

- The Vanderbilt Burn Center covers 200,000 square miles with 4,000 admissions annually
- Staffed by specialists who use a team approach to recovery
- 80% of all burn patients seen in hospitals will form hypertrophic scars resulting in joint contracture and functional impairment

Why?

- Interdisciplinary collaboration is an interpersonal process through which members of different disciplines contribute to a common product or goal that relies on:

- Interdependence
- Newly created professional activities
- Flexibility
- Collective ownership of goals

Berg- Weger and Schneider (1998)

Characteristics

- Formal and informal time spent together
- Oral and written communication amongst professional colleagues
- Respect for colleagues input and opinions



How Do We Develop a Collaborative Model on the Burn Unit that Integrates Rehabilitation Goals?

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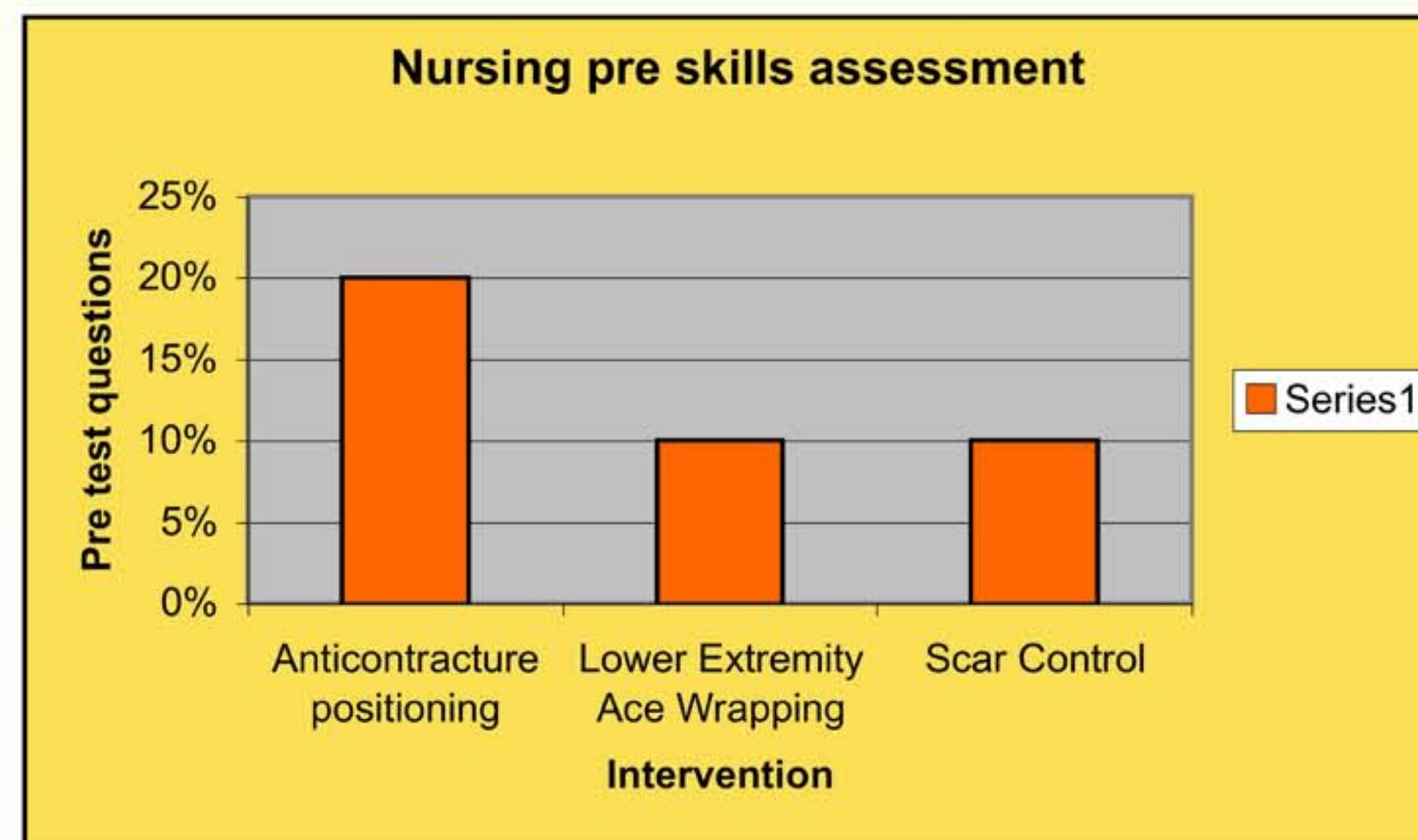
Process: "F.I.I.E"

Outcome: To Ensure Reinforcement of Rehab Goals

- Formalize process of educating burn nurses
- Improve communication with nursing staff
- Increase availability of information to patients and families
- Establish groundwork that supports future CQI endeavors

PLAN

- Burn Week Of Workshops – Rehab module and pre-skill assessment (see photo to right)
- Resident Education
- Information Station
- Team Rounding
- Web Page Development
- Nursing Inservices



As a result of the nursing pre-skills assessment, we developed a monthly rotating information station that focuses on burn education.



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Burn Week of Workshops

