



T.I.P
Time is Precious

A fast track pathway for palliative care patients presenting to the Emergency Department



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'Cause you never get a second chance of dying.....



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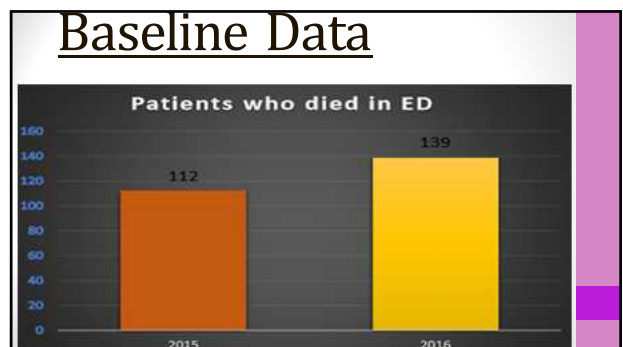
- Identify
- Escalate
- Streamline care

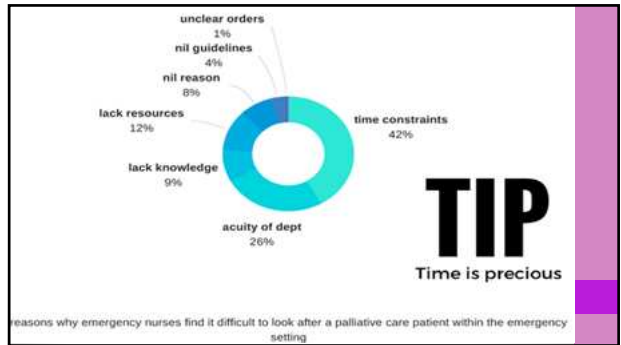
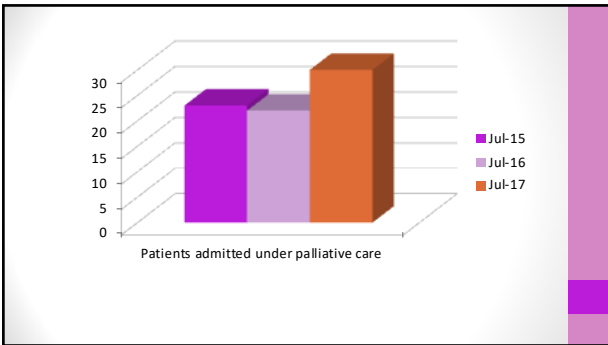
Background

- Increasing numbers and waiting times
- No identifiable pathway
- Underutilised advanced care plans
- End of life not addressed in ED

Methods

- Pre survey for nursing staff
- Identified weaknesses
- Identified presentations and admitting teams
- Collected data ourselves



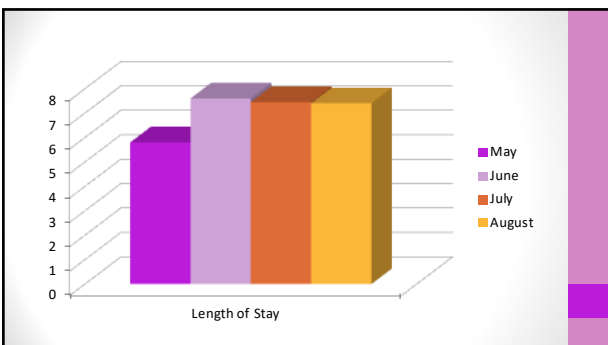
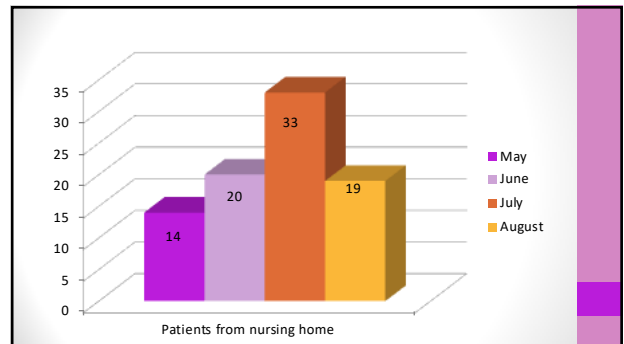
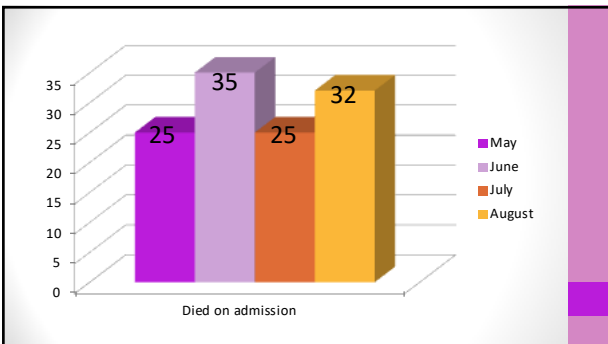
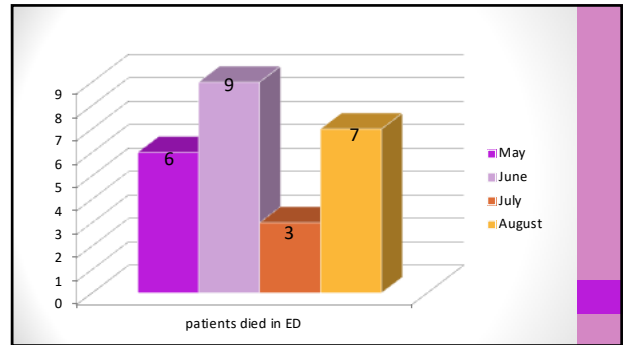
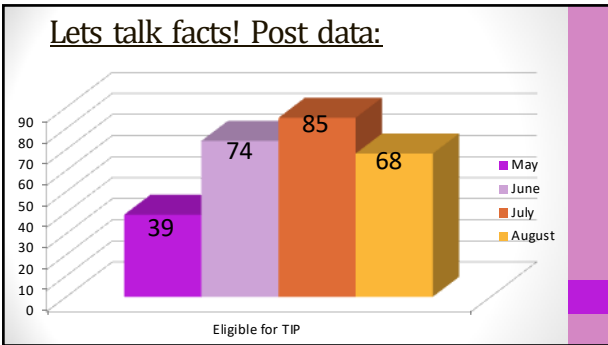


- ## Checklist
- Guide to deliver appropriate care
 - To ensure treatment was up to date
 - Nursing and medical

| Nursing Checklist | | Time is Precious (TIP) Pathway Palliative Care in the Emergency Department | | | |
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| Completion of the TIP Pathway | | Y/N | | | |
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| Family has received and understands information on pathway | | Y/N | | | |
| • Communication with family | | | | | |
| • Family understands patient's wishes | | | | | |
| • Family understands patient's condition | | | | | |
| • Family understands patient's prognosis | | | | | |
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| Medical Officer Checklist | | Time is Precious (TIP) Pathway Palliative Care in the Emergency Department | | | |
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| Conversation with family including social context and preferences when requested | | Y/N | | | |
| • Discussion with family | | | | | |
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Lets talk facts! Post data:



- ## Issues/Challenges
- Change culture in ED
 - Terminology
 - Not enough support

Lessons Learnt

PRE-PATHWAY TRIAL

- Lack of confidence and knowledge to care for terminal patients
- Available services but not being used
- Lack of confidence to discuss GOC options

POST-PATHWAY TRIAL

- Increased confidence
- positive feedback on the checklist
- Improved engagement with new terminology

Where to next?

- Roll out of new pathway (eventually internationally)
- Education to staff
- Grant submission, looking for opportunity for funding support
- Palliative/EOL CNS/CNC role in ED
- Publishing

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