

Project Name: The Consensus Project

Organisation: South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust



Aim

To implement an agreed peri-operative prescribing protocol for maxillofacial orthognathic surgery patients.
To reduce variation in the management of our patients.
To reduce Dental Core Trainee (DCT) and nursing confusion
All Kardexes to have 90% compliance by May 2017

Tests of Change/Methodology Used

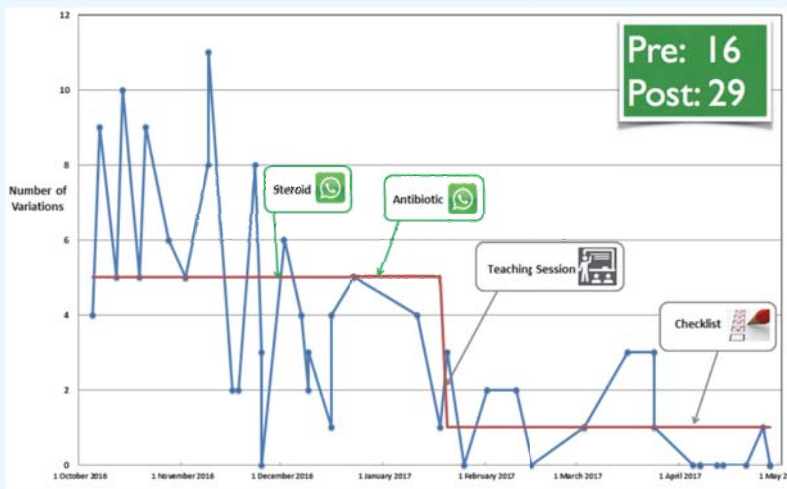
Identifying reasons for medication use and areas of significant variation between consultants.
Use best practice guidelines for the medication used
To introduce gradual changes in the protocol through communication with DCTs - Whatsapp group, formal teaching sessions and finally a checklist for the agreed protocol

Why is this important to service users and carers?

To provide consistent high level care for our patients and reduce the potential of prescription errors.
To follow best practice guidelines

Data

Key process measure - variations from the agreed protocol.
Key target areas were antibiotic and steroid use
Also variability scores from DCTs and nursing staff were compared pre and post-consensus showing a significant improvement.
All Kardexes showed 90% compliance with the protocol after 4 months (Feb 17)
There was also a potential saving of £948/year with 600 less medication doses



Process Measure - Variation from the Agreed Protocol

Learning and Outcomes

I have learnt that simple changes and repeated PDSA cycles can achieve significant improvements in the provision of care within our department. There is now an agreed protocol which has been implemented for all orthognathic surgery patients and less confusion for our staff. Good communication with those involved in the project was key to it's successful outcome.

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