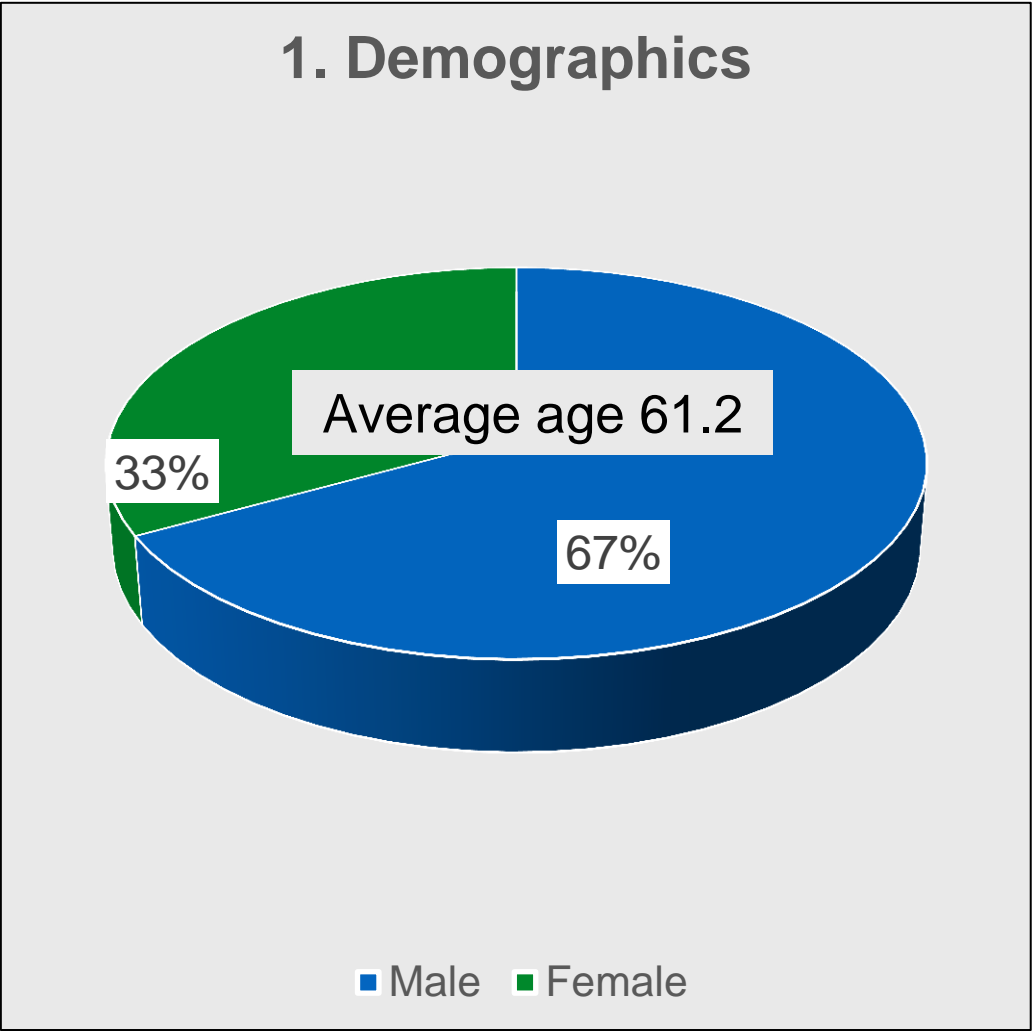




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 Out Patient Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) has the potential to save numerous bed days for hospitals. An audit was conducted on all inpatients discharged from SVUH on OPAT during the year 2019 against national and international standards.^{1,2}

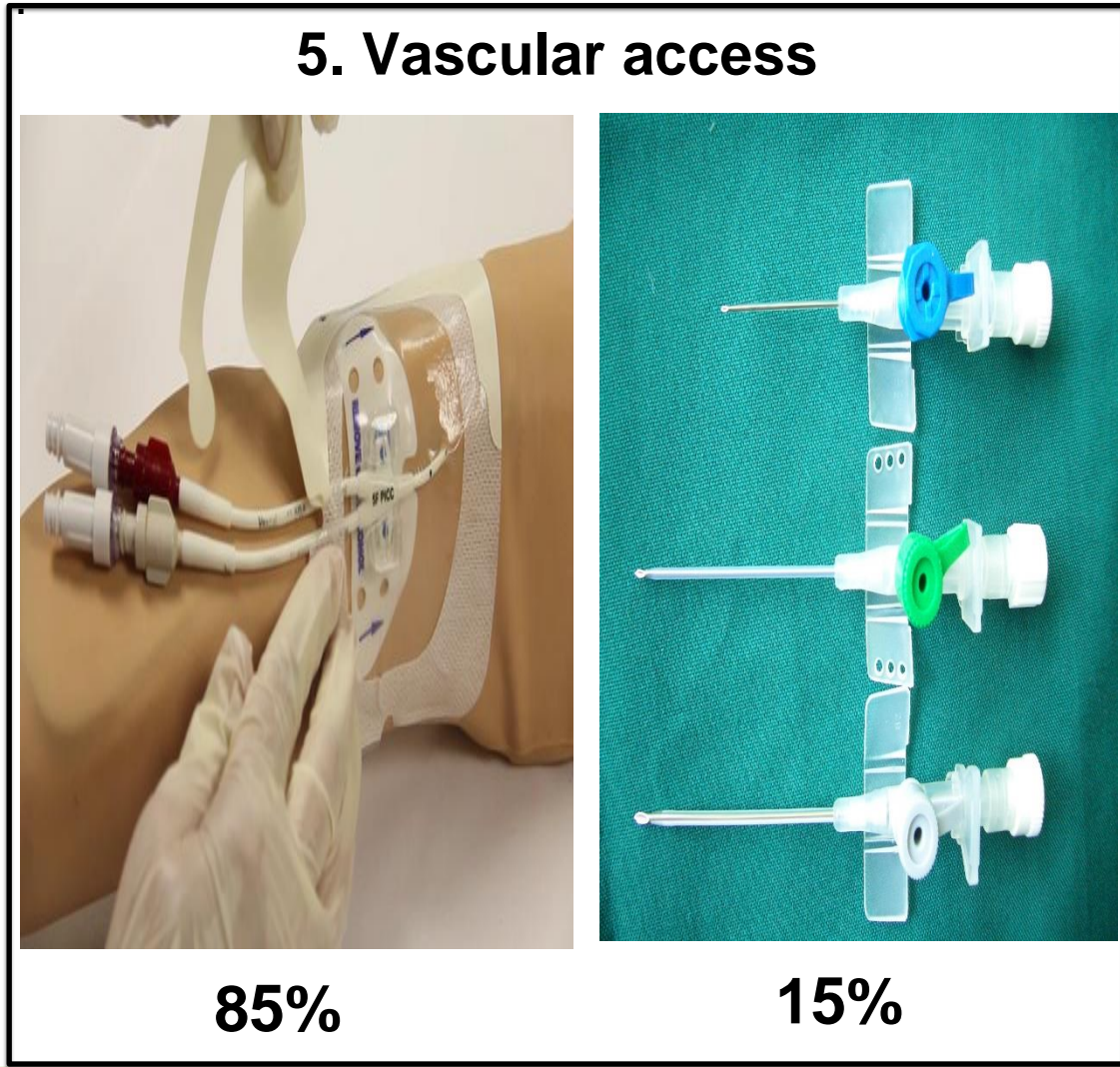
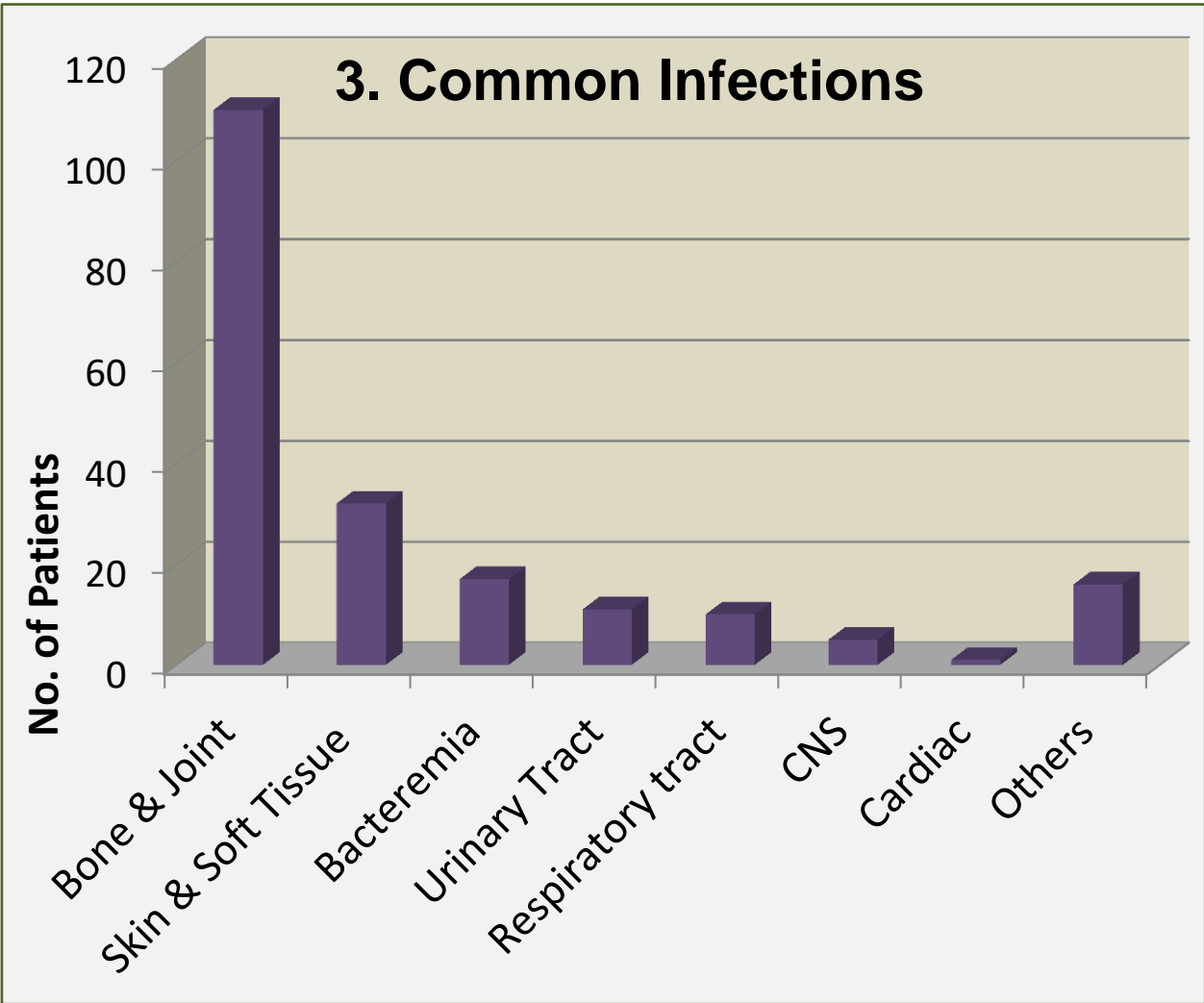
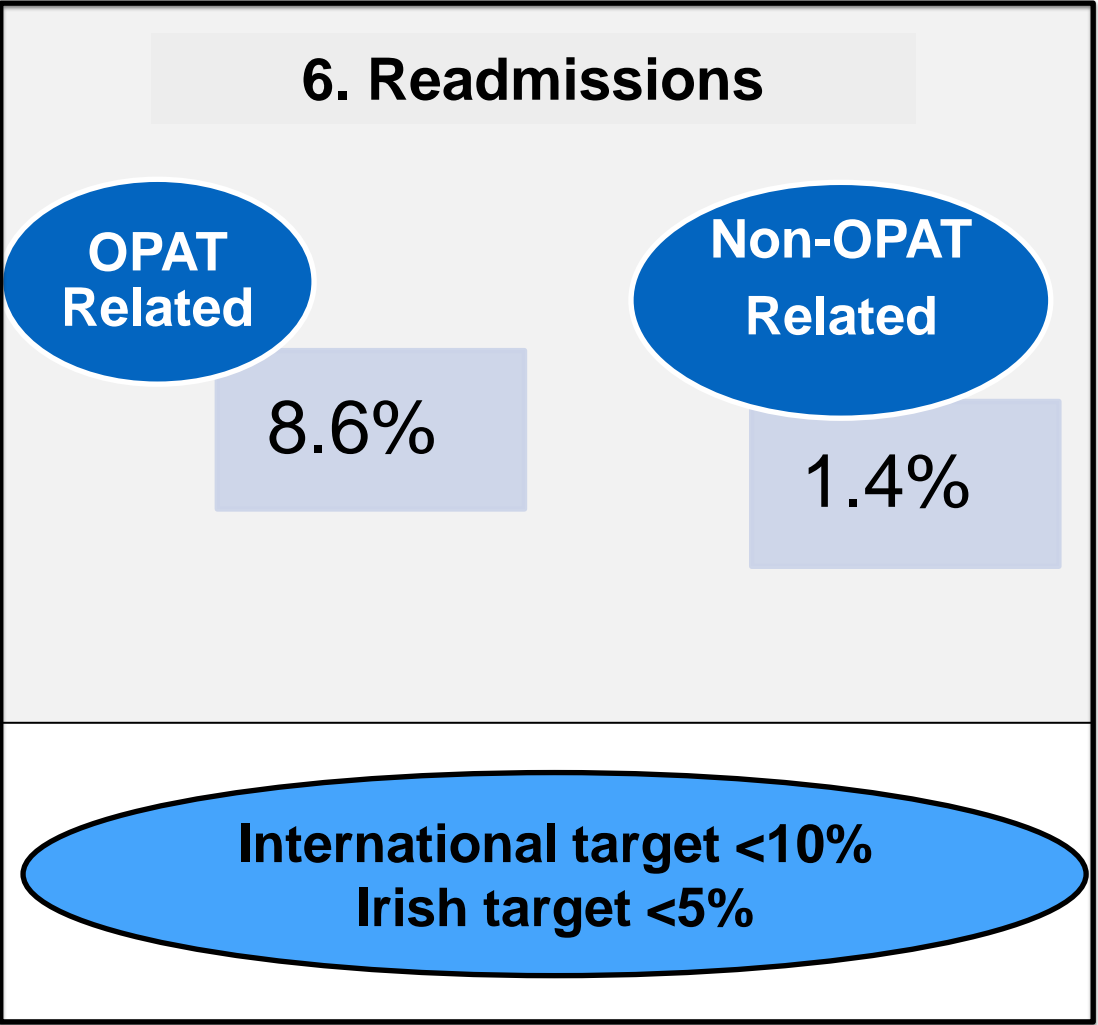
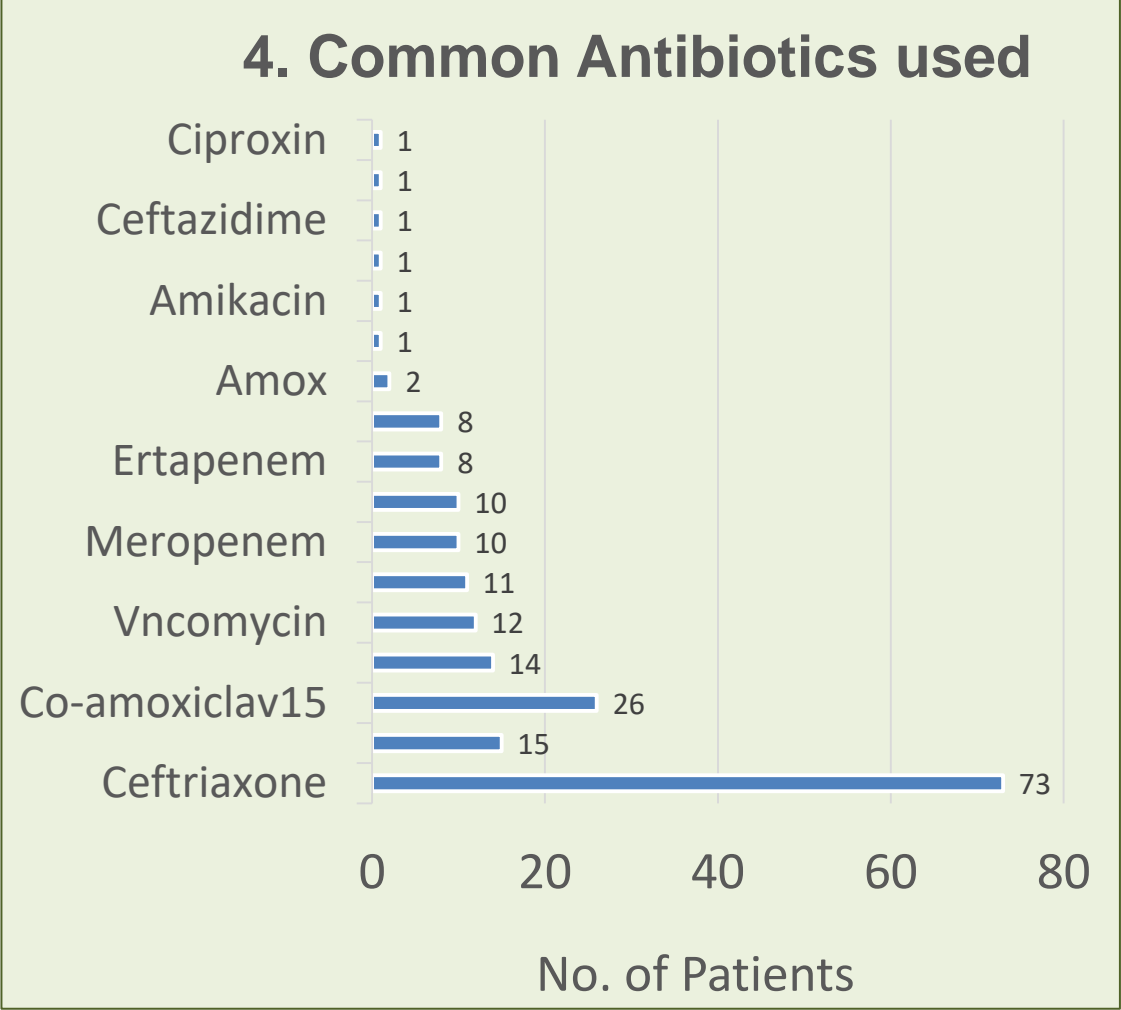
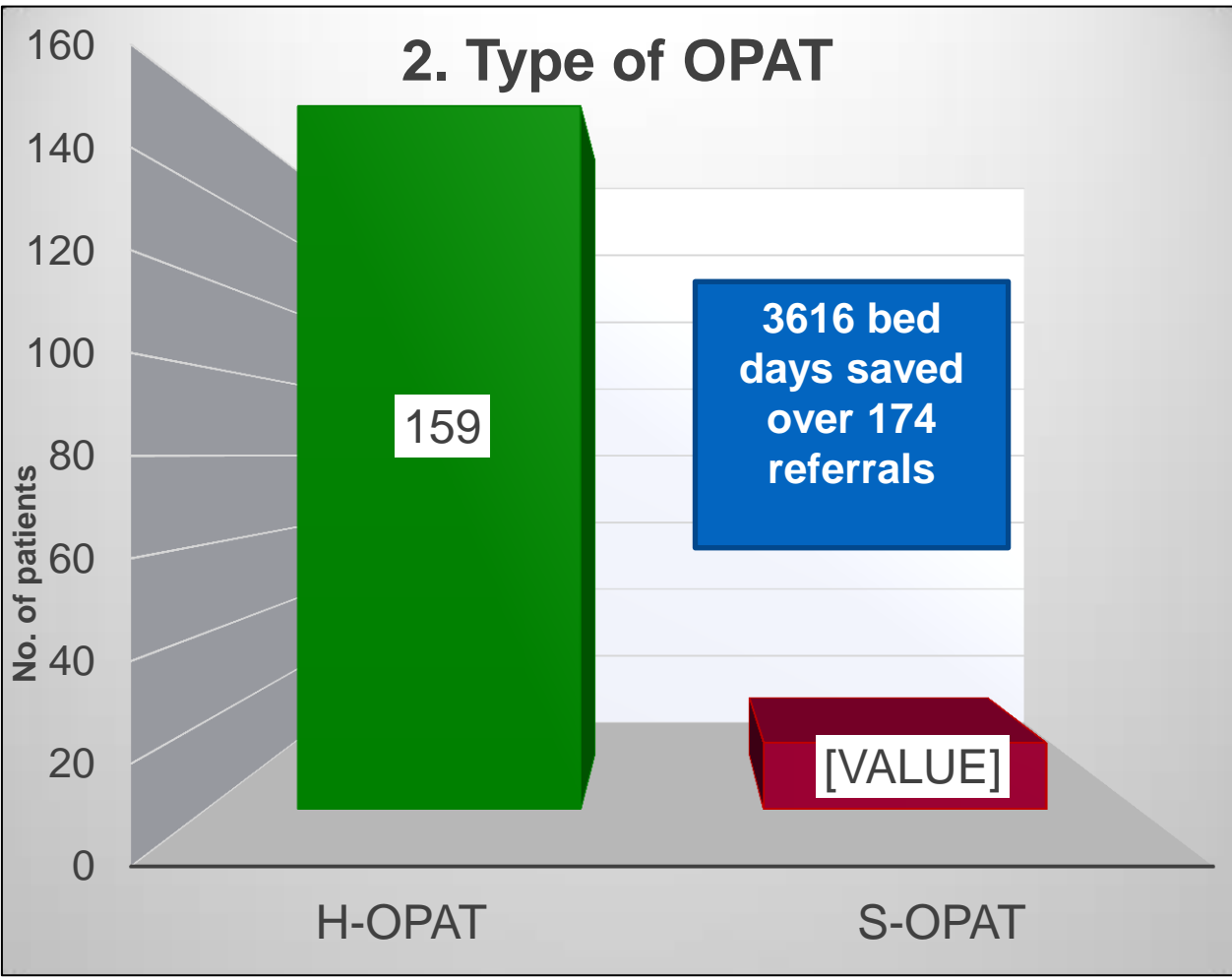
- Methods:**
- Retrospective audit- 2019 SVUH OPAT discharges
 - Approval: Clinical audit SVUH
 - Data collection and analysis: MS Excel

Results:



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- Recommendations:**
- Appropriate patient selection
 - Antimicrobial stewardship
 - Adequate monitoring and follow-up
 - Regular audit