

Introduction of postnatal forms for weekend postnatal rounds in a Tertiary Maternity Hospital in the UK

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AIM

To improve the efficiency of the weekend postnatal ward rounds by reducing the review time of the postnatal patients

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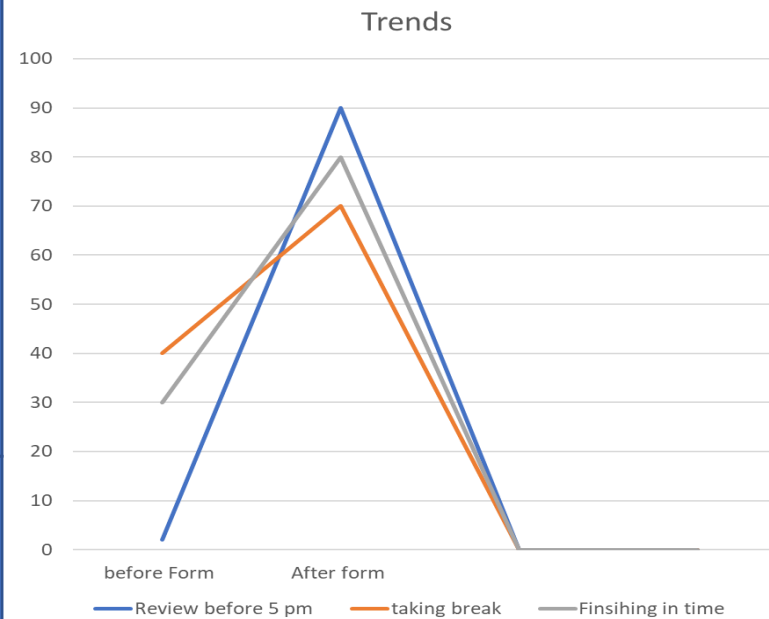
Place of Audit : Tertiary maternity hospital in Birmingham

METHODS

Postnatal form was devised ,using which before reviewing patients all the details were filled in The form including name ,mode of delivery ,blood loss for 2 -3 patients in the bay based on the confidence of the doctor.

The form can be taken bedside and the red flag symptoms and examination checklist can be filled in and a plan can also be written after discussing with the patient at the same time before moving on to next bed .The same can be repeated for the next 2-3 patients and notes can be written together .

It is advised for the users of the form to confirm the name of the patient while reviewing and tick box 'name confirmed' in the form while writing notes for that patient



RESULTS :

Able to finish the review before 5 PM

Before using the form – 2%

After using the form – 90%

No of doctors able to take afternoon break :

Before using the form – 40%

After using the form – 70%

No of doctors finishing in time :

Before using the form – 30%

After using the form – 80%

No significant change in the situation of senior support :
95% (before form) vs 92%(after form) felt that they did not have adequate senior support in reviews /ward jobs

Average patients handed over to evening team :
Before form : 3-5
After form : 1-2

Learning points:

Though reviewing 25 patients in a span of 8.5 hours can look overwhelming . Being organized (like using forms) and being well aware of the responsibilities can help achieve the targets as well as be safe in terms of patient care

Evening team handover

