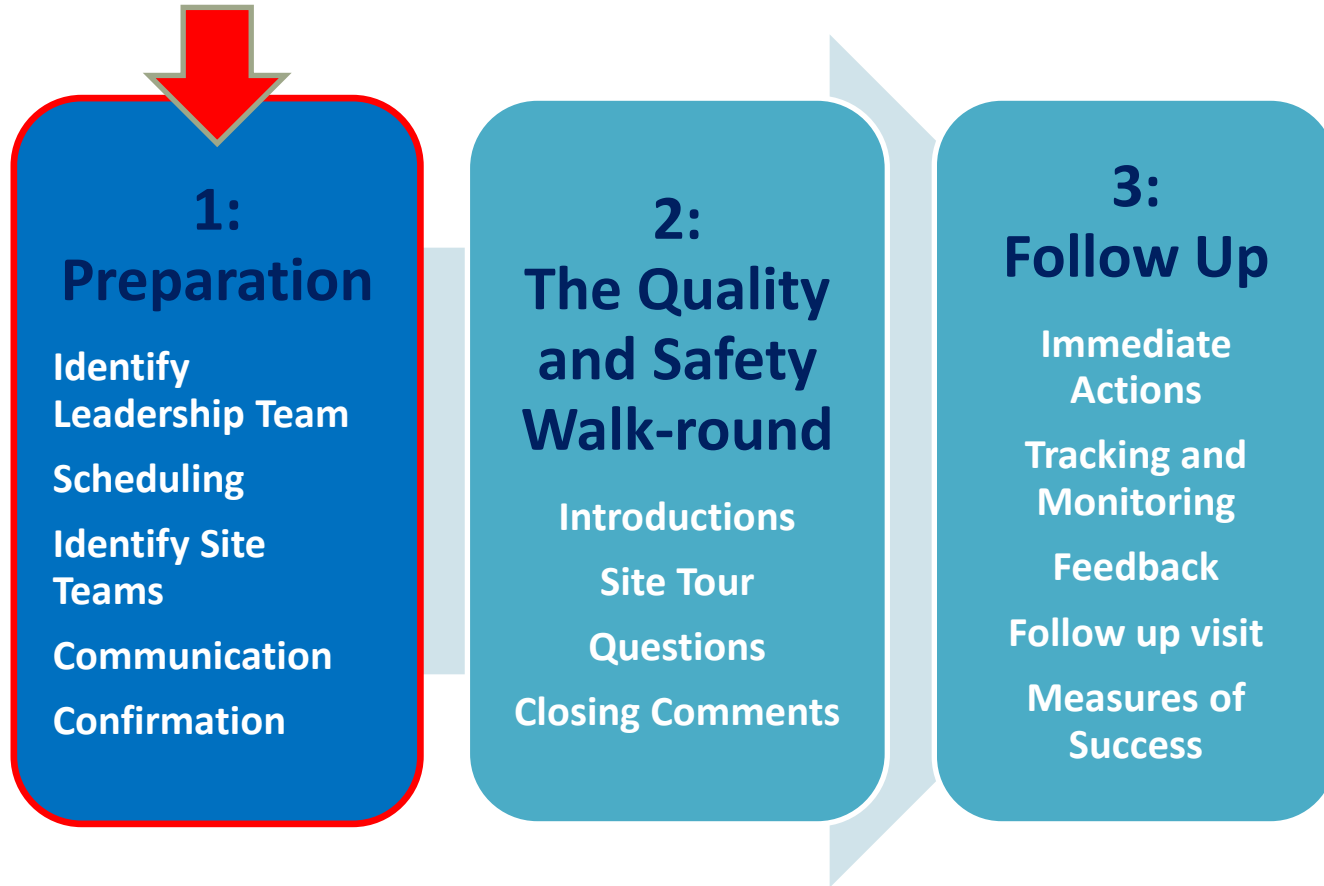
- senior management visibility and commitment to safety.
- communication between staff and managers.
- attitudes to incident reporting, learning from incidents and reviews.



# Levels of Maturity with respect to a Safety Culture



# 3 Phases



Source : [www.patientsafetyfirst.nhs.uk](http://www.patientsafetyfirst.nhs.uk)



# 1. Who ? How Many ?...

- CEO /General Manager
- Lead clinicians
- All executive management team
- Pair clinical and non-clinical
- Non executives and patient representatives
- Scribe

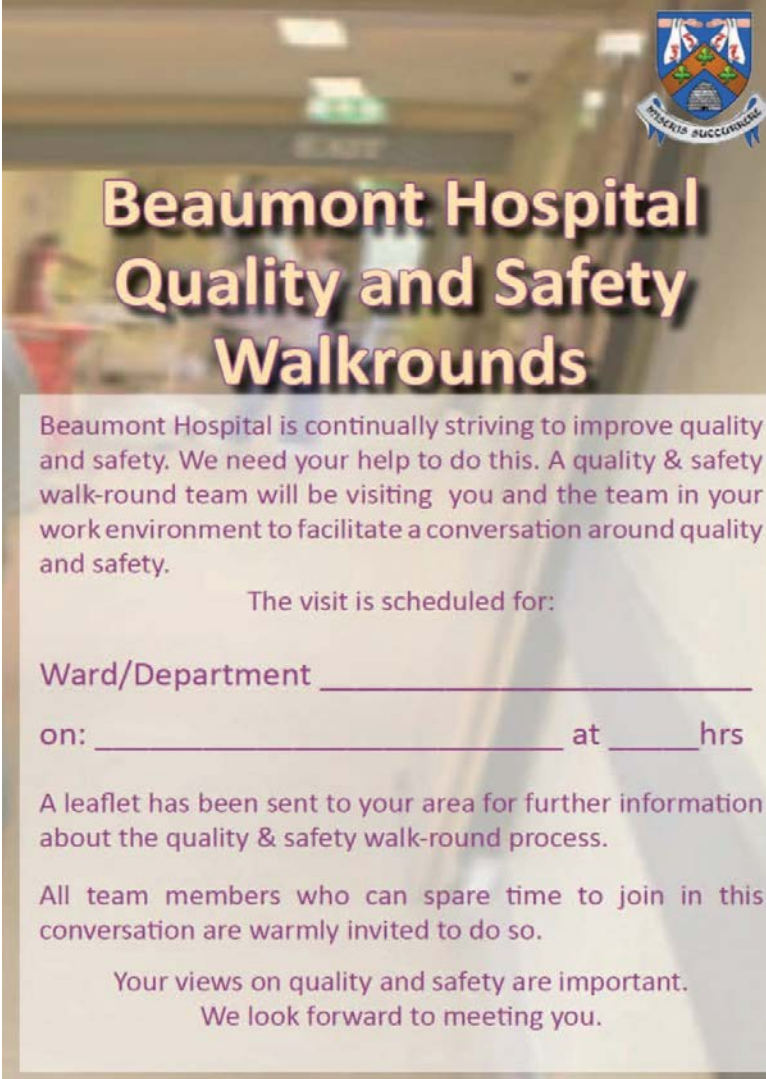
Numbers are small.... Never outnumber frontline team

# 1. The Site Team


- Lead Clinicians
- Mixed group of staff
- Location that is suitable nearby the clinical area

# 1. Communicate the Plan

- Communication Plan
- Create Schedule for Year
- Inform Staff
- Coordinate the visits



The image shows a leaflet for Beaumont Hospital's Quality and Safety Walkrounds. The leaflet features the hospital's crest in the top right corner. The main title is 'Beaumont Hospital Quality and Safety Walkrounds'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the walkrounds and inviting staff to participate. There are also fields for scheduling the visit, including 'Ward/Department' and 'on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs'. The leaflet concludes with a statement of appreciation for staff's views on quality and safety.

  
**Beaumont Hospital  
Quality and Safety  
Walkrounds**

Beaumont Hospital is continually striving to improve quality and safety. We need your help to do this. A quality & safety walk-round team will be visiting you and the team in your work environment to facilitate a conversation around quality and safety.

The visit is scheduled for:

Ward/Department \_\_\_\_\_

on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs

A leaflet has been sent to your area for further information about the quality & safety walk-round process.

All team members who can spare time to join in this conversation are warmly invited to do so.

Your views on quality and safety are important.  
We look forward to meeting you.



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**What happens during a walk-  
round ?**

# 3 Phases....



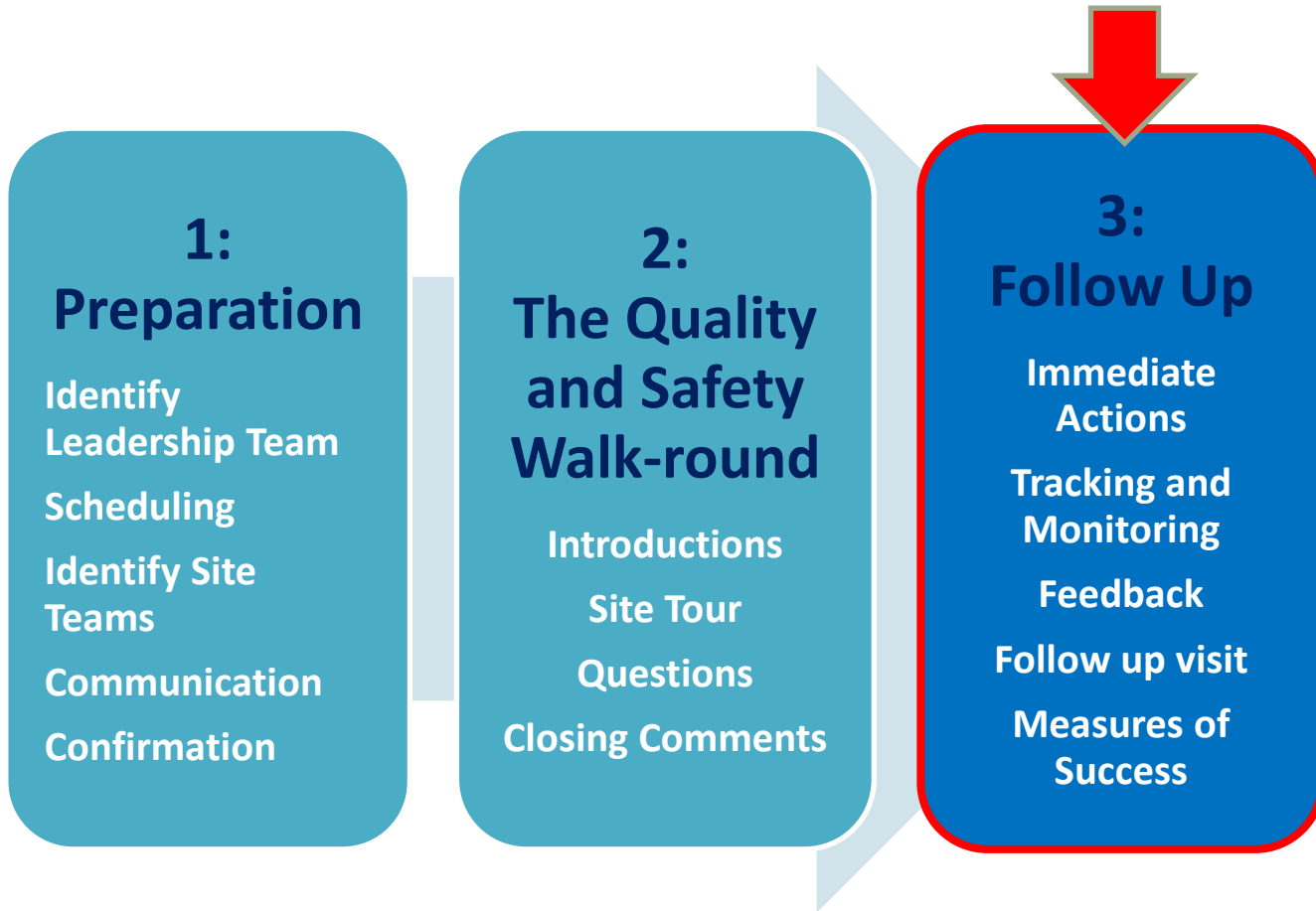
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## 2. The QSWR

- Team meet to discuss approach
- Agree roles
- Visit area /Site Tour
- Introductions & Opening Statement
- Questions
- Facilitation skills
- Actions agreed
- Closing statement

# What happens after a walk-round ?

# 3 Phases....



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## 3. Follow up

- Within an agreed number of days
  - Write up the notes
  - Send back to team
  - Update database
- Standing item on management team agenda
- Closing actions
- Monitoring trends

## Quality and Safety Walk-round Transcription Template

Date:		Time:	
SMT Lead:		Location:	
Clinical Lead:		Scribe:	
Other:		IQS:	

Did the area receive letter of (i) Notification of QSWR?  (ii) QSWR Leaflet?

Present	Grade/Role	Present	Grade/Role

### Action Plan

*\*Pick 3 key areas for Local Action and Corporate Action*

1	Description:	
	Work to Date:	
	Action Req:	
	Action Owner:	Review Date:
2	Description:	
	Work to Date:	
	Action Req:	
	Action Owner:	Review Date:
3	Description:	
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	Action Req:	
	Action Owner:	Review Date:
Discussion Notes:		

# 3. Actions

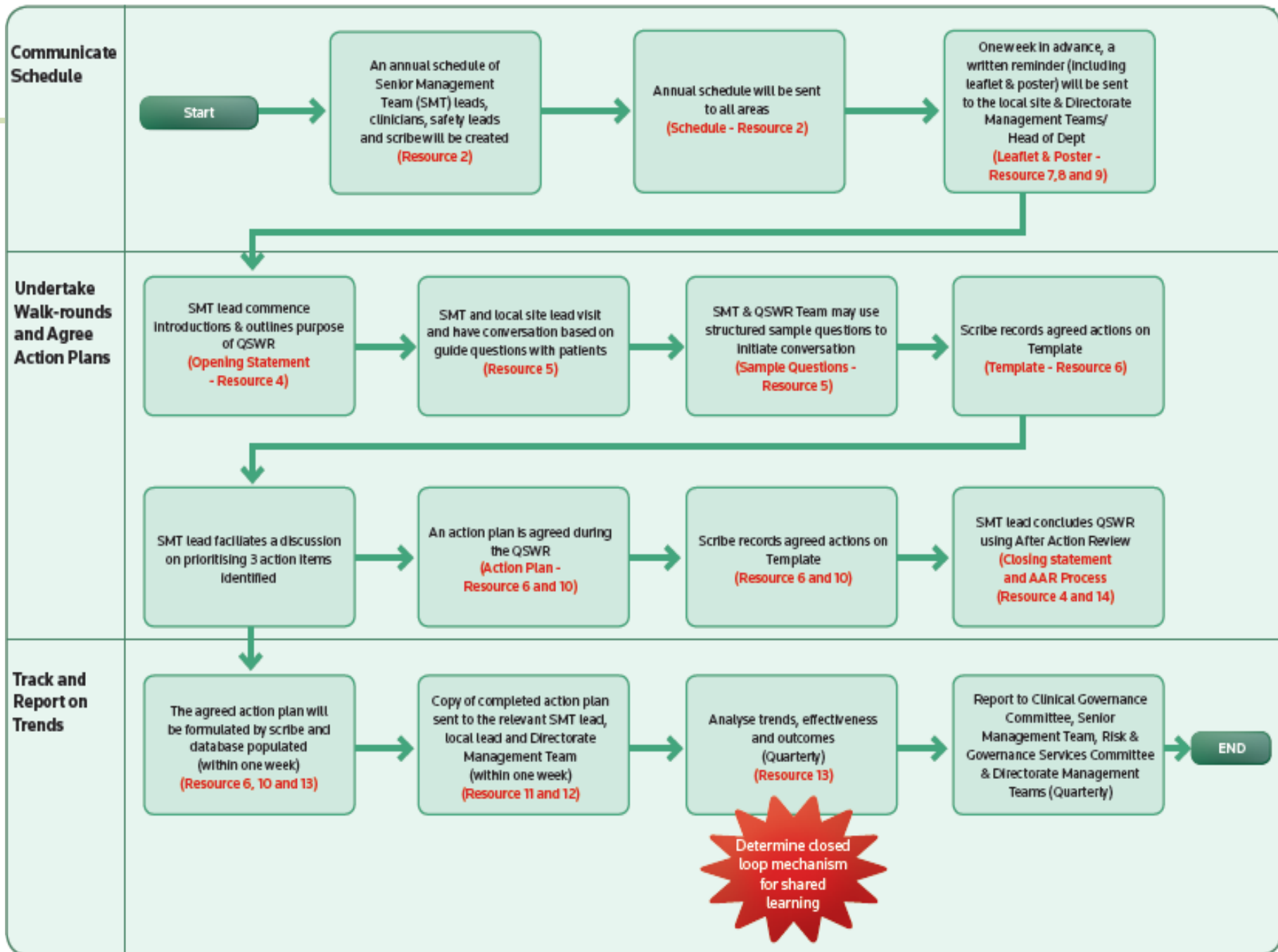


## 3. Follow up -Trends

- Communication
- Environment
- Training
- Teamwork
- Incident reporting
- Equipment
- Staffing

# 3. After Action Review

- 1. What was expected ? What did we set out to do?**
- 2. What actually happened ?** *Explore the Facts: What you did, saw or experienced during the event ?*
- 3. Was there a difference ?**  
*Reflect on the successes and failure*  
*What worked well ? Why ? What didn't work ?*  
*What could have gone better and why ?*
- 4. What can be learned ?**  
*What will be different next time ?*  
*What are the two or three lessons you would share with others ?*



# Critical Success Factors

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- Executive sponsorship and clinician engagement
- Active listening and genuine curiosity
- Coordinated approach
- Customised toolkit
- Part of existing governance structures
- Closing the loop



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# Quality, Leadership and Culture



# Leadership

**Marshall Ganz**



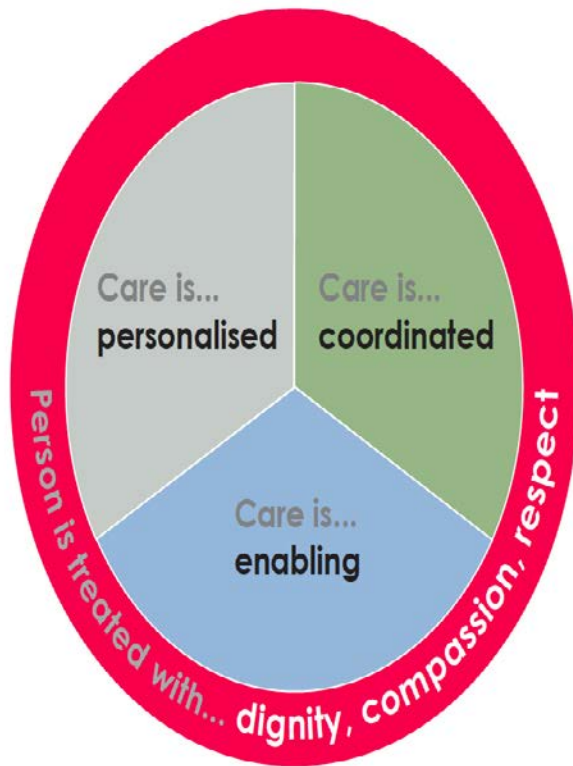
**Leadership is...**

Leadership is accepting responsibility to create conditions that enable others to achieve shared purpose in the face of uncertainty.

*Marshall Ganz*

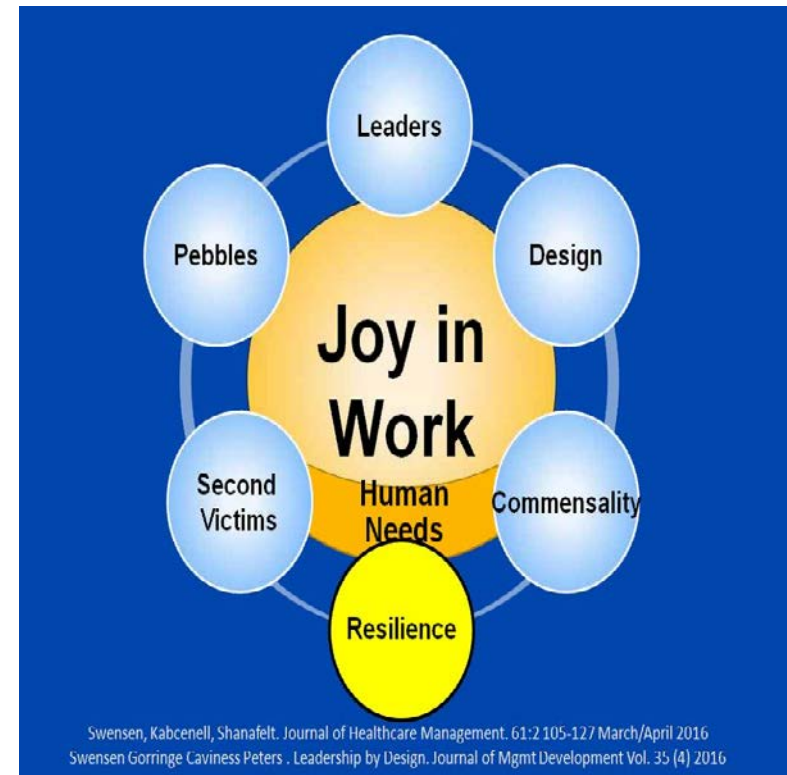
# A Person Centred View of the World

“moving from what’s the matter?” to “what matters to you?”



Person Centred Care Model

Health Foundation [www.health.org](http://www.health.org)

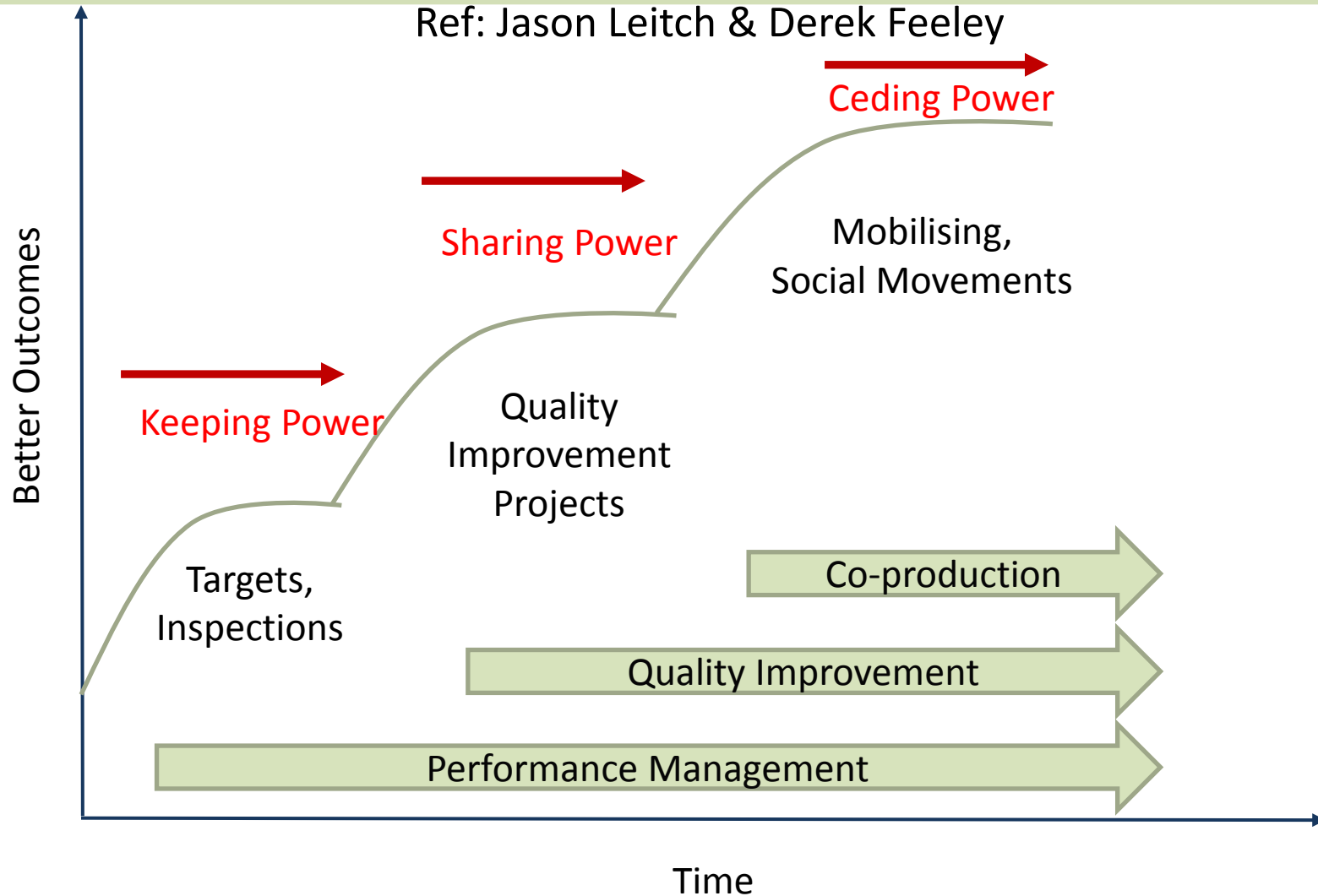


Joy in Work Model

Mayo Clinic, USA

# Getting to the Third Wave of Improvement

Ref: Jason Leitch & Derek Feeley



# Psychological Safety

Ref: Amy Edmondson

Psychological safety: the belief that you won't be punished when you make a mistake

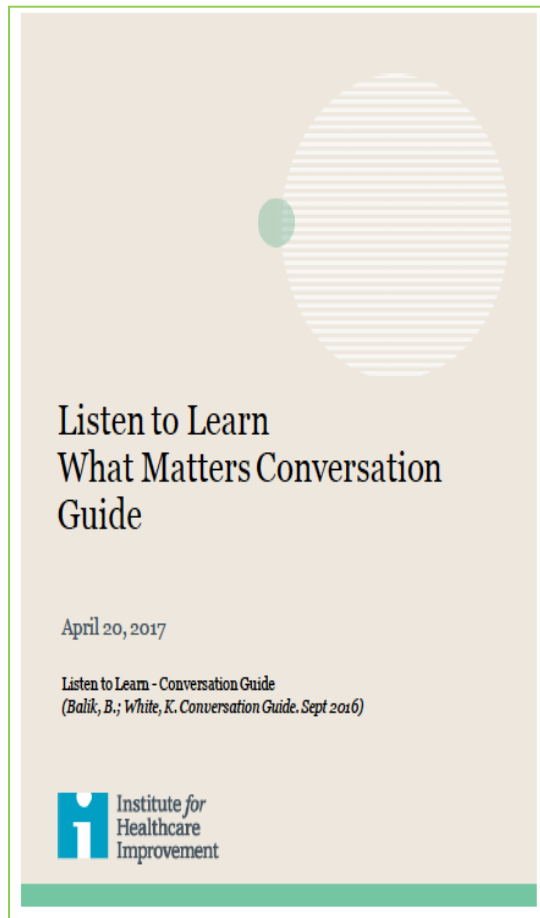
Questions that demonstrate psychological safety:

- Can I ask questions without looking stupid?
- Can I be respectfully critical without looking negative?
- Can I seek feedback without seeming incompetent?
- Can I be innovative without looking disruptive?

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What matters to you?

# What Matters to You?



Do	Don't	Steps to Try
<b>Purpose</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about the <i>purpose</i> of the conversation – why you are interested in “What matters” to them</li> <li>• Share a story about what matters to you, what makes a good day for you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assume you know what others are thinking or experiencing</li> <li>• Promise to fix everything</li> <li>• Do this as a one-time activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose = Why; be able to say why you are talking about joy in work</li> <li>• Talk about your commitment to working together to make daily life better for everyone</li> <li>• Emphasize this is about ongoing improvement not a one-time or quick fix</li> </ul>
<b>Build on Assets/Bright Spots – What Matters</b>		
<p>Ask members to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why I decided to be in healthcare?</li> <li>• What matters to me in my work is . . .</li> <li>• What is the most</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assume all team members will get what you're talking about immediately – they are often not used to being asked</li> <li>• Assume all will feel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose 1 question to get started then listen and engage others to comment</li> </ul>

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“I have no special talents.  
I am only passionately curious.”

Albert Einstein



# What's your C.Q.?

Harvard  
Business  
Review

MANAGING YOURSELF

## Curiosity Is as Important as Intelligence

by **Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic**

AUGUST 27, 2014

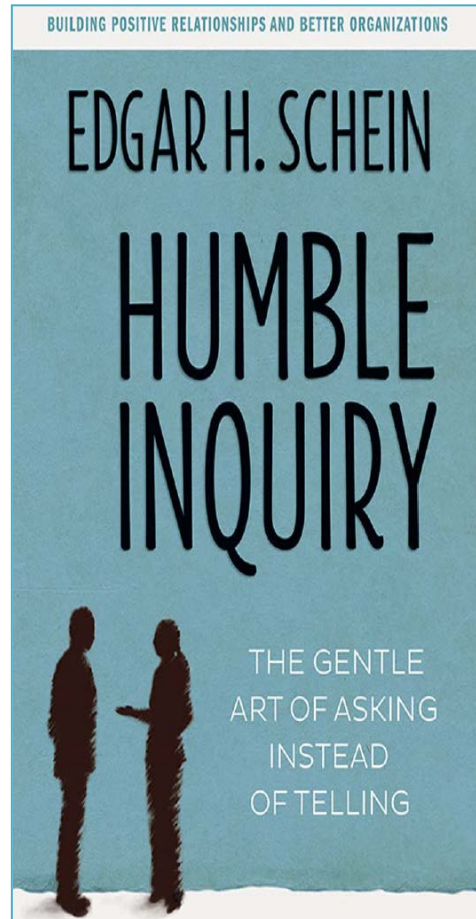
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There seems to be wide support for the idea that we are living in an “age of complexity”, which implies that the world has never been more intricate. This idea is based on the rapid pace of technological changes, and the vast amount of information that we are generating (the two are related). Yet consider that philosophers like Leibniz (17<sup>th</sup> century) and Diderot (18<sup>th</sup> century) were already complaining about information overload. The “[horrible mass of books](#)” they referred to may have represented only a tiny portion of what we know today, but much of what we know today will be equally insignificant to future generations.



# Humble Inquiry

The Gentle Art of Asking Instead of Telling



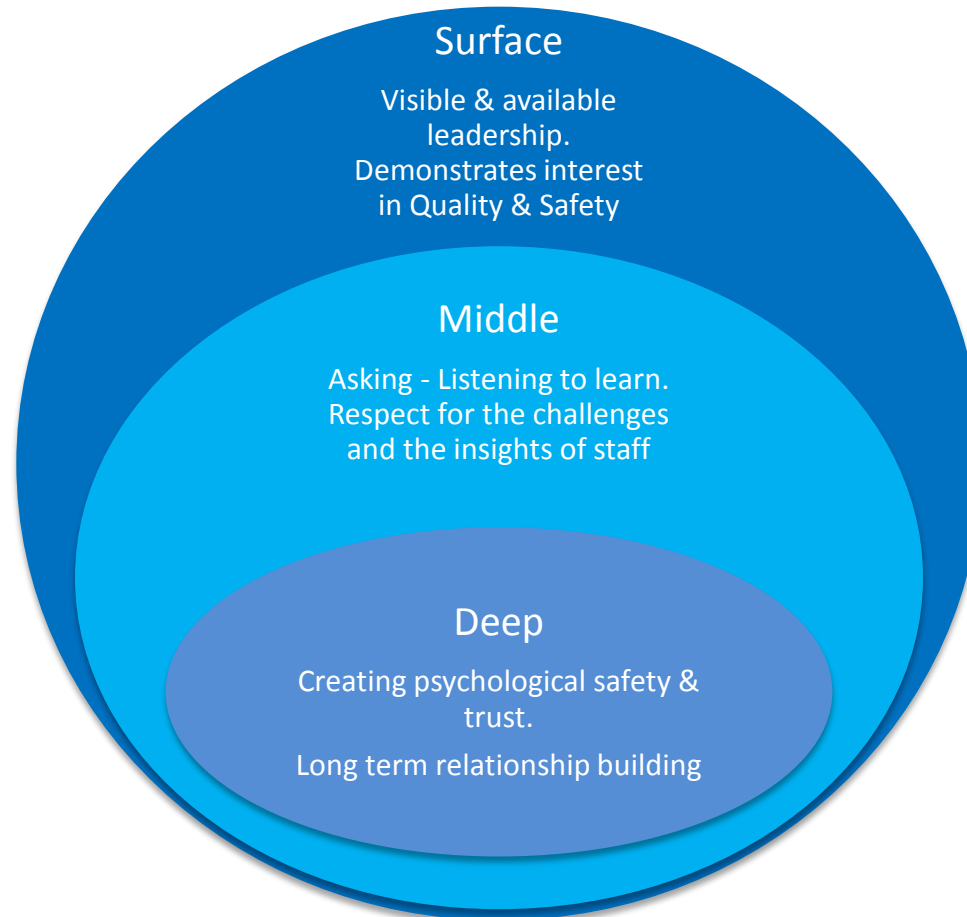
**Humble Inquiry** is the fine art of drawing someone out, of asking questions to which you do not already know the answer, of building a relationship based on curiosity and interest in the other person.

Schein

Edgar H.

# 3 Levels of Quality & Safety Walk- rounds

*All can happen at the same time*



# Helpful links

Framework for Improving quality

[www.qualityimprovement.ie](http://www.qualityimprovement.ie)



Improvement Knowledge  
and Skills Guide



<http://www.hse.ie/eng/about/Who/QID/aboutQID/>



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## **Next QI Talktime:**

**Tues Nov 6th 1pm: Building a Model line for Frailty**

**Speaker: Fiona Keogan – Service Improvement Lead  
Ireland East Hospital Group**

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