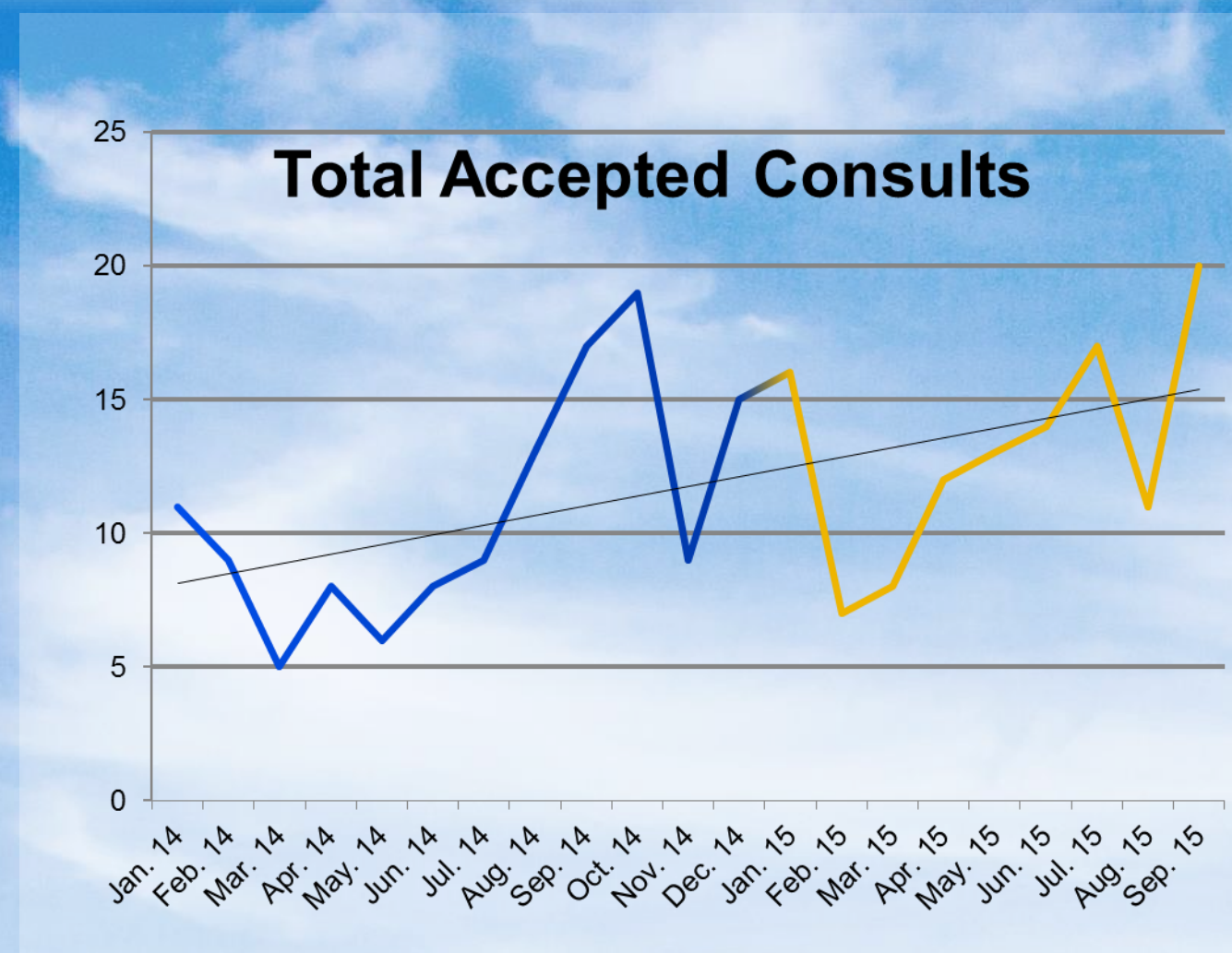


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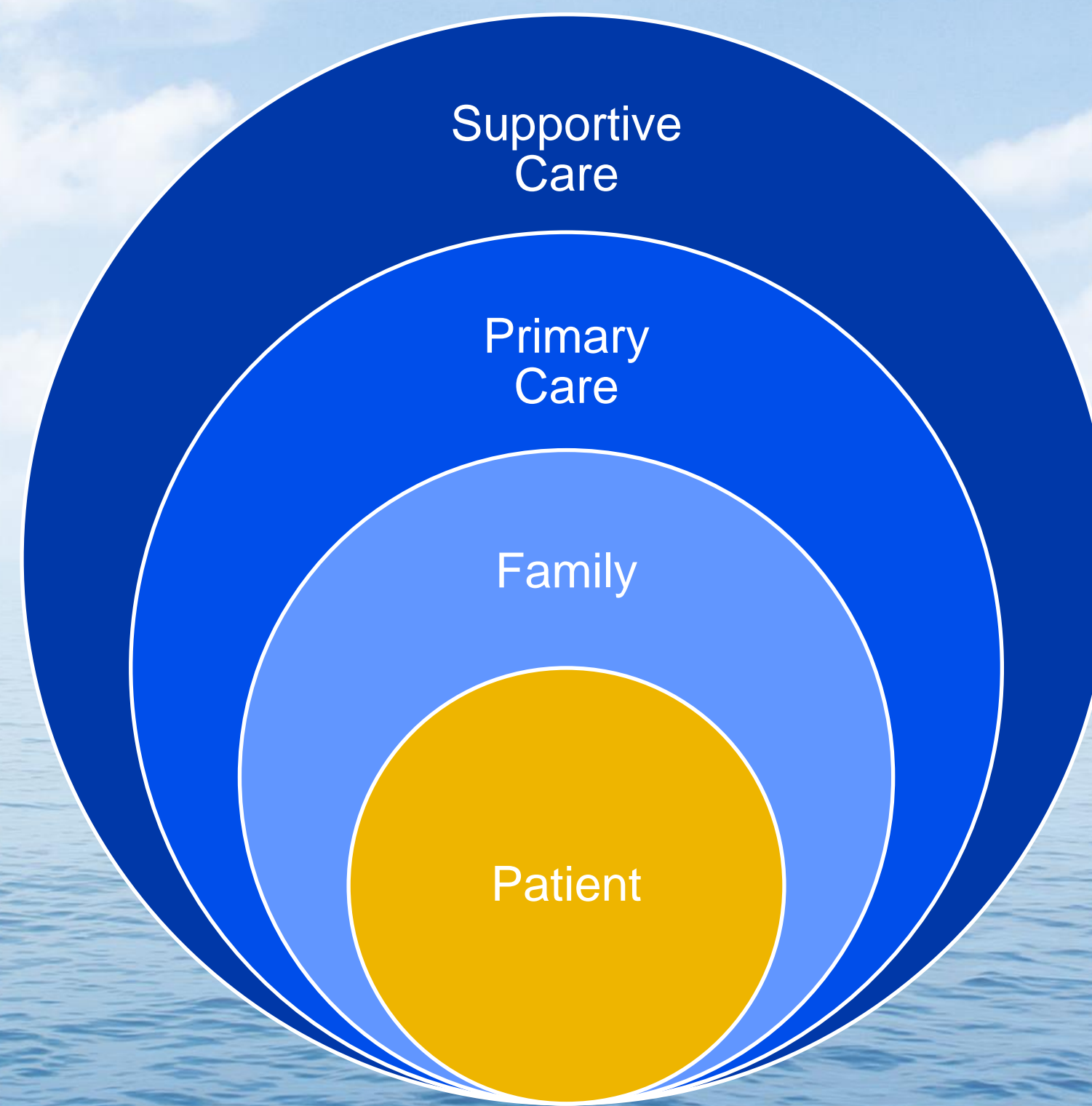
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The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UT Health Northeast) developed a palliative care program providing ambulatory and inpatient services to 28 underserved rural counties utilizing funding through the Texas 1115 Healthcare Transformation Waiver



## Patient-Centered Care

*They have just been wonderful. I've enjoyed working with them and I think they enjoy working with me. That extra something helps you to understand what the other doctors are telling you.*

-66 Year Old Patient

*The Supportive Care team has given me my life back.*

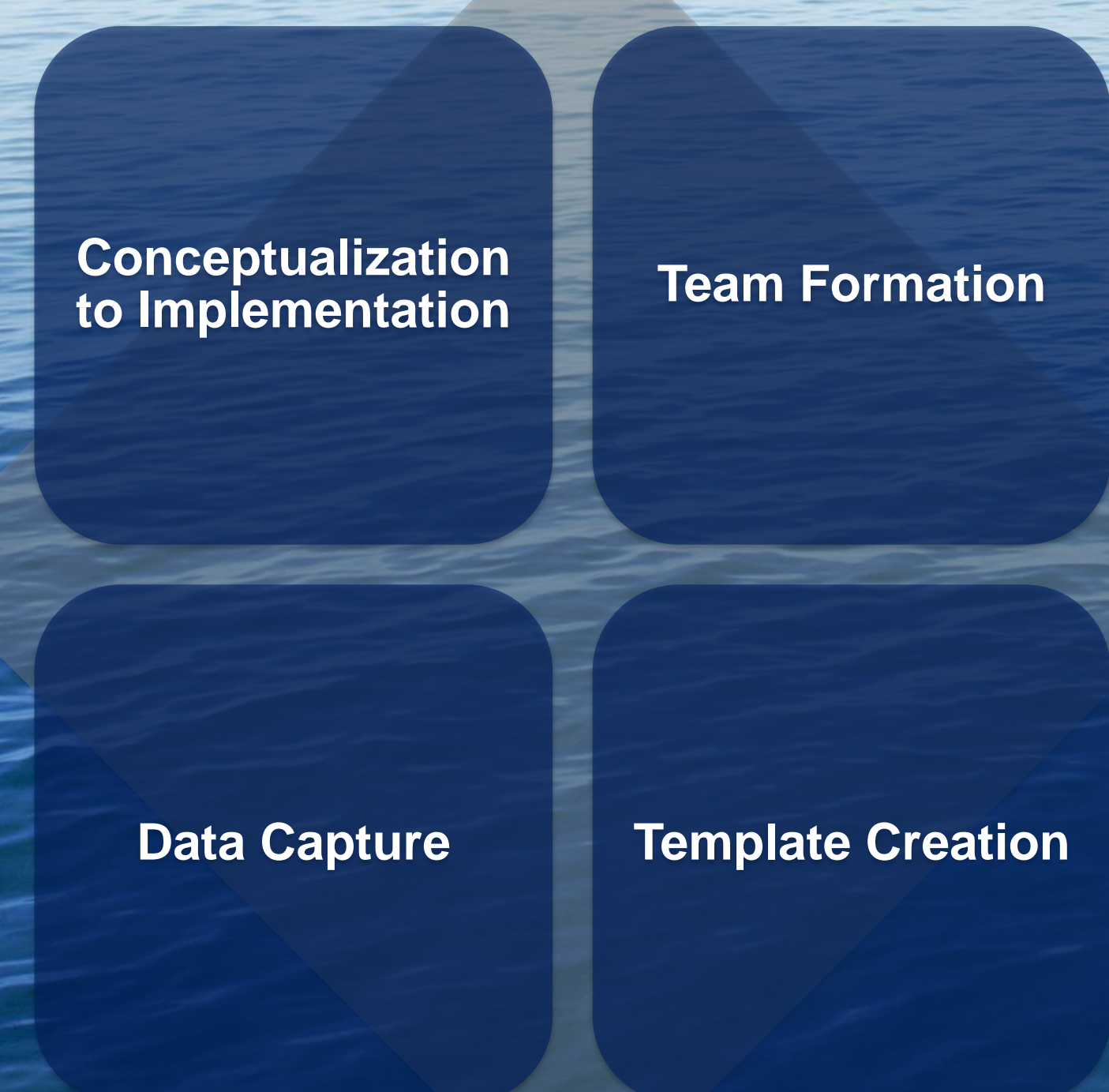
-68 Year Old Patient

*I'm really glad I have this. After 4 chemo treatments I was in the hospital twice. Now, I have Supportive Care and I've had nine treatments and haven't been in the hospital once.*

-52 Year Old Patient

Palliative Patients Accepted Between September 2014 – February 2015 n = 19	180 Days Prior to Admittance to Program	180 Days After Admittance to Program
Total Inpatient Days	24	21
Number of Outpatient Visits	184	478
Average Length of Stay (Days)	4.8	4.2
Total Inpatient Costs	\$82,249.95	\$57,678.10
Total Outpatient Costs	\$1,375,326.60	\$1,087,866.59
Overall Costs	\$1,561,908.90	\$1,339,406.54
n = 83		
Overall Costs Including Transitioned Patients	\$3,924,882.96	\$2,894,256.84

Transitioned patients include all patients discharged to home, hospice, skilled nursing facilities, withdrawals and deaths



## Challenges



## Successes