

Mt Wellington Integrated Health Centre

Opioid Prescribing

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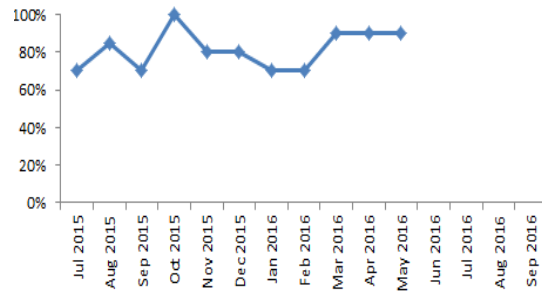
Organisational Buy-In

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.

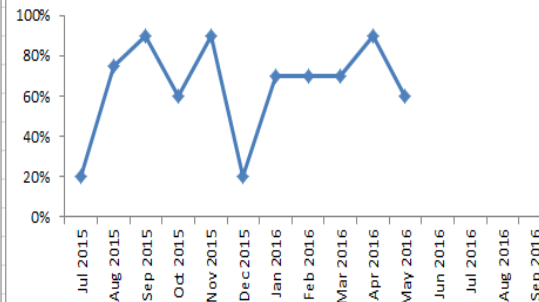
BUY-IN: The Safety in Practice team advise staff at meetings re audit results and discuss as a team how we can improve.

Measures Summary

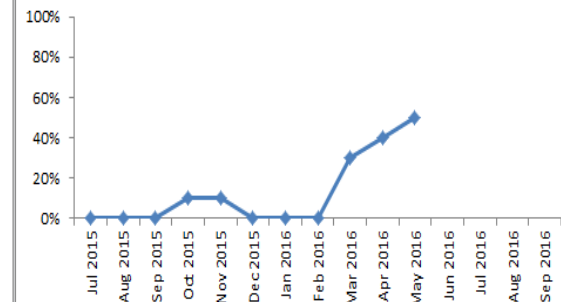
Is there a clear indication within the clinical record for a moderate to strong opioid derived analgesic to be used/initiated?



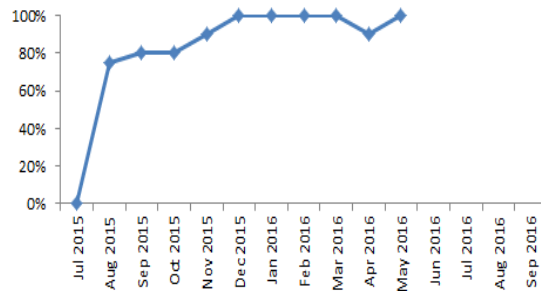
Is there evidence that the analgesic ladder has been used prior to the patient being prescribed a moderate to strong opioid derived analgesic?



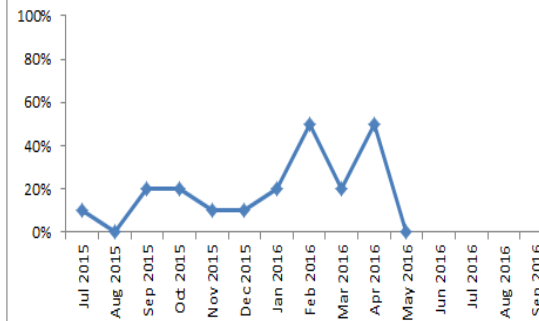
Is there a clear management plan?



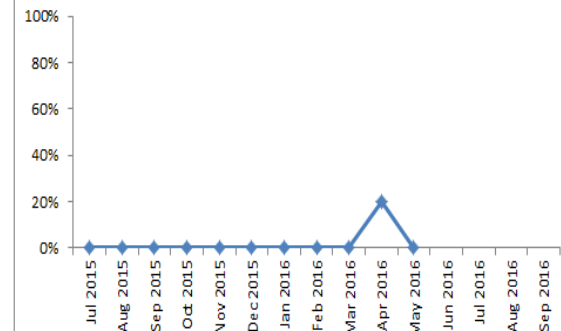
If a repeat prescription has been ordered earlier than expected, is there evidence of discussion with the patient?



Has clinical review occurred effectively prior to the second prescription being issued?



Opioid Prescribing Overall Compliance



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

Highlights

- 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 with writing a clear management plan.

Lowlights

- We would like an Advanced Form/Screening Term to be created that clinicians can use when prescribing an Opioid.
- Still need to work on making sure a review is done before a second script is issued.