

# INTRODUCTION TO QUALITY AND OVERVIEW OF NQAP

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# AGENDA?

- WHAT IS QUALITY
  - The definitions
- PRINCIPLES OF QUALITY
  - The concepts, Models and Approaches of Quality Improvement.
- INTRODUCTION TO NATIONAL QA PROGRAM
  - Vision of Quality Healthcare for All

**WHAT IS QUALITY  
in your own words.**

**QUALITY**



# Quality Defined

**Quality is Meeting and Surpassing  
the Customer Expectation**

**Who are our customers-**

**External**

Patients

Target Population/Beneficiaries

Community

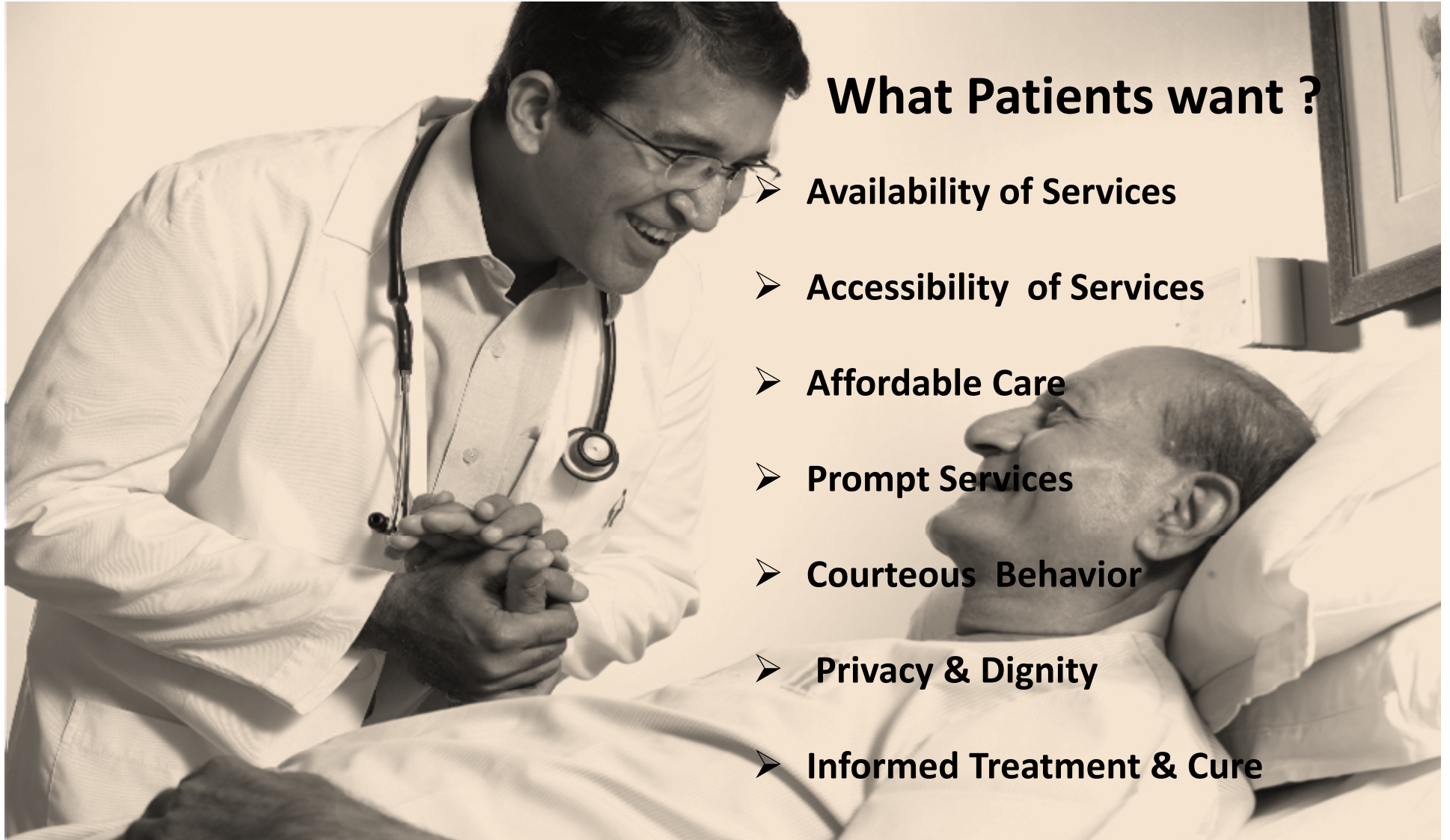
**Internal –**

Employees

Health departments



# Perspectives of Quality



## What Patients want ?

- Availability of Services
- Accessibility of Services
- Affordable Care
- Prompt Services
- Courteous Behavior
- Privacy & Dignity
- Informed Treatment & Cure

# Perspectives of Quality

## What SERVICE Providers Want

- Infrastructure & Equipment
- Work Environment
- Enabling Policies & recognition
- Clinical Protocols
- Outcome of care
- Personal Protection
- Skill & Career Development



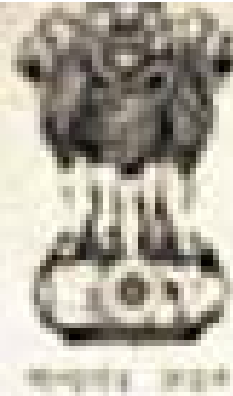
# What Government/Health Administrators wants.

**IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES**

**OPTIMAL & RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES.**

**ALL COMPONENTS OF HEALTH PROGRAMS DELIVERED**

**COMPLIANCE TO STG & PROTOCOLS**



**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

**National  
Health  
Mission**

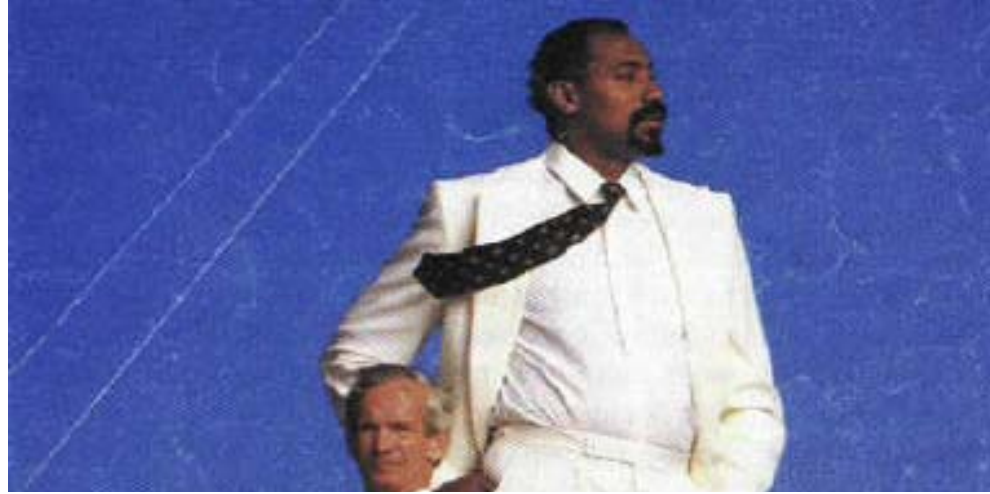






Quality is the degree of adherence to predetermined standards





Quality is Minimizing variations



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QUALITY IS STANDARDIZATION





**QUALITY IS DOING RIGHT THINGS  
IN RIGHT WAY  
FIRST TIME &  
EVERYTIME**



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Quality is a Lousy Idea-

*If it's Only an Idea*



**WHY  
QUALITY?**

**WHY QUALITY  
IN PUBLIC  
HEALTH?**

**WHY QUALITY  
NOW?**



**WHY QUALITY?**

**Because Safety is a major concern  
in Healthcare.**



# Simple Times: The Practice of Medicine



Earlier: Simple, less-effective but safe

Today's healthcare is an organizational system with *complex* embedded processes to deliver care



Now: Complex, more Effective but Unsafe!

# How Hazardous is Health Care ?

**DANGEROUS**  
( $>1/1000$ )

**REGULATED**

**ULTRA-SAFE**  
( $>1/100K$ )



**Number of encounters for each fatality**

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# Simple mistakes, dangerous consequences

- Potentially deadly medication errors are so common that a typical 300-bed hospital experiences 40 every day, according to a new report.



We are not safety conscious

**In Europe - Every 10th patient experiences preventable harm or adverse events in hospital, causing suffering and loss for the patient, their families and health care providers.**

***In INDIA .....***

# Indian Scenario

- In India around 5.2 million injuries occur due to medical errors
- Resulting in around 3 million preventable deaths every year.
- This makes medical errors one of the major causes of death.
- For every 100 Hospitalization average 12.7 adverse event occurs.

*(Ashsih Jha, BMJ Quality & Safety, Sept 2013)*

**As a patient what quality level would you accept from your healthcare provider?**

- **50%**
- **60%**
- **70%**
- **80%**
- **90%**
- **99.9%**

# IF 99.9% IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, THEN...

- YOUR HEART FAILS TO BEAT 32,000 TIMES EACH YEAR
- 500 SURGICAL OPERATIONS ARE PERFORMED

**Because even 99.9% is not good  
enough!!!!**

BIRTH



# DOCTOR BHAGWAN KA DOOSRA ROOP????

Caring and healing, up the slippery-slope of  
modern medicine



**Because the sacred DOCTOR-PATIENT  
relationship is being challenged.....**

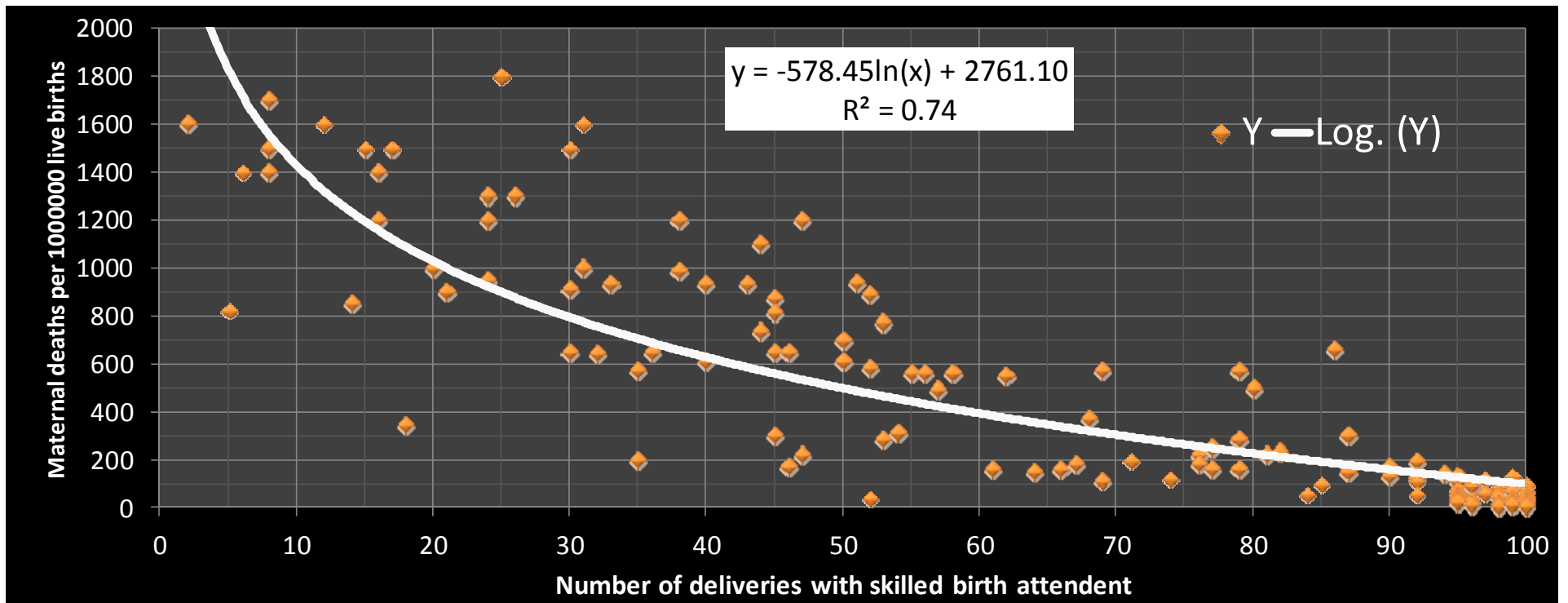
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# **WHY QUALITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH?**

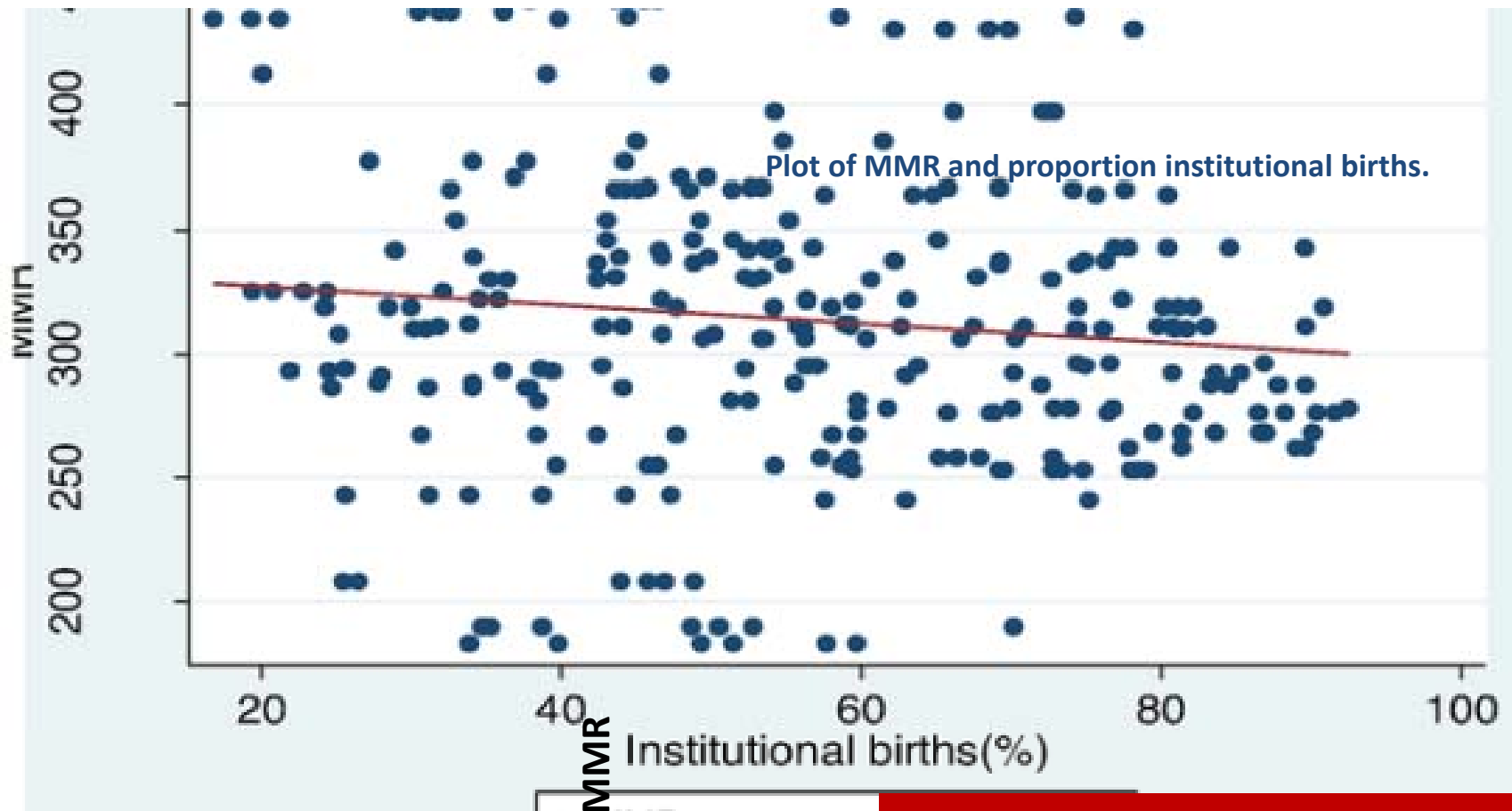
**Because RESULTS don't match the  
NUMBERS.**

# ROLE OF ACCESS IN REDUCING MMR: What does the global evidence tell us?



Higher proportion of deliveries attended by skilled attendant → Lower maternal mortality ratio

# India: Outcome of increased institutional deliveries



Randive B, Diwan V, De Costa A (2013) India's Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (the JSY) to Promote Institutional Birth: Is There an Association between Institutional Birth Proportion and Maternal Mortality?. PLoS ONE 8(6): e67452. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0067452 <http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0067452>

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Why is there little association between institutional delivery and MMR in India???

**Because POOR QUALITY ruins  
image of Public Health System.**

# More infant deaths taint for Malda hospital: 24 die in 6 days

Sagnil Mukherjee  
#letters@indianimes.com

**MALDA:** With the death of five infants at Malda Medical College and Hospital (MMCH), it appears the scourge of infant deaths has returned to haunt the hospital, where close to 80 such deaths have occurred since 2011.

As many as 24 infants have died at the facility in the last six days and the condition of several others is said to be critical.

An official of the hospital, on the condition of anonymity, said that there are 30 beds in the neo-natal ward, 22 in the Special Newborn Care Unit and 46 beds in the children ward. But at present, 156 babies are admitted in the children ward alone. The deaths in the past 24 hours have been attributed to "several ailments".

Afroza Bibi, a resident of Malda-Kaliachak, said, "I brought my 22-day-old son here with the hope that he would receive good treatment. He was suffering from breathlessness and high fever. But a doctor visited him only twice. My baby died here without any treatment yesterday night."

## DEATH TRAPS

**April, 2012:** 13 deaths at Malda Medical Hospital in the space of 72 hours

**January, 2012:** 18 infants died in Malda District Hospital

**November 10, 2011:** 6 infants died in Malda District Hospital

**October 28, 2011:** 12 infants died in Burdwan [PunjabColleges.com](http://PunjabColleges.com) Hospital

**October 26, 2011:** 11 infants died in BC Roy Hospital, Kolkata



**June 2011:** 18 infants died at BC Roy Hospital, Kolkata  
**Nov 2006:** 14 babies died at BC Roy Hospital, Kolkata  
**Aug 2002:** 22 infants died BC Roy Hospital, Kolkata

A senior doctor of the hospital said that after the Malda district hospital was upgraded as the MMCH, the patient rush has increased. Patients from neighbouring states and districts were coming to the hospital for treatment.

Principal MMCH Uchhal Bhadra said, "So many babies were referred to this hospital in a critical state and doctors could do little to save them. Besides, child mortality is high in all hospitals during winters. The figure

of deaths appears high because the admissions exceed our bed capacity." She didn't, however, divulge the number of infant deaths.

Badra said most of the dead infants were under weight (below 2.5kg) and some of them couldn't "fight the chill".

She said the high number of admissions was spreading infection among the infants fast, forcing the administration to restrict movement of people and canceling leaves of all doctors.

53/55  
21/7







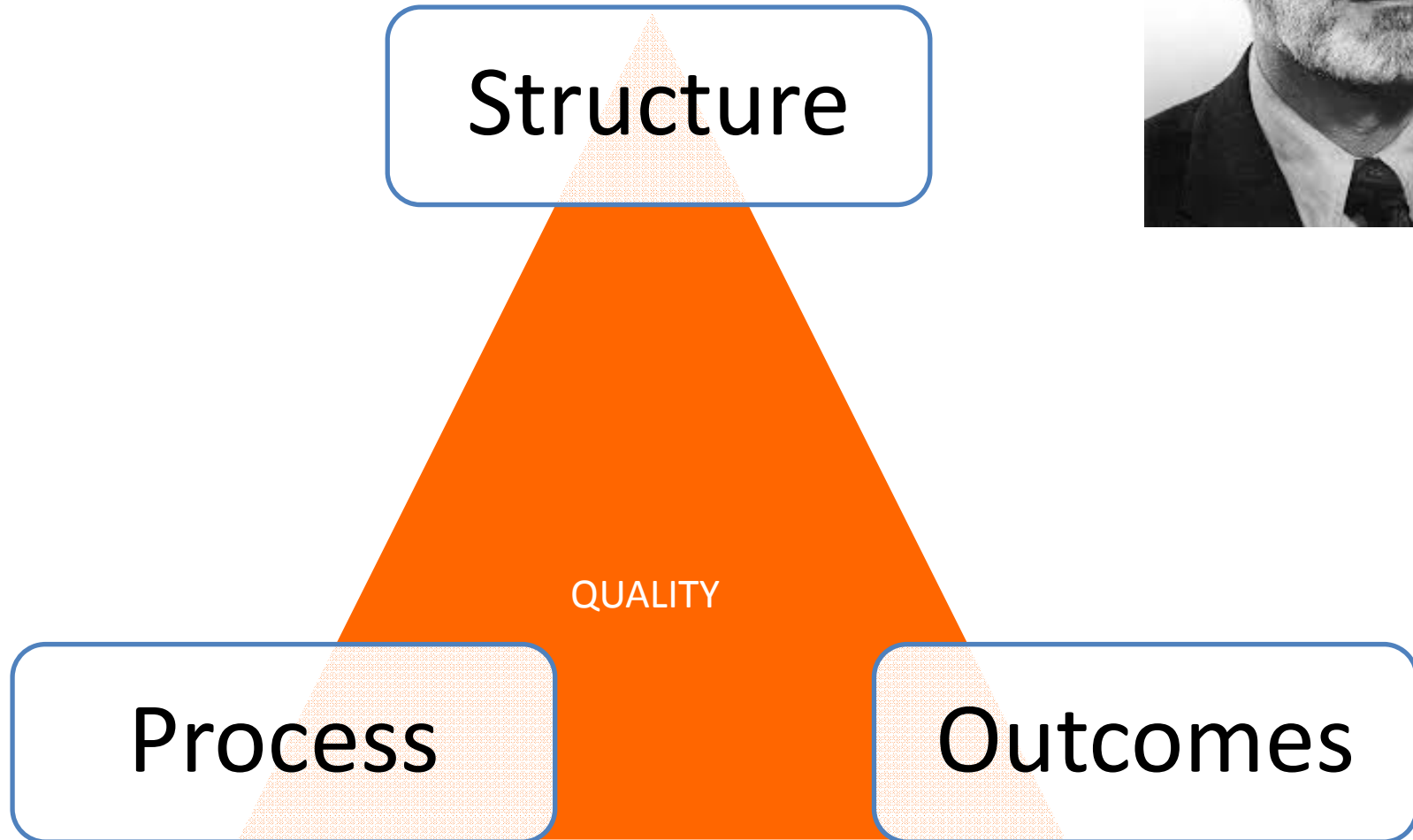
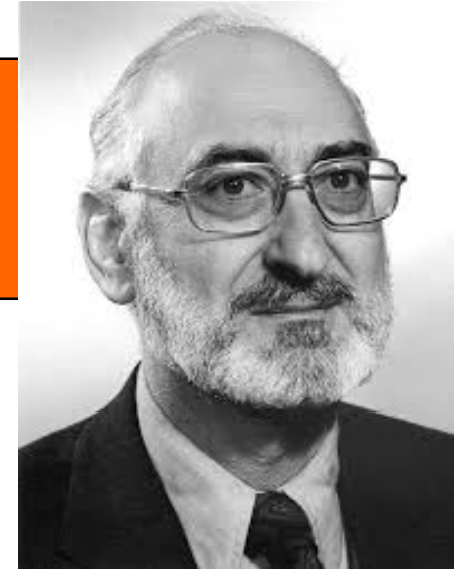
**WHY NOW?**

**BECAUSE QUALITY IS NOW  
FOREMOST PRIORITY OF  
GOVERNMENT**



# Dimensions of Quality

Dr Avedis Donabedian (1919-2000)



Focus shifting from Structure to Processes.

# APPROACHES TO QUALITY

## QUALITY CONTROL

- Quality Control is the "detection of defects", (also referred to as Verification and Validation)

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

- *Quality Assurance* is the "prevention of defects", such as the deployment of a Quality Management System and preventive activities.

## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- Quality Improvement is a part of Quality Management, focussed on increasing the ability to fulfil quality requirements

## CERTIFICATION ACCREDITATION

- a formal process by which a recognized body, assesses and recognizes that a health care organization meets applicable pre-determined and published standards.

# Model for Quality Improvement

## PLAN A CHANGE

FORMULATE A PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT-  
SET GOALS, TARGETS & METHODS FOR  
IMPROVEMENT

## DO

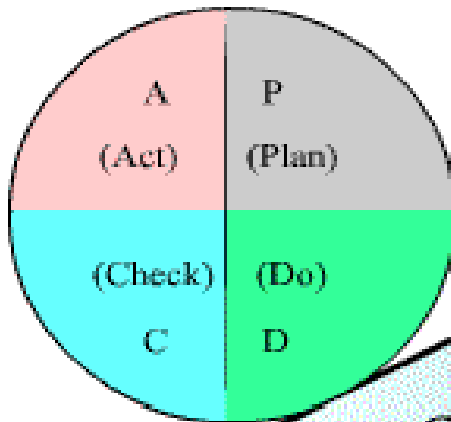
IMPLIMENT THE PLAN  
EDUCATE/TRAIN

## CHECK

EVALUATE RESULTS  
MODIFICATIONS NEEDED

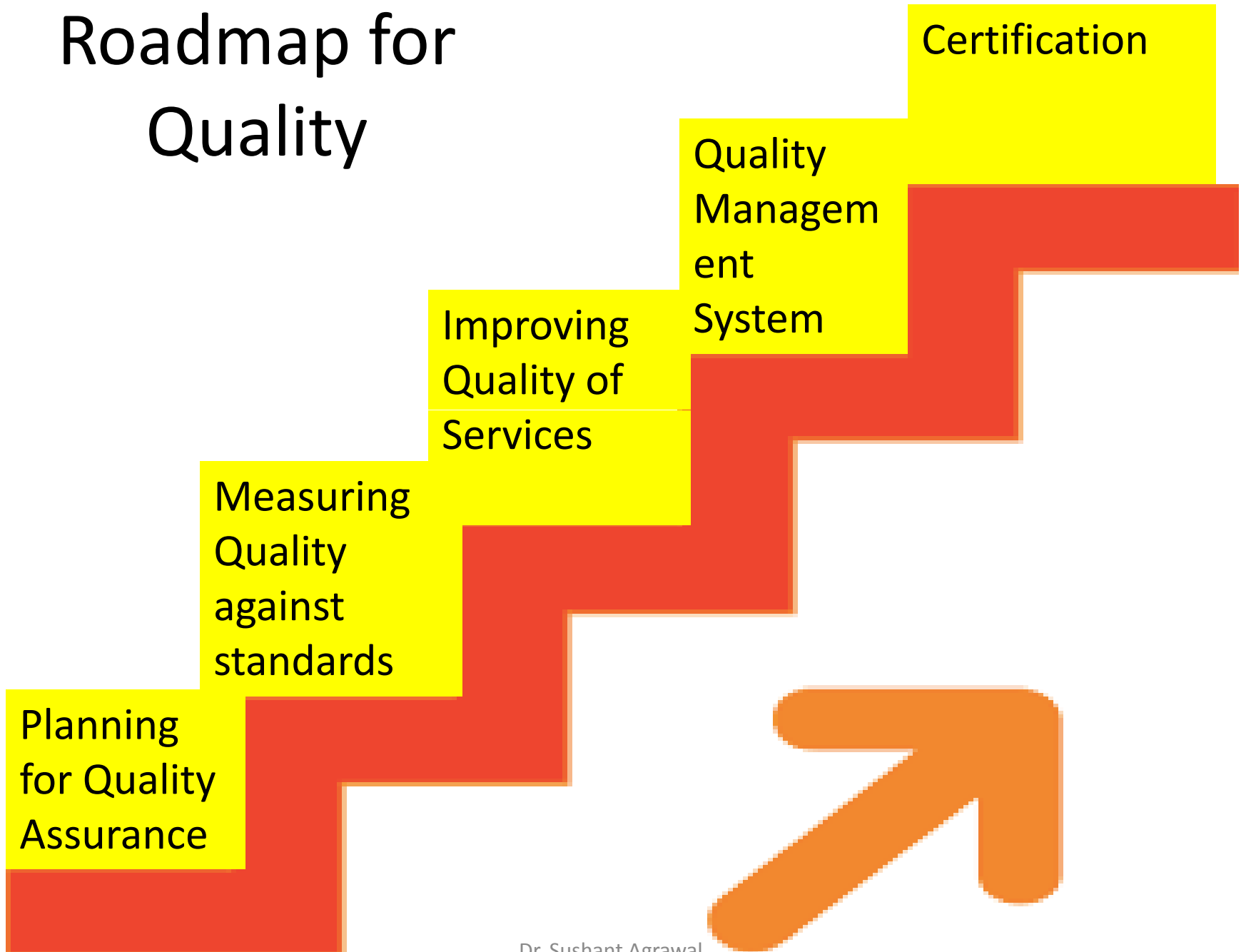
## ACT

IMPLIMENT PLANNED CHANGES  
NOT SUCCESSFUL, REWORK CYCLE



Q U A L I T Y

# Roadmap for Quality







**OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES for  
QUALITY ASSURANCE**  
in PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES

2013

**Introducing National Quality  
Assurance Program**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India



**ASSESSOR'S GUIDEBOOK FOR  
QUALITY ASSURANCE IN  
DISTRICT HOSPITALS**

2013

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India



# Brief History of Quality Assurance in NHM

2005

NRHM Launched  
Supreme court judgment leading to QAC for Family Planning

2007

Indian Public Health Standard were launched for District Hospital, Sub District Hospitals, PHC, CHC and Sub centers

2008

Taken 8 District Hospitals in EAG state for implementing Quality Management System

2011

Spread of certification program ISO-NABH

2012

74 Facilities get ISO Certification , 15 NABH  
Review of Currently going accreditation process

2013

Consultation for National Quality Assurance Standards started.  
Operational Guidelines launched

2014

Guidelines for PHC & CHCs, National Quality Convention  
Priority area for NHM

# Key Features of QA Programme

1

Unified  
Org.  
Framework

2

Quality  
Assurance  
Standards

3

Continuous  
Assessment  
and scoring

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Key  
Performance  
Indicators

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Training &  
Capacity  
Building

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Inbuilt Quality  
Improvement  
Model

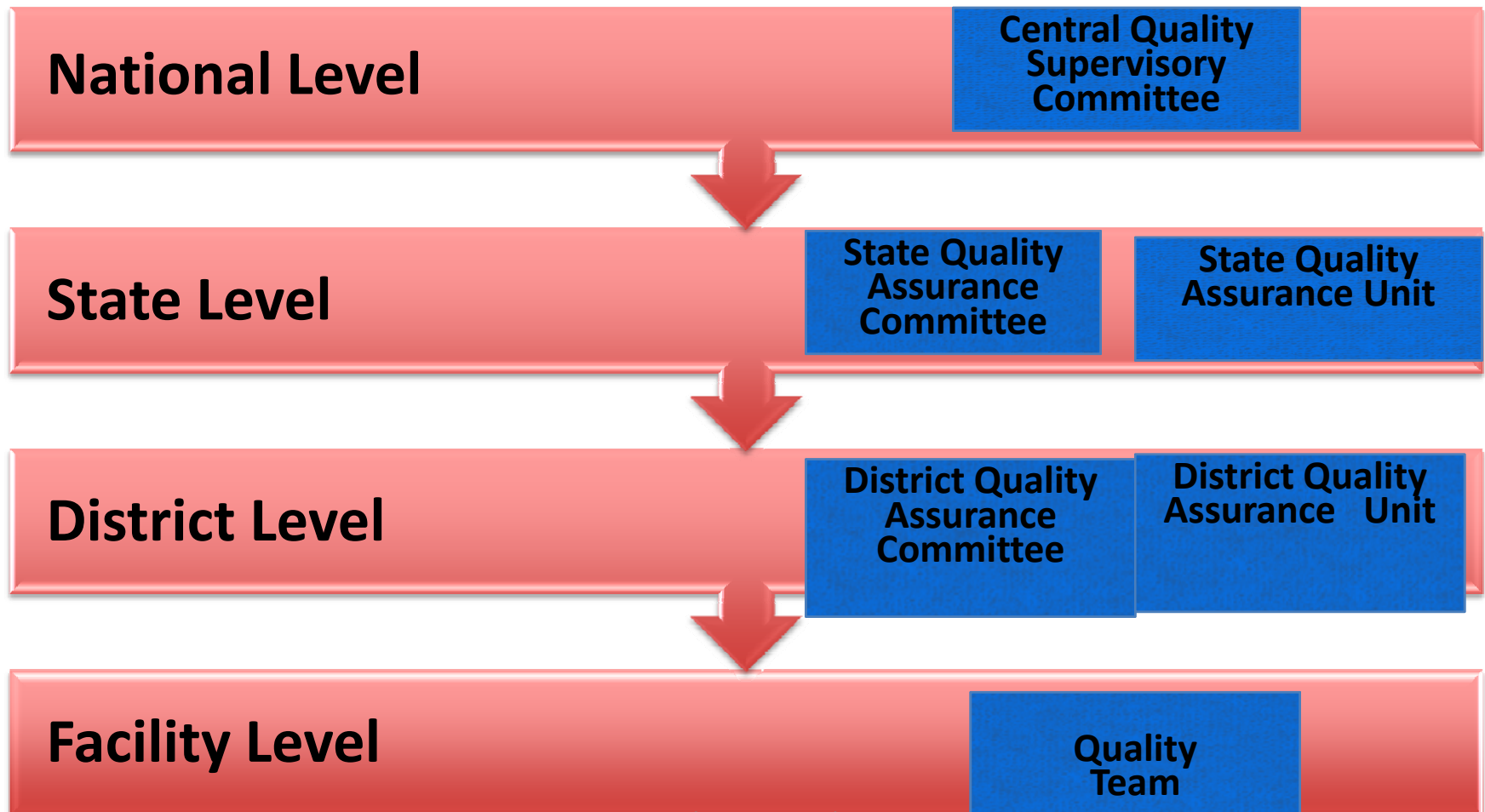
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Certification  
at State &  
National Level

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Incentives  
& Sustenance

# Quality Assurance Institutional Structure



# Aligning Organizational Structure

**All existing QA cells including Family Planning merged to proposed structure**

**Notification for Constitution/Restructuring Committees**

**Appointment of Nodal Person**

**Recruitment of fulltime technical staff**

# State Family Planning Indemnity Subcommittee

- Mission Director –NRHM (Chairperson).
- Director Family Welfare/Director Health Services/Director Public Health Equivalent (Convener).
- Additional/Joint Director (FW)/Deputy Director (FW)/Equivalent (Member Secretary).
- Empanelled Gynaecologist (from public institutions).
- Empanelled Surgeon (from public institutions).

# SQAU Composition

- SQAU is the working arm under SQAC
- **Composition:**
  - ❖ Additional/ Joint Director (FW)/Deputy Director (FW) / Equivalent, designated by the state government as the nodal officer for the Quality Assurance (QA) Unit (Member Secretary - SQAC).
  - ❖ State Nodal Officers of Programme Divisions;
  - ❖ State Consultant (Quality Assurance)
  - ❖ State Consultant(Public health)
  - ❖ State Consultant (Quality Monitoring)
  - ❖ Administrative-cum-Programme Assistant

# Functions of DQAC

- 1. Dissemination of QA policy and guidelines:**
- 2. Ensuring Standards for Quality of Care**
- 3. Review, report and process compensation claims**
- 4. Capacity building of DQAU and DQT**
- 5. Monitoring QA efforts in the district**
- 6. Periodic Review of the progress of QA activities**
- 7. Supporting QI Process**
- 8. Co-ordination with State & Reporting**



# District Family Planning Indemnity Subcommittee

- District Collector, (Chairperson)
- Chief Medical Officer/District Health Officer (convener)
- District Family Welfare Officer/RCHO/ ACMO/ equivalent (member secretary)
- Empanelled gynaecologist (from public institutions)
- Empanelled surgeon(from public institutions)

# Composition of DQAU

## **Composition:**

- District Family Welfare Officer/RCHO/ ACMO/ equivalent (Head of DQAU)
- One Clinician (Surgical/ Medical/ any other speciality)
- District Consultant (Quality Assurance)
- District Consultant (Public Health)
- District Consultant (Quality Monitoring)
- Administrative cum Programme Assistant

# Quality Team (District Hospital)

- I/C Hospital/Medical Superintendent: Chairperson
- I/C Operation Theatre/Anaesthesia I/C, Surgeon
- I/C Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- I/C Lab services (Microbiologist/ Pathologist) : for enforcing IMEP & BMW protocols
- I/C Nursing
- I/C Ancillary Services
- I/C Transport
- I/C Stores
- I/C Records
- Hospital Manager

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# Explicit Measurement System

# Implicit Vs. Explicit Measurement System

## Implicit

- Easy to design
- Require more vigorous training
- Requires highly qualified assessors (Domain Expert)
- Scalability is limited
- More subjective
- Needs interpretations
- Less in Volume
- Reference to other guidelines

## Explicit

- Hard to design
- Requires less vigorous training
- Do not require domain experts
- Easy to scale up
- More Objective
- Self explanatory
- Voluminous
- Reference is limited

# National Quality Assurance Standards (Areas of Concern)

Service  
Provision



Patient Rights



Inputs



Support  
Services



Clinical  
Care



Infection  
Control



Quality  
Management



Outcome

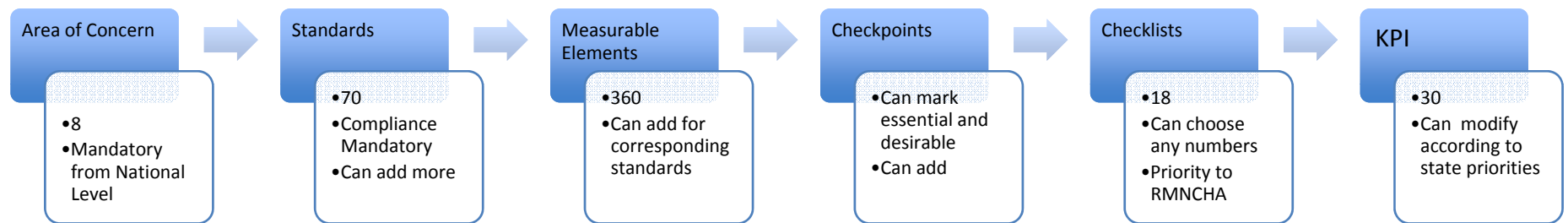


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Flexibility of  
adopting as per  
state's need



# Customization as per State need



- Essential and and Desirable Components can be marked
- Prioritization of Areas for first phase
- Dissemination of final Quality Policy, Standards, and Checklists

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Training &  
Capacity  
Building

# Training & Capacity Building

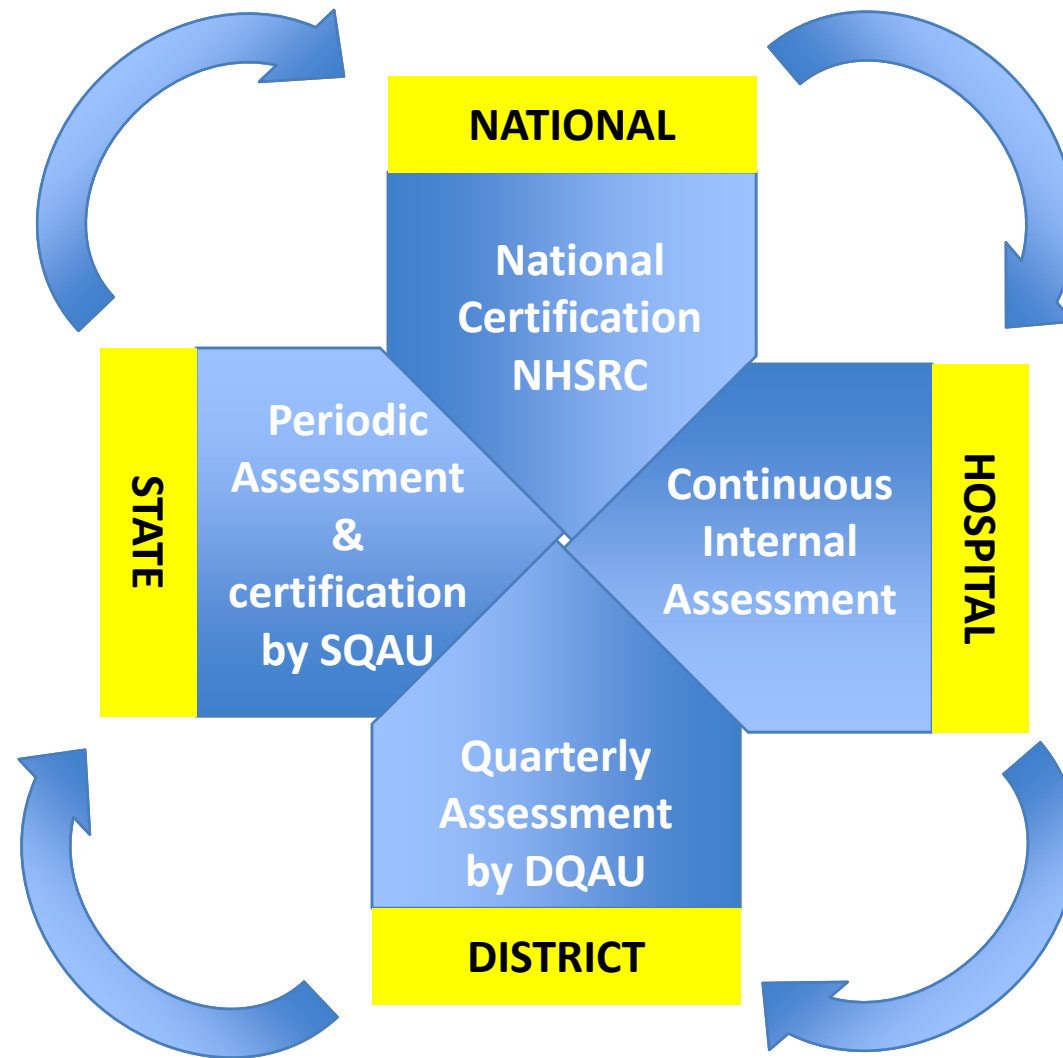
Training	Duration	Level	Participants	Scope
Awareness Workshop	1 day	State	SQAC, State level program officers, RPM units, Civil Surgeons/ CDMOs	To sensitize state level officials for quality assurance program and its steps
Internal Assessor Training	2 Day	State / Regional Level	SQAC/DQAC/DQT members	standards , measurable element, Internal assessment Methodology Filling up checklists and calculating scores Preparing action Plans
Service Provider training (For Implementation)	3 Day	Regional/ District Level	MS, Hospital Managers, Matrons, department I/C, DPM , other service providers	Basic concepts of quality Introduction to standards and measurement system Standard operating procedures Patient satisfaction programs , quality improvement tools
Ext. Assessor Training	5 Day	National/ State	Impaneled external national/state assessors	Detailed training on standards , measurable elements, assessment methodology, audit trail, code of conduct, filling formats and reporting

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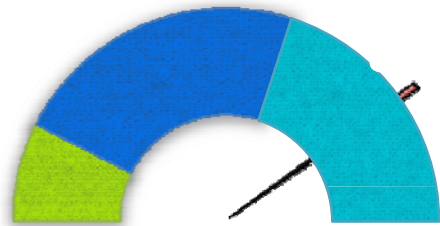
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**Assessment  
scoring &  
Performances  
Measurement**

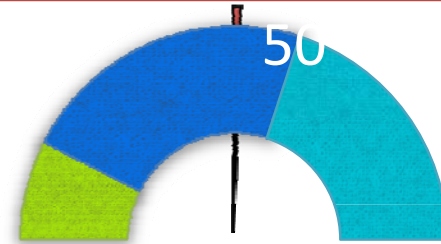
# Continual Quality Improvement



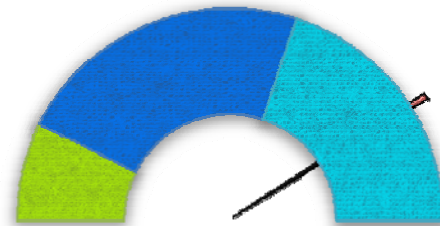
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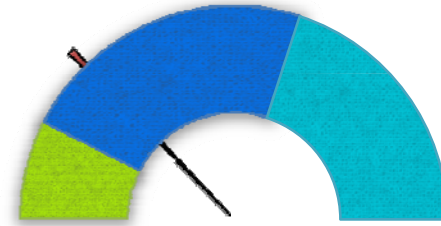
**PRODUCTIVITY**



**EFFICIENCY**



**CLINICAL CARE/ SAFETY**



**SERVICE QUALITY**

# Reporting of Key Performance Indicators

## Productivity

- Bed Occupancy Rate
- Lab Utilization Index
- Percentage of High Risk Pregnancy/ Obstetric Complications
- Percentage of Surgeries done at Night
- C- Section Rate

## Efficiency

- Referral Rate
- Major Surgeries per Surgeon
- OPD per Doctor
- External Quality Assurance Score for Lab test
- Stock out percent of supplies for RMNCHA

## Clinical Quality

Maternal Death Rate  
Neonatal Death Rate  
Percentage Maternal Death Review done  
Average Length of Stay  
Surgical Site Infection Rate  
SNCU Mortality Rate  
No. of Sterilization Failures  
No. of Sterilization Complications  
No. of Sterilization Deaths  
Blood unit replacement Rate  
Partograph Recording Rate  
Antibiotic use rate

## Service Quality

LAMA Rate  
Patient Satisfaction Score (IPD)  
Patient Satisfaction Score (IPD)  
Registration to Drug time  
Percentage of JSY payment done before discharge  
Percentage of women provided drop back after delivery

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# Facility Level Quality Improvement

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Inbuilt Quality  
Improvement  
Model

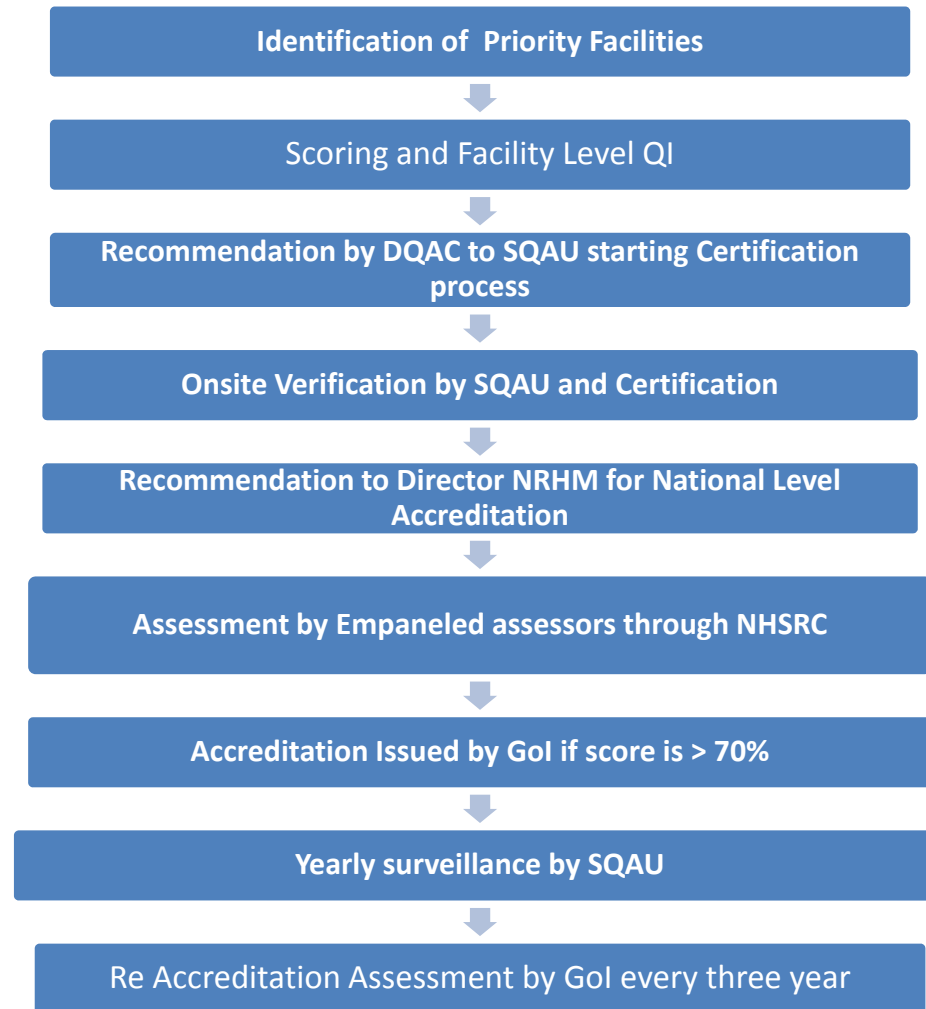
# Facility Level Quality Improvement



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Certification at  
State &  
National Level

# Certification/Accreditation Process



# Issue of Certificate & Incentives



Submission of Assessment Report

Recommendation for Certification



Assessment by external Assessor

Processing of Application and appointment of assessors

Application to Director, NHM, MoHFW, GoI



Internal Assessment and Quality Improvement



Recommendation for Certification



State Level Assessment & Certification

# 8

## Incentives on Achievement & Sustainance

# Incentives

## Financial



- Rs. 5000 per Functional bed on National Accreditation
- 25% for Individual Incentives
- 75% for Staff welfare and Improving Work environment
- Annual Incentives of Same Amount for maintaining the accreditation

## Non Financial



- Facilitation at State Level
- Publication of Achievement in Media
- CMEs, Trainings , Short Courses for Staff
- Weightage during Appraisal
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# NHSRC Support

- Planning and PIP Formulation
- Customization of Checklists as per State Need
- Support in Base line Assessment of Selected Facilities
- Training of assessors and service providers
- Support for implementing monitoring system in place
- Handholding for Certification of Selected Facilities



*The question is not ,  
if India can afford to  
do it...*

*The question is can  
India afford not to do  
it...*

**Thanks**



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