Introduction
Disease-specific malnutrition remains unrecognised and untreated and is the primary cause of malnutrition resulting in various adverse physiological, functional, clinical and economic consequences. Malnutrition screening is regarded as the critical first step to recognise malnutrition. The nutritional care service involves many stakeholders with complex and complicated processes.

Objectives
1) To assess malnutrition in the surgical wards through malnutrition screening. 2) To suggest areas of improvement for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition. 3) To discuss the leadership and change management involved.

Methodology
The scope of this project is to assess the critical gaps and barriers in the existing nutritional service provision at TMH with reference to Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program (EQuIP) 5 standards. Some of the gaps and barriers were uncovered within the organisation and from the perspective of doctor, dietitian and nurse. The implementation of malnutrition screening requires a valid, simple and easy to operate tool and was piloted by using the plan do check act approach. Difficulties encountered in the screening process were highlighted and the NHS Change Model was employed for discussion of the management issues such as leadership for change, staff engaging, measurement of data, spread of innovation and rigorous delivery of results so as to drive for more change for improvement.

Result
It was found that the plan-do-check-act approach is a valid improvement methodology and the continuous plan-do-check-act practice in education and training has been proved to be effective in the improvement of the screening process. Short term improvements and long term strategies are proposed for further development and
improvement of the malnutrition screening process as well as the subsequent nutritional care processes. The monitoring of the compliance of the whole nutritional care service and improvement is essential so that the criterion stipulated in the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards- nutrition standard, which acts as assurance controls, can be ultimately and fully complied.