

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF PATIENTS AT RISK SCORING

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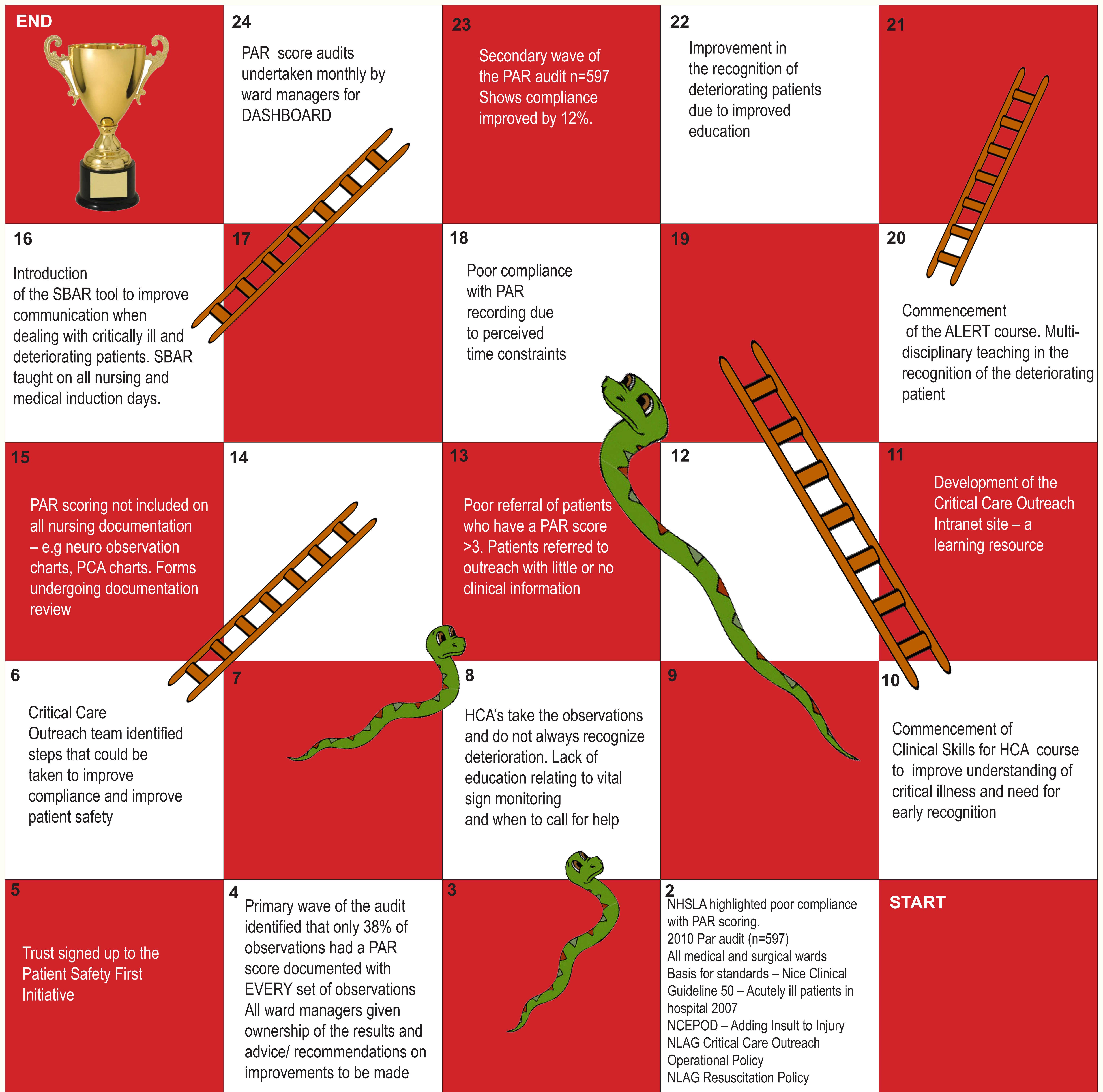
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Patient at Risk scoring aims to prevent harm, reduced in-hospital cardiac arrest and mortality rates through early recognition and treatment of the deteriorating patient.

However, implementation can be problematic and a challenge to achieve.

Critical Care Outreach Teams are well placed to lead the Patient Safety First Initiative (2008) and improve the mortality and morbidity of acutely unwell patients.

Here is our story so far.



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