

# Safe use of opioids national collaborative

**Canterbury**

District Health Board

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# Aim

- To decrease the incidence of uncontrolled pain by 25 % by March 2016

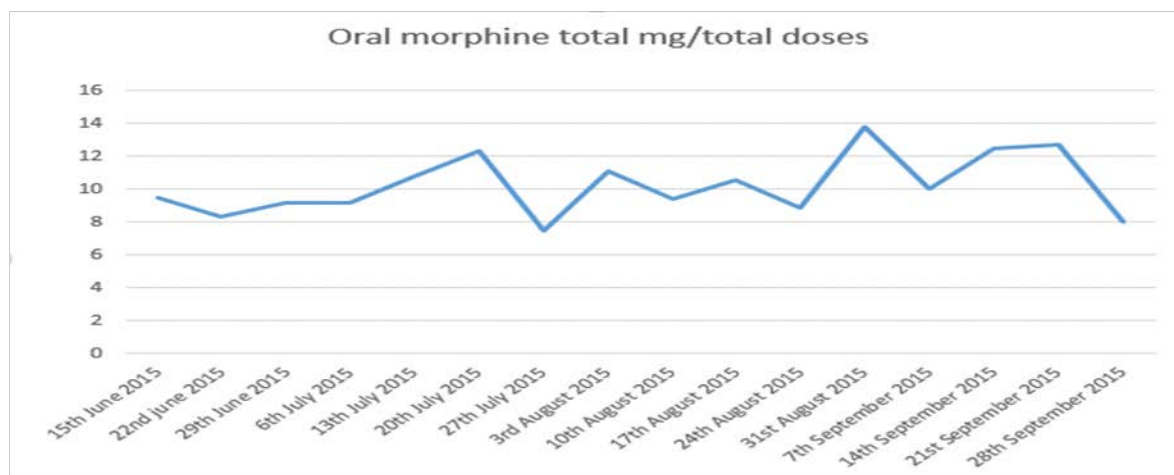
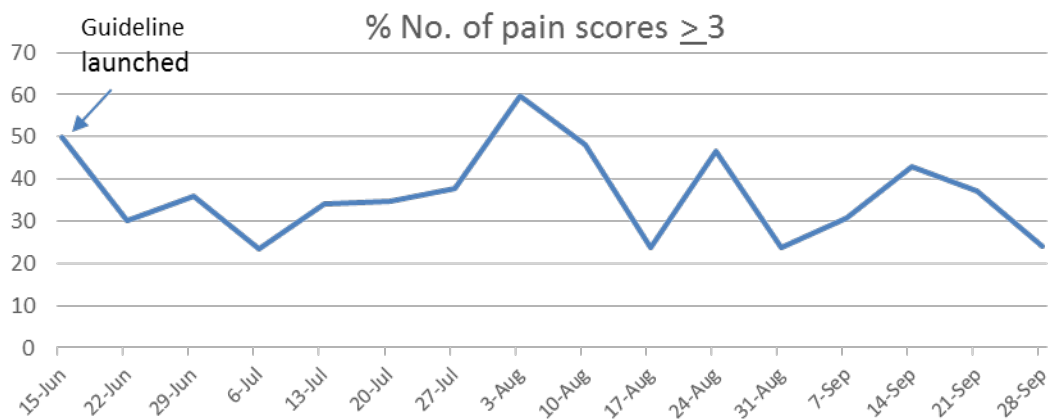
# Scope

- In the first 24 hours
- In the Surgical Assessment ward (SARA) at Christchurch Hospital
- Patients administered morphine, oxycodone, fentanyl (any route)

# Interventions tested

- Opioid dosing guidelines June 2015
  - doses
  - pain scores
- Nurse knowledge assessment July 2015
- Pain assessment August 2015

# Results – pain scores/dosing



# Key lessons/achievements

- Dosing guideline
  - Unclear until we have a base line
  - Qualitative feedback from prescribers
- Nurses knowledge
  - Have identified gaps
  - Putting educational package together
- Pain assessment
  - Seems acceptable to nurses
  - Eventually incorporate into Patientrack

# Struggles

- Driver diagram
  - In its 13<sup>th</sup> version
- PDSA
  - Methodology
  - Quantifying predictions is very difficult
- Demonstrating harm
  - Particularly difficult with pain
- Time resource

# Successes

- Our team work
- Opioid dosing guidelines in use
- Engagement of wider clinical staff