Mt Wellington Integrated Health Centre

Opioid Prescribing

- **Safety in Practice Team Members:**
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  - Nurse Leader: *Naomi Taolii*
  - Practice Administrator: *Toka Bates*

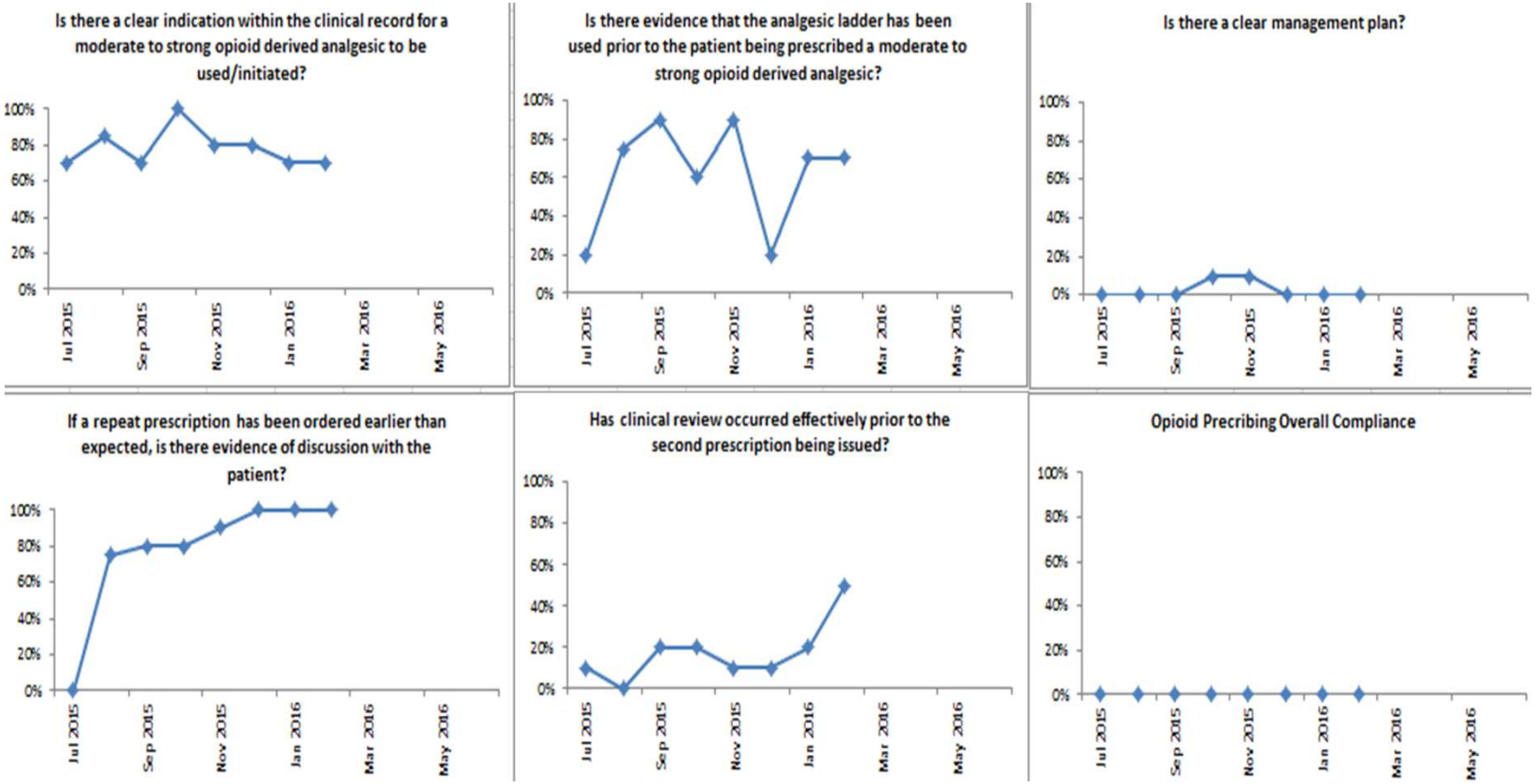
- **PHO and Facilitator :** Alliance Health +, Philippa Little and Serena Davis

Organisational Buy-In

AIM: To ensure there is a clear management plan put in place for patients prescribed Opioids by a GP or hospital. To also ensure there is better monitoring of Opioid prescriptions.

BUY-IN: The Safety in Practice team advise staff at meetings re audit results and discuss as a team how we can improve.

Measures Summary



Change Ideas

- Collecting data has highlighted opportunities for improvements in our current process. Our biggest area we would like to improve on is having a clear management plan recorded.

- Having an Advanced Form/Screening Term in MedTech that clinicians can use when prescribing an Opioid to make it easier to standardise recording across the clinic.

Highlights and Lowlights

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- Collecting data has highlighted areas that we can improve in.
- Buy in from clinicians. This has allowed our team to share this project with them and highlight any issues with Opioid prescribing.
- Our results have shown that we have been steadily improving with both discussing with patients re their script if it is ordered earlier than expected and doing reviews before a second script is issued.

Lowlights

- We have been very busy over the last few months which has meant we have had little time to focus on implementing any changes.