

Improving documentation of advice given to patients with a diagnosis of Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)



1. Context

All patients with a diagnosis of ACS are entered into MINAP (Myocardial Ischemia National Audit Project). There is a lack of documentation on advice given to patients, in particular on smoking and diet. Therefore, it wasn't possible to complete all fields in the database.

2. Strategy for change

Education for cardiology ward staff on cardiac rehab trial of sticker to use on communication sheet.

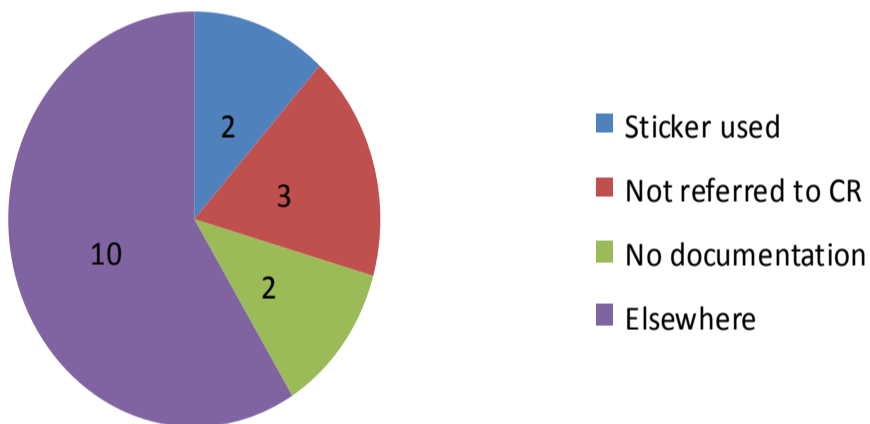
3. Measurement for improvement

Ongoing data collection for MINAP.

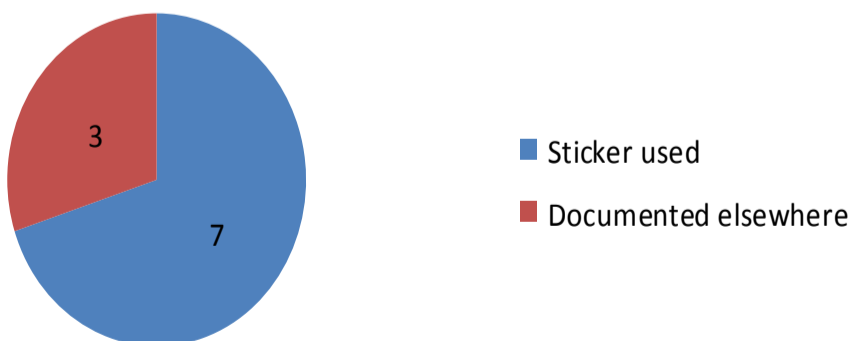
4. Wider Problem

The national audit of Cardiac rehab report, 2015. In England, total uptake of the Cardiac rehab program is 47%. That means 27,000 did not receive Cardiac rehab as recommended by NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence). The main reason stated for patients not taking part was lack of interest, totalling 39%, highlighting the importance of Phase 1 (in hospital) of the Cardiac rehab process.

Sticker use at Gloucester, cardiology (February - April 2016)



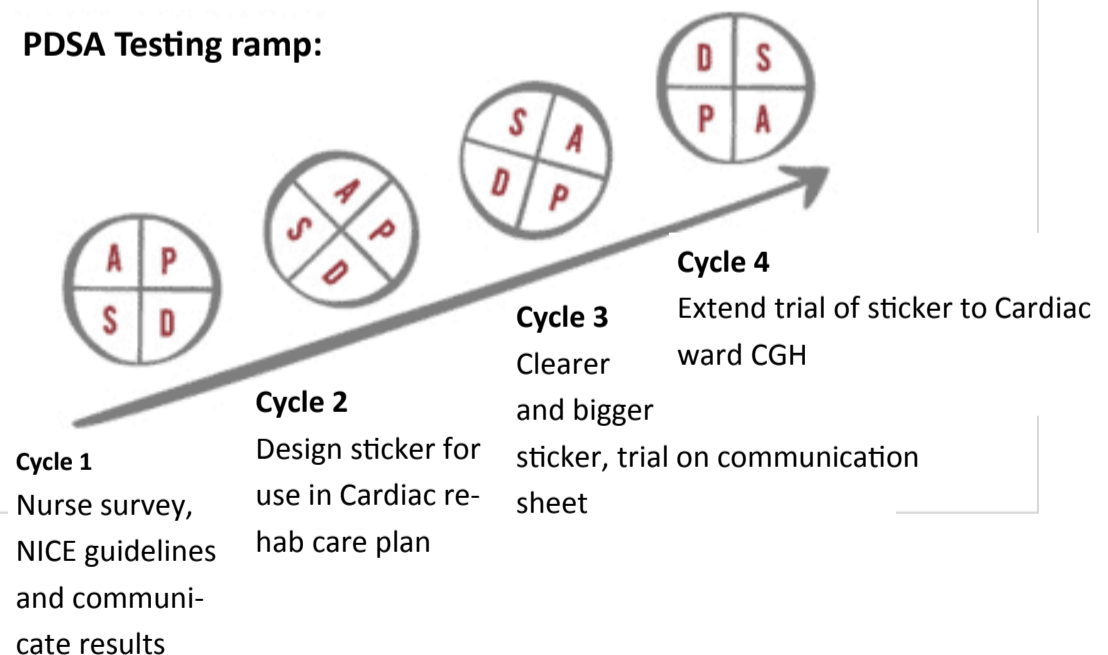
Sticker use at cardiac ward, Cheltenham General Hospital (April 2016)



Trial sticker:

Cardiac Rehab booklet given	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advice on diet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referred to Cardiac Rehab	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advice on smoking	<input type="checkbox"/>
GTN spray given	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advice on drinking	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Advice on medication	<input type="checkbox"/>

PDSA Testing ramp:



Goal

That every patient with a diagnosis of ACS be given advice and guidance with documented information appropriate to Phase 1 of Cardiac rehab.

