

Poster Session
Hospital In The Home – Cellulitis



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HITH Sorting –

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KEY PROBLEM -

- ▶ Increased in admission and length of stays for hospital beds from Emergency Department
- ▶ Presentations to Emergency Department: 15,482 Jan – Mar 2015
- ▶ Redcliffe funded Beds: 206



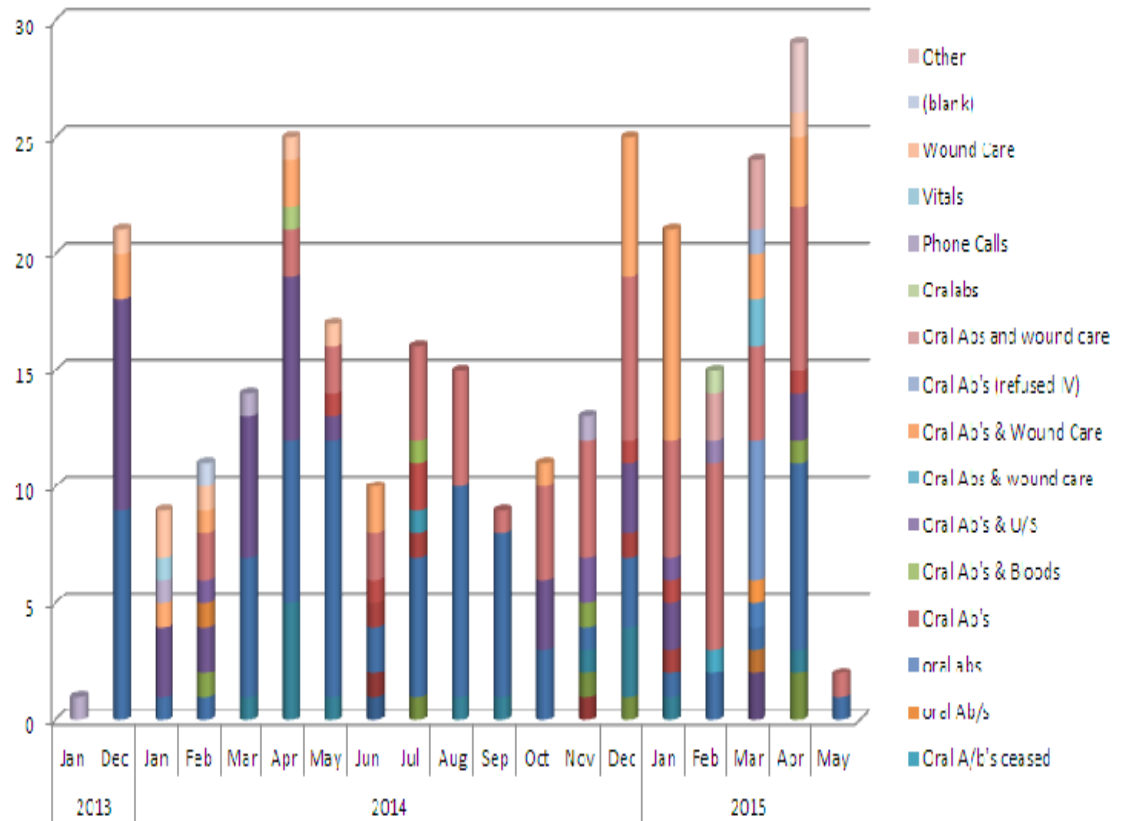
AIM OF THIS INNOVATION -

- ▶ To minimise Cellulitis admissions and length of stay within the Redcliffe Hospital
- ▶ Review the care needs for patients and ensure the most appropriate use of a hospital bed
- ▶ Review the need of intravenous antibiotics, best practice medicine and treatment
- ▶ To help meet the requirements of Antimicrobial Stewardship and National Standards

BASELINE DATA -

Reason for referral to HITH Sorting Clinic Interventions from HITH Sorting Clinic

	Abdomen & Joint Pain	Abscess	Animal/Human Bite	Burn	Cellulitis	Cellulitis & Abscess	Cellulitis & Skin Tear	Cellulitis & Ulcer	Cellulitis & Wound Care
2013					18	2			
Jan									
Dec					18	2			
2014	1	30	7	1	83	5	1	4	3
Jan		1			4				1
Feb		6	1	1	1			1	1
Mar	1	2			7				
Apr		3	2		11		1	1	1
May		1			10				
Jun		2			3				
Jul		4	2		9				
Aug		3			8				
Sep		1			6				
Oct		1	2		4	1			
Nov		1			7			1	
Dec		5			13	4		1	
2015	12	1	1	1	59	2	1	2	1
Jan	1				19	1			
Feb		3			8	1			
Mar		3		1	16				
Apr		5	1		14		1	2	1



KEY CHANGES IMPLEMENTED -

- ▶ Best treatment for the Patient and avoidable admission through:
 1. HITH 'Sorting' Clinic to review the treatment requirements for Patients with Cellulitis and other relevant conditions
 2. Direct admission from Residential Aged Care Facilities to HITH
- ▶ Governance for Hospital Avoidance/Substitution Services
- ▶ Improved partnering and collaboration with HITH service

OUTCOMES SO FAR -

- ▶ Reduced disruption for patients
- ▶ Reduced transport costs' in association with hospital avoidance (Ambulance Service, taxis', Hospital bus transport)
- ▶ Improved partnership and collaboration with HITH services'
- ▶ Bed day savings and Hospital Avoidance

LESSONS LEARNT -

- ▶ a “new way of thinking” (build strong communication and partnerships between the hospital departments and community service providers)
- ▶ Further education for Hospital staff about the overuse of Antibiotics and to provide best practise treatment for patients
- ▶ Enhanced promotion of the service and appropriate treatment through further education for community services including RACF and primary care services’

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