

Implementation of Paediatric Sepsis 6

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What we said we would do

In July 2016, a project team was set up to implement the Sepsis 6 protocol to improve the early identification and management of sepsis. The project underwent a diagnostic phase and launched in September 2016. The Steering Group was led by a Paediatric Surgery Consultant with representation from intensive care, microbiology, infectious diseases, resuscitation services, clinical site practitioners, frontline nursing and medical teams, parent representatives and the quality improvement team.

How we did it

- GOSH Sepsis 6 evidence based protocol adapted from the National Paediatric Sepsis 6, developed by UK Sepsis Trust, and NICE Guidelines
- Ward-based training and simulation for nursing and medical teams
- Data collection and development of dashboards
- Sepsis 6 was rolled out trust-wide at the end of January 2017 with Sepsis awareness week including lunch time lectures, information stands and simulation exercises
- Sepsis champions (nursing and medical) recruited from all specialities
- Sepsis app created for staff to complete Sepsis 6 electronically
- Electronic alert for sepsis developed for electronic patient status at a glance boards

THE SEPSIS 6



Measure of Improvement

Using SPC charts and audit data to measure results of the project

Process Measures:

- No. of patients triggering the Sepsis 6 Bundle
- Completeness of nursing observation sets
- ICU admissions due to sepsis
- Time taken to administer antibiotics when sepsis is suspected

Measure of Improvement

Outcome Measures:

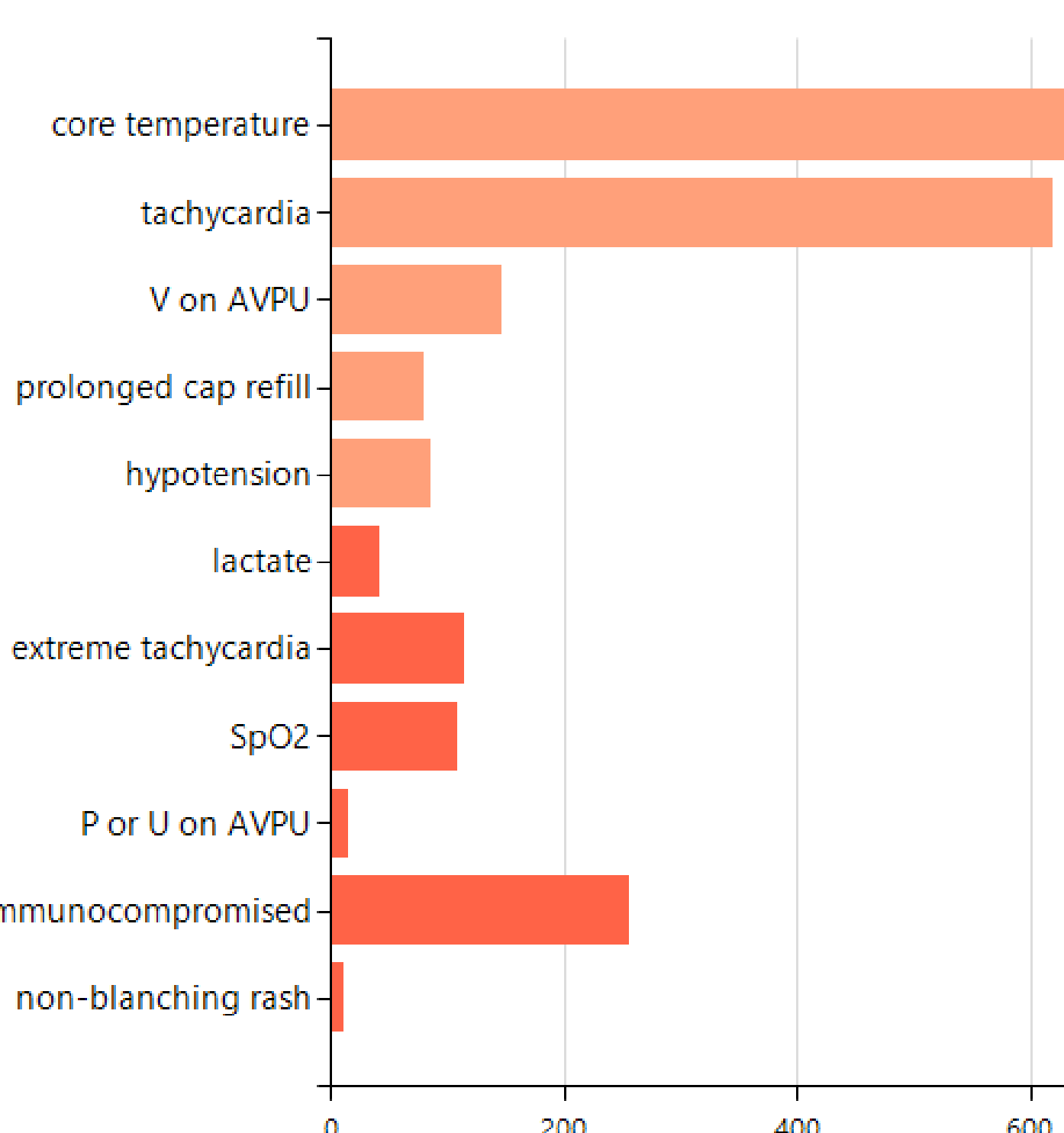
- Reduction in 3 day and 30 day mortality due to sepsis
- Percentage compliance with the Sepsis 6 Bundle

Balancing Measures:

- Impact on antibiotic stewardship

Sepsis 6 Bundle Dashboard

why was the bundle/review carried out?



1039

429

338

307

completion within an hour

bundles/reviews received

started Sepsis 6

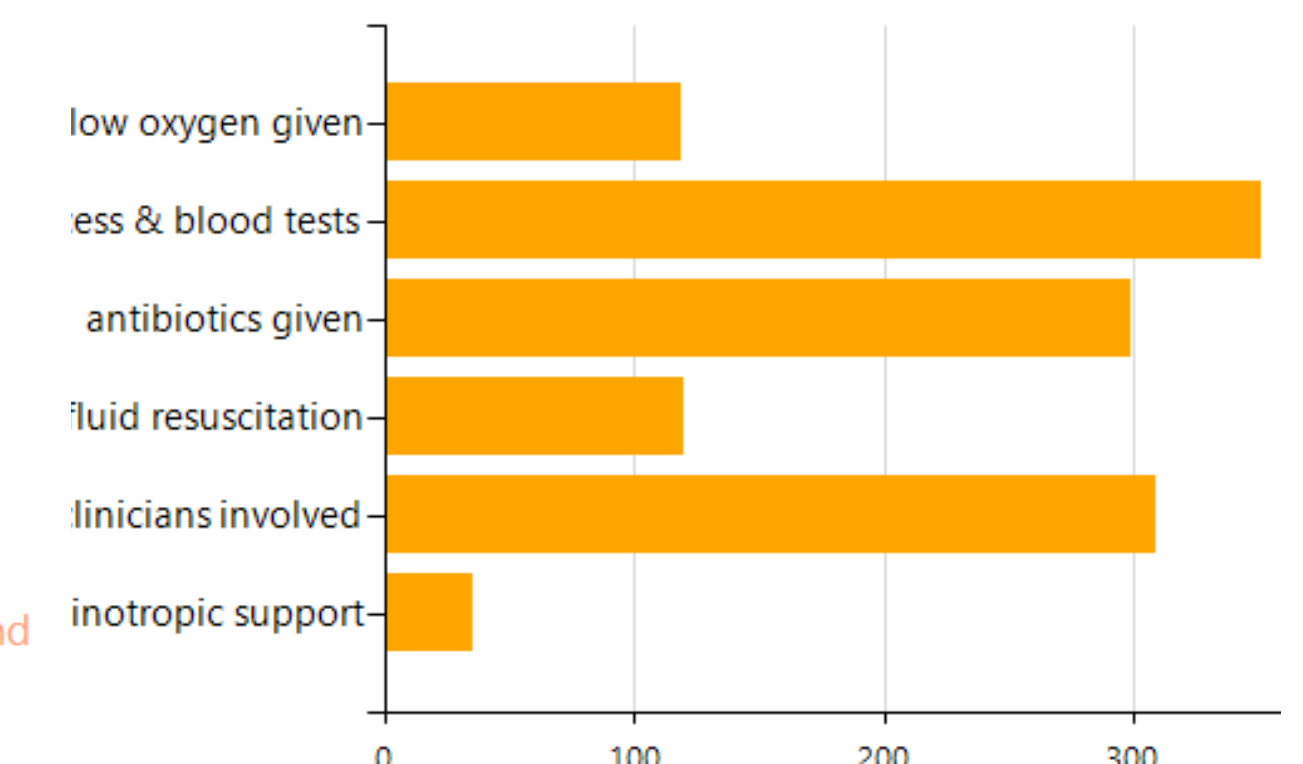
recorded an end time

within 1 hour of starting

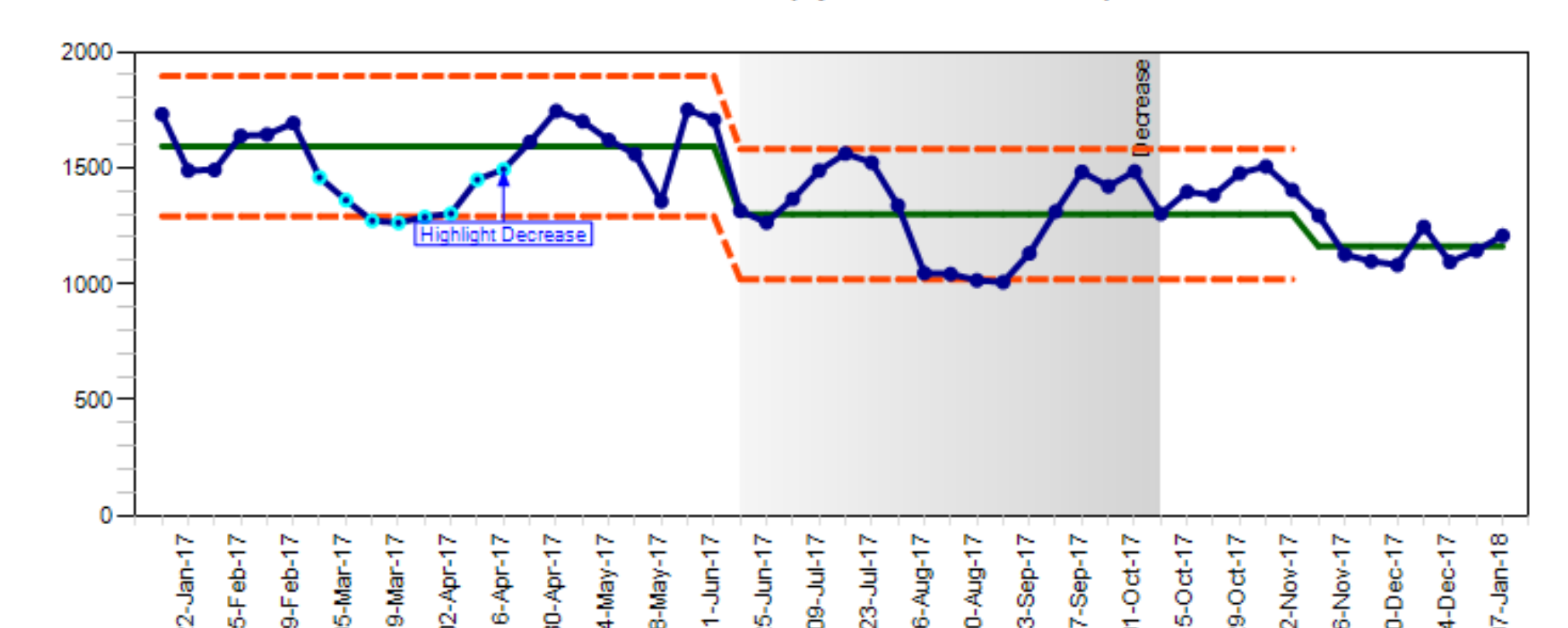
sepsis 6 bundle steps carried out

71.6%

of Sepsis 6 bundles completed within 1 hour
(where Sepsis 6 was started, whether end time recorded or not)



Number of antibiotic administrations (specific antibiotics): All Wards



How this benefits patients

Early recognition and treatment of sepsis saves lives. Research shows that for every hour's delay in treatment of a septic patient, mortality increases by 7%. This project aims to ensure that all staff, patients and families have awareness of the signs of sepsis and know how to escalate their concerns so that all children receive the treatment they need in a timely manner.

Staff quote:

"Sepsis 6 means that I don't need to ask permission to do what I know is right... We could never have delivered the treatment so quickly before this protocol. It is so clear and makes it really easy to do the right thing...."

What's going to happen next?

- Ongoing training and simulation for new and current medical and nursing staff
- Compliance monitoring to ensure early recognition and timeliness of treatment
- Participation in national CQUIN
- Shared learning with other hospitals
- Integration of sepsis platform within EPR system launching next year