

Cardiorespiratory Patient Safety Summit



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Background:-

Building on two successful patient safety summits in 2024, our Clinical Service Unit (CSU) aimed to scale up the initiative in 2025 to engage a wider cohort of Band 2–5 staff. Previous evaluations highlighted the need for improved dissemination of lessons learned from incidents and clearer communication of patient safety trajectories. Leeds Cares funding enabled an offsite venue and expanded participation to 180 staff over three days.



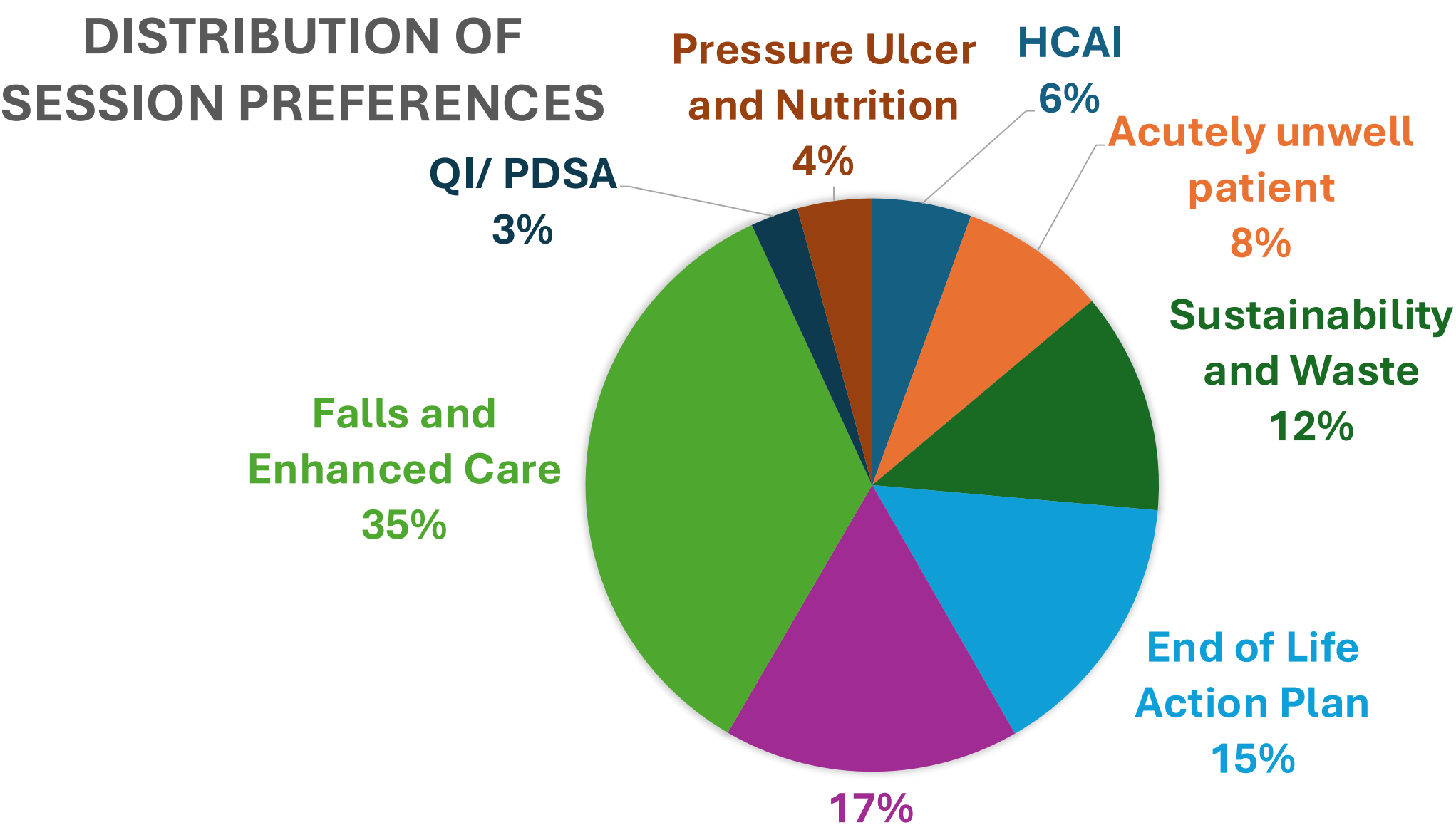
Aims: What the research aims to achieve

The summit sought to:

- Enhance staff understanding of their role in patient safety and sustainability.
- Share CSU and ward-level data on key harms (falls, pressure ulcers, HCAIs).
- Identify improvement opportunities and generate Quality Improvement (QI) pledges.

Methods: The summit combined expert-led sessions, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities with corporate teams. Evaluation forms captured participant feedback on content relevance, engagement, and perceived impact. Pledges for improvement were collected at the end of each day.

Results: Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of attendees recommending the summit to colleagues. Sessions on falls and enhanced therapeutic observation were rated most valuable (34%). Staff reported limited awareness of CSU trajectories and action plans, highlighting gaps in communication. Eight pledges focused on waste reduction, three on pressure ulcer prevention, and one on falls education. Staff expressed preference for non-email communication formats, such as printed newsletters and social media.



Conclusion: Scaling up the summit successfully increased engagement and generated actionable QI pledges. However, findings revealed persistent gaps in staff awareness of patient safety data and challenges in information dissemination. Future recommendations include biannual summits, alternative communication strategies (e.g., podcasts, videos), and structured follow-up on pledges. Establishing CSU falls champion meetings and QI boards will support sustained improvement and staff ownership of patient safety initiatives.

