



Improving **Data Integrity** After CIS Migration



Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge that we meet today on unceded lands.

I pay my respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather here today, The Gadigal People of the Eora Nation and acknowledge their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.

As someone presenting from Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service - Bundjalung Country, I acknowledge the strength and leadership of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations across the state who continue to support the health and wellbeing of our communities.



Our Footprint



- Ballina
- Wardell
- Cabbage Tree Island
- Byron Bay
- Lennox Head
- Alstonville
- Evans Head
- Surrounding Northern Rivers communities



Our Service

 1,382 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander regular clients

 52 staff

 Multidisciplinary care

 Holistic health approach





Why Data Integrity Matters



Patient identification



Chronic disease management



nKPI reporting



Health outcomes



What are nKPI's



Monitor health outcomes



ACCHO National Reporting



Derived from CIS Data



Inform service planning & funding



Getting Data Right: nKPI Specifications & Coding Guidance





Medical Director to Best Practice

Medical Director



Data Migration



Best Practice

⚠ Same data → different interpretation



Identifying the Issue

- nKPI results unexpected
- Differences between systems
- Cause unclear
- Investigation required



Scale of Impact

- Multiple chronic disease indicators affected
- MD vs BP report variation
- **Diabetes, CVD, CKD impacted**
- Regular client numbers inconsistent
- Risk of under-identification

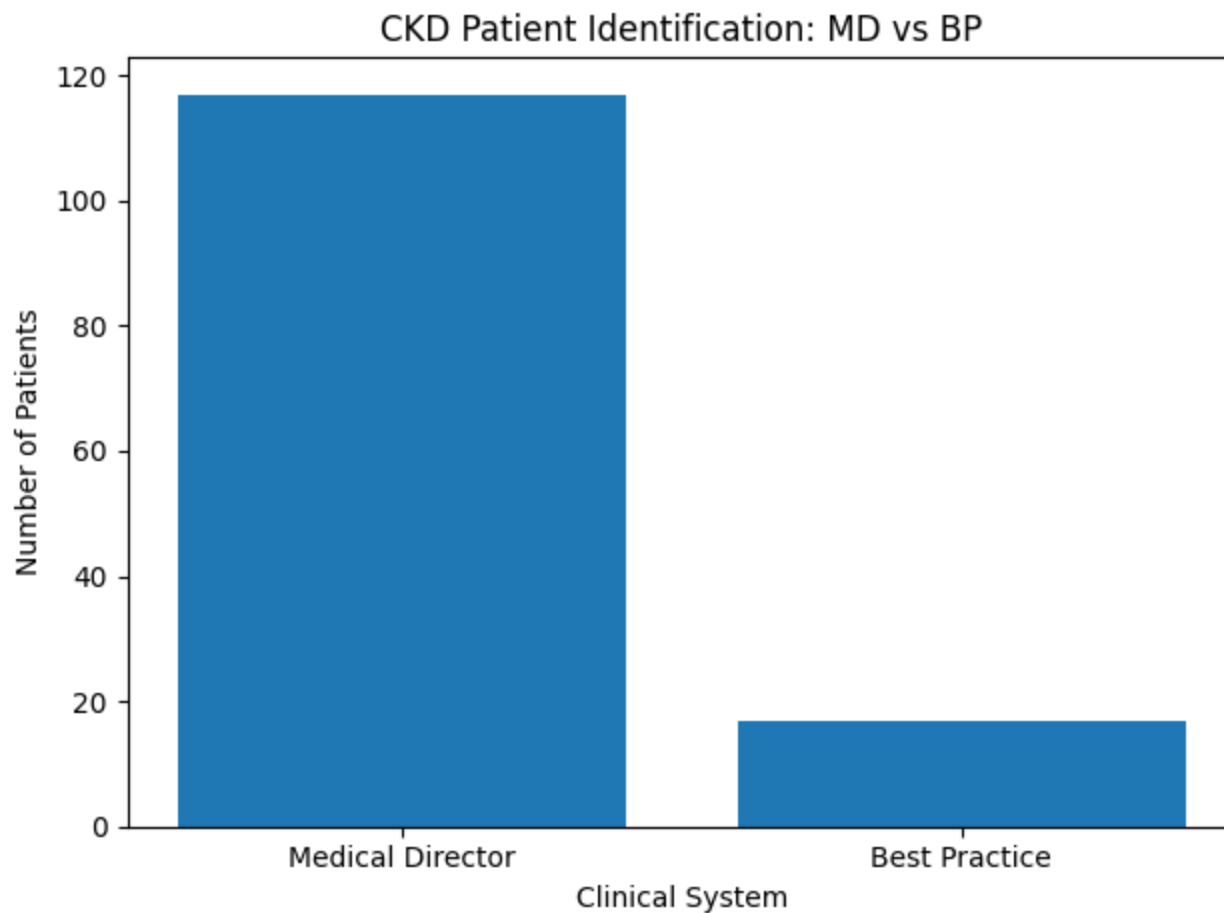


Why the Data Didn't Align

- Uncoded conditions excluded
- Different reporting rules
- Pathology results not readable
- MBS items and historical gaps
- “Regular Client” rule differences



Medical Director v's Best Practice





Investigating the Discrepancies

- Patient-level extracted from MD
- Reporting cohort identified
- BP outputs compared
- Coding and records reviewed



What this Indicates

- Patient existed in the system
- Not recognised in reporting
- Coding inconsistencies
- Migration impacted data integrity



Actions Taken

- Pre-submission nKPI review
- MD vs BP comparison
- Coding mapped and corrected
- Client data deduplicated
- Clinical & external expertise engaged

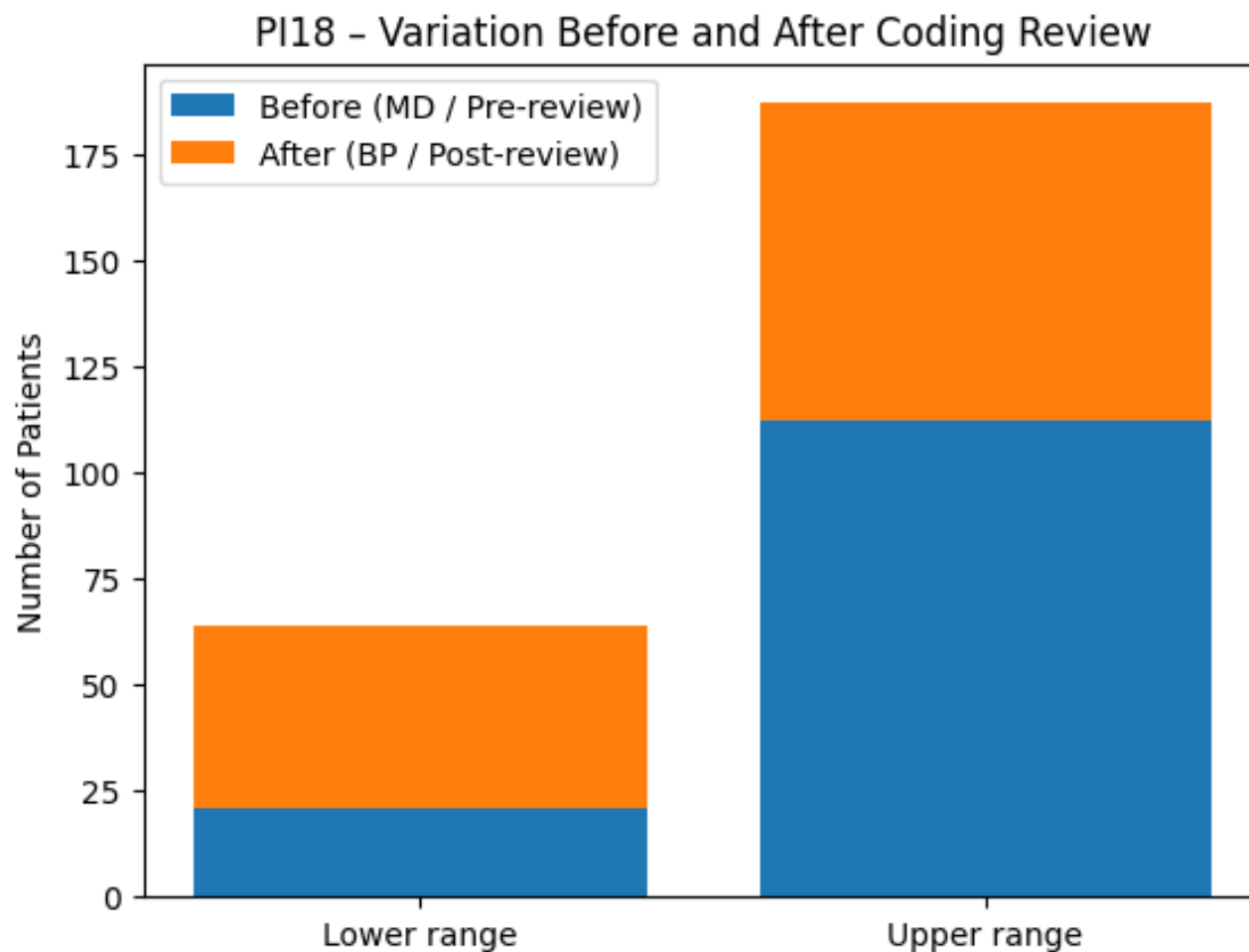


PI18 – Kidney Function Testing

- More patients identified
- Better system alignment
- Reduced discrepancies
- Data reflects actual care



Understanding Variation in PI18





How Patients Become Invisible

Patient diagnosed



Recorded in system



Migration to new system



✗ Not correctly coded



⊘ Not identified in registers/reporting



Impact on Patient Care

- Missed recalls and follow-up
- Incomplete care plans
- Reduced follow-up
- Potential delays in intervention and treatment

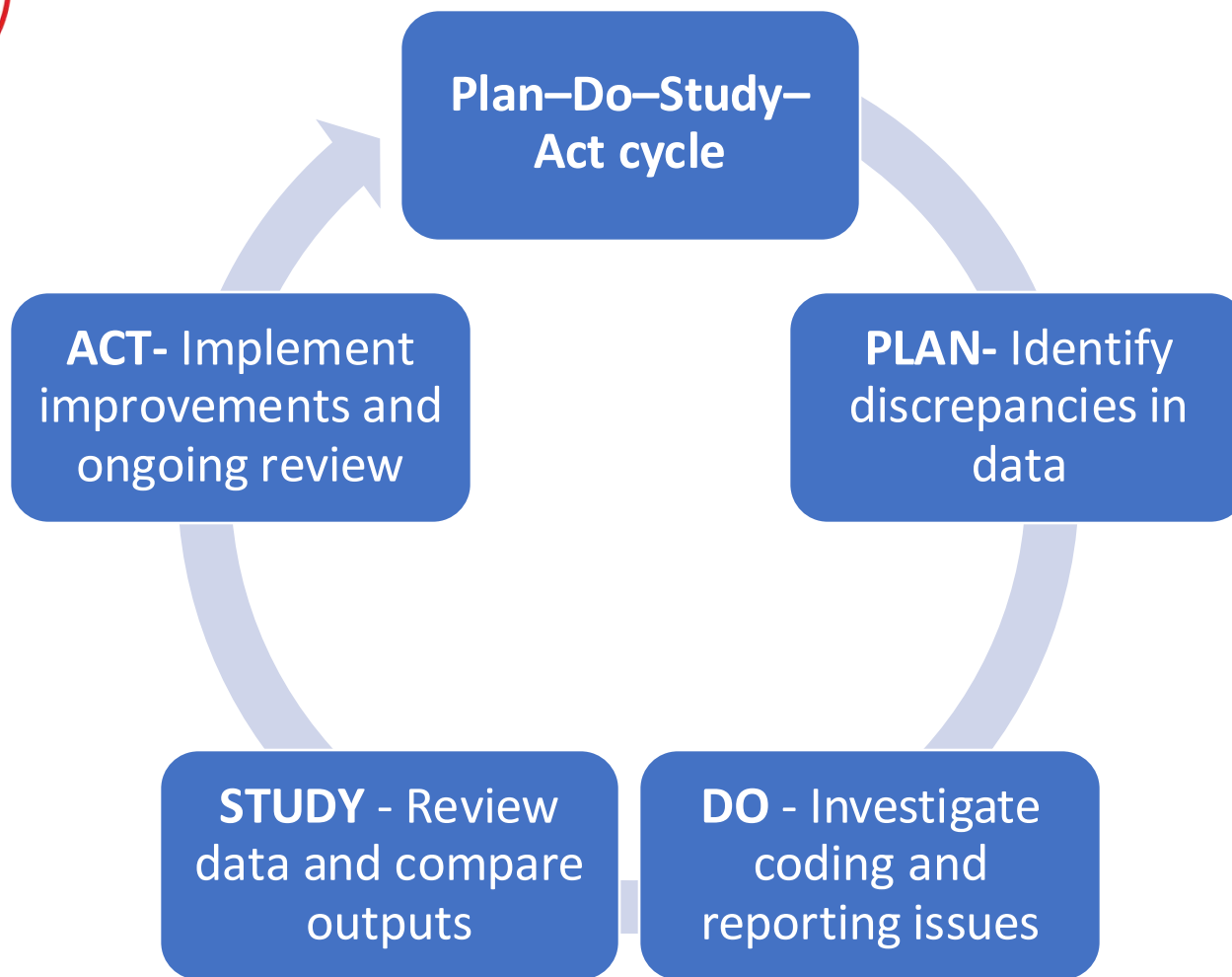


Risks (organisational)

- Inaccurate nKPI reporting
- Misrepresented community health needs
- Funding and Compliance risk
- Reduced confidence in data



Applying a CQI Approach





Key Learnings for ACCHO's

- Review nKPI data pre-submission
- Code conditions correctly
- Understand system differences
- Use clinical & data expertise
- Embed data integrity in CQI processes

TIP: Run nKPI reports immediately post-migration



Final Reflection

- Data integrity = patient care
- Migration requires validation
- Coding affects visibility
- CQI enables continuous improvement



Call to Action

1. Validate data post-migration
2. Challenge assume accuracy
3. Code conditions correctly
4. Understand system differences
5. Embed data integrity into CQI



Further Support

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(Guidance on data quality, MBS de-duplication, pathology, POCT and
system setup)**

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