

Dignity Health: Reducing Waste

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Dignity Health – Who We Are

Headquartered in San Francisco

5th largest nonprofit health system

10,000 physicians and 56,000 employees

39 acute care hospitals and 150 ancillary care sites

Committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved.

Provided \$1.6 billion in charity care, community benefit and unreimbursed patient care (FY12)



Ecology is integral to our mission

- Optimize patient & employee health & safety
- Minimize environmental impact on communities
- Partner with others to promote healing & wholeness



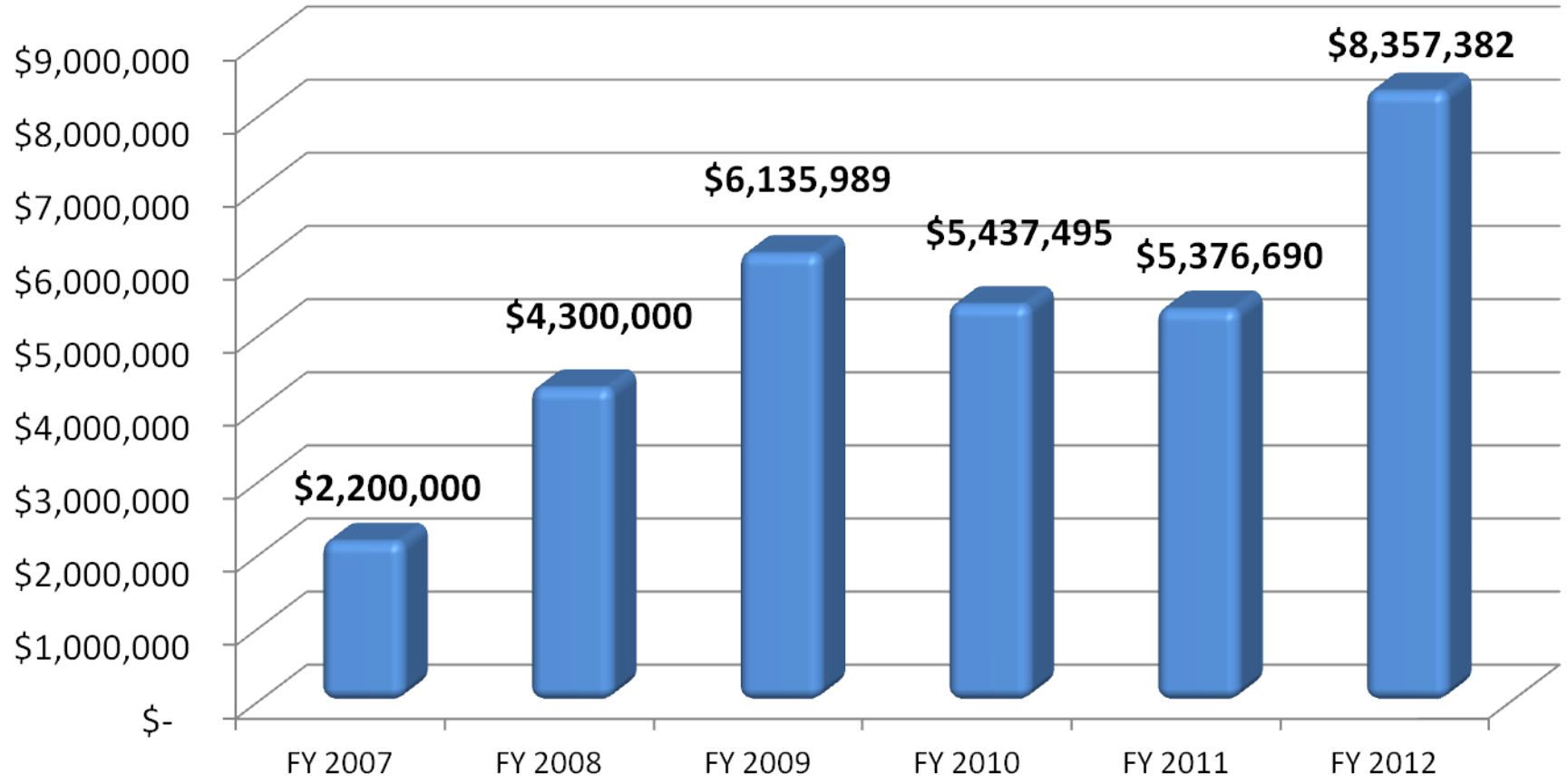
Minimizing Waste: Key Interventions

- Single Use Device Reprocessing
- Donation and Beneficial Use
- Reuse & Reusables
- RMW Segregation
- Tracking & Reporting



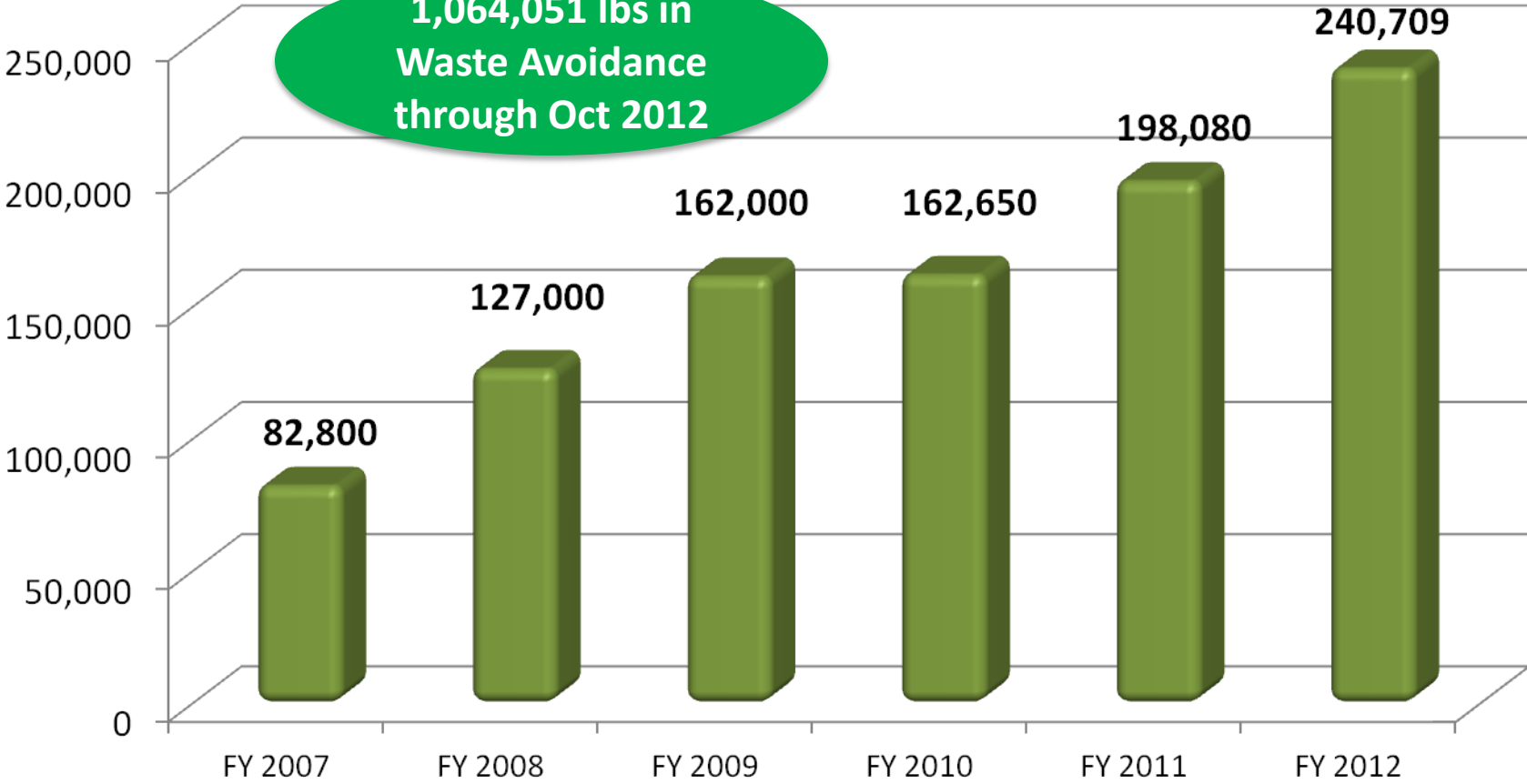
Reprocessing: Dignity Health Cost Avoidance Results

Over \$33M in
Cost Avoidance
through Oct
2012



DVT Agreement Impact

Reprocessing: Dignity Health Environmental Avoidance Results



Donate Excess Medical Equipment and Supplies

- Distribute surplus supplies to other countries
- US hospitals throw away 2,000 tons of unused medical supplies worth \$200 million annually
- MedShare, Flying Doctors, MedXS, Doctors Without Borders, Project C.U.R.E.



Support reuse in the OR and beyond

- Reusable Hard Cases
- Fluid Management
- Reusable gowns, drapes and basin sets



RMW Minimization/Segregation

- Saline solution bottles, tubing clean hard plastic
- Blue Wrap
- Paper
- Bair Paws



(Waste from one baby's birth)

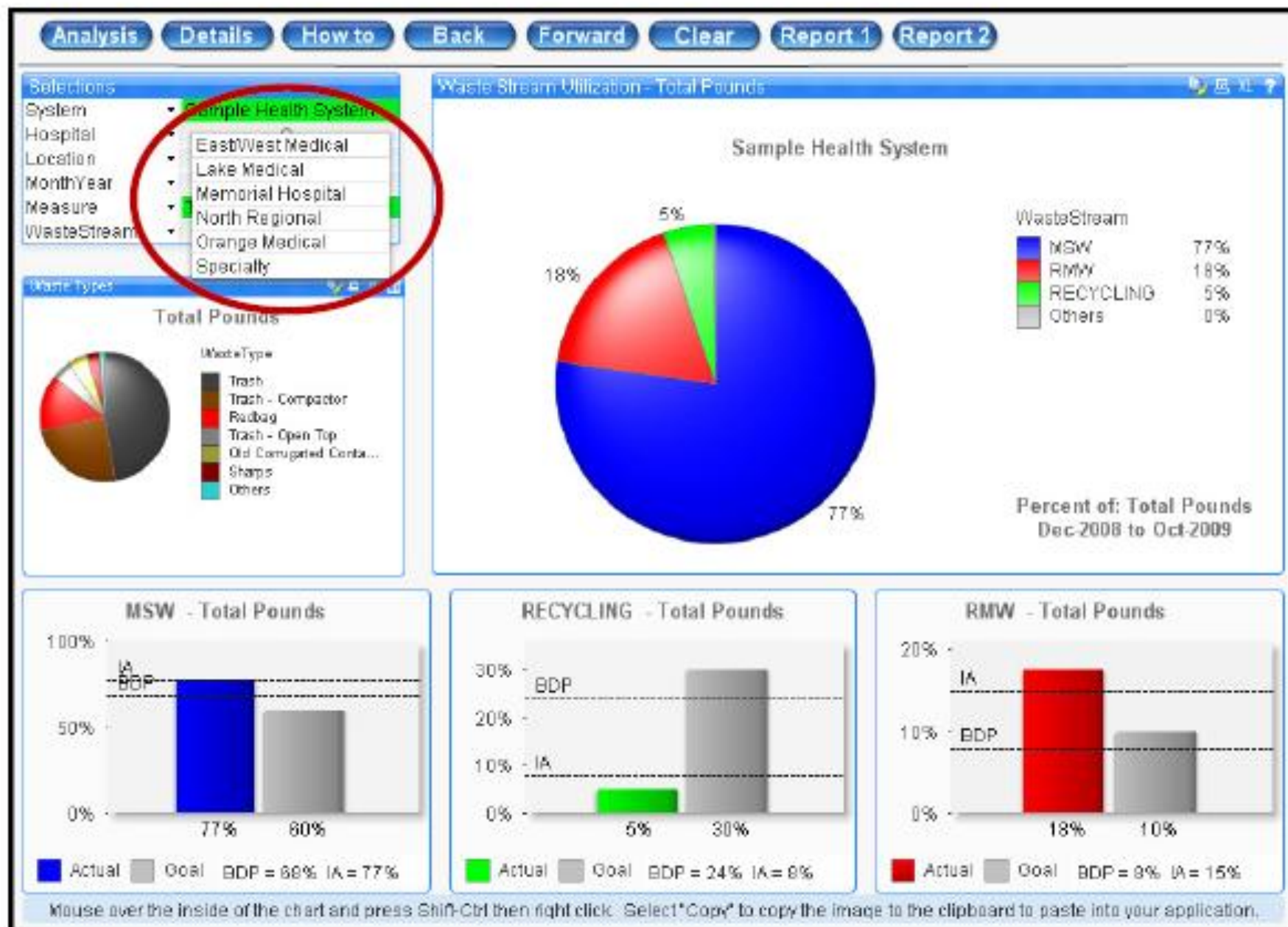


Tracking & Reporting



- Can't manage what you don't measure
- Where's the starting line?
- Take credit for current successes!

View Individual Hospitals, Locations or Entire Hospital System



Thank you