

WEIGHTS ON HEPMA AUDIT (WOHA)

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- Aims**
- Assess how accurate weight recording on HEPMA is
 - Try and improve weight recording on HEPMA

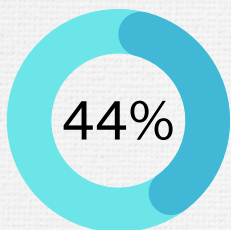
- Methods**
- Three wards (2 medical and 1 surgical) were audited for:
 - Was a weight record?
 - Was this weight accurate to the latest record weight in the nursing notes?

Poster detailing results and proposed action (MDT awareness of inaccurate weights and more effort to keep weights updated) were then placed on the wards.

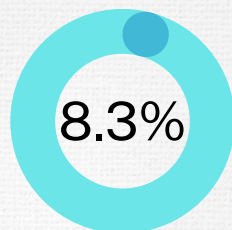
Re-auditing on the same criteria was undertaken 1 week after the posters were placed on the ward.

Results:

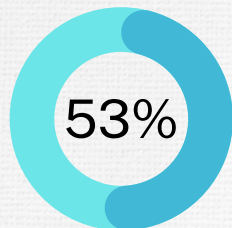
Pre Intervention



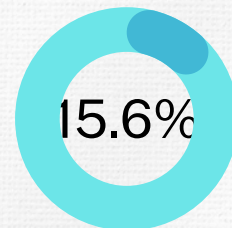
Weight Recorded?



Weight Accurate?



Post Intervention



Discussion:

Strengths

- Good spread of wards audited
- Prompt re-audit
- Accessible intervention reaching multiple members of MDT (placed in nursing/doctor areas)

Weaknesses

- Minimal improvement
- No clear designation of responsibility for weight's being accurate
- Difference in number of patients audited each cycle

Conclusion: Accurate weight recording on HEPMA needs further improvement

Next Steps:

- Speak to pharmacy about their interest in being involved in a second cycle
 - With view to see if a HEPMA prompt for a recorded weight prior to prescribing is possible
- Re-audit after further intervention either pharmacy prompt) or if not possible other awareness raising measure such as presentation at junior doctor/middle grade teaching or after handovers in wards