

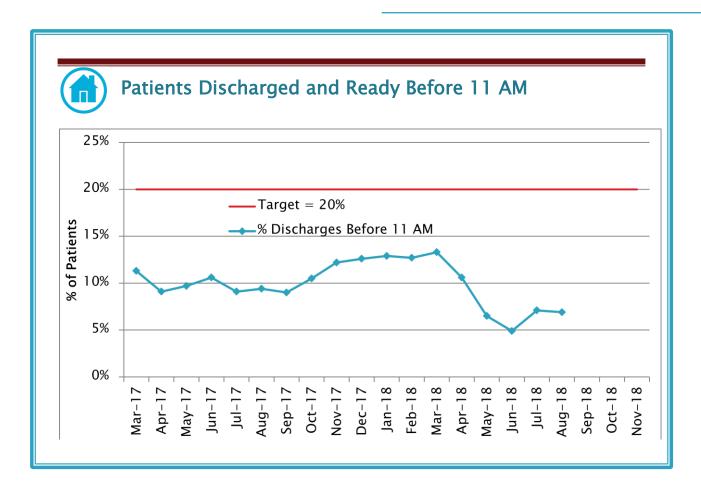


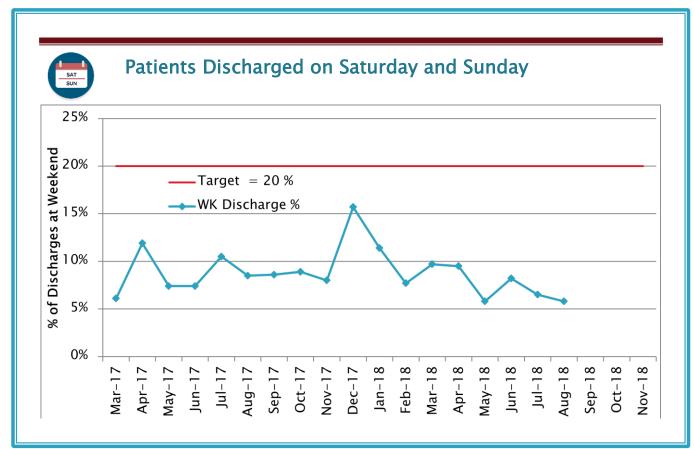
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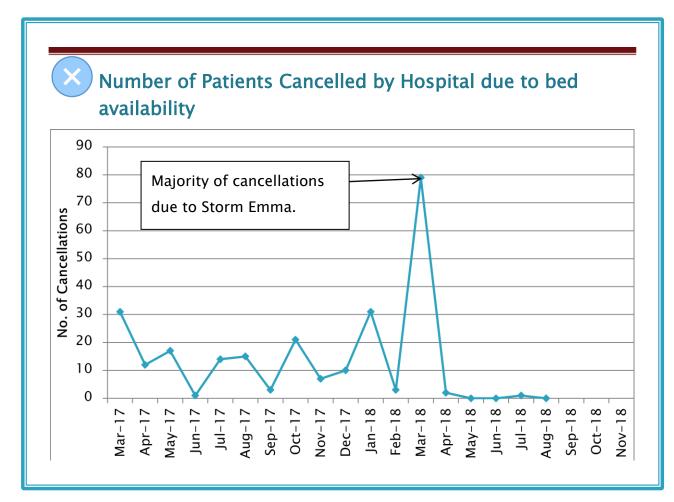
The aim of MUH is to get the right patient into the right bed for the right care. The numbers of patients waiting on a trolley for an inpatient bed is affected by the number of patients who are ready to be discharged to home with support or to a non-acute bed e.g. a nursing home or district hospital.

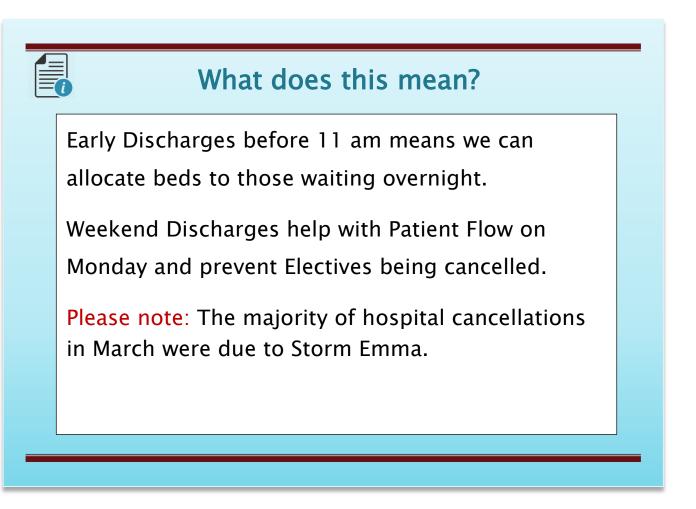
If a patient represents to MUH in an unplanned unexpected fashion within 30 days a review of the reasons will take place. MUH's aim is to prevent all avoidable re-admissions.

Please Note: Bed Days Lost as a result of delayed discharges was adversely affected as a result of the knock-on effects of Storm Emma in March.



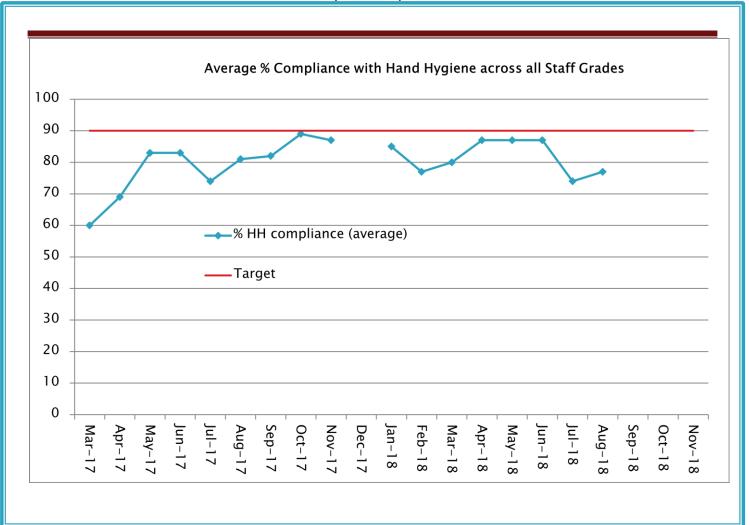






MUH Commitment to Quality Care through Hand Hygiene and Environmental

Audits Updated September 2018





What does this mean?

- Appropriate Antibiotic Prescribing -
 - Pharmacists regularly audit use of antibiotics to ensure if the antibiotic is necessary, the correct type of antibiotic by the correct route (IV or Oral) for the correct duration.
 - Benefits include reduction of C.diff rates and line infections, reduced length of stay and Cost savings
- Effective prevention and control of Healthcare–associated Infections HCAI requires a multi-targeted approach.

Some ways of reducing Healthcare Infections include:

- Effective hand hygiene Education and audit of all staff
 - o 100% of Doctors including ALL Consultants have undertaken Hand Hygiene training in the past 2 years as required
 - o Aim to have compliance of at least 90 % on Audit
- Clean environment -
 - Audit of all clinical areas identifies shortcomings and actions are taken to rectify deficiencies
 - o Aim to have compliance of at least 85%



We want our patients and staff to Improve communication about medications.

August was all about raising awareness with our new junior doctors about the importance of communicating effectively. Medication Issues arise due to poor knowledge about medications and poor communications around medications.

At induction and education sessions we asked our doctors that before they prescribe, dispense or give a medicine to ensure they KNOW the medicine, CHECK that they have the right patient, medicine, route, dose and time and ensure to always ASK the patient if they understand.

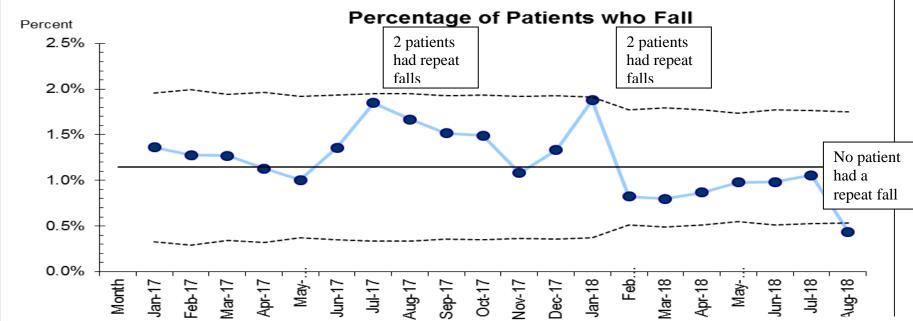
Equally we are encouraging PATIENTS to ensure that they KNOW their medicine, CHECK the dose and time it is due and ASK the health care professional if they don't understand.

We encourage patients to get a copy of the Know my Medicine's leaflet before they go home, to complete it and always bring it into hospital with them.

We need all staff and patients to communicate effectively to ensure we manage our medicines safely in Mayo University Hospital.

Quality Improvement in Falls Prevention and The Management of Fallen Patients- updated September 2018

This chart shows the percentage of falls in relation to patients discharged from MUH We have a high rate of over 65 year old patients admitted to MUH and this correlates with the increasing age profile of the population of patients we care for.





What does this mean?

What is a fall

A fall is defined as an event which results in a person coming to rest inadvertently on the ground or floor or other lower level.

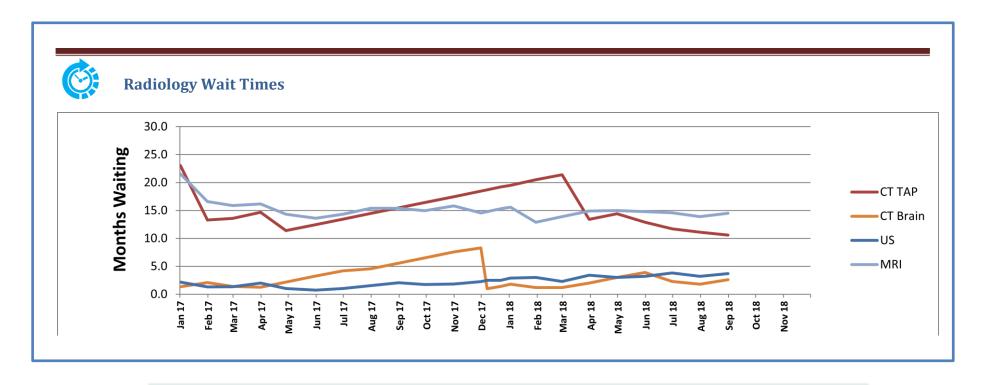
Harm caused

There was 1 Serious Reportable Event in August 2018, which resulted in a facture to the patient's hip and forearm. Immediate care was given to this patient. A falls review was undertaken to identify any contributory factors, and actions were taken.

Actions we have implemented

Policy on identification, assessment, prevention and management of patient falls, New falls assessment, care plan and bed rail risk assessment; Purchased ultra-low beds, one in each of the main clinical areas and falls prevention alarms; The Red Star initiative to identify patients at risk of falling; Information leaflet for health care worker; The actions to take when a patient falls are included in MUH patient safety book; Education on correct use of seating to prevent falls; Multidisciplinary MUH Falls Education DVD.







What does this mean?

Targeted CT & MRI lists on the longest waiting patients have realised some significant reductions in longest wait times in recent months.

It is planned to continue these targeted lists throughout 2018 in order to further reduce the longest wait times.