PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR POINT OF CARE TESTING

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES



Manage a project to implement a new point-of-care testing device.



Describe the steps needed to successfully manage implementation of new point-of-care testing devices.



Learn options for systems to manage projects.



OVERVIEW

Why project management?

What is needed?



HYPOTHETICAL PROJECT



A new urgent care center opening



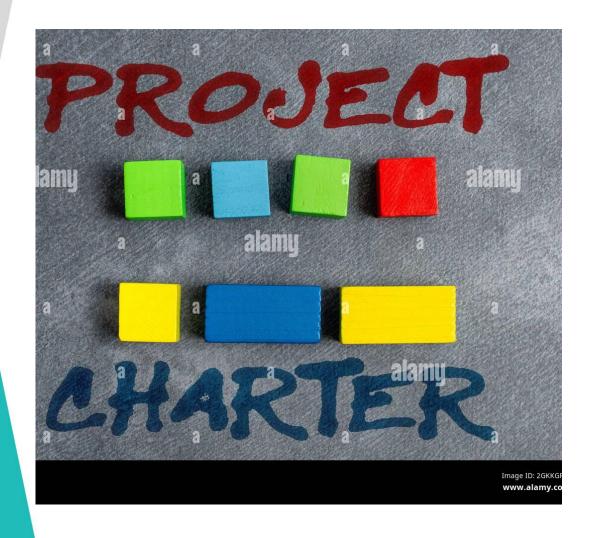
Requesting CBC, BMP, troponin, infectious disease testing, urine dipstick and pregnancy



Will be connected to current middleware for result transmission and device/supply/operator management



PROJECT CHARTER



Should at least contain:

- Project owner
- Overview of project
- In scope/out of scope
- Timeline
- Budget
- Stakeholders



EXAMPLE

Project Charter

1. Introduction

This Project Charter formally authorizes the existence of the Presbyterian Hybrid ED/UC implementation project and provides the authority to proceed and apply organizational resources. The Project Charter reflects the goals and objectives of the project at a specific point in time. The project stakeholders are the intended audience for the document.

Business Need

Presbyterian is opening Hybrid ED/UC locations and will need lab services. The purpose of the project is to create and implement a point of care testing model that can be replicated to future locations. Presbyterian has contracted with LegacyER, who has established the hybrid business model in Texas. The project entails analysis, development, testing, implementation, training, and maintenance of the new hybrid business model.

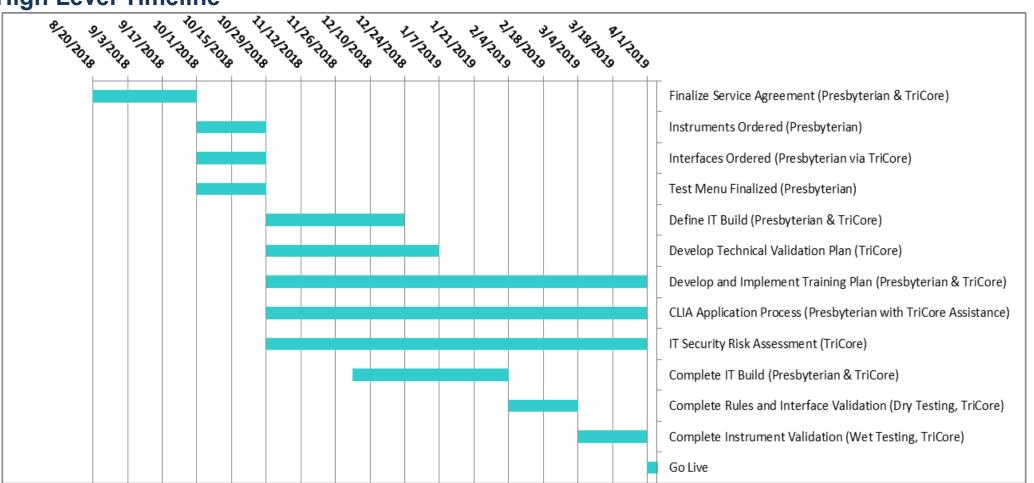
Scope of Project

Validate instruments*
Integrate instruments with LIS*
Build and validate test menu*
Establish billing processes
Assist Presbyterian in obtaining CLIA certification
Establish pathology oversight
Train and certify TriCore POC & Presbyterian operator staff
*see Project Scope Document for list of instruments and tests



EXAMPLE

High Level Timeline





Project Management Software

Microsoft project

SmartSheets

Basecamp

GanttPro

Excel



EXAMPLE

| Task Name | Duration | Start | Finish | % Complete | Predecessors | Resource Names | Notes |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|---|--|
| PresNow 24 7 UC ED Isleta | 392 days? | 4/1/2019 | 9/29/2020 | 18% | | | |
| Project Definition - Scope | 340 days | 4/1/2019 | 7/17/2020 | 25% | | | |
| WorkFlow | 14 days | 1/20/2020 | 2/6/2020 | 0% | | TriCore POC[60%],Jeff [20%],Alwin[20%] | Should not change unless new test or devices are added |
| Regulatory certificates obtained | 30 days | 6/8/2020 | 7/17/2020 | 0% | | | CLIA, COLA, etc |
| Define project timeline and milestone | 30 days | 11/4/2019 | 12/13/2019 | 100% | | Pres[33%],Intuitive[3 3%],TriCore[33%] | |
| Drivers, order and results codes, defined | 23 days | 2/10/2020 | 3/11/2020 | 0% | | Telcor[33%],TriCore[33%],Pres[33%] | Kathleen has on calendar |
| Vendor involvement - Telcor, Cobas etc | 20 days | 4/2/2019 | 4/29/2019 | 0% | | | Need to move up! Kathleen to contact Telcor Feb 10th, |
| Site Identification, address, | 28 days | 4/1/2019 | 5/8/2019 | 0% | | Pres[50%],Intuitive[5 0%] | Need address and phone number |
| Network Connectivity - define process with DH | 5 days | 12/9/2019 | 12/13/2019 | 0% | | IT infrastruture[70%],Je ff [30%],Roman | |
| Test Menu Review | 2 days | 12/9/2019 | 12/10/2019 | 0% | | Pres[33%],Intuitive[3 3%],TriCore[33%] | Already determined |



PHYSICAL LOCATION



Is this a new build?



Is it a renovation?

- What space is needed for devices?
- What space is needed for other equipment?
- What space is needed for supply storage?



EQUIPMENT

- What other equipment is needed?
 - Refrigerators
 - Freezers
 - Computer equipment
 - Centrifuges
 - -Other





REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS



All labs in US need CLIA certificate

Waived certificate

Moderate complexity

Provider performed microscopy

State regulations may be stricter than CLIA



ACCREDITATION CONSIDERATIONS

Other regulatory bodies

CAP

TJC

COLA

State DOH







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PERSONNEL



CLIA medical director

Additional requirements for mod complex testing



Technical consultant for mod complex testing



Clinical consultant for mod complex testing



Requirements for testing personnel

PPM requirements



DEVICE/TEST LIST



Decide what testing you would like to do



Determine if POCT devices exist for that testing



Does the method already exist in your department?



Will you be sending out specimens for other testing

Will need specimen processing equipment and protocol



SUPPLIES

Needed for validation

Needed for go live

Needed for training

Needed for ongoing quality control and semiannual studies

Establish PAR levels for ongoing operation

Ensure enough storage: room temp, refrigerated, etc.

Proficiency testing



IT CONSIDERATIONS

Is there an LIS/EMR that you will connect with?

Middleware for connecting POCT devices

Ports needed for connectivity

Wi-fi

Additional equipment (e.g., Lantronix box)

How to enter results for manual tests



IT TEST BUILDS



Decide what IT test builds are needed



Will need to build in LIS, middleware, and EMR/HIS



How are the submissions done for your site?



Builds necessary for:

New location

New devices

New test panels



MIDDLEWARE CONSIDERATIONS

- Location build
- Mew tests need to be built in the system
- **Enter devices**
- Enter all applicable parameters: consumables
- Enter operators and grant access to devices



CLINICAL VALIDATION

Depends on whether waived or moderately complex

At minimum for waived, follow manufacturer's instructions

For moderate complexity, minimum is:

Accuracy

Precision

Reportable range

Normal range



CLINICAL VALIDATION, CONTINUED



If part of a system, compare new methods and current method with patient specimens



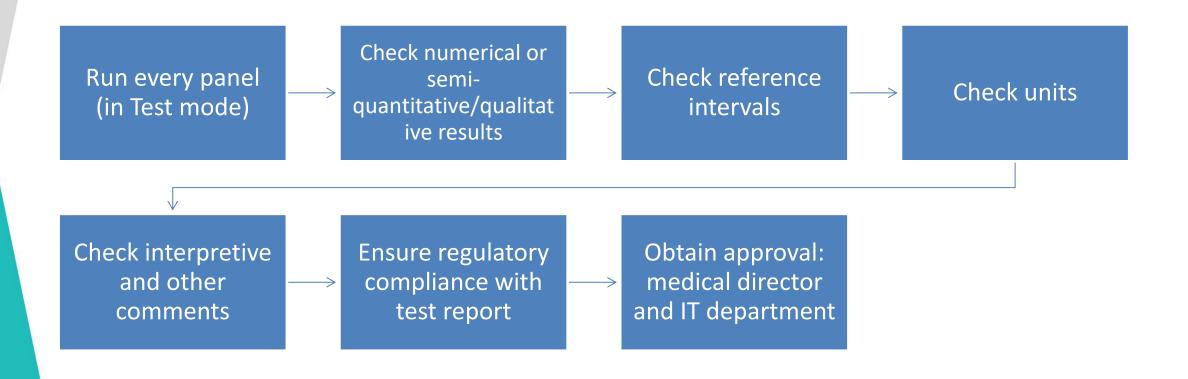
Write a validation protocol, approve by CLIA medical director



Determine time frame to allow for all activities and sign-offs



IT VALIDATION





DOCUMENTATION

Procedures

Training checklists

Learning program modules

Logs for QC, maintenance, environmental checks

Job aids



TRAINING

- Determine who will train operators
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- Checklists for all devices/kits

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Vendors can assist

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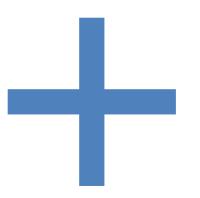
Middleware: add operators and permit access

Need a plan for ongoing competency assessment-assign in middleware?



MULTIPLE PROJECTS





Wouldn't it be wonderful if we only had one project going on at a time?

However, that's not how it happens. So, in addition to managing individual projects, a process is needed for keeping track of multiple projects.



EXAMPLE

| Project name | Site | Project owner | Started? | ID | Title SCR | Assigned | Proposed go live | Comments |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|--|
| Quantra add device | Pres downtown | Ashlee Tezak | Yes | 2652 | 12086 | Isaac | 4/5/2023 (April sprint) | LIVE! |
| New location build | Medicare Advantage Clinic/Winrock | Lex Lubchenco | Yes | 2888 | 12223 | | 8/1/2023 | Site will open in august |
| ID Now add device/new location build | Pan American Peds and MAC | Lex Lubchenco | No | 2955 | | | TBD | Pan Am Peds and Pan Am Medicare Advantage Clinic are in the same building and share the same CLIA. The ID Now build for Peds and the Medicare Advantage clinic will be the same build. |
| HMS add device | Pres downtown | Ashlee Tezak | No | 2894 | 12232 | Isaac | 6/14/2023 (June sprint) | new SCRs put in for individual tests; 3058, 3059 and 3060 |
| Quantra add device | UNMH | Charles Yaple | Yes | 1949 | 11027 | Isaac | 6/14/2023 (June sprint) | device and test build same as PH; needs Cerner TCM. Assigned to Isaac |



LESS COMPLEX PROJECTS

Act as your own project manager

Similar steps for less complex projects

Remember to include all stakeholders

Great opportunity for newer members of the team to take the lead and gain experience



GO LIVE!

- Obtain all change board/committee approvals for go live
- Move all builds from Test to Production
- Have all parties available for date/time of go live to address any issues that arise
- ✓ Perform IT production validation to ensure everything is the same in Production
- Monitor for appropriate amount of time after go live
- CELEBRATE!



EXAMPLE



The PMG/Regional team went live with the i-STAT for Infusion at LCMC. It was a successful go live.

Congratulations to the team!



QUESTIONS?

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