

Procedural Notes for Injections and Aspirations

The Problem

An audit to assess the quality of documentation of procedural notes for injections and aspirations at the Rheumatology clinic, revealed that only 28% of the notes sampled included sufficient information (i.e., explanation of risks and benefits; documentation of verbal consent; description of the procedure; reports on complications; and documentation of post-procedure instructions given to the patient).

Aim/Goal

To improve the quality of documentation of procedural notes for injections and aspiration at the Rheumatology ambulatory clinic.

The Team

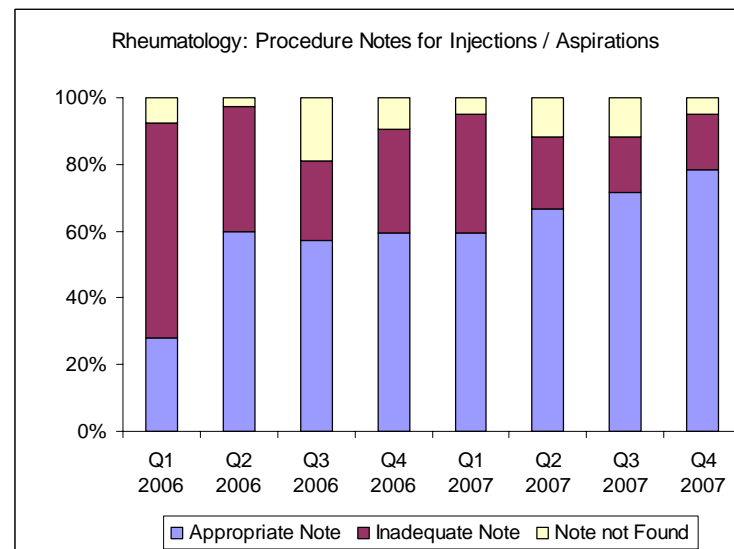
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The Interventions

A policy on adequate procedural notes for injections and aspirations was written by the Rheumatology Division and was followed by a project in which appropriate documentation was monitored and feedback was provided to physicians for continuous improvements.

The Results/Progress to Date

Date	Appropriate Note	Inadequate Note	Note not Found
Q1 2006	28%	64%	8%
Q2 2006	60%	38%	3%
Q3 2006	57%	24%	19%
Q4 2006	60%	31%	10%
Q1 2007	60%	36%	5%
Q2 2007	67%	21%	12%
Q3 2007	71%	17%	12%
Q4 2007	79%	17%	5%



Next Steps/What Should Happen Next:

We will continue to monitor the quality of procedure notes, with the goal of reaching and maintaining 100% adequate documentation.



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