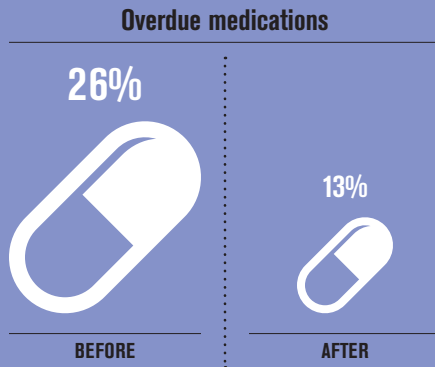




# Team cuts overdue meds by half



## WHAT THEY DO

To reduce the number of medications being given late to patients, this Redwood City team now:

- » Posts laminated cards at each med station listing where medications are delivered and which drugs are typically stored at each location
- » Delivers medications to med-surg departments 15 minutes before they are scheduled to be administered, allowing more time for drug preparation
- » Receives daily fax of on-shift nurses' cell phones, allowing pharmacy staff to call when a patient's new medication is ready for pick up
- » Uses color-coded bins to distinguish between newly prescribed medications and drugs physicians have discontinued for that patient

