



*Building the Bridge
to Diagnostics*

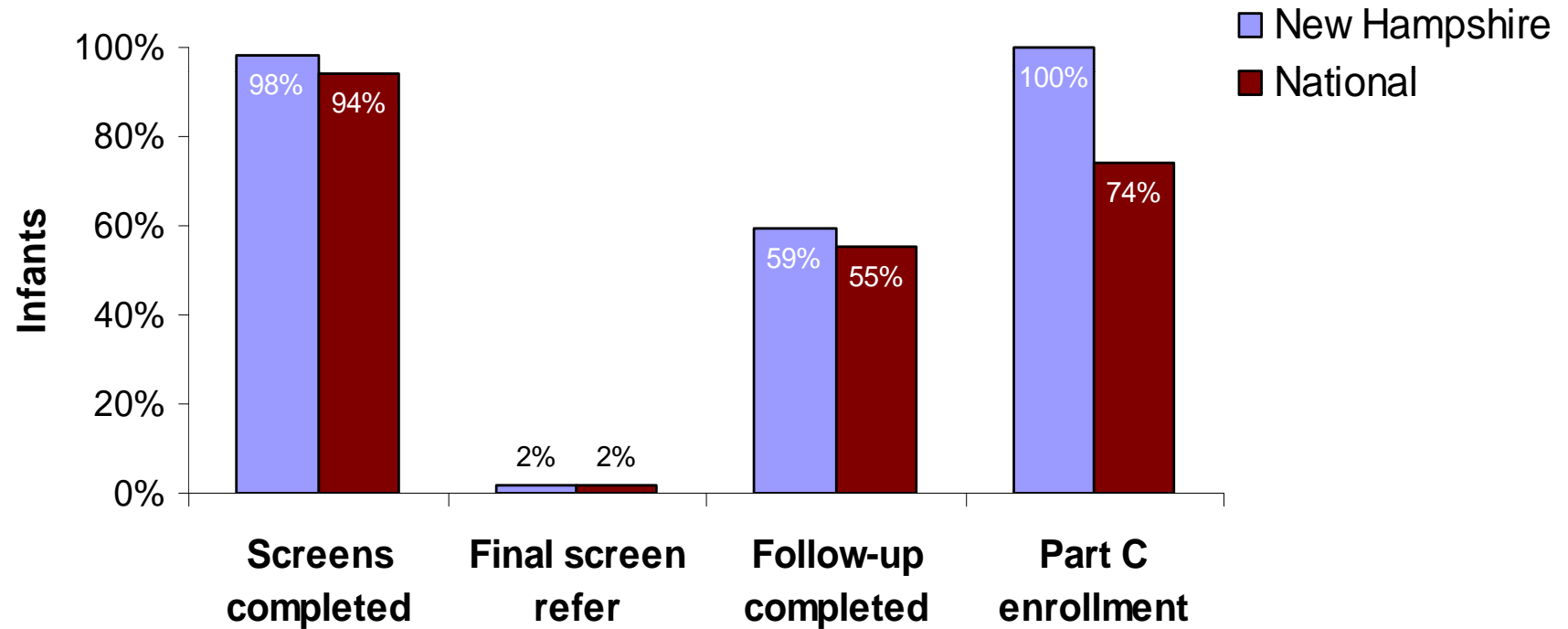
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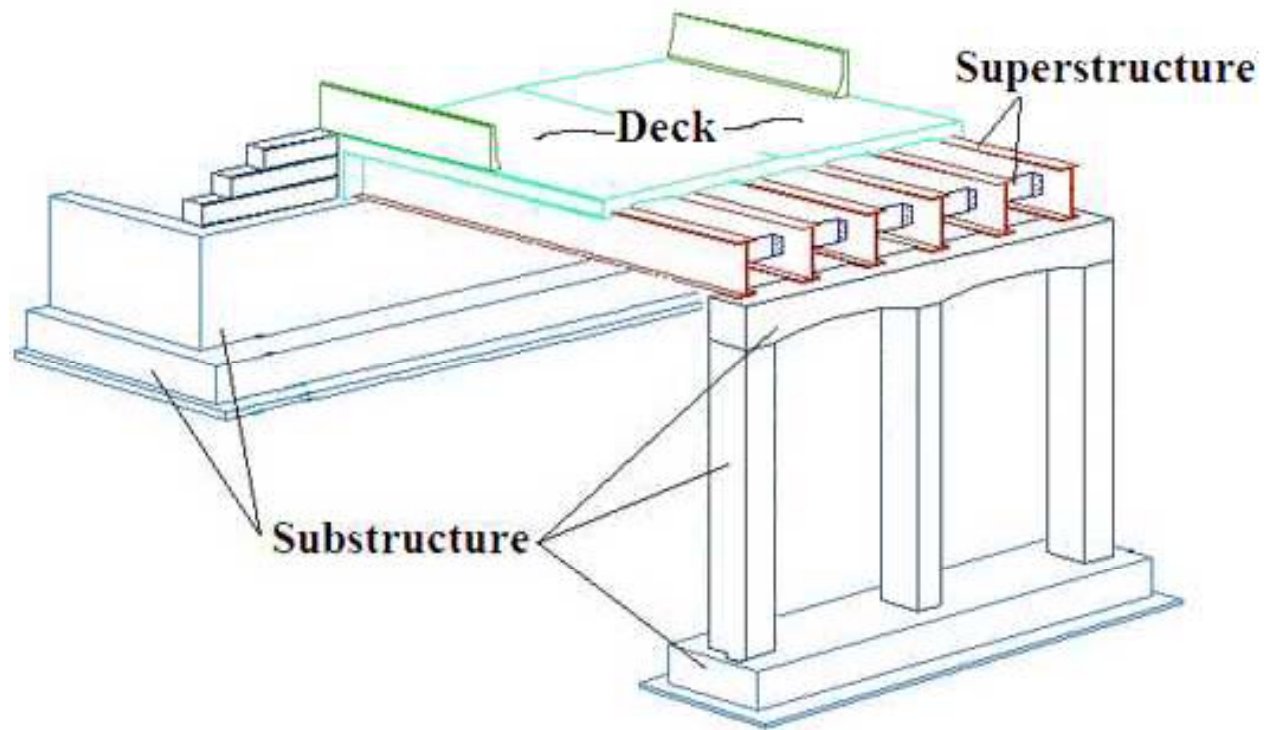
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State and National Data (2007)

Hearing Screening Results



Bridge Structures



Substructures

- EHDI program
- EHDI staff



Superstructures

- Screening programs
- Screening personnel
- Data entry process



Deck structures

- Referral procedures
- Physician buy-in
- Family systems



Repairs needed



Structural “Repairs” Needed

- EHDI staff additions
- Screening personnel education
- Data entry requirements
- Physician information/buy-in
- Family supports



Improving the Structures

- Addition of EHDI Family Advocate



Screeners Message

Newborn Hearing Screening Communicating “refer” results to families



DO say a positive message:

“Your baby didn’t pass the hearing screening. Your baby referred (indicate which ear/s) which means that more information is needed about your baby’s hearing. The next step is to have diagnostic hearing testing for your baby.”



DO give “Your Baby is Referred” brochure:

“Here’s a brochure that explains diagnostic hearing testing.” Discuss how the family should follow-up with a diagnostic audiology appointment, according to your hospital’s newborn hearing screening procedures.



DO NOT say misleading messages:

- The baby failed.
- The baby has a hearing loss.
- Probably nothing’s wrong.
- A lot of babies don’t pass.
(NH refer rate is 1%)
- The baby doesn’t need follow-up testing.
- The baby was fussy.
(Then it’s an invalid screening)
- The equipment’s not working right.
(Then it’s an invalid screening)
- It’s just fluid or vernix.
(We can’t assume this)



DO NOT perform multiple screens in an attempt to get a pass.

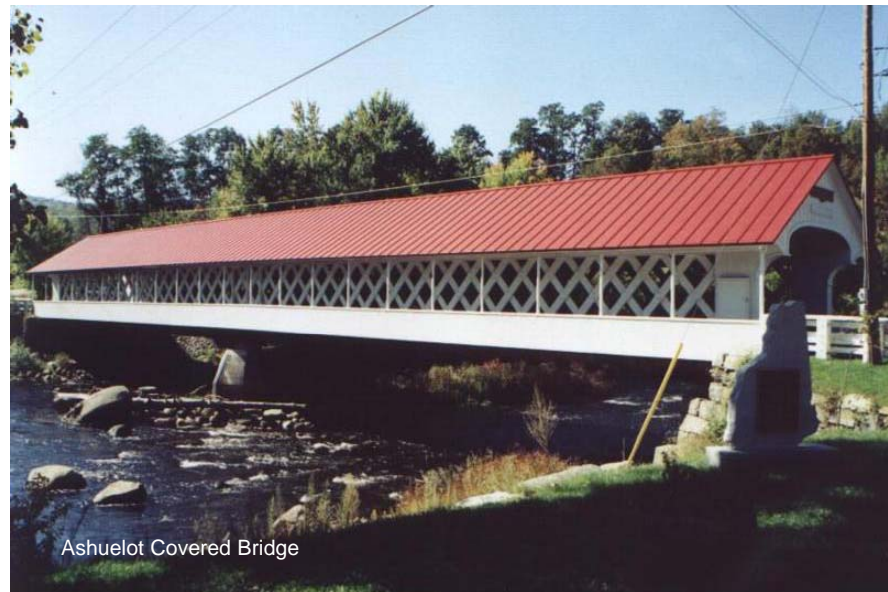
Data entry

- Hospital protocol submissions
- Reporting required within 2 weeks
- Performance reviews quarterly



Physicians

- AAP Champion advocacy
- Faxed requests for families who do not pursue follow-up



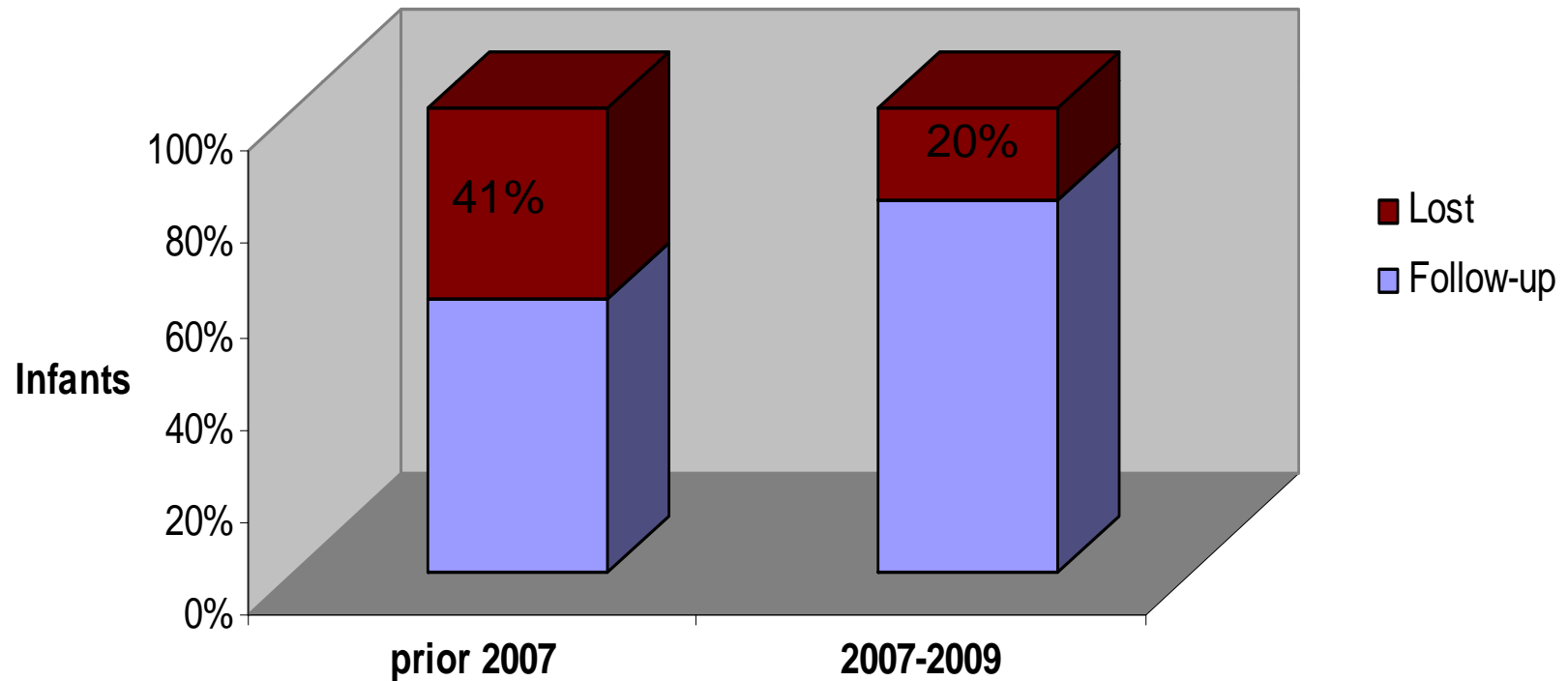
Families

- Letter and phone call from family advocate
- Assistance with barriers
(i.e. transportation, interpretation)



Repair Results

NH Diagnostic Follow-up Data



Thank You!

