AN ANP Scheduled Return Clinic



A Tallaght Hospital Quality
Improvement Initiative
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Why did we choose this project/quality improvement Initiative?



- High DNW's (19.2 %) ANP suitability
- EMP KPI's of Improving PET (Patient experience time)
- Initially in 2015, 3 ANP's, not all weekends were covered

Getting started -

- Discussion with Beaumont/Mercy hospital
- Initial over arching policy/SOP with clinical guidelines agreed by ANP team ,ED Consultants, Hospital operations management, nursing management, ED clinical facilitators
- Education of all Triage nurses of the new initiative, with clinical guidelines instruction at triage study days, foundation and post grad days
- Devise a patient information leaflet
- IT Input for symphony clinic set up .

The Process

Suitable Patient, using guideline

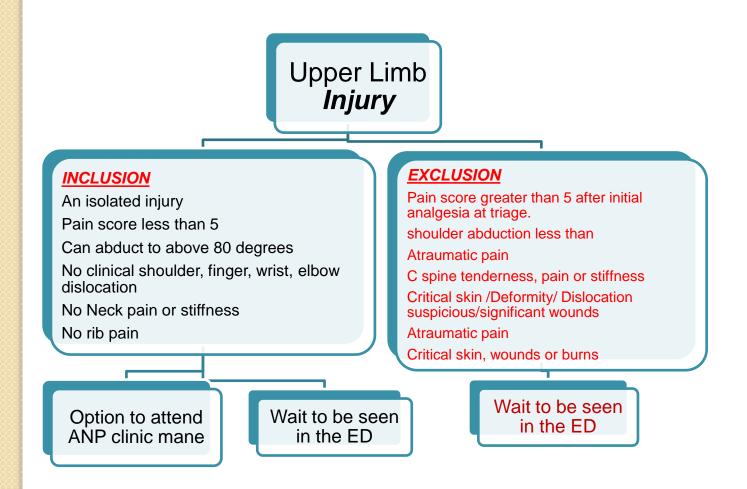
Patient presents to ED reception following am, NO Re triage





ANP Scheduled Return Clinic Lower Limb Injury **INCLUSION EXCLUSION** An isolated injury Pain score greater than 5 after initial Pain score less than 5 analgesia at triage. Able to Partial weight bearing Unable to WB No gross deformity/clinical signs of ankle Critical skin /Deformity/ Dislocation dislocation suspicious/significant wounds No critical skin Atraumatic pain Cat 4/5 Wait to be seen Wait to be seen Option to attend in the ED ANP clinic mane in the ED

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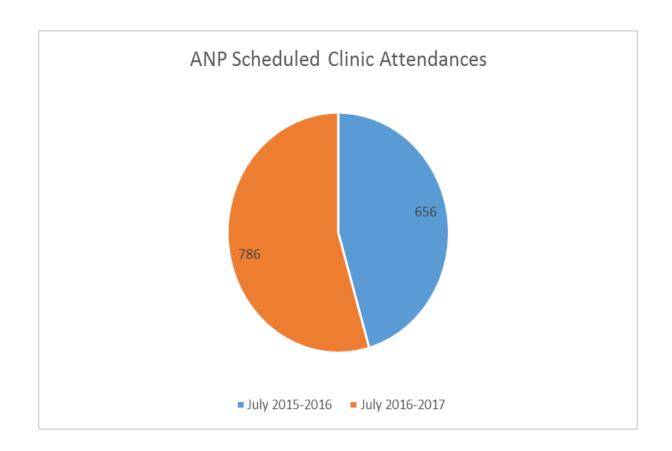
Initial Barriers

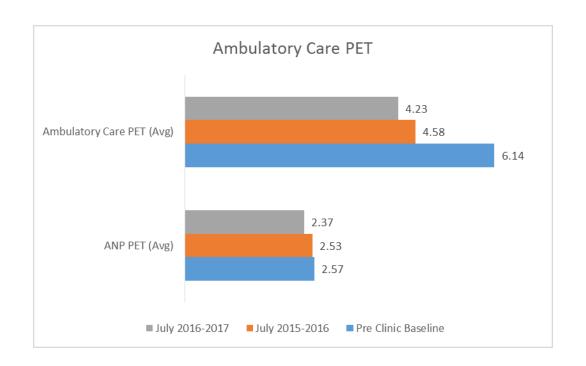
- Education and re education is time consuming
- Audit, ANP suitability
- Triage nurse forgetting about clinic
- Nurses apprehension to discharge
- IT element /having discharge rights
- Thought patient wouldn't be waiting long

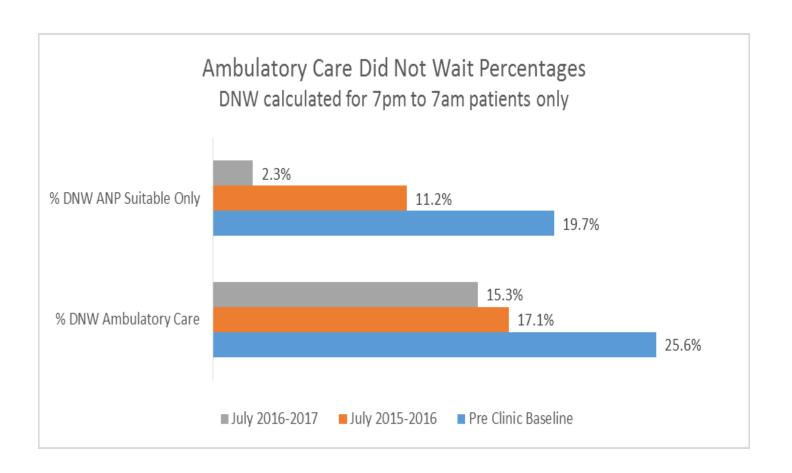


What progress have we made so far?

- Reduction in DNW's and improved PET's
- Through audit noted improvement on those suitable/not offered amounts
- IT improvement with all zone 2 patients having an ANP clinic reminder drop down box when triaging
- Clinic increased from 4-6
- ? Weekend clinic
- Still work in progress, updating guidelines at present







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What are the next steps for this initiative project/ANP team?

- Patient satisfaction and staff evaluation of this initiative.
- Succession planning would include a Mon-Sunday clinic.
- Publishing this initiative
- Validity of guidelines
- Continuous audit