#### **REVIEW ARTICLE**

## Healthcare Leadership: Leading for Creativity, Innovation, and Performance by Changing Organizational Culture in Healthcare

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Leadership is one of the critical factors for organizational creativity, innovation, and performance. Organizational culture is a significant strategic element that stimulates creativity, innovation, and performance to strengthen the organization and compete. This study aims to investigate and understand the leading role of leadership in creativity, innovation, and organizational performance to foster team performance. Since workplace culture and employee attitudes are vital predictors of organizational innovation and performance, looking deep into leadership roles improves organizational performance by enhancing work culture in healthcare.

Innovation sessions provide great opportunities to redesign solutions and encourage divergent thinking in teams, and these innovations dramatically depend on the leaders and the team's psychological safety. Teams' innovative ideas should be recognized/ consistently rewarded and encouraged to work flexibly to bring creative ideas forward for further innovations. Organizational performance reports should address goal policies and management limitations; a balanced scorecard method could help leaders balance various pressing parameters. Institutional goals are foundational building blocks to achieve its mission and vision; setting up, aligning, and tracking enables the department to work towards a single objective by contributing everyone to the project for growth. Breaking down goals into smaller pieces helps leaders stay on track, identify team members meeting key results, and measure progress toward a goal.

An easy way to diagnose organizational culture is by conducting an institutional survey, which reflects the inner mind of the organization and workplace culture. An organizational culture begins with excellent mission and vision statements guiding leaders to values and objectives. The timeline setup for goals supports the leaders in managing and achieving goals on time, and regular monitoring is suggested to track progress. Demarcating and applying metrics to milestones support progress tracking, and the goal reports identify the organization's vision for growth and expansion. Excellent leaders are desired to promote organizational creativity and innovation to improve organizational performance by enhancing work culture in healthcare.

**Keywords**: Healthcare, leadership, creativity, innovation, organizational performance, culture, radiology, oncology.

#### Introduction

Healthcare leadership is crucial in predicting organizational creativity and innovation, and many studies demonstrated clear evidence of a relationship between leadership and enhancing workplace creativity and innovation<sup>1</sup>. Numerous organizations depend on creativity and innovations for business success, and good leadership is vital to the success of organizational creative efforts. Transformational leadership is indispensable for creativity and innovation<sup>2,3</sup>. Leadership practically influences formulation, adoption, implementation, and innovation as the leaders oversee strategic decisions, policy-making, control resources, and monitor project progress; furthermore, a previous study identified that creativity and leadership are potential mediators<sup>4</sup>. Employee mistreatment generates feelings of injustice, stress, and negative emotions in working staff, undermining trust, commitment, and collaboration, resulting in internally declining creativity and innovation. Proactive measures such as a culture of respect and equality, policies against abusive practices, and resolving conflicts can help create a positive work environment to foster creativity and innovation in the workplace. Working staff should feel comfortable speaking up by creating a supportive atmosphere and be rewarded for their innovative contributions<sup>5</sup>.

Systematic integration of organizational culture with leadership development is desired to generate excellent leaders who can successfully impact organizational performance and face challenges; hence, a strategic leadership management concept is vital to success. Leadership's impact on team behavior influences organizational performance by building an ethical work environment that shapes employee behaviors and attitudes toward desired organizational outcomes<sup>6</sup>. Valuable insights into the organizational culture and a transformational leadership style are necessary to organizational performance<sup>7</sup>. improve organizational cultural transformation is a complex, multi-level, uncertain, and cautious process. Cultural reform efforts may not always generate anticipated results for many organizations, and studies in healthcare indicate that such attempts may induce severe functional disturbances or dysfunctions8. Organizational culture plays a prominent role in the internal environment, directly influencing employees' work behavior and attitudes. Good leadership-employee interactions influence outstanding contributions to team communications, collaborations, and job satisfaction9. Many benefits may come through the implementation of group culture, including improving organizational psychological well-being, reducing distress symptoms, and promoting leadership behaviors<sup>10</sup>. Organizational leadership is responsible for building work ethics and instilling values through organizational culture among team members. Credible leadership creates positive organizational cultures, increases work engagement through organizational culture, and is a perfect mediator for credible leadership influences on work engagement<sup>11</sup>. Hospital culture is directly associated with patient treatment outcomes; however, little is known about the cultures associated with multi-organization environments<sup>12-16</sup>. Innovation through creativity needs long-term visibility and profitability; innovation efforts' complex/cautious nature demonstrates leaders' significance in managing innovative processes. This article emphasizes the leading role of leaders in facilitating creative problem-solving processes that impact organizational performance through innovation; furthermore, it provides an integrative understanding of the influence of organizational culture on creativity, innovation, and organizational performance.

The present research review study gathered and systematically reviewed published journal articles on the role of leadership in healthcare, creativity, innovation, organization performance, culture, oncology, and radiology streams from PubMed, MEDLINE, Google Scholar, and medRxiv electronic platforms. An ethics committee or institutional review board (IRB) approval is not necessary to perform this study due to the exclusion of the patients or patient-related information.

# 1) LEADING FOR CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE

#### a) Explore creativity and innovation.

The primary objective of an innovation session is to generate a new or redesigned approach to a currently existing problem or a project<sup>17</sup>. Innovative meetings focus on creative ideas, designing/ redesigning products, or developing new healthcare business/service opportunities. A previous publication explores different types of innovations, including incremental and radical<sup>18</sup>. The innovation session offers opportunities to work collaboratively with the team, generate ideas, allow everyone to participate, and reflect on accomplishments together. Invite everyone in the institution to innovation sessions, also called sessions, to surface various brainstorming opportunities for innovation. The leaders must figure out important questions to discuss in the session and focus on addressing critical issues to generate new ideas. A reflection provides vital results after brainstorming sessions, and the leaders derive decisions from these reflections. For example, there have been discussions on reducing patient radiation dose while maintaining image quality at a standard level from a computed tomography (CT) imaging device in radiology. This CT imaging device is used to image patients in a hospital setup, and the research team conducted brainstorming sessions to find ways to reduce patient radiation dose for imaging while maintaining excellent image quality for diagnostic purposes. The exact problem is the image quality, and the patient dose are directly related. Since radiation harms humans, the as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) principle plays a crucial role in medicine in minimizing the dose to patients during medical imaging. Radiologists appreciate good image quality with reduced patient dose<sup>19</sup>. Multiple ideas emerged in the brainstorming sessions, including using reduced energy and current for imaging, reducing source-detector rotation angle, reducing rotation time, and many more to minimize patient doses. The latest versions of CT imagers use these dose reduction techniques to reduce patient dose while maintaining image quality at an appreciated level. The CT imaging system operated usina fixed radiation exposure parameters determined by scanning protocol, but the innovative ideas derived changed the scenarios of the device's operation today. The device manufacturing company's involvement supported achieving determined goals, and the concept of automatic exposure control (AEC) continuously altered exposure factors such as voltage and current based on the patient thickness to achieve an appreciated image quality, helping reduce patient doses<sup>20,21</sup>.

#### b)Generating New Ideas

Simple mathematical models like the BLG Innovation Matrix help generate new ideas; Table 1 provides a BLG innovation matrix that includes incremental and radical changes with paradigm shift. The innovation matrix detected that the most important innovation that creates a paradigm shift is the Automatic Exposure Control (AEC) system application. AEC is one of the most important technologies used today in medical imaging to reduce patient dose, which automatically modulates the X-ray tube current or energy to compensate for variations in patient radiation attenuation<sup>21</sup>. This radical technological shift is highly beneficial, especially for pediatric CT imaging during medical emergencies. advantages of the AEC include reducing patient doses considerably while improving image quality without dose penalty and supporting medical diagnosis and department policies. Technological innovations in the medical and healthcare sectors are significant, and AEC technology established a new universal standard for medical imaging. A paradigm shift or continuous technological improvements are essential to achieve high-end technology that benefits patients and the community; furthermore, explorative research activities should be encouraged in organizations.

Table 1: Shows a BLG innovation matrix that includes incremental and radical changes with paradigm shift.

The BLG Innovation Matrix						
	Product	Process	Structure	Market		
Continuous improvement	CT	Multiple technical	Involve x-ray tube, detector system,	Medical		
	imaging	advancements in CT	processing and reconstruction system,	and		
	device	components	hardware system, software, etc.	healthcare		
Incremental change	CT protocol	Reduce imaging parameters	Software package and ability to	Medical		
		(energy, current, slice	control protocol specifically	and		
		thickness, etc.)	Control protocol specifically	healthcare		
Radical change	Changing	Technical advancements	Reduce x-ray source-detector rotation angle and change field size	Medical		
	rotational	nal reduce scanning angles and		and		
	angle	improve image processing	angle and change field size	healthcare		
Paradigm shift	Automatic Exposure Control (AEC)	Technical advancements completely changed the concept of image quality and simultaneously reduced patient dose.	Introduction of an AEC system (which affects software and hardware)	Medical and healthcare		

Most organizations focus on creating new products in innovative efforts; however, such approaches alone are inadequate. Innovative efforts require moving beyond new products and services; a more comprehensive approach to growth will be necessary for market innovation and business expansion. Technological innovation usually requires large-scale research implementations to design advanced products and adopt novel marketing methods to expand businesses and services. Technological innovations encourage divergent thinking, which should be encouraged in the organization. One example is applying AEC technology to other medical devices, such as conebeam CT and planar imaging<sup>22-24</sup>. innovations are not easy to work with, but certainly impossible. Support from not manufacturing companies to discuss and develop further would go a long way. The leaders can conduct follow-up brainstorming meetings to additional ideas and conduct generate experiments for further innovations.

#### c) Encourage divergent thinking

Innovation strongly depends on the team members' psychological safety, which depends on leaders and their engagement in discussions. Psychological safety is created by the tonality and

the language used by the group leaders. It is essential to determine how to encourage divergent thinking after an innovation in leadership practices. an overall Maintaining positive tone conversation between leaders and working staff in the workplace in daily management practice would be helpful. Excellent leaders continuously try to maintain a positive conversation tone, provide constructive feedback to team members, and create a continuous sense of partnership. Leaders always follow a nonjudgemental team dialog without undermining people by making little judgmental comments. Ensuring employees are psychologically safe in the workplace for creativity and innovation would be significant. Innovations should be rewarded, and the team should be free to take innovative ideas forward for further innovations, which is termed rewarding innovation with responsibility<sup>22</sup>. The first step to starting innovation is creating an environment where employees feel comfortable coming up with new ideas and challenging conventions. Leaders have a significant role in making this environment that allows freedom for team members to succeed and fail with equal value. Leadership should motivate employees by providing flexibility and freedom, subordinate encouraging self-development, rewarding innovations, and improving creative

thinking<sup>25</sup>. Leaders can offer more relaxation to the team members to determine their roles by giving them more control to inspire innovation by making them feel valued. Other rewards for innovating ideas are tangible rewards that positively count efforts, offer promotions, and ask what they want. The team should have adequate flexibility and autonomy to make creative decisions; such a workplace can be psychologically safe and conducive to innovation.

# 2. SELECTING SUITABLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

#### a) Objectives and measures in organizations

Organizations need a balance of measures (balanced scorecard) drawn from all four perspectives: financial, customer, internal processes, and learning and growth<sup>26,27</sup>. Many organizations rely too heavily on measures of one type at the expense of the other types. The categories and measures that usually get the most attention in the balanced scorecard are financial customer-related. Financial included maximization of revenue, reducing operating expenses, and minimizing liability. Customer objectives are related to increasing departmental quality and service awareness, which improves patient satisfaction. For example, prospective beneficiaries can be measured based on their understanding of departmental services and treatment offerings, as measured by phone surveys over previous years. The organization is highly cautious about its finances and customer services and always tries to improve these parameters as much as possible. The least attention may be given to the employees' learning and growth measures to increase employee awareness of present best practices in medicine and identify new cost-reduction opportunities.

Ideally, the balance of measures drawn from all four perspectives (financial, customer, internal processes, and learning and growth) should be equal (weighted 25% each); however, some parameters show a higher weight than others. For

example, some cancer hospitals may pay more attention to financial and customer services than employees' learning and growth objectives. In that case, the relative imbalance affects employees' working performance to a certain extent because the department uses high-end technologies to treat patients. Some long-experienced employees may have difficulty working with the latest technologies due to the lack of software training. Routine clinical work may continue without disturbances; however, installation of new devices or an upgrade influences their work efficiency. Treatment technologies and strategies are changing fast; new research discoveries greatly influence patient treatments daily. Maintaining upto-date knowledge in the healthcare sector is essential for more positive patient outcomes, and a lack of education and training certainly negatively influences treatment effectiveness<sup>28</sup>. The decisions related to accelerating continuing education, developing hands-on training opportunities, and providing facilities to access new journals, departmental presentations, vendor presentations, etc., would influence the employee's working knowledge. These educational training-related decisions should emerge from the organizational leadership and the leaders.

#### b) Build a balanced Scorecard (BSC)

When creating a balanced scorecard, one must think about the unit and identify some of the main strategies pursued. The objectives of each plan should be added to the appropriate categories in the balanced scorecard, as shown in Table 2. To tackle the imbalance in measures drawing from four perspectives, the department consulted the machine vendors treatment increase engagement using various educational activities, training, including hands-on PowerPoint presentations, etc. There are many departmental meetings to seek ways to improve internal processes. Institutions can collaborate with nearby universities to increase academic activities and provide employees with access to specialty journals.

**Table 2:** The objectives of each strategy are placed within the appropriate categories of the balanced scorecard.

Objectives	Performance measures	Targets	Initiatives				
Financial Perspective							
Maximize revenue	Revenue from patient treatments	Increase the revenue by +10% in quarter 1	Initiated proper treatment paths for patients. Converted patient chart closing reporting system online				
Reduce operating expenses and minimize liability	General operating expenses based on accepted principles	Operating expenses reduced by 2% per month	Computerized patient data and able to check the status by intranet facility.  Reduce departmental accounting staff by 3/4				
Customer Perspective							
Increase awareness of departmental quality in services	Number of patients experiencing delay or lacking proper treatments	15% delay reduction time per patient in a month	Expand public relations activities.  Making decisions to reduce patient waiting time during treatment				
Improve patient satisfaction	Percentage of patients satisfied or extremely satisfied on a survey	The survey shows an overall increase in satisfaction by 10%	Established phone connections directly to physicians for their consultation. Encouraged online patient consultations				
Internal Processes Perspective							
Resource efficiency	Increase volunteer productivity at work time	+15% by quarter 2	Encouraged medical or paramedical students to volunteer within the department for fixed hours. Decided to take students for training in various sections				
Improve patient satisfaction.	Average patient waiting time for treatment	An improved patient satisfaction by 12% due to a reduction in waiting time	Provided appointment time for patient treatments. The reduction in patient waiting time improved patient satisfaction.				
Learning & Growth Perspective							
Increase employee awareness of current best practices in medicine	It can be used for a survey score or a successful completion of a test	An increase in survey score of 20% compared to last time	The department is tied to a university to encourage academic activities. Allowed two hours per week for PowerPoint presentations				
Employee safety	Percentages of employees who encountered safety issues	Safety issues reduced by 7% compared to last year	Initiate steps for clinical employee safety training with the research staff. Established lab/ BLS/ fire safety training sessions				

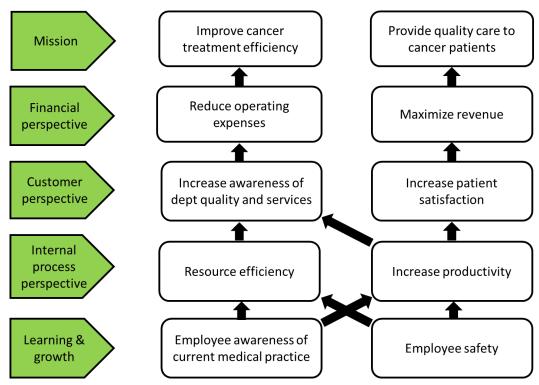
#### c) Create a strategy map

The balanced scorecard describes the causal links between the objectives; each objective has a cause-and-effect relationship with at least one objective, and some of the objectives may link causally to more than one objective. A simple

PowerPoint program can be used to create these objectives causal links to create a strategy map. Figure 1 shows a simple strategy map based on

financial, customer, internal learning, and growth perspectives.

Figure 1: display drawing of a simple strategy map based on financial, customer, internal, and learning and growth perspectives.



#### d)Align Scorecard

The strategy map shows key areas of alignment with other units, which display unit interactions with others internally. For example, institution management may treat finance objectives separately for each department. In this case, no cause-effect relationship exists for financial objectives with other departments. However, the other three groups have a cause-effect relationship for the customer, internal process, and learning and growth perspective. The customer care perspective indeed leads in organizations more than learning and growth. If the corresponding objectives in the other units fall into the same BSC perspective, the other units' customer and learning and growth perspectives fall into. Both customer and learning perspectives are increasing awareness of departmental quality/ services and improving patient satisfaction. The learning and growth perspective enhances employee awareness of present best practices in medicine and employee safety. Larger organizations may detect some

misalignment and try to balance the scorecard factors equally for all four perspectives; however, this BSC may lack some due to the absence of proper attention.

#### e)Performance reporting in the organization

The completed scorecard report outlines the organization's broad goals and guidelines, and these goals are provided to the department's chief so that the efforts and resources are directed to the exact needs. The goal policies and limitations should be discussed in the departmental meetings, and a balanced scorecard should be generated. The document should be supplied to the department manager once the board of directors has finalized goals and constraints, expecting to align the department to the new strategy. The balanced scorecard framework chooses to operationalize the departmental goal policies and align the resources appropriately to achieve those goals. The departmental staff members conducted several internal strategy meetings to develop an initial set of operational and strategic objectives that aligned with the hospital's goal policies. The balanced scorecard framework would provide the best opportunity to accomplish new objectives by aligning the organization to the new strategy. The next step was to develop a set of process and performance measures, and revisions were made to the scorecard, which provided a more accurate performance summary. Following the original scorecard's development, the department initiates developing strategies through a cascading process.

Suppose the department's objective is maximizing financial performance and reducing operating expenses by introducing new initiatives, and its performance can be measured using revenue from patient treatments and general operating expenses based on accepted principles. Based on the customer perspective, objectives like increasing awareness of departmental quality and improving patient satisfaction can be measured using a satisfaction survey. According to the internal process perspective, objectives like resource efficiency or improved patient satisfaction can be calculated using increased volunteer productivity work time and average patient waiting time for treatment. Regarding learning and growth objectives, increased employee awareness of current best practices in medicine and safety parameters can be measured using a survey score or a test to find the percentage of employees who encountered safety issues. A balanced scorecard often includes a section dedicated to listing, describing, and sourcing the measures used. This is an excellent time to compare changes in measurement since the last report and further discuss the limitations of the measures. Suppose the department aims to boost financial performance by reducing operating expenses by introducing new expense-saving initiatives. The performance can be measured using revenue from the patient treatments and the general operating costs based on the accepted principles.

#### f) Recommendations

Ideally, the balance of measures drawn from all four perspectives (financial, customer, internal processes,

and learning and growth) should be equal (weighted 25% each). However, some imbalance is noted in the scorecard (financial and customer), and these perspectives show a higher weightage than other parameters (internal process and learning and growth). The decisions related to additional continuing education, hands-on training, and the facility to access new journals, departmental presentations, vendor presentations, etc., would benefit the working staff. The reported relative imbalance influences employees' work efficiency to a certain extent, primarily because the department uses high-end technologies to treat patients. It is imperative to keep up-to-date knowledge in healthcare to benefit patients and maintain diagnostic and treatment quality<sup>29</sup>; the lack of education and training negatively impacts treatment effectiveness. To tackle the imbalance in measures, the department can consult machine/ software vendors to increase their engagement through various educational activities, including hands-on training, presentations, etc. There are many departmental meetings to seek ways to improve internal processes. Collaborating with universities to develop academic activities and access specialty journals for employees would go a long way.

# 3. DIAGNOSING ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION.

#### a) Diagnosing organizational culture

The easy way to diagnose organizational culture is to conduct an employee satisfaction survey by gathering responses from the working staff<sup>30</sup>. A survey can reveal plenty of information about the department and institution, and all members will agree that the quality of work in the department is of utmost importance, leading to greater patient satisfaction<sup>31</sup>. The organization should fully or partially allow its employees to set goals and implement activities. Many organizations are too lazy to provide updated mission, vision, values, and goals to stakeholders; the supervisors pay special attention to do this to develop a better organizational culture. Leaders should provide frequent updates about the organization's mission, vision, and

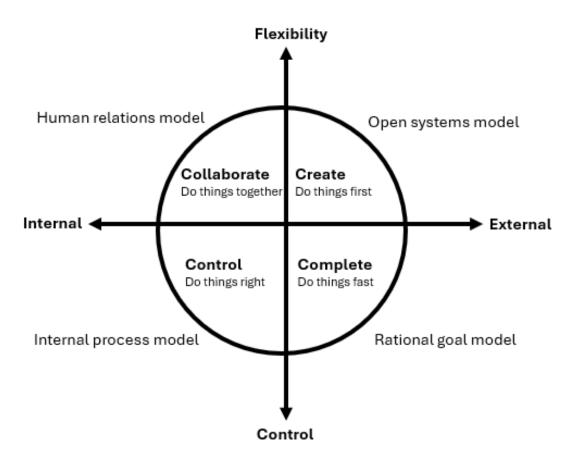
goals<sup>32</sup>. The survey directly reflects the inner mind of the organization and the organizational culture.

Team members are critical to any organization's success<sup>33</sup>; high-level frequent communication, the opportunity to express member feelings, praise and recognition, and active goal-setting involvement are essential. The present survey information can be compared to the previous surveys to determine improvements or declines since the last survey. The group-level differences can be analyzed, which helps data comparison in various demographics within the organization. This analysis can help to understand unique employee perceptions across departments to target collective efforts better. It is possible to present findings to the leadership team to initiate discussions on takeaways, areas of focus, and potential action plans. Share relevant insights and other statistics with employees to demonstrate that their feedback has been heard. Survey results and analyses can be open to the managers, and they can provide additional insights into the results. Special focus groups with employees can discuss survey results, hindered issues, insights, and actionable steps. Create employee engagement action plans at both the organizational and the team levels<sup>34</sup>; first, focus on the main areas to work on as an organization and then utilize those broader goals to guide managers at the team level. The plan should include action items, assignments, and timelines. Communicate the current and foreseeable changes based on the survey to the employees regularly, and further continue communications with employees regarding various actions implemented throughout the year.

A competing value map is generated and shown in Figure 2. It can be used to detect the present position of the teams and can be identified as the team located in the human relations model region. This human relations quadrant emphasizes flexibility, internal focus, morale, cohesion, and human resource development as criteria for effectiveness. The organization thrives in this model, which values group cohesion, widespread

communication, and strong, nurturing relationships with tight social networks. Discussing the extent of present culture relates to the organization's vision and values and the institutional business strategies; moreover, the leadership should consistently and effectively with values. A great culture begins with a good vision and mission statement<sup>35</sup>; these simple statements guide the values of an organization and provide objectives. These objectives properly align with every employee's decision. The vision statement is a simple but foundational element of the culture, and the values of an organization are at the core of its culture. The initial step in creating organizational culture is to formulate its mission and vision statements and determine the values that the employees need to hold. Leaders are responsible for identifying the organization's cultural vision and driving the organization towards the right direction. Culture comes directly from the behavior of the leaders<sup>36</sup>; they communicate the culture to the stakeholders involved and inspire the whole organization. The vision statement demonstrates the organization's future position, which can be utilized to formulate internal decision-making. This statement describes what the organization hopes to achieve and engages the stakeholders to make them more productive<sup>37</sup>. A few points help the process a little more accessible by examining the vision, defining the mission, and evaluating values. The business strategies and organizational behavior should be consistent with the cultural values.

Figure 2: shows a competing values map that can be used to detect the team's position, and it can be found as the team is in the Human Relation Model region.



#### b) Align strategy and culture

A defined goal is the cornerstone of any organization, and the leaders try to work hard toward achieving it<sup>38</sup>; for example, in building a skilled workforce to provide high-quality medical care to cancer patients, the leaders recruit physicians, nurses, therapists, medical physicists, front desk, administrators, and managers into the department. The providers need accurate information about how to provide care for a person with cancer, which includes the benefits of early diagnosis, addressing the physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral symptoms of the disease, and supporting caregivers as they cope with the physical and emotional aspects of their caregiving responsibilities. Enhanced specialist training is undoubtedly needed to prepare them to face unique challenges from cancer patients<sup>39</sup>. Goal setting is significant, and there are many benefits to setting goals. A specified goal provides a clear focus and direction to help identify whether the team is on track to achieve it. If the leaders set a time to complete tasks, employees can alter their pace accordingly to get it done. Setting goals provides the most straightforward way to measure the organization's success<sup>40</sup>, and the goal should be well aligned with the institutional mission, vision, and values. Goals and objectives are the building blocks of achieving the institution's mission and vision.

Prioritizing a clear, concise communication pathway is one of the most critical strategies for organizations to achieve their goals<sup>41,42</sup>. The ideas expressed by the employees should be listened to, and they should be encouraged to share their knowledge and information durina formulation, implementation, and evaluation stages. This approach would create secure communication between leaders and team members and help to confirm they are all on the same page with the same goal and vision. Continuous employee engagement by holding departmental meetings is essential to achieving the formulated goals and ensuring all employees attend and talk about how the organization is trying to reach its mission, vision, and goals. Maintaining transparency about successes and failures is significant and helps employees to be more engaged and productive<sup>42</sup>. Conducting a survey related to the department's mission and vision helps the employees realize their vision and understand how they play a vital role in it. Leaders should explain the organization's mission and goals and their alignment with the vision since some employees may lean towards one aspect of the vision. Try to get feedback from the team members explaining what went wrong, which may be due to the vision not being challenging enough or too demanding. The stakeholders should feel their work has a purpose, and the leaders should meet them regularly, setting up goals relevant to the employees and discussing the goals that align with the department's vision. Therefore, employees feel more meaningful and will be more engaged in achieving those goals. Success will come once everybody is on the same page and headed toward the same goal. A goal, such as a timely and accurate disease diagnosis and treatment, is vital for any healthcare organization. Several patients with cancers are undiagnosed in time until their symptoms have become severe. A timely disease diagnosis is critical for patient management and leads to curative and positive outcomes<sup>43</sup>. The inability to access proper diagnosis and treatment due to the lack of insurance or limited finances is a significant concern for many patients. Early cancer detection is crucial for positive treatment outcomes, especially when this is true for younger patients with positive diseases. The healthcare organization needs modern devices with expert staff to ensure timely and accurate diagnoses<sup>44,45</sup>.

#### c) Track cultural goals

Cultural goal implementation consists of several actions, including facilitating specific training for care professionals to strengthen the workforce and provide high-quality care to cancer patients<sup>46,47</sup>. Educating and training healthcare staff by delivering several grants specifically budgeted for cancer education and training activities would go a long way. The department should continue

educating clinical staff on recent research findings and clinical practice tools for assessment, diagnosis, and management. Develop unified medical care nationally using a standard curriculum designed for the workforce to develop further skills to provide high-quality patient care, ensure timely and accurate diagnosis, and follow high-quality cancer care guidelines and measures. Develop resources for integrated care with partners and providers<sup>48</sup>; they can offer numerous webinars to support professionals and caregivers focusing on organization should provide cancer. The professionals with full access to the latest research articles to maximize patient benefits. Collaborating with other cancer organizations, the department can develop scholar programs to assist graduatelevel students<sup>49</sup>. Staff can participate in the institution's various educational, partnership, and research activities to improve knowledge.

A full-time social worker service in the institution can help patients to get full benefits. Providing access to educational resources for care staff, decision support mechanisms, and initiating chart rounds in the department help ensure every patient receives standard care from the institution. Facilitating a decision support mechanism for clinicians using computer-based systems would be beneficial. Providing interdisciplinary team training for recognizing, assessing, and managing cancer would go a long way. Revising wage standards is another option<sup>50</sup>. Low wages have been identified as problematic for long-term care providers in recruiting and retaining institutional employees, potentially reducing care quality. Establishing and implementing timelines for specific objectives are paramount in achieving goals.

The team follows some basic steps to gain proper alignment with goals, such as setting up intelligent goals, creating a timeline, measuring progress, implementing coaching and support, recognizing hard work, and encouraging development<sup>51</sup>. Regular monitoring according to a predetermined schedule is necessary to track progress accurately. Goal tracking enables the department to align all

employees to work towards the same goal so that everyone can contribute to the project for growth and improvement<sup>40,52</sup>. Several benefits are noted, such as clarity of purpose, greater unity, increased productivity, fewer mistakes, improved proficiency, more opportunities for future projects, better chance of meeting budget targets, and increased satisfaction. Continuous tracking of goal progress is an excellent method to motivate a team; even a tiny win motivates the entire team. They shared the organization's vision with the team before beginning a tracking process. Define and set clear goals and ensure all team members know what they must do and the expectations they must meet. Breaking down goals into smaller steps supports employees and managers in staying on track and helps team members to meet the key results, as well as the team to measure progress towards a goal.

The next step is developing milestones to accomplish to achieve overarching goals<sup>33</sup>. Leaders can set up incremental accomplishments that help team members focus on the subsequent best actions they must tackle. Apply metrics to milestones by framing reliable metrics to support tracking progress toward goals. Key results sometimes include a key performance indicator or a metric. A measurable indicator is required to determine milestones, and creating checkpoints supports checking how the team works towards the goal. The checkpoints support reminding a pause, assessing the team's progress, and celebrating any milestones reached. Checkpoints are the time to analyze and evaluate progress goals according to the plan or any required corrective actions.

Incorporating software and tools allows the team members, project leaders, and stakeholders to monitor the collective efforts toward organizational goals easily<sup>53</sup>. All leaders know the importance of setting goals in an organization, but monitoring progress is an entirely different process. Tracking goals using milestones and other metrics is essential for the team members to remain motivated during the process, reach the finish line, and celebrate accomplishments. Numerous methods

can be used to track project milestones, including paper, email, online management systems, software, etc. Online management systems properly track the critical milestones of the projects, and this system allows tracking of the work progress of the team members and their communications. In addition, everyone can watch the teammates' progress to ensure they are all meeting their individual goals. Goal reports help clarify the organization's vision for growth and writing a business report is best achieved when the goals are outlined in an intelligent format. The goals should be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound<sup>51</sup>. The goals report consists of a degree of measurability to the progress of goals that supports the organization's efforts toward meeting them. The goals should be achievable, provide parameters with basic questions, and be realistic; moreover, they should be assessed for effectiveness and progress. Created goals should be realistic; goals do not work well in business when they are too lofty and require financial sanctions. Take an honest look at the company, then craft the goals based on where the organization wants to go, given its limitations. Open communication with employees and stakeholders can help formulate a precise and realistic picture, and a timetable should be included when writing a department goals report. The timetable can provide deadlines to meet the goals and help to push the team to achieve the goals; moreover, the timing should be more straightforward and realistic.

#### Conclusion

Innovation sessions in healthcare provide novel opportunities and redesigned approaches to problems by inviting team members to participate in brainstorming sessions to identify opportunities for innovation. Innovation requires a more comprehensive approach to organizational growth for market innovation and business expansion, moving beyond new products and services. Innovations encourage divergent thinking within the team, and the leaders should support the

diverse thinking processes for future innovations. Innovations depend on psychological safety, which depends on the leader's language, tonality, and approach to discussions. Leaders try to provide constructive feedback to the team members and create a continuous partnership with the team to maintain the employees' psychological safety. The team should be rewarded with innovative ideas, encouraged to work flexibly, and free to take creative ideas forward responsibly. A balanced scorecard is helpful for healthcare organizations, but many rely heavily on measures of one type at expense of the other. Organizational performance reporting for goal policies with management limitations should be developed using a balanced scorecard method, and the document should be provided to the managers once the goals are finalized, with the expectation of aligning the team with the new strategy.

Conducting an employee satisfaction survey in the organization is the easiest way to diagnose organizational culture, and a survey can reveal indepth institutional information and improvements. The survey reflects the inner mind of the organization and the organizational culture, and the team members are critical for its success. The survey results are discussed in the group with other managers to determine hindered issues, insights, and actionable steps; moreover, employee engagement action plans can be created by focusing on predetermined goals. Excellent communication is necessary for various actions implemented annually; consistent leadership behavior with institutional strategies and values is essential. A great culture begins with an organizational vision and mission statements; these simple statements guide leaders by providing objectives and values. The goal should be aligned well with the institutional building blocks of the mission, vision, and values, and the stakeholders are on the same page with the same goal and vision. Transparency in the success and failures of an institution helps employees be more engaged and productive. Organizational culture improved by using educational resources, chart rounds in the

department, decision support tools, or revised wage standards for long-term care providers. Establishing timelines for goals is a significant step to managing and achieving goals on time, and regular monitoring is required to track progress. Goal tracking enables the department to align every employee working toward the same goal, motivating the team. Develop milestones to accomplish overarching goals and apply metrics to milestones by framing reliable metrics to support tracking the progress toward goals. Key results sometimes include a key performance indicator or a metric, creating checkpoints to support checking a team's progress toward a goal. The collective efforts toward organizational goals can be monitored using software tools; tracking goals using milestones and other metrics is essential for the team members to remain motivated. Goal reports help identify the organization's vision for growth and expansion and formulating a business goal report is best achieved by the goals outlined in an intelligent format. Organizational goals should be realistic, specific, precise, measurable, attainable, and time-bound to be implemented effectively. The healthcare organizational culture is a complex, multi-dimensional concept with no existing generalized assessment method; however, maintaining workplace culture is essential to produce creativity and innovation for brighter organizational performance.

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