The goal of this project is to improve NICU discharge timing to increase patient throughput. Over the course of 9 months, we aim to have 60% of our discharges occurring by 2 PM on discharge day. Accomplishing this will lead to timely discharge for families and increased bed availability for incoming patients.

Our project is targeting the following three processes through a series of PDSA cycles:

1. **Goal time for discharge**
   a. Request family arrive by 9 AM on day of discharge
   b. Target 12 PM as goal time

2. **Car seat testing policy**
   a. Revise policy to allow for car seat testing to occur at any time if other pre-requisites are met
   b. Previous policy required testing within 24 hours of discharge

3. **Discharge checklist & algorithm**
   a. Streamline and standardize discharge process amongst team members

**PROGRESS**

- **Patients discharged by 2 PM**
  - Increased from baseline median of 40% in March 2024 to 50% in June with spikes between.

- **Discharge orders placed before 12 PM**
  - Increased from 55% in March 2024 to 75% in April but falling back to baseline in June.

- **Discharge occurring within 2 hours of order placement**
  - Remained steady between 40-55% throughout.

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