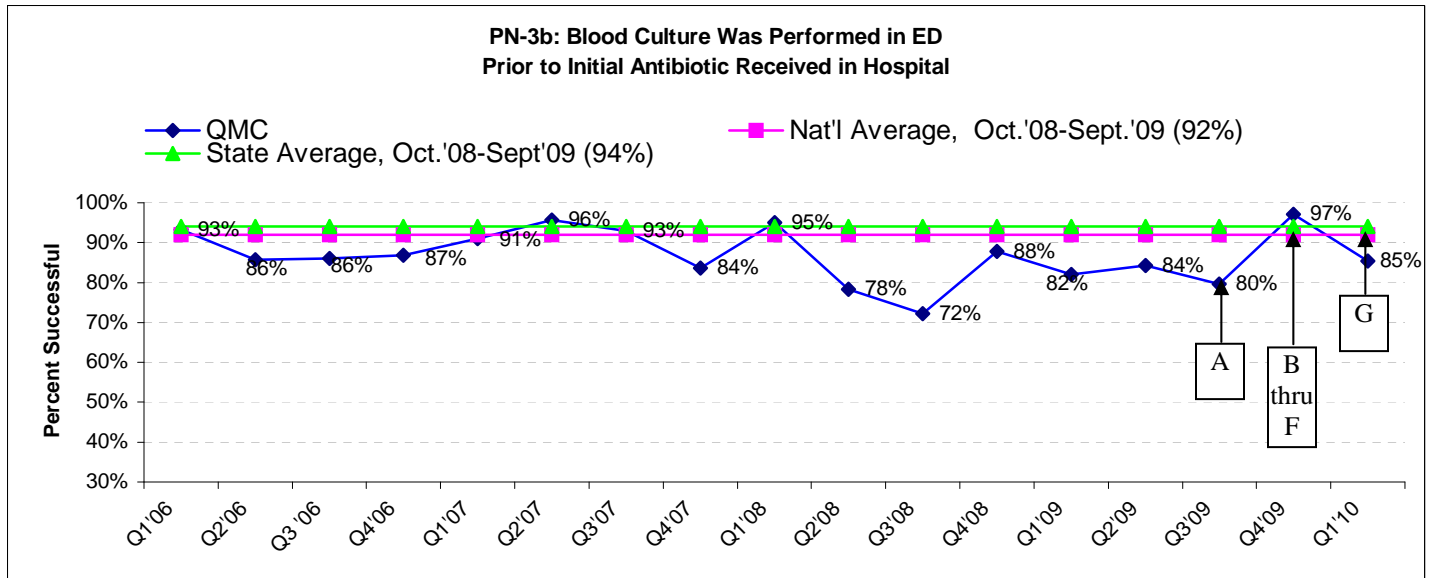




Core Measure Trend Watch: Pneumonia-3b (PN-3b)



PN-3b description (from National Quality Forum):

This chart tracks the percentage of pneumonia patients whose initial emergency room blood culture specimen was collected prior to the first hospital dose of antibiotics. This measure focuses on the treatment provided to Emergency Department patients prior to admission orders.

What QMC is Doing to ensure that this quality measure is met:

QMC's initiatives to improve performance		Status
A	Accountability to the Board	Implemented
B	Meet regularly with the ED management team to review the core measure data R/T the collection of blood cultures	Implemented
C	Educate the ED nursing staff as to the importance of obtaining blood cultures prior to antibiotics	Implemented
D	Forward outliers to the nurse educator for further follow up with individual nurses	Implemented
E	Inform ED MDs that blood cultures are not mandatory	Implemented
F	Remove blood cultures from Pneumonia Admission Orders	Implemented
G	Move closer to real-time data analysis	Implemented