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DECREASING MEDICATION OVERRIDES IN THE PEDIATRIC CARDIAC ICU

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Why Do Medication Overrides Matter?

Bypasses multiple safety layers

Increases risk for mix ups in medications

Leads to fatal errors - vecuronium vs. versed

Swiss cheese model



WHY SO MANY OVERRIDES?

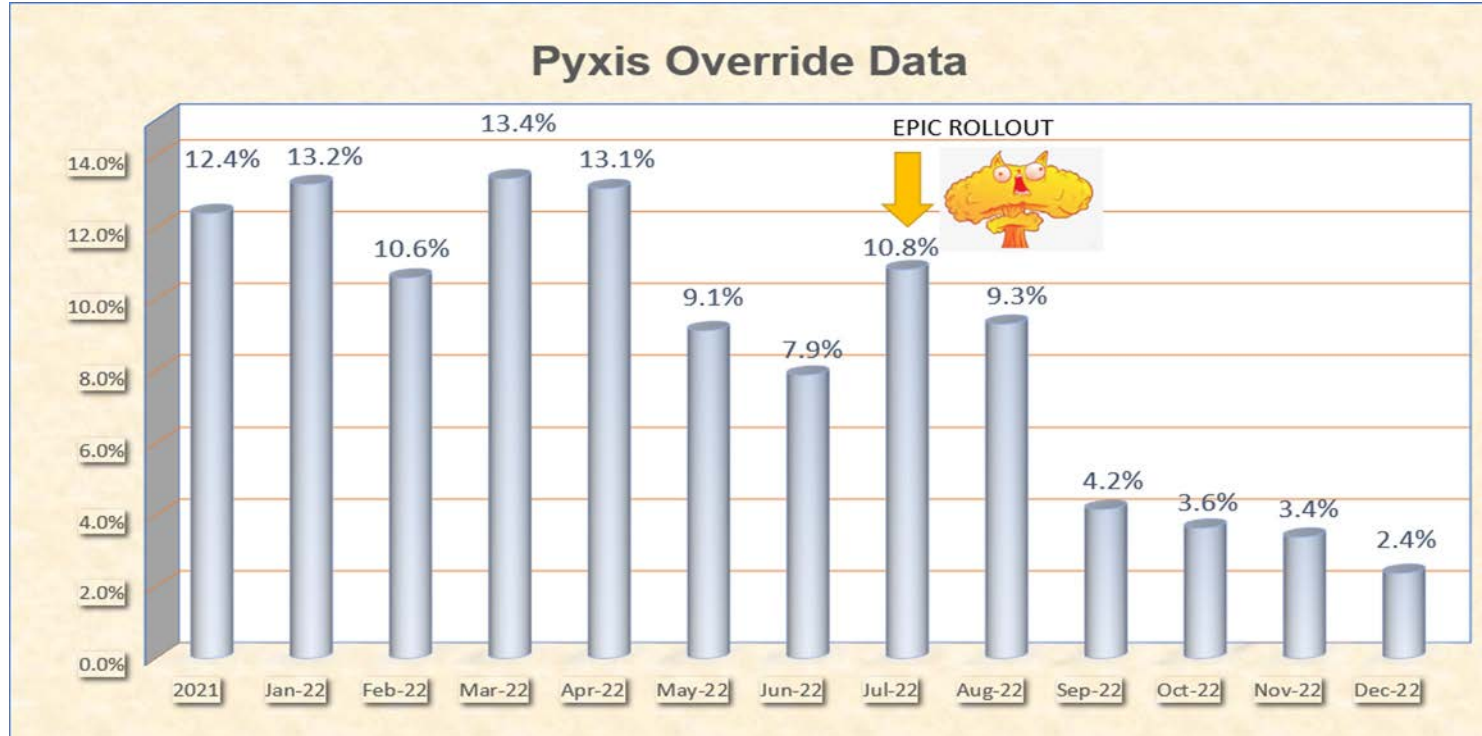
- Delays in physician orders
- Physician preference for medications at bedside
- Delays in pharmacy verification
- Nursing culture

MULTIFACTORIAL APPROACH TO IMPROVEMENT

- Nursing education
- Physician communication
- Preemptive orders
- Utilization of kits for emotional support medications



RESULTS



Thank You!

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