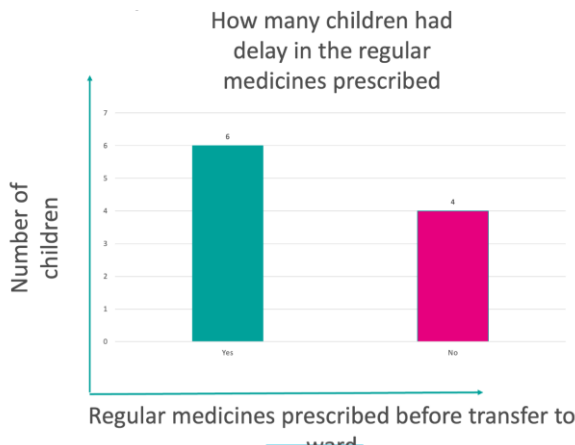
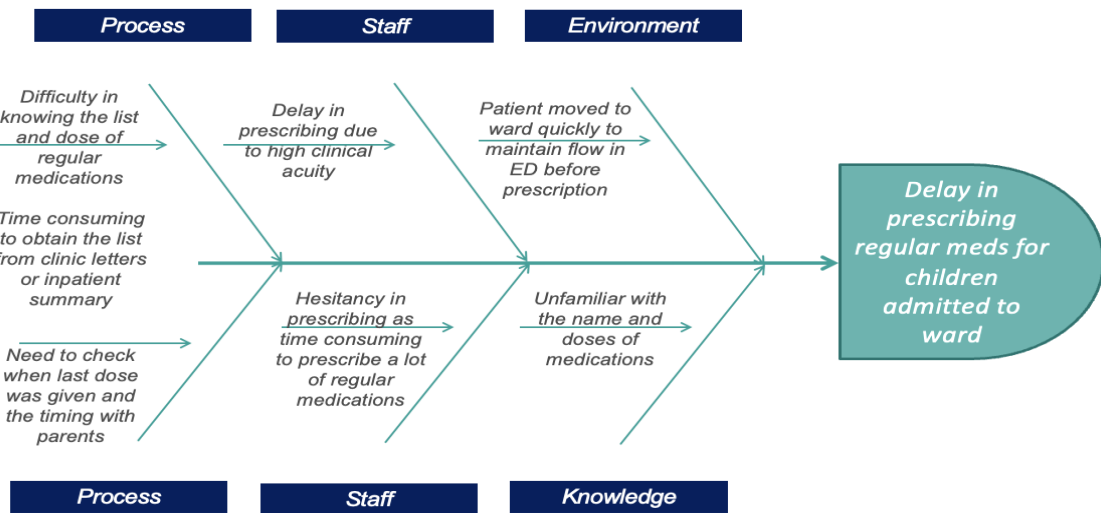
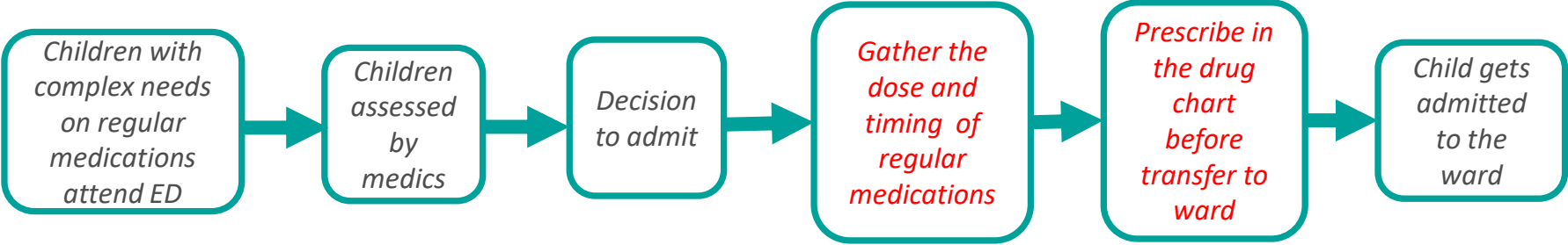




Delays in prescribing regular medicines leaves children vulnerable to fits, bleeds or coma.

BACKGROUND

Children with complex medical problems get admitted to the ward frequently for acute medical issues. Such children are on quite a lot of regular medications. Very often there is a delay in prescribing regular medications on time which can have serious consequences.



Aim
Preventing delays in regular medicines prescription for complex needs children admitted to the inpatient ward.
Measurement:
Was drug chart with time critical regular medications prescribed before transfer to ward
1 = Yes
0 = No

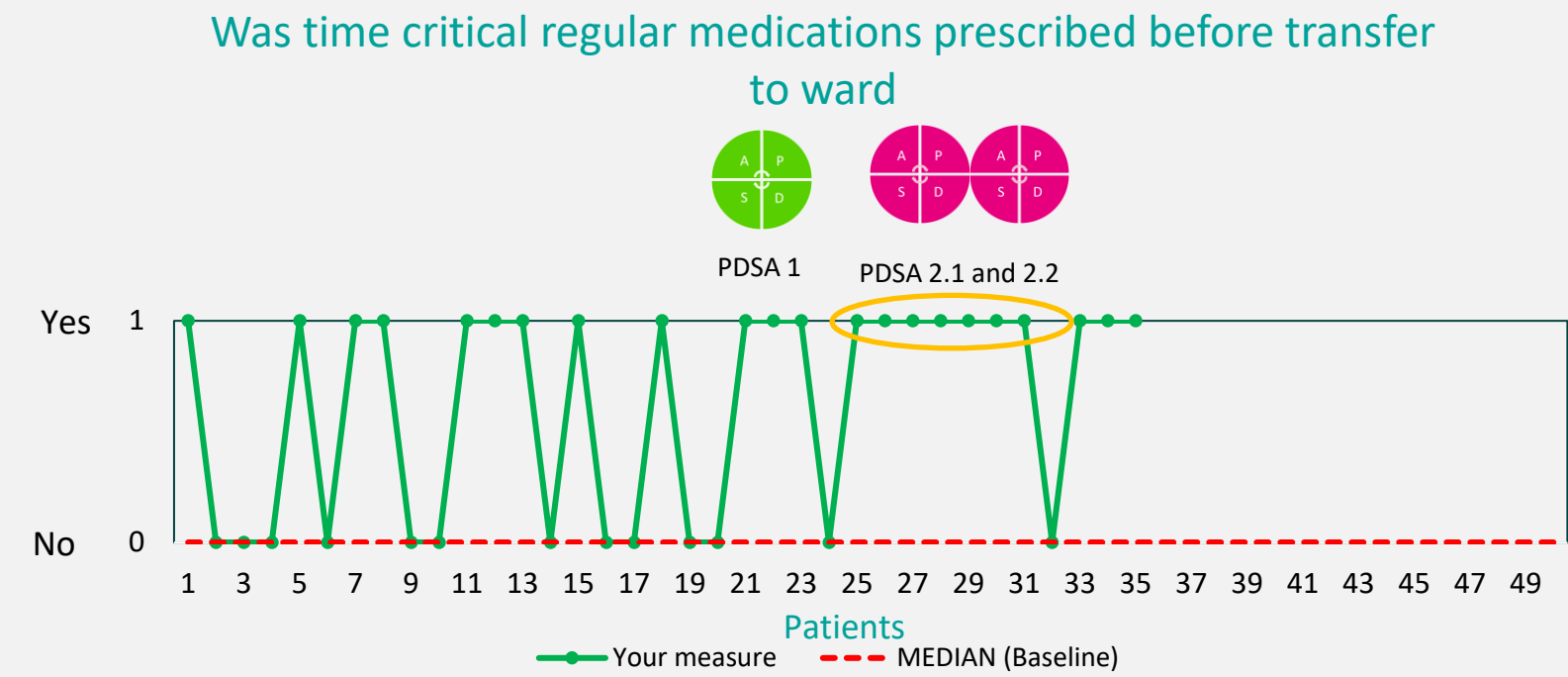
- CHANGE IDEAS**
- 1. Sending an email to all junior doctors about the study and emphasising them on prescribing regular medications before transfer to ward.
 - 2. Putting posters in ED to alert and reiterate doctors on prescribing regular medications
 - 3. Survey of junior doctors about prescribing regular medications before transfer to ward in children with complex needs.

I NEED MY MEDICINES 😊
Please don't forget to prescribe regular medications for children admitted to ward

PDSA cycles

PDSA Test #	PLAN	Do		ACT
1	Creating awareness among junior doctors regarding prescribing regular medications in a timely manner Send email to all junior doctors about the project emphasising on prescribing regular medications and discuss in junior senior meeting	Email sent to 32 junior doctors in Paediatric department. Most of them acknowledged via email. The same was discussed in junior-senior meeting	Positive response from the team towards working on this problem	Ensure that all new doctors as a part of induction gets reminded on prescribing regular medications in time
2.1	Create a Poster to raise awareness	Share draft and get feedback from a few people. People suggested to add stickers.	Adjust based on feedback	Consider best places to place poster
2.2	Put up posters on computers in ED/PAU	Posters were put on 8 computers in ED and 3 computers in PAU. There was enough space to display the poster. Doctors and nursing staff reported seeing posters. Following posters display 5 drug charts completely filled before transfer.	Drug charts filled consistently with the regular medication prescription for 9 patients over 10 days	Positive responses after poster display, continue to carry the practice forward

RUN CHART



REFLECTIONS & LEARNING

- 1. Raising awareness seems to improve prescribing habits which is evident from PDSA cycles
- 2. Reminders and reiterating is important in bringing a change, however over long run some additional interventions such as checklist, re-audit is needed

