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**INTRODUCTION:**

- Infectious diseases department commenced governance of OPAT (Out-Patient Antimicrobial Therapy) service at Tallaght University Hospital from September 9th 2022.
- To evaluate the service performance, two surveys were conducted.
- The initial survey covered the period from inception of department till March 31, 2023, while the second survey spanned April 2023 to February 2024.

**AIMS:**

- To evaluate the patients’ satisfaction with the OPAT service
- To identify the areas of improvement

- Both the surveys found that the patients were happy with OPAT service in regards to pre discharge education, on treatment communication and post treatment service recommendation to self or others.
- Explore the side effects in 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (n=17) of patients experienced
- Low numbers on S-OPAT – Main barrier being the push to get patients out quickly and delay in constitution of pumps
- Enhanced patient education and follow-up with Management Control Centre regarding waste disposal

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Larger sample size
- Include questions about PICC Line management in future survey
- Consider language barriers, if any
- Include questions about dose compliance, missed/delayed dose

**RESULTS:**



