Safety Survey

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Reasons for Taking the Survey

- Provided staff with an opportunity to give uncensored feedback
- Offered staff a sense of being part of the solutions
- Let staff know that management cared about what they thought

Taking the Survey

- Staff were
 - worried about the length
 - hesitant but excited
 - able to answer truthfully (due to confidentiality)

 Management was excited to hear uncensored what the staff had to say

Things Learned

- Team-oriented store
 - Much more organized
 - Did a better job at preventing mistakes
 - Has a workflow system
 - Serves as a pilot site for implementing changes
- Less team-oriented store
 - Unorganized, cluttered
 - Less effective communication
 - Worried about the mistakes they make

Changes Made

- Training
 - Train all staff at team-oriented store
- Tools adopted
 - E.g., patient call binder, different colored baskets for different kinds of patients, etc.
- Standardized processes
 - E.g., perpetual inventory, patients calling their physician, deleting rejected claims from the CAM, using notes in the computer, etc.
- Some staff did not like the changes and they decided to leave

Changes to Come

- Workflow system
- Changing the overall layout of the pharmacy
- Staffing
 - Hiring staff with positive attitudes and
 - Empowering them to talk to each other and to ask questions without fear of repercussions.