

# Idea activators

Boost your department and team idea system use with *Idea activators*

## Share

- Give staff the opportunity to share their ideas – Input and flag your implemented “Showcase ideas” – to be included in Eric Dickson’s Blog: *everydayinnovators.org*
- Share the role of huddle facilitator amongst team-members
- Attend other department’s huddles to learn best practices

## Train & Learn

- Seek consultation for Idea system implementation
- Send staff to UMMHC White & Yellow Belt training – registration through e-learning
- Participate in webinars and professional organization publications to see what’s new in your specialty

## Use the Tools to stimulate more ideas

- Build a current state process map: use the idea board to gather potential countermeasures for eliminating waste
- Use the 5S tool to improve the organization of a shared work station or supply closet
- Create Standard Work for processes and tasks being performed

## Motivate, Challenge & Support

- Issue a monthly challenge of solving a particular problem using the idea board
- Use the true north goals & metrics as focus areas for ideas
- Connect the dots of improvement - “If we reduce patient wait time, overall time in clinic will be reduced, and staff will be able to leave on time more often”
- Recognition – Managers tools kit, U-Matter, attend and be part of Medical Center Innovation Celebrations!

