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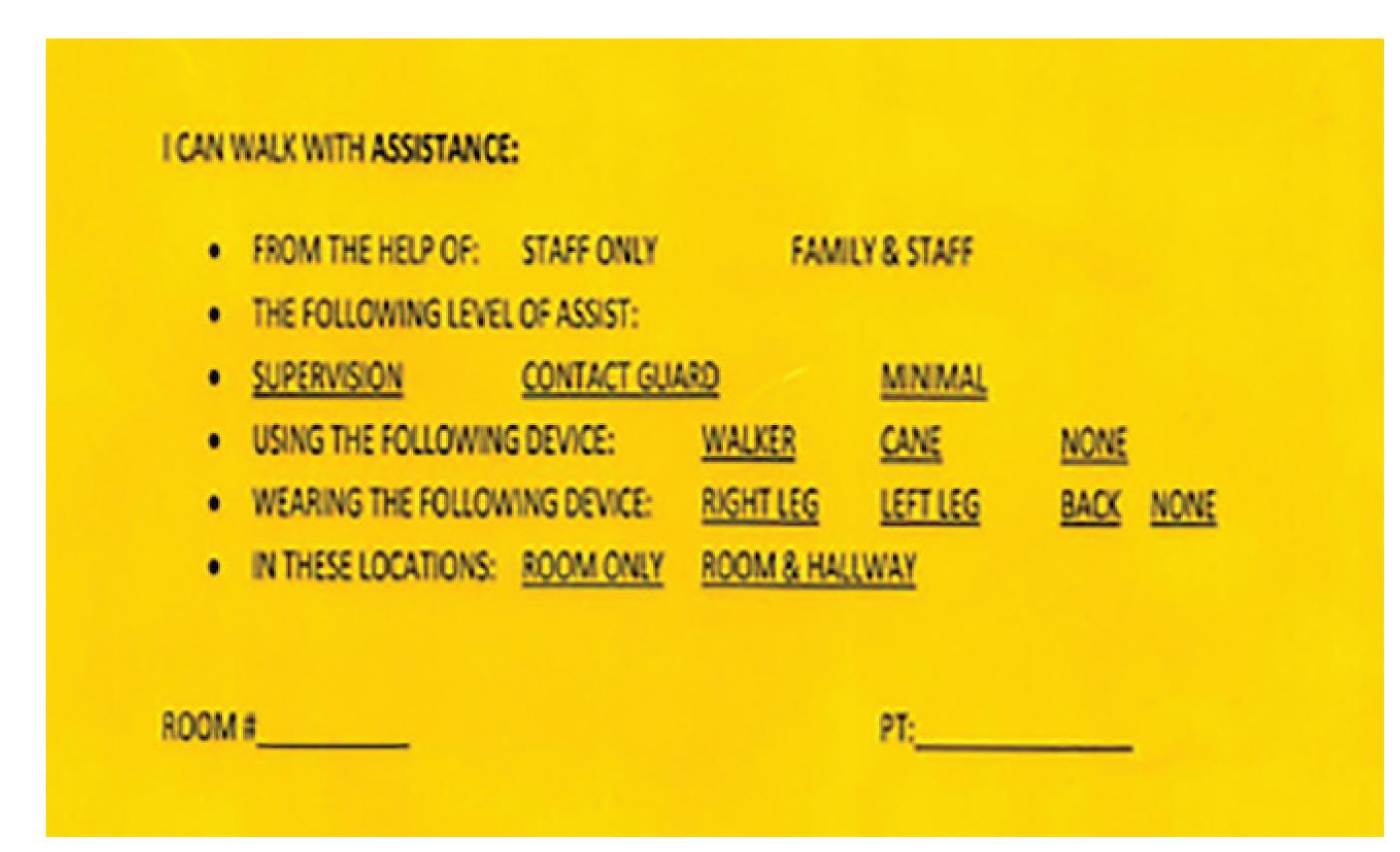
Red - Full Assist

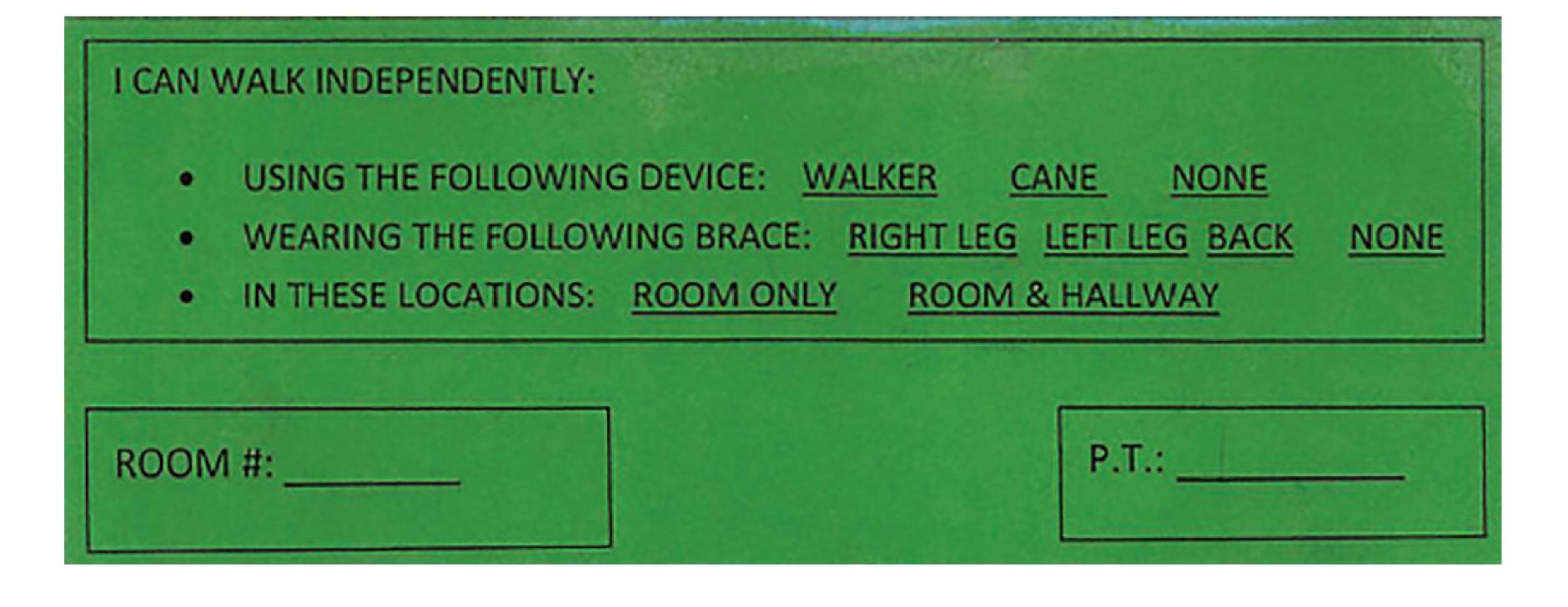
Yellow - Partial Assist

Green - Independent

Cards are placed outside of door, all patients start at a red card!







## The Process:

By consensus of PT, OT, and team RNs pertain to patient safety

- A. Transfer ability from bed -> Chair -> Toilet and back
- B. Mobility/Ambulation
  - Ambulate with or without walker/wheelchair
- How steady
- Can/cannot open doors
- C. Cognition: Does the patient know when to ask for help



The Interdisciplinary
Communication at Work
(Beginning March 2012)
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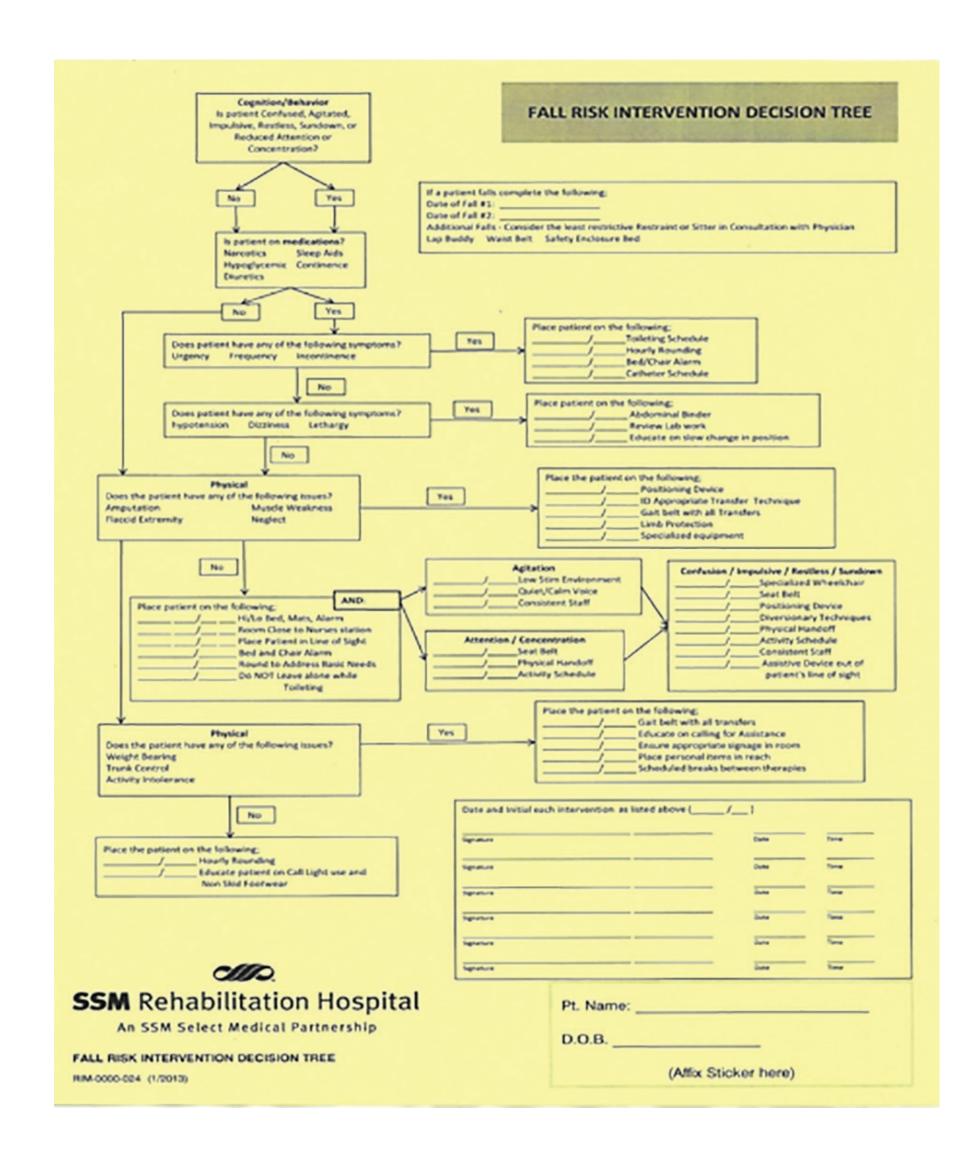
- I. Fall Tree Assessment (Fall Decision Tree)
- A. Performed by Nursing at the time of Admission Assessment
- B. Becomes a part of the chart in IDT
- C. Becomes part of the Care Plan
- D. Lead to creation of the "Yellow Card"

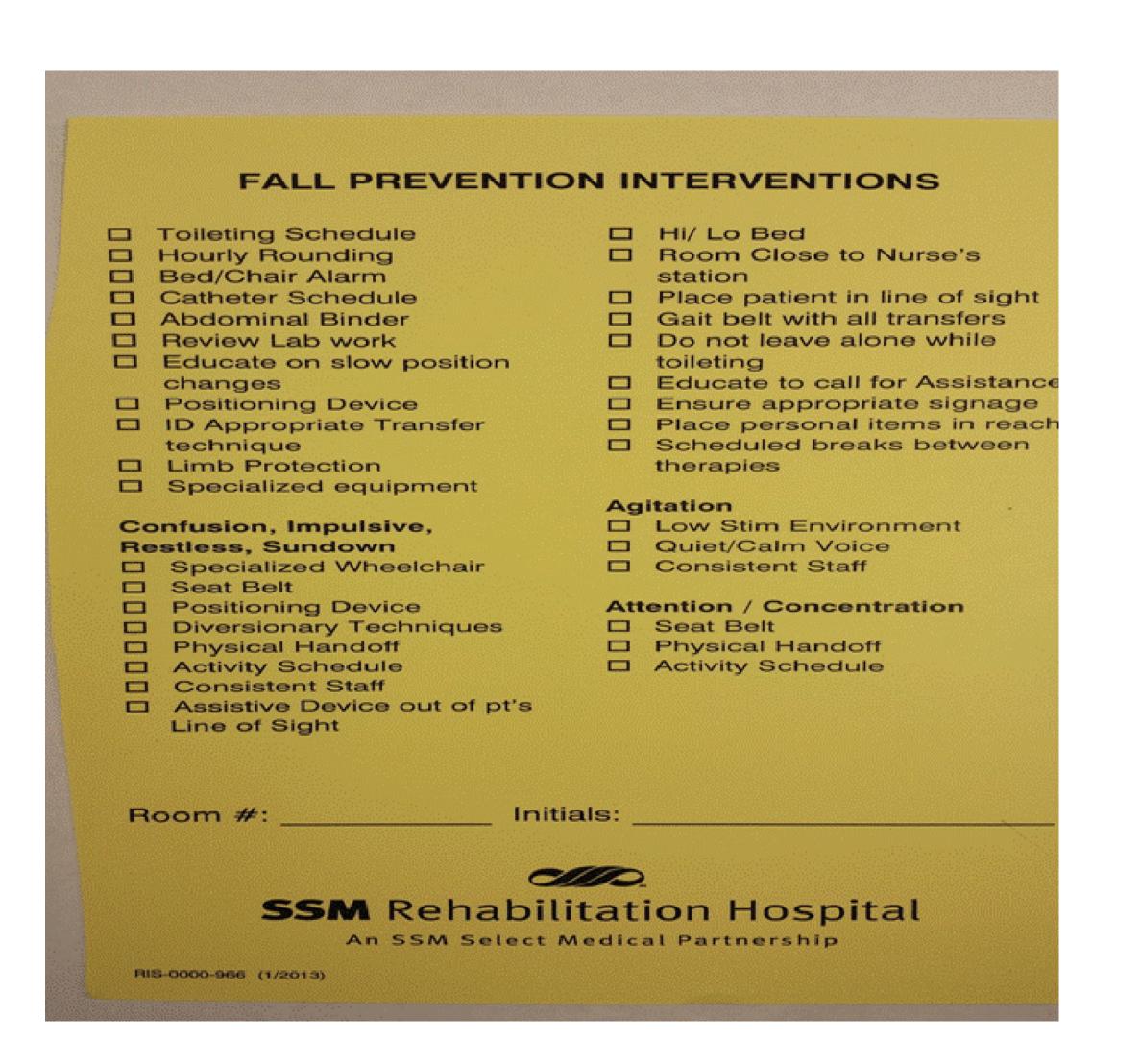


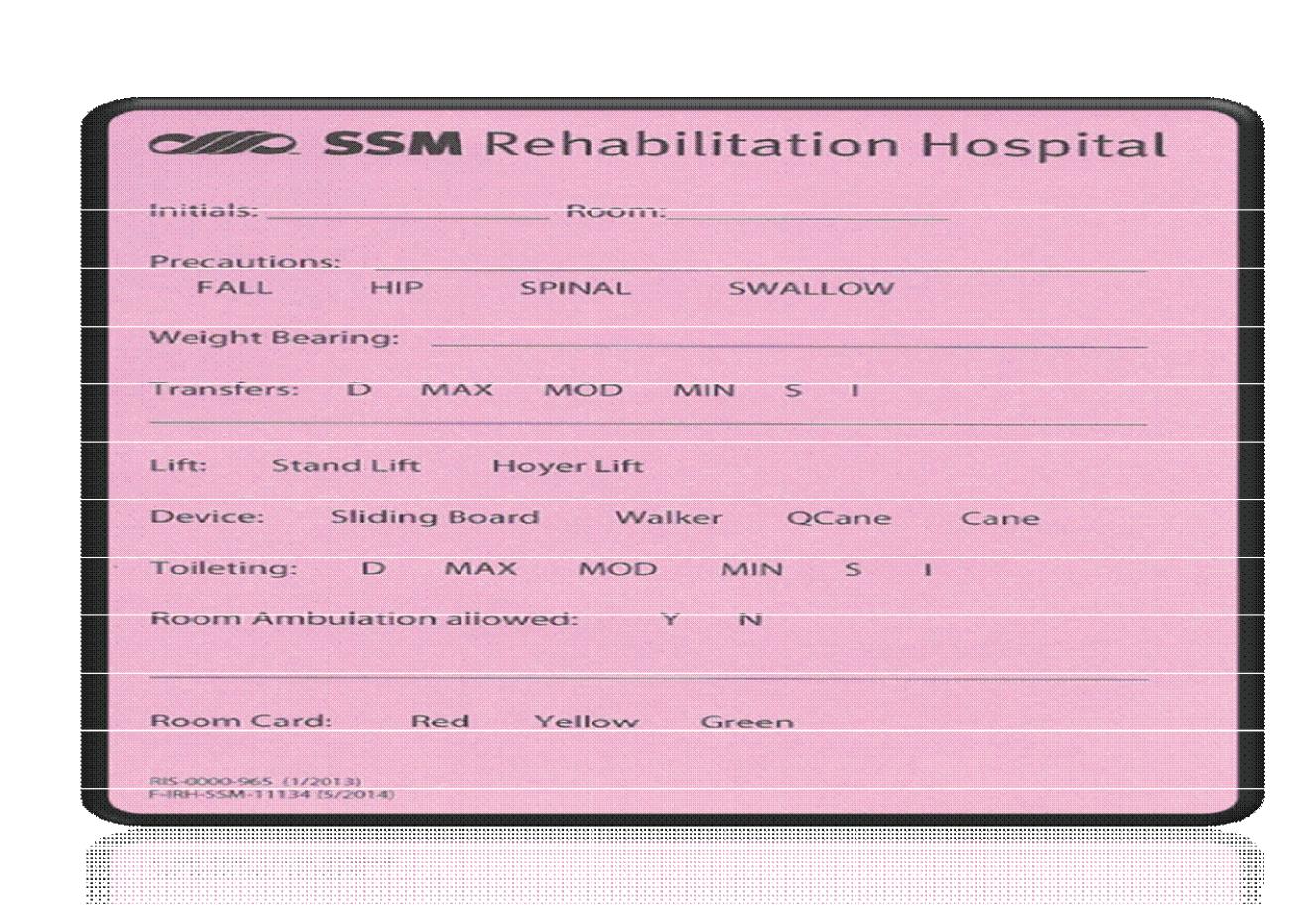
- II. The Yellow Card (Fall Prevention Interventions)
- A. The Yellow Card is placed on the patients wall for easy reference to all staff, family and visitors
- B. Nursing passes Yellow Card status in shift-to-shift report



- III. The Pink Card (Enhanced May 2013)
- A. Generated from first PT & OT assessment with input from Nursing and then placed in the room next to the Yellow Card.
- B. From the Pink Card the "Red, Yellow or Green" laminated dry erase card is generated and placed on the patients door frame facing into the common hallway.
- C. This is the point at which the "Card" become the communication to ALL disciplines, patient, family and visitors.
- D. State changes indicated by Red, Yellow and Green cards are determined in the weekly team conference meetings or PRN depending on the individual improvement or decline of each patient's conditions.





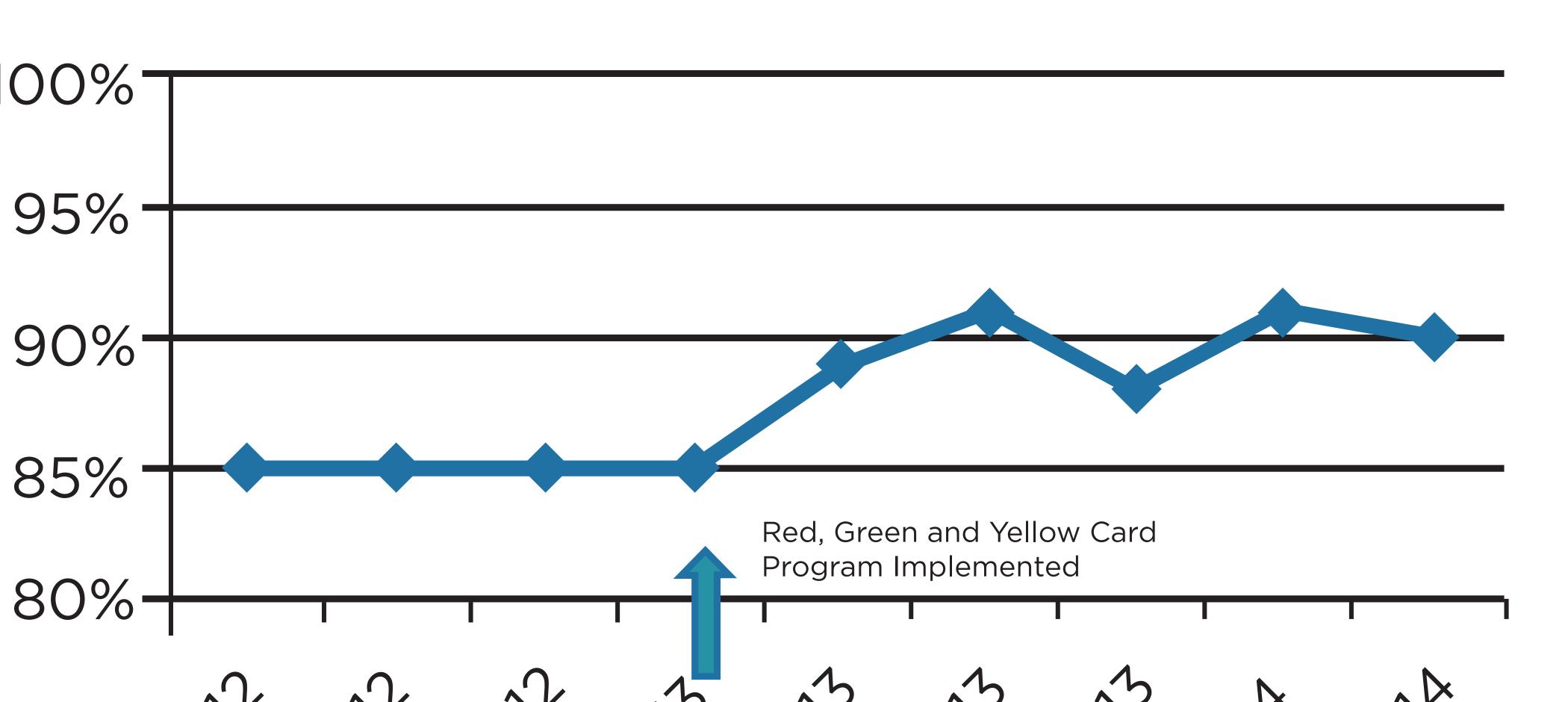


Any staff may safely assist the patient at any time with minimal wait time for the patient

Overall patient satisfaction is achieved when the patient feels in control of his/her own progress

Staff education needs are minimal to none due to the self-explained nature of the card system

## Communication is the Key Communication is the Key



Coordination of Care

between the Rehab Team