

# 52 NTHSSA Improvements in 52 Weeks

For the next 52 weeks, the NTHSSA will be celebrating one improvement each week! These weekly reports are one way we're working to recognize some of the staff-led initiatives, that are making a real difference across the organization for both staff and clients. It's all part of our commitment to being responsive, showcase innovation, and demonstrate progress we're proud to be making together.

## Week 48 of 52 (Week of May 25, 2026): Narcotic Counts

**Change Driver:** Across the NTHSSA, teams strive for ongoing improvement, including process improvements. In the Sahtu, staff recently recognized an opportunity to improve narcotic counts – an important part of patient safety.

**Link to System Vision:** This supports 'Better Future' by improving operational efficiency and cost, and 'Best Care' through continuous quality improvement.

**Improvement Initiative:** To reduce potential narcotic count errors, the Clinical Nurse Education in the Sahtu provided the nursing staff with an education session on Narcotic Count tips. The team worked together to discuss potential ways to support narcotic counts, and a sign was developed that can be used to decrease the interruptions during narcotic counts.



This staff-led improvement initiative involved both training and initiated the development of signage, better equipping staff and a promoting patient safety.