

The First 200 Consults: Utilisation of a New Infectious Diseases Inpatient Consult Service across a Level 4 Irish Hospital

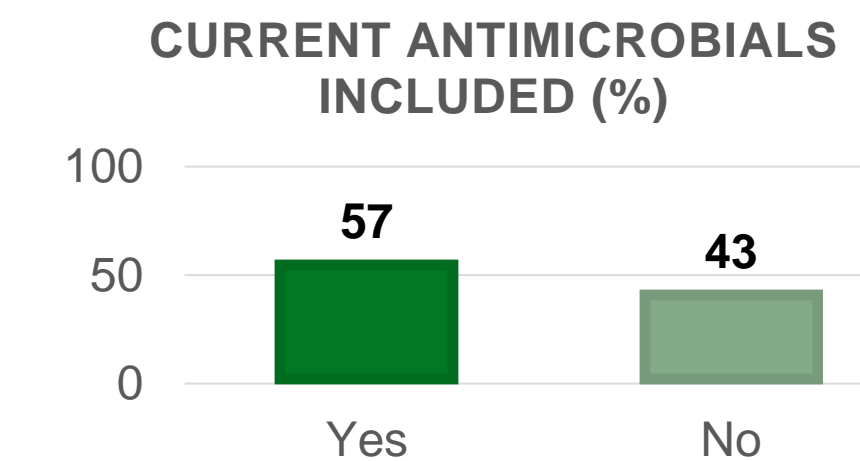
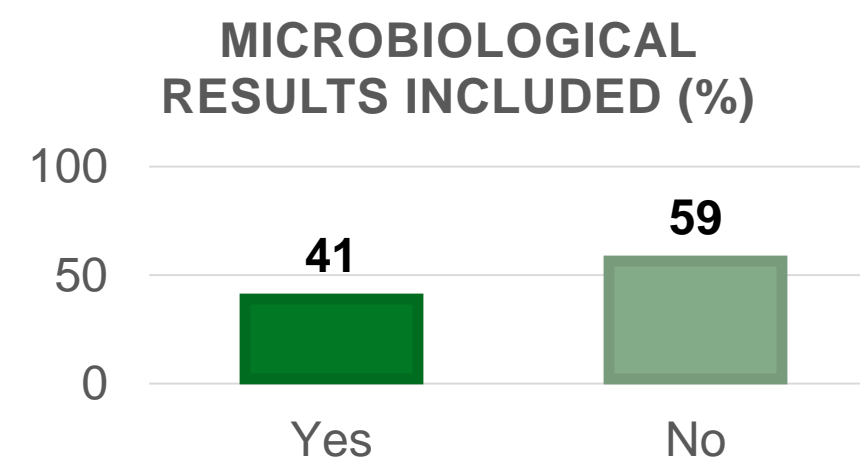
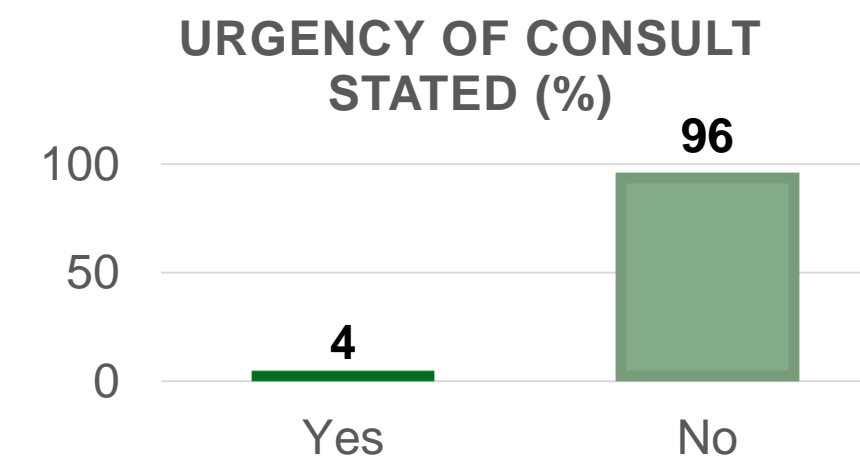
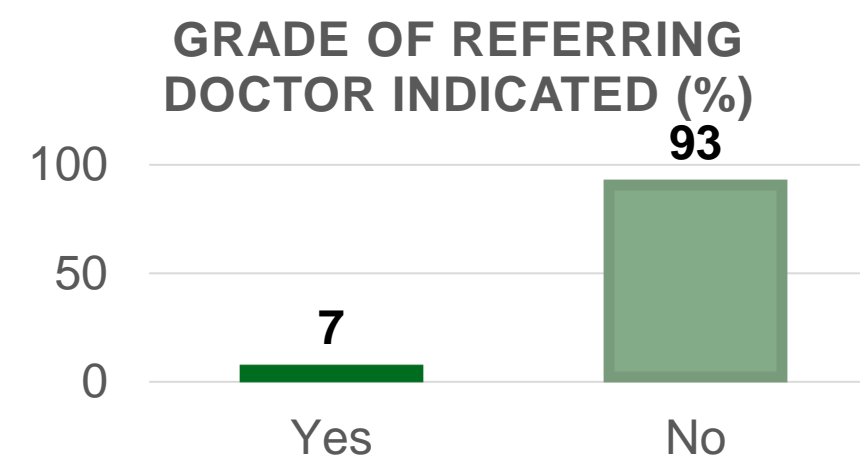
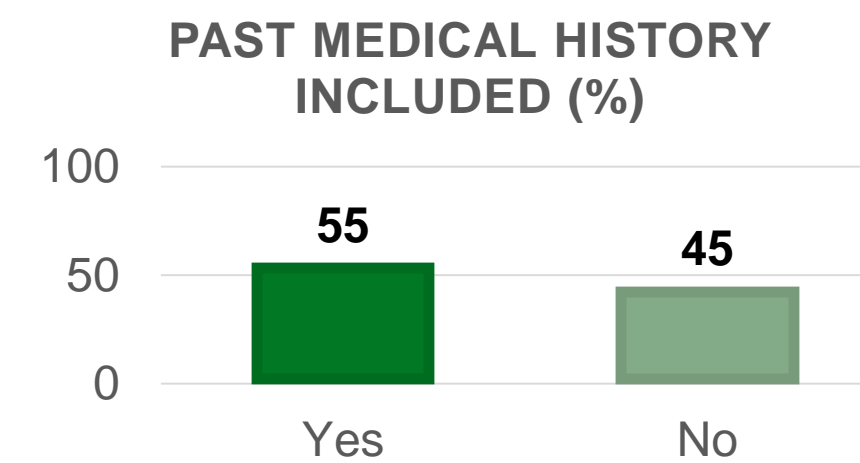
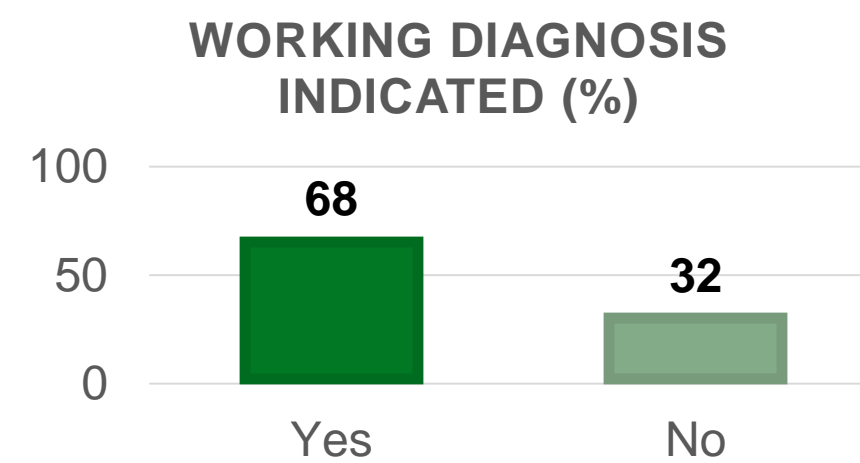
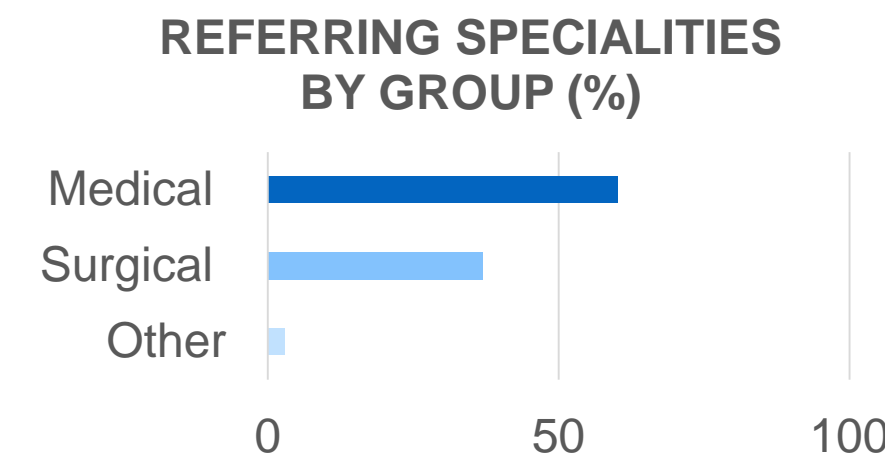
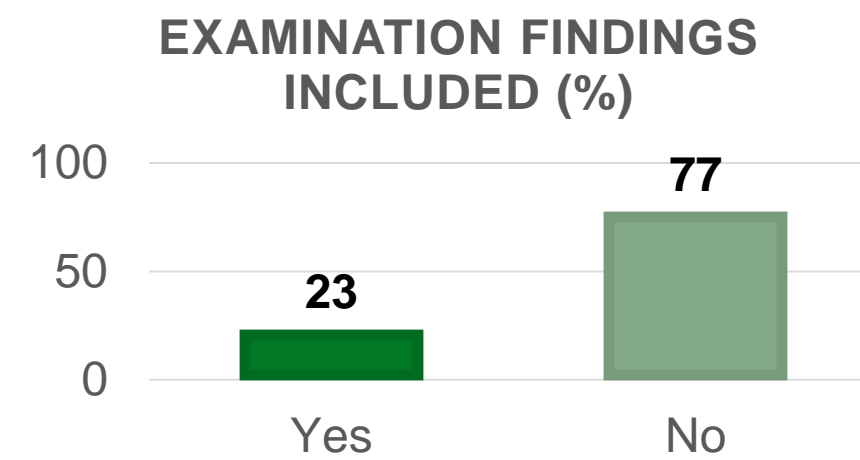
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Infectious Diseases consultation services are associated with improved patient outcomes, referrer satisfaction, antimicrobial stewardship and cost-effectiveness. We evaluated the quality of all electronic consult requests to the newly established Infectious Diseases service in Tallaght University Hospital with the aim of improving the overall quality of requests.

A retrospective review of all electronic consult requests on the electronic patient record system was performed. Data was collected from the beginning of the service in June 2022 until April 2023 representing a sample size of 204.

Most referrals were received from medical specialities. The majority of requests did not specify the urgency required for the review or grade of referring doctor. Less than half of consults included relevant microbiological results and examination findings.

A number of areas could be improved upon when requesting Infectious Diseases consults. Potential interventions include regular discussion with the top referring specialities and making certain sections of the electronic consult request mandatory.



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