

Avondale Family Health Centre

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Organisational Buy-In

AIM: To improve the management and prescribing of Opioid medication and to minimise harm to patients on long and short-term Opioid treatments.

BUY-IN: We discussed the process of Opioid prescribing during our regular staff meetings. We discussed it as a clinical team, as to get everyone adhering to the same procedure.

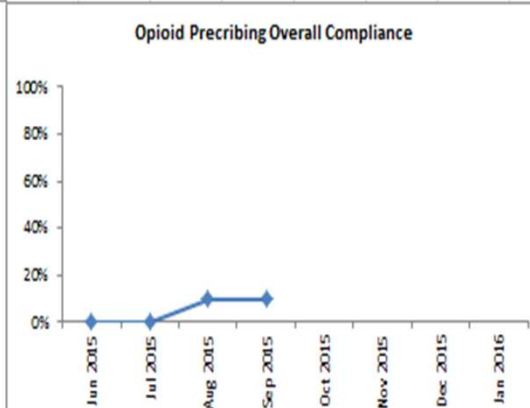
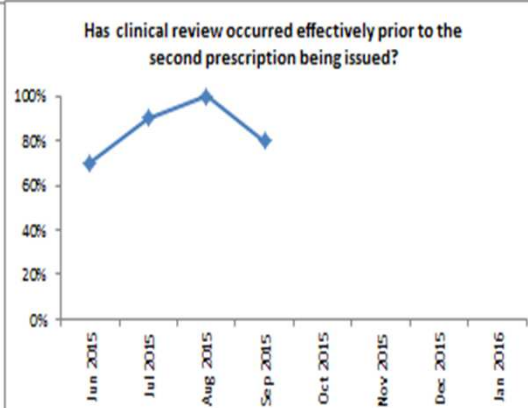
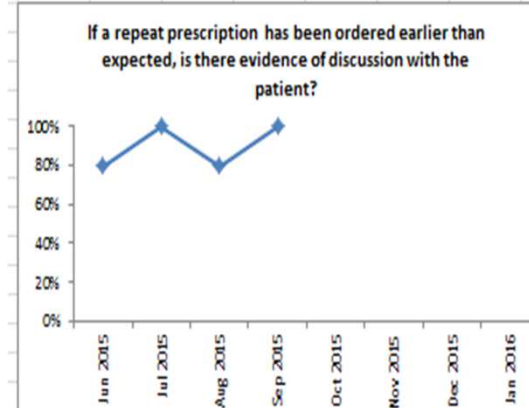
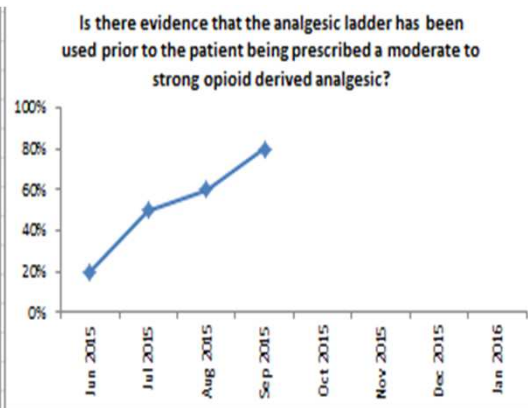
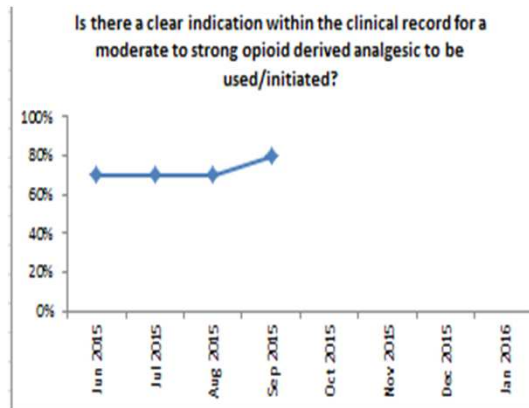
Proposed Changes

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1	Opioid ladder – to be finalised after next staff meeting.	Not yet tested.
2	Management Plan for long term treatment (repeat Rx).	Not yet tested.

What are we measuring?

- Clear indications to warrant being on opioid medication.
- Whether an opioid ladder has been used.
- Is there a management plan.
- Is there evidence that earlier Rx. have been discussed with patient.
- Has clinical review occurred prior to the second Rx. being prescribed.
- Measurements are attained from the previous months prescriptions.
- To work towards attaining our aim.

Measures Summary



Highlights and Lowlights

- We have identified where the issues were which helped guide us into making effective management plans.
- We have no control over the hospice patients plan so we could not include that data in our measurements.
- The target population is limited so it may not be indicative of long term data.

Achievements to date

- Our data is showing a positive increase towards achieving our goals.
- GPs are slowly changing the way they prescribe Opioids to decrease harm and dependence.

Issues we have had

- We had difficulty with some of the spreadsheets as they were not editable.
- Also, we initially had problems using the Simple Analgesic query build.