Reducing blood loss in

hip & knee replacement surgery

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Hip & knee replacement surgeries are increasingly common in our aging population.



There is a risk of substantial blood loss with these surgeries.

Clinical Evidence shows that IV
Tranexamic Acid (TXA) reduces the risk
of a blood transfusion in these surgeries.

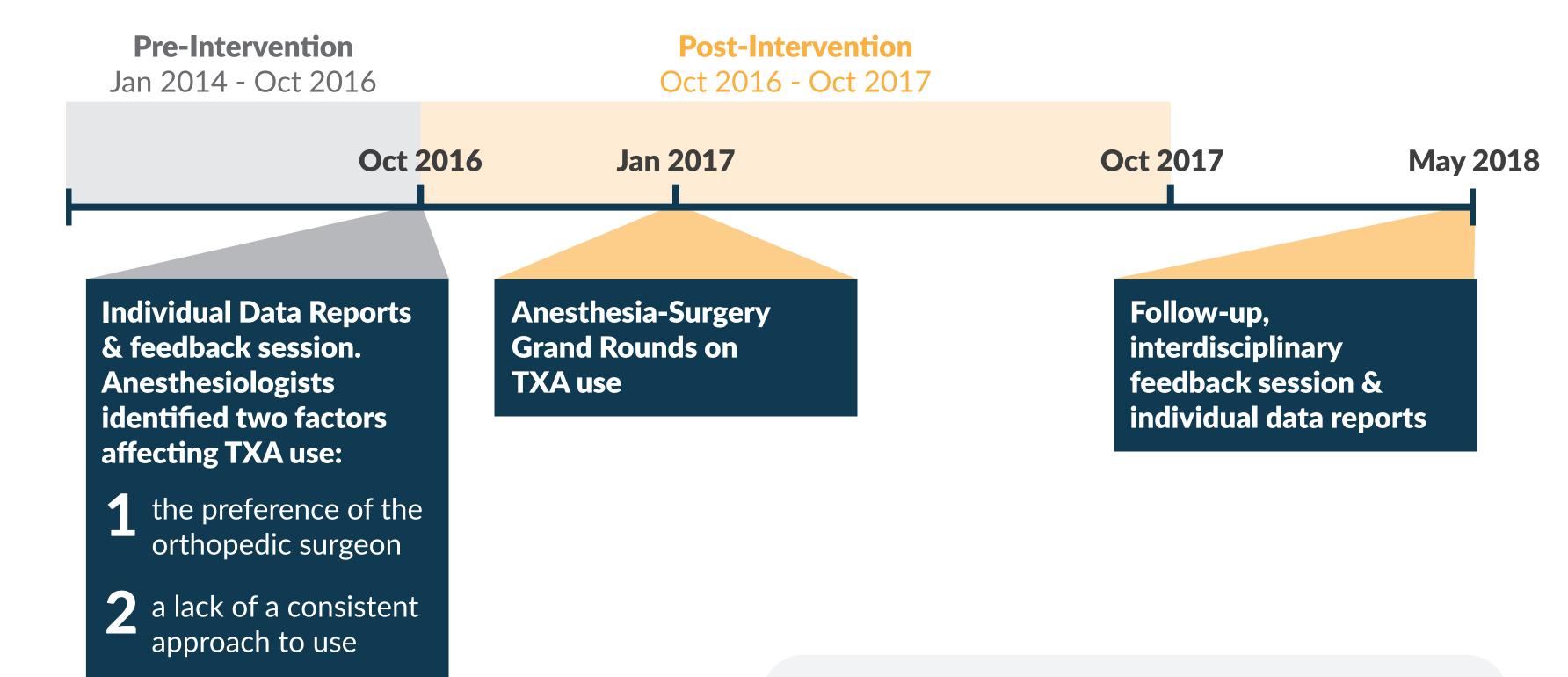
South Health Campus Hospital Anesthesiologists believed TXA was being used inconsistenly. We set out to..

provide anesthesiologists with data reports on their use of TXA and blood transfusions

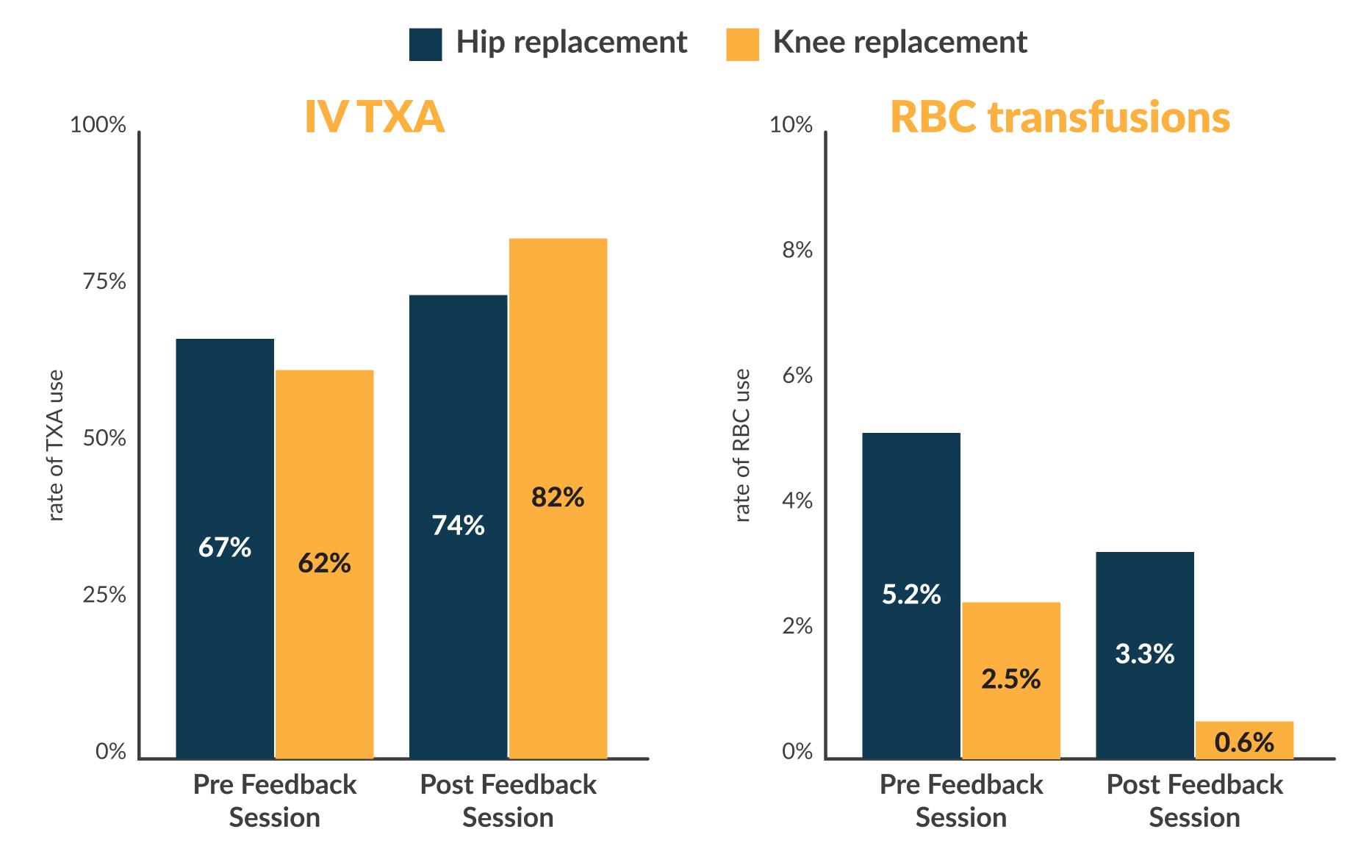
host a facilitated feedback session

evaluate changes in TXA use and blood transfusions

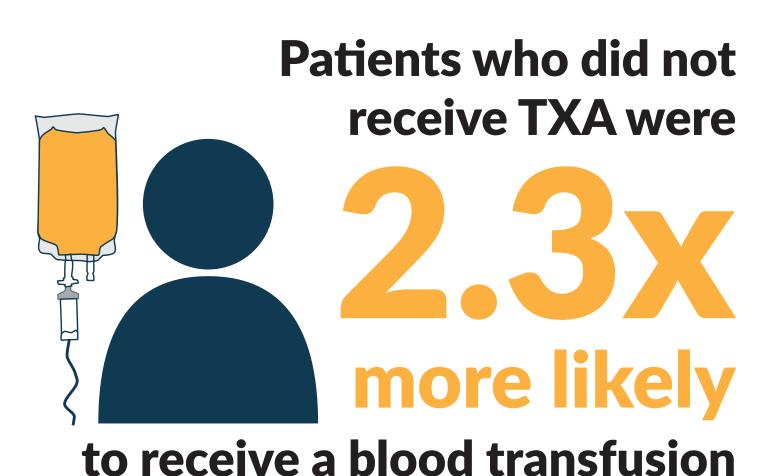
How we did it:



Our data showed an increase in TXA use and a decrease in blood transfusions in hip and knee replacements



We also found that:



individual data reports & group feedback sessions are an effective way to improve practice

the process can be used as a model for similar projects aiming to improve health

care outcomes

Our research found that...

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