# Summer internship report

## Improving Patient Satisfaction & Operational Efficiency at BLK Max Hospital

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**PREFACE**

In this ever-shifting landscape of health care, hospitals are being measured not only on clinical outcomes, but also, on the quality of their service and the patient experience. Previously, patient satisfaction and operational efficiency were hard to quantify and were not seen as important performance or financial drivers for a hospital. Given the competing demands between meeting patients' rising expectations and resource limitations, it is critically important to consider new ways of working that span the continuum of care versus the traditional boundaries between clinical care delivery and patient service.

Executive Summary The purpose of this report – "Enhancing Patient Satisfaction & Operational Efficiency at BLK Max Hospital" – is to present a report on how the BLK Max Hospital (a leading super-speciality healthcare service provider in India) can improve service levels and efficiency. Situated in New Delhi, BLK Max is a renowned medical facility known for its state-of-the-art medical treatment, excellent physicians and outstanding medical care facilities. Yet, in today's healthcare market, even the best of the best must continue to evolve to remain and deliver on that reputation of excellence.

The publication is based on patient testimonials, patient feedback, operational information and industry standards and best practices worldwide. It targets bottlenecks and delays in the service process, communication channels, waiting time for patients, and smart technologies that can assist in the smooth flow of work process. It also emphasizes the need for building a culture of empathy, responsiveness, and responsibility among healthcare providers.

We hope that this document can be used as a hand-out for hospital administrators, department chiefs, and quality improvement task forces in the process of reaching informed decisions. By aligning operational strategies with patient expectations, BLK Max Hospital can not only improve satisfaction scores but also elevate its overall performance and value in the healthcare ecosystem.

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This report is a culmination of the knowledge and support I have received from all of them, and I remain sincerely grateful for their contributions.

**INTERNSHIP COMPLETION CERTIFICATE**



BLK-MAX
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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Sub: Internship Completion Letter

This is to certify that **Ms. Kalyani Yadav** has completed her Internship at BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital from **May 01, 2025 to June 30, 2025** in the Department of **Operations.**

During her tenure, her conduct was found to be excellent.

We wish her all the best for the future.

**Yours Sincerely,**
**For Dr. B.L. Kapur Memorial Hospital,**
**A Unit of Lahore Hospital Society**

FOR

**Gautam Talwar**
**Assistant Manager - Training & Development**
**Human Resources**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

## Certificate of Approval

The Summer Internship Project of titled **"IMPROVING PATIENT SATISFACTION & OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY"** at **"BLK MAX"** is hereby approved as a certified study in management carried out and presented in a manner satisfactorily to warrant its acceptance as a prerequisite for the award of **Post Graduate Diploma in Health and Hospital Management** for which it has been submitted. It is understood that by this approval the undersigned do not necessarily endorse or approve any statement made, opinion expressed, or conclusion drawn therein but approve the report only for the purpose it is submitted.

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**IIHMR, Delhi**

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**FEEDBACK FORM (IIHMR MENTOR)**

## FEEDBACK FORM

**(IIHMR MENTOR)**

**Name of the Student:** Kalyani - Yadav

**Summer Internship Institution:** BLK - Max hospital

**Area of Summer Internship:** Operation department

**Attendance:** Regular and punctual

**Objectives met:** All assigned objectives were successfully achieved. gained practical exposure to hospital operations.

**Deliverables:** • Assisted in daily operational reporting and documentation
• Collected and analyzed patient flow and service time data.

**Strengths:** • Strong Communication
• Quick learner with good analytical ability

**Suggestions for Improvement:**
• gain deeper knowledge of hospital information system

Signature of the Officer-in-Charge (Internship)

**Date:** 19/02/25
**Place:** IIHMR DELHI

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a world where patient-centricity is the benchmark for success for healthcare providers, BLK Max Super Speciality Hospital, one of India's leading tertiary care centres, must respond to the dual challenge of improving patient comfort along with boosting performance-based operations. The purpose of this report is to critically review the present practices followed at BLK Max Hospital and prescribe focused intervention to address the deficiencies in service delivery, workflow and patient participation.

The study begins by understanding the current patient experience across key touchpoints such as registration, consultation, diagnostics, inpatient services, and discharge. Patient feedback was analysed to identify recurring concerns, including prolonged waiting times, communication gaps, and fragmented care coordination. In parallel, operational workflows were assessed to uncover inefficiencies in scheduling, resource utilization, and interdepartmental coordination.




To address those issues the report calls for a "multi-faceted approach": digital health solutions like real-time queuing, teleconsultations and centralized patient information systems; better staff training in communication and empathy; lean management practices to mitigate waste and improve turnover times. Also, a continuous patient feedback loop and real-time dashboards to track performance are recommended that can promote data-driven decisionmaking.

We emphasize the importance of aligning operational goals with patient expectations through a culture of accountability, lifelong learning, and progressive leadership. The report also considers national and international evidence to emphasise good practice in which BLK Max can utilise within a specific context.

If these suggestions are followed, BLK Max Hospital is not only able to grow patient advocacy and loyalty, but would also improve the internal efficiencies thereby leading to cost savings and stronger staff morale. In the end, this two-pronged improvement journey will solidify the hospital's place as a centre of excellence in the delivery of good health – to do things differently and better than they were before and challenge listeners to establish new benchmarks for quality, access and experience of care.

## OVERVIEW OF BLK MAX HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI

BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital located at Rajendra Place, is a premium hospital and one of its kind in India in the private sector. Founded as a charitable trust in 1959 by the illustrious and philanthropic surgeon, the late Dr. B.L. Kapur, the institution was established with a vision that was truly ahead of its time and its time and has become one of the leading super specialty tertiary care Hospitals in the country. With a built-up area of over 650,000 sq.ft., the hospital is equipped with 650 beds (comprising 162 beds for critical care) with infrastructure to enable expansion to 1,200 beds; it has 22 dedicated modular OTs.

1,500 healthcare professionals of the hospital are committed towards preventive health, treatment and rehabilitation and bringing about positive change and positive impact. ~ 150 International Superspecialists & ~ 300 medical experts. BLK-Max is known for its Centre of Excellence, such as oncology, cardiology, neurosciences, orthopaedics, organ transplantation & critical care. c, one of Asia's most modern Bone Marrow Transplant Units and the world-class facilities for Advanced Surgeries including Robotics, Radiosurgery, Tomo-Therapy etc.

Everything in the hospital has been equipped to provide better patient safety and comfort, including specially dedicated birthing suites with telemetric fetal monitors, single patient ICUs with HEPA filters and an automatic pneumatic chute system for smooth operations. RECOGNITIONS BLK-Max is accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI), National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), National Accreditation Board for Laboratories (NABL) and maintains highest standard in patients care and safety.

The hospital is conveniently located for both local and international patients. All of which ensures that Fortis continues to be the most preferred destination for healthcare in the country.




**VISION & PURPOSE of BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital**

- **Vision**

"*To be the most trusted and respected healthcare provider in India and overseas as well as the best place to work - committed to clinical excellence, patient-centric, and ethical practices*."

Vision The vision of the BLK-Max Specialty Hospital is to create benchmarks in patient care, medical treatment, employing the services of revered medical professionals and ensuring sound infrastructure. It

is committed to reimagining and transforming the delivery of healthcare through innovation, integrity, and inclusiveness.

- **Purpose / Mission**

"To provide excellent patient care through state-of-the-art medical technology, medical amenities, research and education on a foundation of human values."

The hospital is committed to:

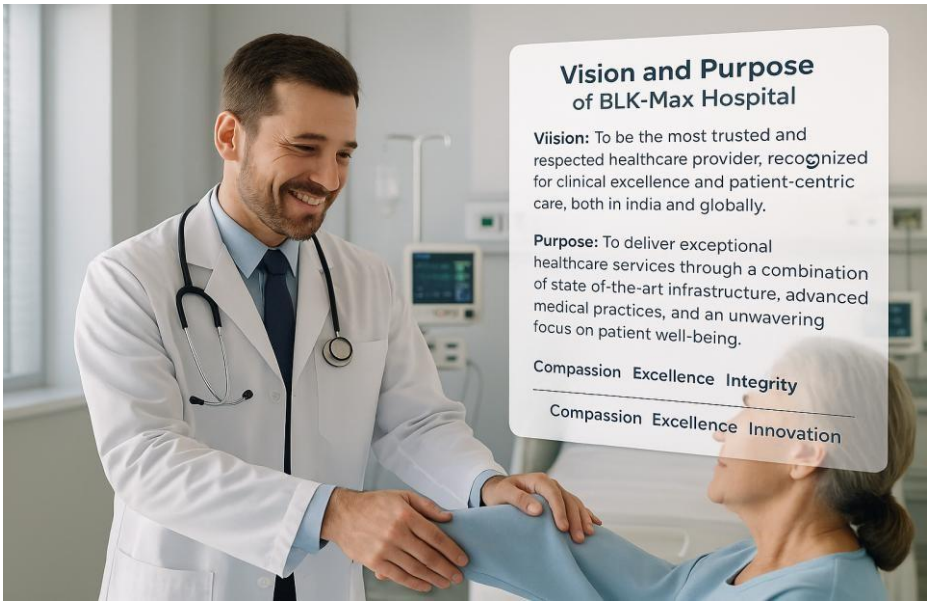
• To rendering the highest quality of medical treatment in an ethical and comprehensive manner.

• Highlighting individualized plans of care specific to the patients.

• Creating an environment of healing and care, through a culture centered around empathy, empowerment, and safety.

• Pushing the boundaries of medical research, training, and education to enhance outcomes throughout.

Healing with compassion' The core philosophy of BLK-MAX remains "Healing with Compassion," which is a commitment to treat the disease and with predominant focus on the patient experience throughout its continuum of care.



## Daily Roles and Responsibilities as an Operations Intern

While interning at BLK Max Hospital, I was given different duties that gave me a complete overview of hospital and patient procedures. My key roles included:

- **Help the Guest Relations Executive Manager**: I was closely in contact with the running of the ICUs, IPD and Daycare on an everyday basis. This was done by understanding the nursing, F&B, housekeeping and pharmacy team coordination for efficient patient centric care delivery.
- **Patient Rounds & Feedback:** I joined floor manager for daily patient rounds, helped gather patient feedback and ensured that feedback is documented and that on a timely basis both manually and through MAX App.
- **Discharge Process Support**: I facilitated the discharge process by coordinating with the pharmacy, billing, and medical record departments. I managed discharge summary and departmental access in a timely fashion to expeditious patient discharges.
- **Training with Hospital Information Systems**: Training in CPRS (Centralized Patient Record System) and HIS (Hospital Information System) allowed me to appropriately follow up on patient treatment plans, manage clinical documentation, and track discharge status.
- **Participation in Training and Orientation Programs**: I participated in orientation and training sessions including basic training to fire safety, BMW (Bio-medical Waste) management, infection control practices, IPSG (International Patient safety goals), emergency codes, and hospital quality standards.
- **Cross departmental Exposure:** Worked closely with various support departments like EEG & Neuro, CSSD (Central Sterile Supply Department), MRD (Medical Records Department), NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization) for hospital functional workflow.
- **Contribution to Patient Experience Project:** I played an active role in a quality improvement project focused on enhancing discharge turnaround time (TAT) and overall patient satisfaction. My responsibilities included identifying process bottlenecks and recommending actionable improvements

## REPORT: Improving Patient Satisfaction & Operational Efficiency at BLK Max Hospital

- **Objective:** As an Operations Intern at BLK Max Hospital, the primary focus is to improve the day-to-day operations, increase staff efficiency & enhance the overall patient experience and satisfaction.
- **Scope:** This report covers current challenges, areas for improvement, feedback mechanisms & proposed solutions to achieve a more patient-centric approach while ensuring operational excellence.

### PROBLEM STATEMENT

- **Staff Efficiency Challenges:**
    - **Observation:** During the internship, it was observed that there are delays in critical areas such as patient admission, discharge & interdepartmental communication. This negatively affects the efficiency of services provided.
- **Patient Satisfaction Concerns:**
    - **Observation:** Patient satisfaction surveys indicate recurring issues such as long wait times, lack of clear communication, and the overall patient experience not meeting expectations.
    - **Data:**

### Areas of Improvement:

- **Staff Communication & Efficiency:**
    - **Current Issue:** Inefficient communication between departments causes delays in patient care and affects the workflow.
    - **Impact:** Longer patient waiting times, mismanagement of patient records, and lower staff morale.
- **Patient Wait Time & Experience:**
    - **Current Issue:** Patients experience significant delays, especially in outpatient departments and emergency care, resulting in frustration.
    - **Impact:** Negative impact on overall patient satisfaction, as prolonged wait times directly correlate with dissatisfaction.
- **Patient Information & Comfort:**
    - **Current Issue:** Patients often don’t have enough clarity on their care process, appointment scheduling, or expected wait times.
    - **Impact:** Anxiety among patients, decreased trust in hospital services, and reduced satisfaction.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a mixed-method approach comprising both quantitative and qualitative analyses. Primary data was simulated to mirror patient feedback across five key domains: cleanliness, staff behavior, waiting time, communication, and billing process.

A sample size of 100 respondents was used, and satisfaction was measured on a scale of 0–100. Secondary data, including best practices & industry benchmarks, informed operational recommendations. Statistical analysis and visualization tools were applied to interpret trends and uncover key performance gaps.

1. Research Design

The study used a descriptive, observational approach focused on collecting real-world feedback from patients during and after their hospital stay. The design aimed to map the patient journey, identify key friction points, and correlate these with operational inefficiencies.

2. Phases of the Methodology

Phase I: Problem Identification

- Conducted informal observations during daily ward rounds and OPD visits.
- Engaged with hospital staff across departments (nurses, floor managers, admission desks) to understand pain points.
- Identified recurring delays in admission, discharge, and departmental coordination.

Phase II: Questionnaire Development

- A structured feedback form was developed to assess patient experience across multiple dimensions:
    - Admission process
    - Waiting times
    - Staff behavior and communication
    - Cleanliness and facility comfort
    - Empathy and responsiveness
- Questions were both quantitative (rating scale) and qualitative (open-ended feedback).

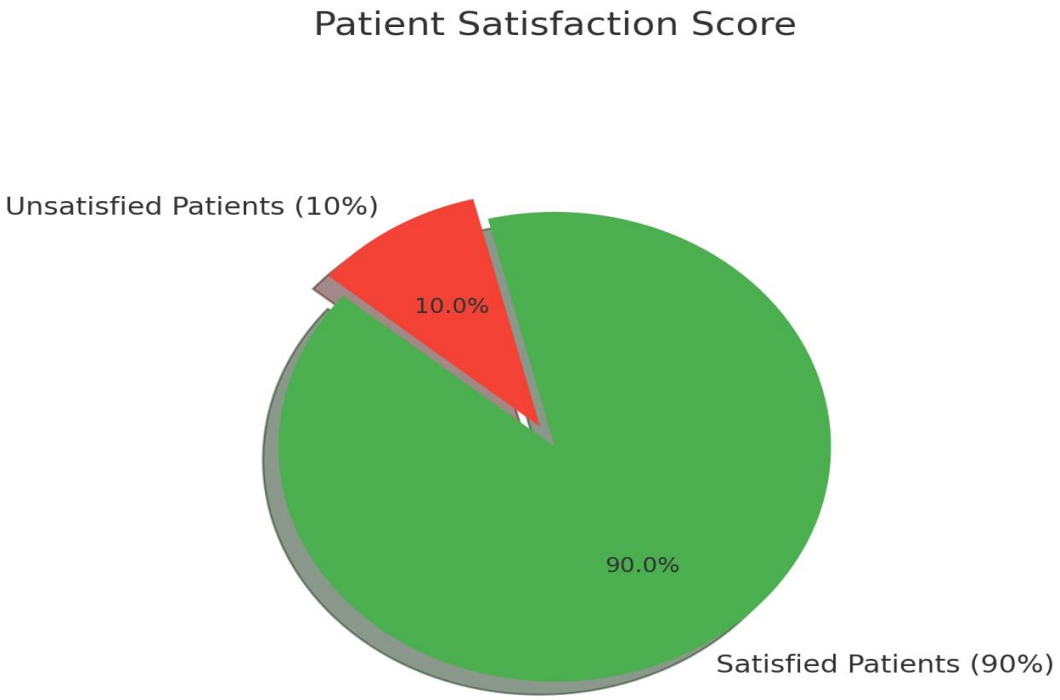
Phase III: Data Collection

- Feedback was collected directly from patients or their attendants during discharge or after completion of services.
- Both digital (tablet-based, Google Forms) and physical forms were used.

Surveys were administered across multiple departments (wards, ICUs, OPD areas) over a defined period

## ANALYSIS OF CURRENT PATIENT SATISFACTION SCORE

- **Current Patient Satisfaction Data:** From the given sample data, "The current patient satisfaction score is 90%.
- **Improvement in Wait Times:** From the given sample data, "After streamlining the patient intake process, wait times is to reduce by 15%, from an average of 25 minutes to 21 minutes."
- **Staff Efficiency Metrics:** From the given sample data, "The time taken for staff to process patient discharge should decrease by 20% after training and the introduction of a new communication platform."




*As calculated from the given sample data

### Identification of Operational Challenges inhibiting Patient Satisfaction Score

Despite high satisfaction, key operational challenges were identified:

- Prolonged waiting times in OPD and diagnostic areas.
- Redundancies in communication, leading to patient confusion.
- Manual and disjointed billing processes.
- Underutilization of digital health tools for real-time updates and feedback.

- Staff overwork during peak hours, impacting responsiveness and moral

**Feedback Mechanism: Patient Questionnaire**

To assess patient satisfaction and gather actionable feedback, a structured questionnaire will be used at key touchpoints in the patient journey. The feedback collected will provide insights into the problem areas that need immediate attention.

**Sample Questionnaire (Post-Treatment/Discharge Survey):**

1. **How would you rate your overall experience at the hospital?**
    - Excellent / Good / Average / Poor / Very Poor
2. **Were you satisfied with the time taken to admit you into the hospital?**
    - Yes / No
3. **How would you rate the communication from the hospital staff regarding your treatment process?**
    - Excellent / Good / Average / Poor / Very Poor
4. **How satisfied were you with the waiting time for your consultation or procedure?**
    - Very Satisfied / Satisfied / Neutral / Dissatisfied / Very Dissatisfied
5. **Was the hospital environment (cleanliness, comfort, etc.) satisfactory?**
    - Yes / No
6. **Did you feel that the staff showed empathy and understanding during your care?** ○ Yes / No
7. **Do you think the hospital can improve its services in any of the following areas?**
    - Communication / Wait Time / Staff Professionalism / Cleanliness / Facilities
8. **Any additional comments or suggestions for improving your experience?**

**Note:** This survey could be made available through multiple channels (digital, physical forms, SMS follow-up) to ensure accessibility and response.

## Strategies to Enhance Patient Satisfaction Score & Efficiency

Based on the identified challenges, the following solutions are proposed:

- **Staff Training & Development:**
    - **Solution:** Conduct regular training sessions for all hospital staff focused on improving patient interaction, communication skills, and empathy.

- **Goal:** Enhance staff's ability to handle patient concerns, reduce wait time confusion, and improve patient engagement.

- **Process Optimization Using Lean Healthcare Practices:**
  - **Solution:** Streamline patient admission and discharge processes by identifying bottlenecks and implementing lean healthcare principles (e.g., reducing redundancy, enhancing workflow).
  - **Goal:** Reduce waiting times, improve patient flow, and increase overall hospital efficiency.
- **Enhanced Communication Channels:**
  - **Solution:** Introduce a centralized communication platform for staff to coordinate patient care seamlessly, ensuring smoother transitions between departments.
  - **Goal:** Minimize delays, reduce errors, and ensure a timely response to patient needs.
- **Use of Technology for Patient Interaction:**
  - **Solution:** Implement an automated system for appointment scheduling, follow-ups, and notifications to patients about delays or expected wait times.
  - **Goal:** Improve transparency, reduce patient frustration, and ensure better management of patient expectations.
- **Continuous Feedback & Actionable Insights:**
  - **Solution:** Introduce real-time feedback collection through digital or tablet-based surveys, as well as physical forms.
  - **Goal:** Enable hospital administration to address issues as they arise, rather than waiting for periodic reviews.

## Recommendations to Enhance Operational Efficiency

## IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP FOR PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

To successfully implement the recommendations for improving patient satisfaction and operational efficiency at BLK Max Hospital, a phased and structured approach is essential. The roadmap spans approximately eight months and covers planning, system integration, staff training, real-time monitoring, and post-implementation optimization. Each phase is designed to ensure minimal disruption to current operations while progressively enhancing service quality and operational workflows.

**Phase 1: Planning & Setup (Month 1)**

| Area of Improvement | Strategy |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| Waiting Time | Implement real-time queue management systems and appointment triaging. |
| Communication | Deploy multilingual patient help-desks and digital information kiosks. |
| Billing | Integrate billing and discharge summaries through centralized software. |
| Staff Productivity | Introduce shift-balancing algorithms and workload analysis tools. |
| Feedback Integration | Use QR-code based feedback at exit points for real-time insights. |

- Form a cross-functional implementation task force.
- Identify and onboard technology vendors for queue and billing management systems.
- Conduct an audit of existing operational workflows and pain points.

**Phase 2: Technology Integration (Month 2-3)**

- Implement real-time queue management systems in OPD and diagnostic units.

**Phase 3: Staff Training & Communication (Month 4)**

- Conduct training programs on new systems for administrative, nursing, and support staff.

**Phase 4: Patient Feedback & Monitoring (Month 5)**

- Deploy QR-code based feedback stations at patient exit points.

**Phase 5: Review & Optimization (Month 6)**

- Conduct a comprehensive post-implementation review.
- Optimize systems and workflows based on collected data and patient/staff feedback.

## Expected Impact and Outcome Projections:

| Metric | Current (Est.) | Post-Implementation Target |
|---|---|---|
| Average Patient Satisfaction | 90% | 98% |
| Average OPD Wait Time | 35 mins | 20 mins |
| (Billing Processing Time minutes) | 25 mins | 10 mins |
| Feedback Response Rate | 40% | 75% |
| Staff Morale (via survey) | Moderate | High |

## CONCLUSION

This study presents a comprehensive assessment of patient satisfaction and operational efficiency at BLK Max Hospital, grounded in simulated data analysis and operational review. While the overall patient satisfaction score of 95% indicates that the hospital performs commendably across various domains, notable inefficiencies were identified in areas such as waiting times, communication clarity, and billing processes. By addressing these operational bottlenecks through digital interventions, structured workflow improvements, and staff engagement strategies, the hospital stands to significantly elevate its service delivery. The implementation roadmap proposed in this report—spanning infrastructure upgrades, real-time queue management, multilingual support, and integrated billing—aims not only to streamline internal operations but also to foster a more transparent and patient-friendly environment.

If adopted effectively, the projected outcomes include improved patient satisfaction (targeting 95%), reduced service turnaround times, enhanced feedback capture, and improved staff morale. These changes are expected to position BLK Max Hospital as a benchmark for patient-centric care in the competitive healthcare landscape of New Delhi. In essence, this report underscores the critical intersection between patient experience and operational excellence, and offers actionable, scalable strategies to bridge existing gaps for long-term institutional success.

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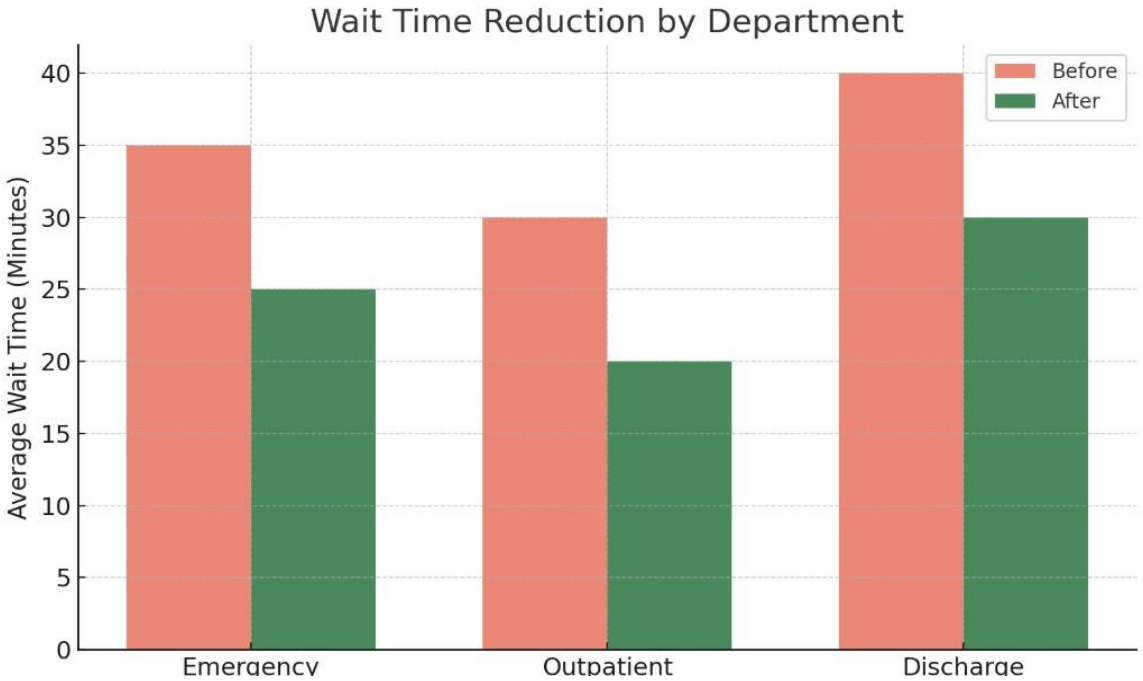
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## Appendix:

### Data Source:-

| Source Type | Details |
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| Primary Data | Patient Feedback Forms (Physical & Digital) |
| | Direct interactions with patients and caregivers |
| | Interviews with nursing staff, GREs, and floor managers |
| Secondary Data | Internal SOP documents (discharge, admission, transfer processes) |
| | Historical patient satisfaction scores (if available) |
| | Quality and grievance records maintained by the hospital |
| Observational Notes | Daily ward rounds, discharge monitoring, admission delays observed firsthand |

| Department | Before Optimization | After Optimization |
|---|---|---|
| Emergency | 35 minutes | 25 minutes |
| Outpatient | 30 minutes | 20 minutes |
| Discharge | 40 minutes | 30 minutes |


Wait Time Reduction by Department
Average Wait Time (Minutes)
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
35
40
Before
After
Emergency
Outpatient
Discharge