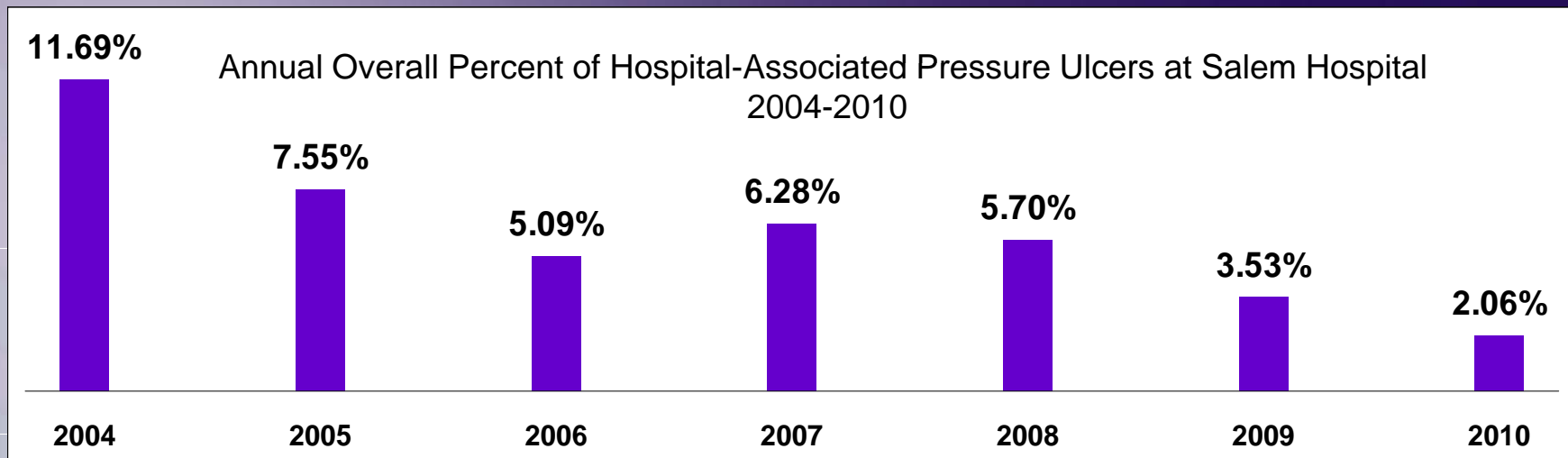


# Taking the Pressure Off: Impacting the Rate of Hospital-Associated Pressure Ulcers

Salem Hospital, Salem, OR  
Skin Care Team

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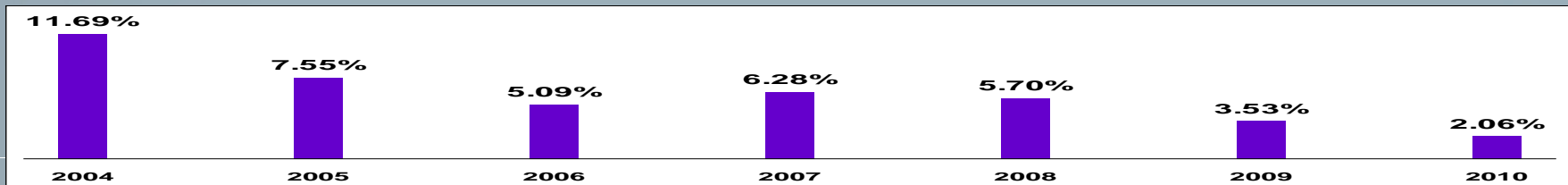


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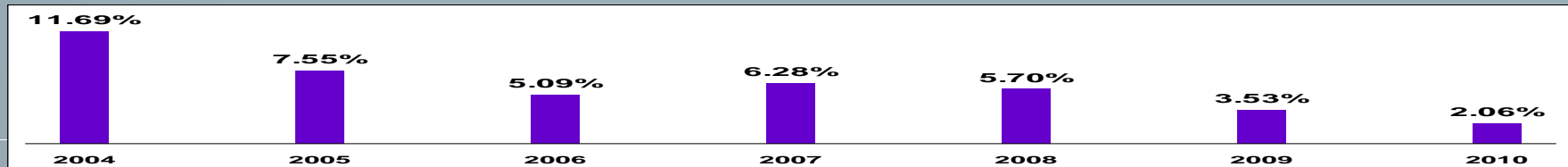
# Background



- Pressure ulcers become a priority
  - Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals (2003)
  - Change to CMS guidelines (2008)
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- Salem Hospital HAPU
  - 2004-2006 > 4% drop in HAPU with initiation of NDNQI surveys
  - 2006-2007 our facility experienced a persistent HAPU rate of 6%

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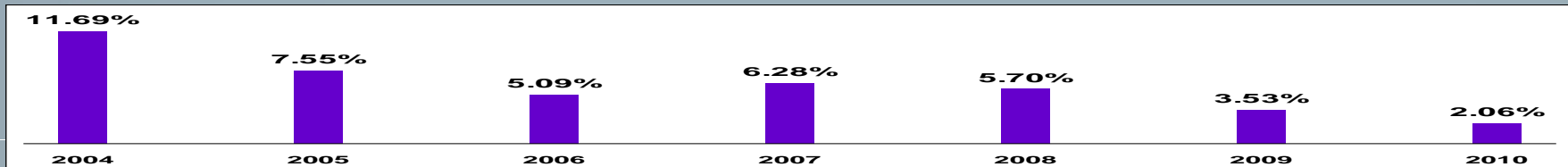
# Bedside Significance



- Minimize
  - Length of stay
  - Hospital acquired conditions
  - Financial impact
- Maximize
  - Patient satisfaction
  - Quality of life

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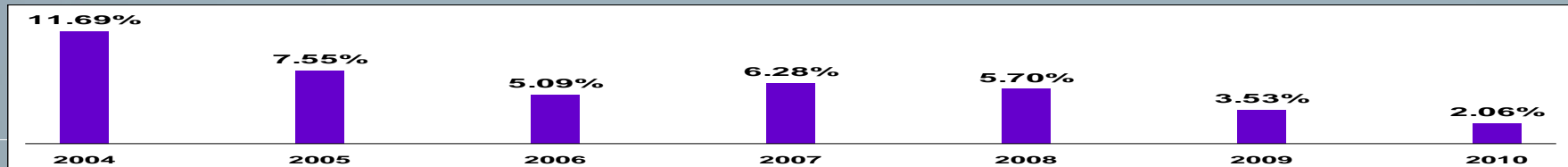
# Strategy & Implementation



- Braden Scale Risk Assessment
- Evidence-based PUP care plan
- Intranet resources
- Lift team
- Skin assessment on admission and transfer
- Skin care team
- Products & equipment
- CWON referral

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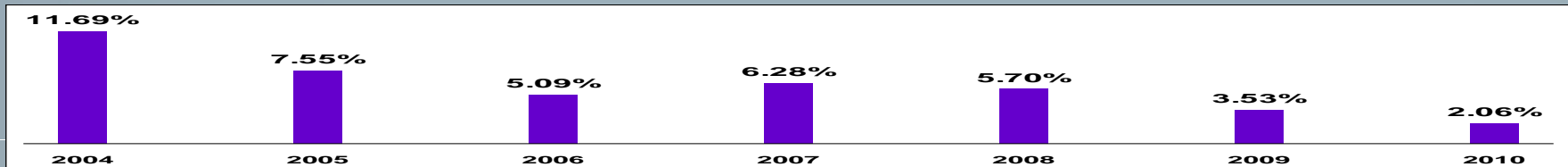
# Taking Ownership



- Bi-weekly unit audits
- Deep dive process
- IS internal Clarity reports
- Multi-disciplinary team
- Quarterly NDNQI PUP surveys
- Rapid feedback to managers
- Staff education
- Unit-based representatives

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# Our Outcomes



- Our 2010 overall HAPU rate is 2.06%
- Our goal for 2011 is zero avoidable HAPU

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# Future Plans

0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

- Unit based teams
- Incorporate ED & Surgical Services
- Patient & family education

*Continue pursuing skin care excellence through incorporation of best evidence, persistent evaluation and refinement of process.*

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