

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