

# Implementing the Paediatric NIMC within a general hospital

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# Background

- > Paediatric NIMC implementation
  - Double signing
  - Reduction in medication incidents
  - Standardisation
- > Short stay (acute) & long stay (chronic) charts

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- > Paediatric Unit
  - > Challenge
  - > Strategy
  - > Expected problems
  - > Incorrect charts
  - > Implementation process
  - > Future initiatives



# Paediatrics at FMC

## > Paediatric Emergency

- Operational during normal working hours
- After hours admissions seen in ED

## > Outpatients

- General and specialist paediatric clinics



# Paediatrics at FMC

## > Inpatients

- 33 bed medical and surgical ward
- Patients up to 18yo
- Patients admitted via:
  - > Paediatric ED/ED (a/h)
  - > Clinics
  - > FPH transfers
  - > GP
  - > Other wards
  - > Other hospitals



# Challenge

- > Correct chart for the correct patient
  - > Adult charts for adults
  - > Paediatric charts for children
    - > Long stay (chronic)
    - > Short stay (acute)



# Strategy

- > Two stage process
  - A) Short stay
  - B) Long stay
  
- > Notification
  
- > Education



# Expected Problems

- > Educating staff from multiple units
  - > Visiting specialists
  - > Non paediatric medical and surgical teams
  
- > Selecting correct charts on admission
  - Paediatric ED
  - After hours admissions
  - short vs long
  
- > Supply/availability of paediatric charts
  - MO's carrying charts



# Implementation Process: Notification

- > Launch date well advertised
  - Ward & ED Nurses
  - Executive Nursing
  - All paediatric MO's
  - All relevant surgical and medical MO's
  - Preadmission Clinic
  - FPH
  - Operating theatres
  - Ward clerks



# Implementation Process: Education

## > Power point presentation

- Compulsory for:
  - Ward staff
  - Emergency department
  - Preadmission clinic
- Presented/available to all affected parties inc. relevant MO's

## > Ward clerks

- No adult charts available on unit & paediatric ED by launch date
- Ordering procedure
- Differences in charts



# Incorrect charts: Causes

## > Appearance

- Preadmission packs
- Night ED admissions
- Incorrect imprest supplies from stores
- Wrong supply in the Paediatric Emergency Department
  - > Adult & long stay charts



# Future Initiatives

- > Watermark the Paediatric Chart
- > Apply impresting restrictions
  - Paediatric charts restricted to paediatrics only
  - Long stay restricted to ward only
- > Further education for staff admitting patients
- > Long stay charts initiated by nursing staff only
  - Not freely available on ward



# Questions