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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.

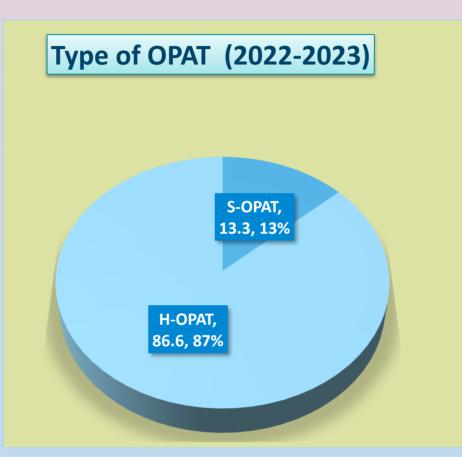
AIMS:

- 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 1/3rd (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:

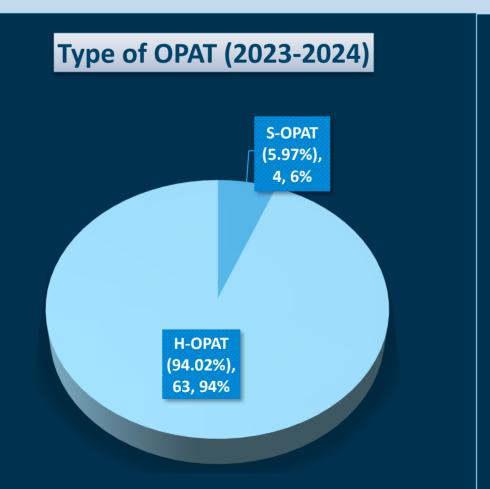
- Larger sample size
- Include questions about PICC Line management in future survey
- Consider language barriers, if any
- Include questions about dose compliance, missed/delayed dose

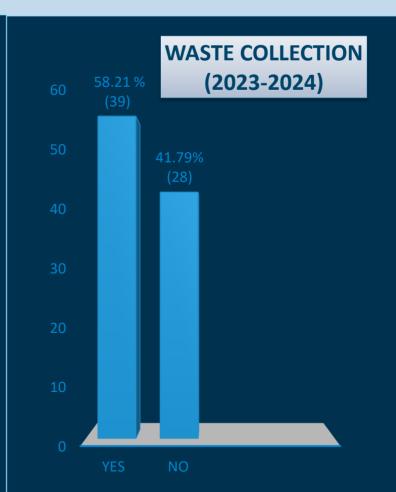
RESULTS:













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