

A Subacute Interdisciplinary Documentation System Milestones, Achievements & Challenges.

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Needs Identified

Feb 2005

- Audit process found assessments were:
 - Discipline focused
 - Inconsistent
 - Duplicated
 - Repetitive
 - At times lacking in comprehensiveness



Solution



May 2005

- Interdisciplinary Committee formed with key stakeholders including medicine, nursing, allied health, quality & education.
- Active Executive Sponsorship – pivotal
- Passionate & enthused committee members – ideal
- Literature Search & Benchmarking
- Consultation – draft – consultation – redraft
- Sept 2006 Pilot – Evaluate
- August 2007 Implementation Complete – Embed – Evaluate

Interdisciplinary Assessment & Care Planning Framework

9 Care Domains

- Medical Issues
- Pain Management
- Elimination/Continence
- Skin Integrity
- Mobility & Transfers
- Functional Issues
- Psychological Issues
- Communication & Cognition
- Nutrition & Swallowing

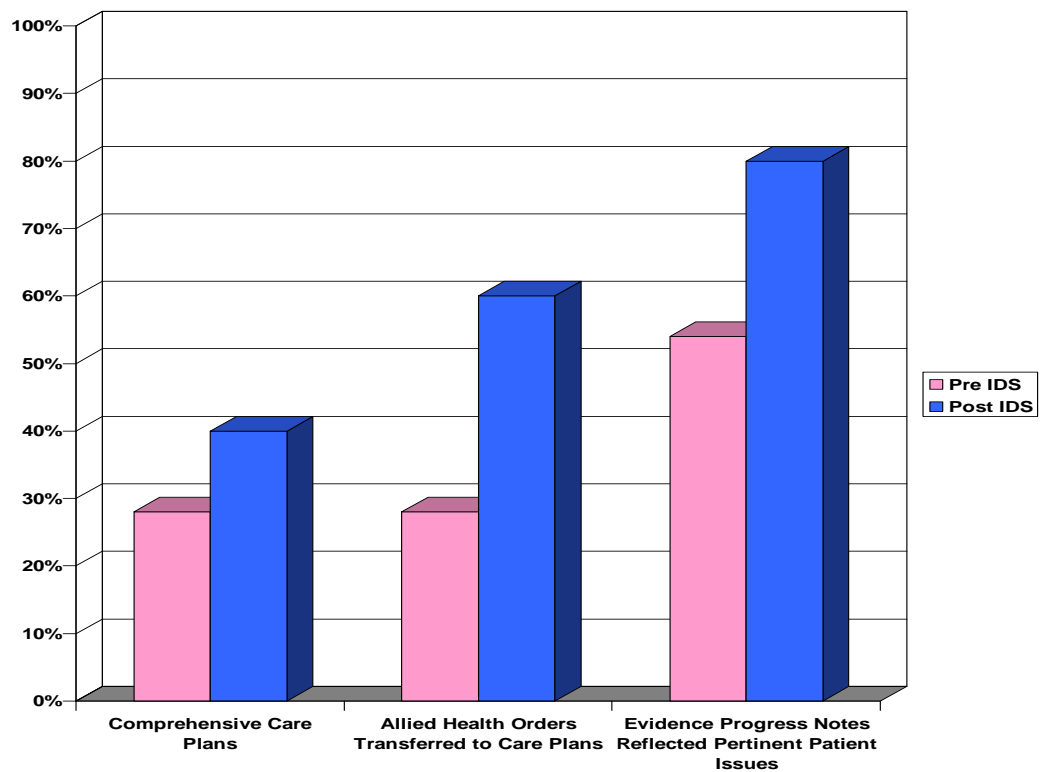
Incorporates validated assessment tools within where possible including:

MMSE, FRASS, Braden, Barthel, FIM

Interdisciplinary Documentation System

- Interdisciplinary Assessment Tool (IDAT)
 - Interdisciplinary Patient Care Plan
 - Interdisciplinary Team Meeting Form
 - Discharge Plan Checklist
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- Sept 2006 Pilot commenced in 2 subacute aged care units & 1 rehabilitation unit

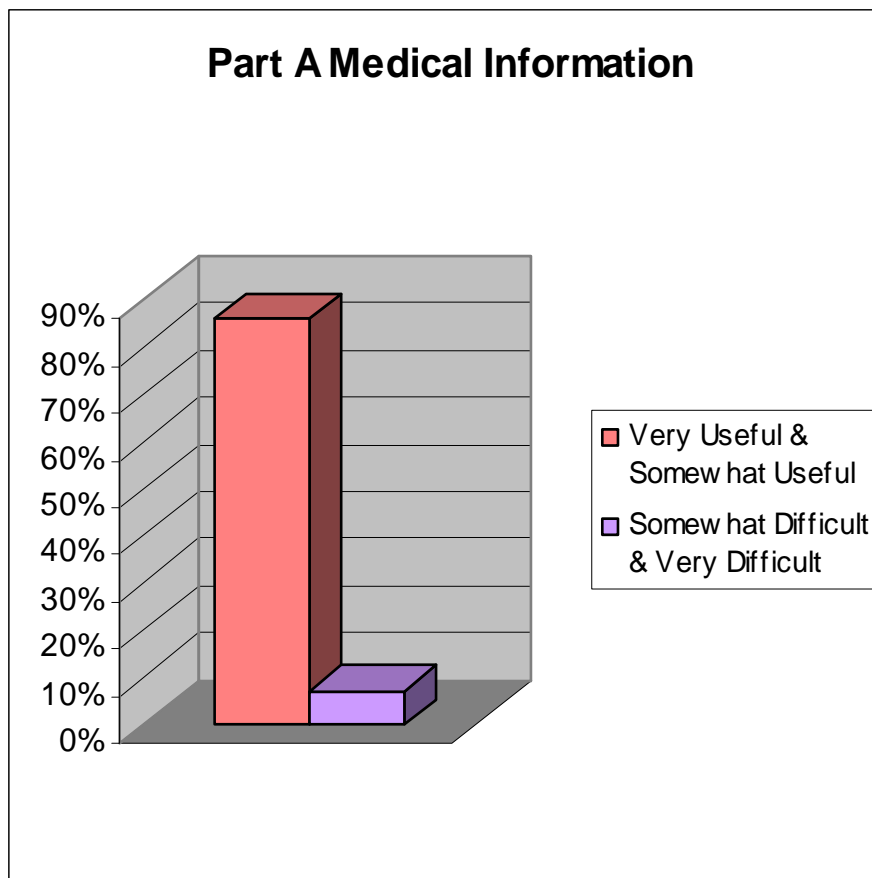
Key Audit Results November 2006



Project Support - Essential

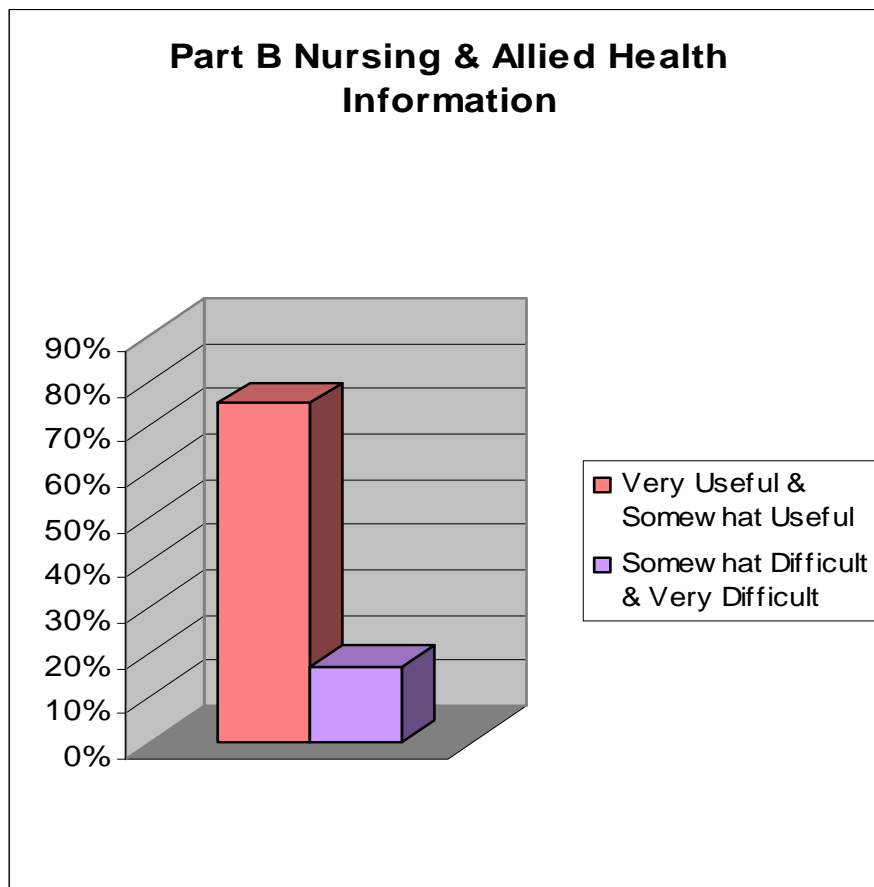
- May 2007 – Project Officers appointed for 6 months funded by Improving Care for Older People to re-invigorate use in pilot units & implement across the subacute inpatient units
- August 2007 Implementation Completed

Evaluation Results – User Friendliness Feb 2008



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Achievements

- Engaged the ‘right people’ – sustained Executive sponsorship drive – identified clinical champions
- Comprehensive & consistent – across subacute service
- Interdisciplinary approach with Interdisciplinary Orientation
- Reduced repetitiveness & culled 17 forms
- Sustained – integrated into audit process & reported up
- Second tier assessment revision in progress
- Included in the COAG LSOP Minimising Functional Decline Toolkit

Challenges

- Project support & resource support for clinicians – a form in itself doesn't change practice!
- Key stakeholder agreement – format to suit all
- Time is of the essence – patience & perseverance!
 - consultation & development - currently at version 15
 - integration of new approaches into work practices
- Paper based in an electronic age
- Avoid change overload

Next Steps

- Continue with second tier assessment review
- Refinement of components of the Interdisciplinary Documentation System
- Development of a version of the Interdisciplinary Assessment Tool suitable for the acute setting
- Consideration of risk screen for functional decline that interfaces well with the IDAT

“The most successful people are those
who are good at plan B!”

James Yorke

Thank-you!

Questions?