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1. Summary

One hospital with a sustained Hand hygiene compliance rate of over 90% for 12 months, implemented TS+ Auditing System to reduce the administrative burden of Auditing 5 moments.

- Results were unexpected.
- A compliance rate of 20% for Moment 2 & 30% for Moment 5 was identified in some staff groups
- This knowledge enabled targeted more focused
 training which ultimately improved
 practice, providing safer patient care.

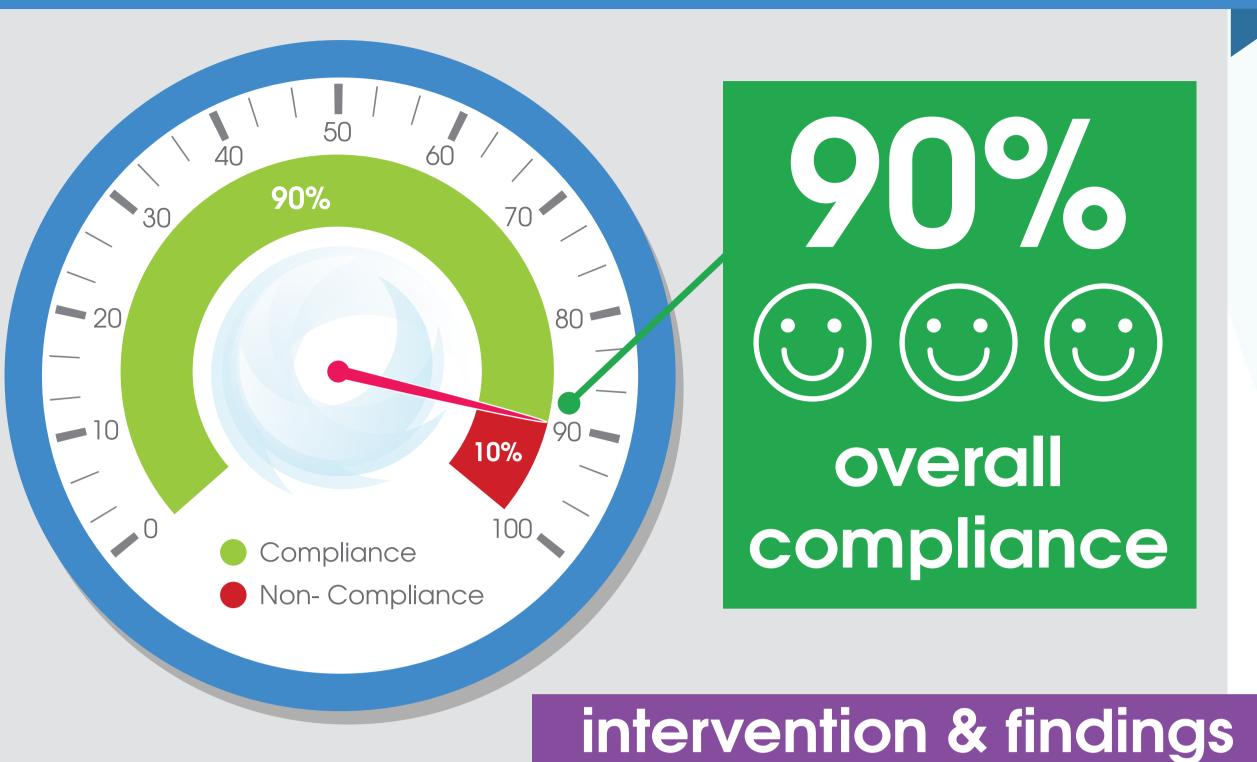
2. Intervention

- TS+ from Medical Audits, a bespoke developed mobile auditing system, was used to enable paperless data capture during observational audit.
- The impact of the system's ability to provide access to real-time audit data & facilitate audit with immediate feedback and targeted education was assessed.
- Hand hygiene compliance rates were compared for each quarter over the next 12 months

3. Methodology

- Hand hygiene audits as per the 5 moments for hand hygiene (WHO, 2009) were carried out using TS+ from Jan.14 to Dec. 2014.
- A minimum of 15 observations were audited in each department per month.
- All audits were carried out by the same trained Hand hygiene auditors.
- Data analysis provided by TS+ was used to target
 training at areas of lowest compliance and to provide immediate feedback at time of audit.

When is 90%... really only 20%?



But

20% hidden compliance for moment 2

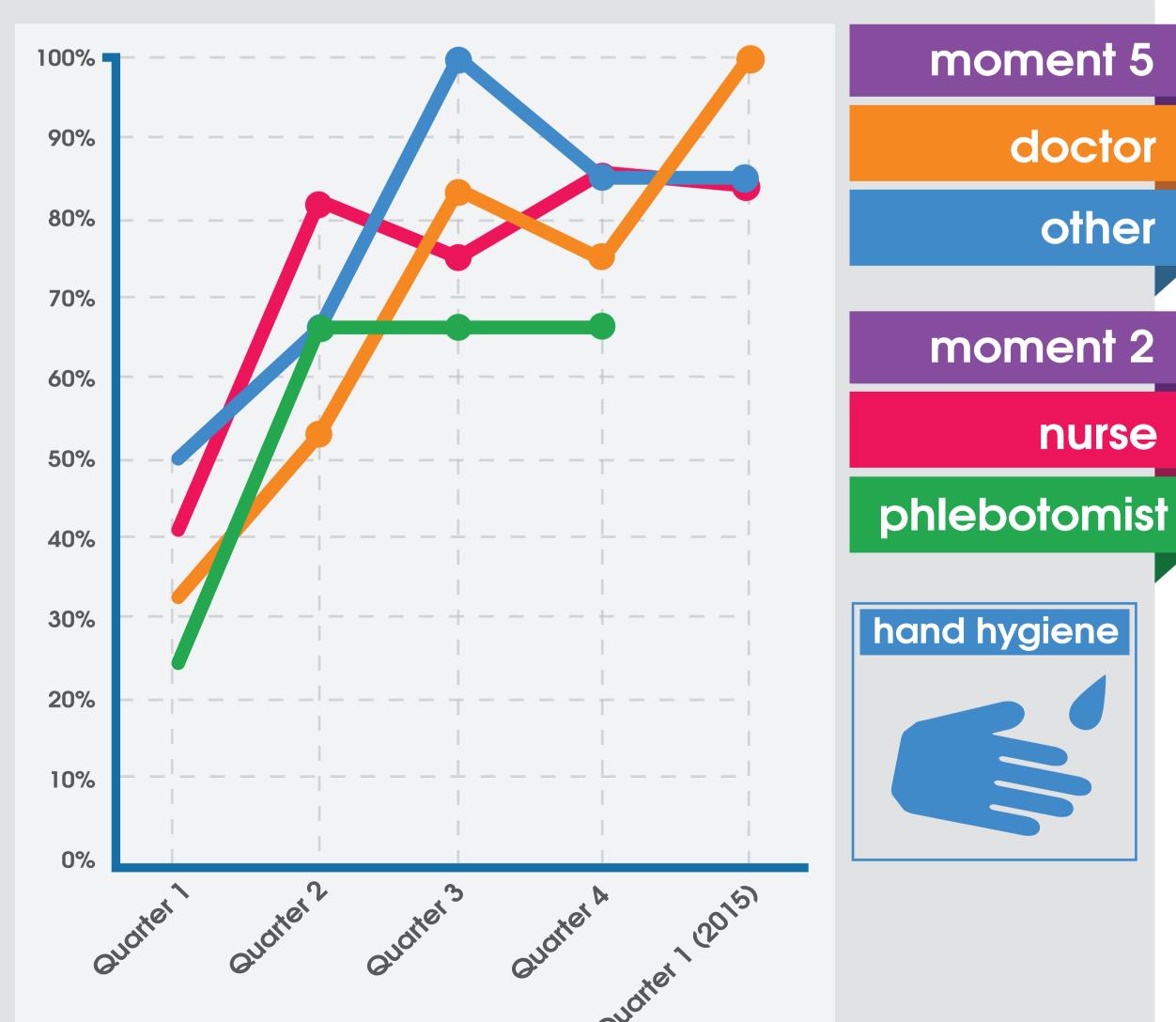
40% hidden compliance for moment 5

Targeted education
+
Training





outcomes - compliance rates







4. Findings

- Poor compliance with moment 2 before aseptic task was identified among nurses (40%) & phlebotomists (20%).
- Results for moment 5 after patient environment was found to be 30% among doctors & 50% among 'other'

5. Discussion

This poor compliance had been hidden in the overall compliance figure of 90%.

- Without the in-depth analysis provided by TS+, this had not been identified.
- This prompted targeted education on moment 2-before aseptic task.
- Training on Moment 5 after patient surroundings was also provided. to doctors & staff in the category 'Other'
- The time saved on data entry and report preparation achieved with TS+ released hours of time back into the clinical area this enabled extra time for training & education.

6. Conclusion

Using TS+ auditing system had a number of benefits.

The in-depth data analysis provided, identified specific hand hygiene moments and specific staff requiring targeted training.

The efficiencies achieved by using TS+ freed up hours of clinical time that could be allocated to increase resources for training & education.

The ability to provide immediate feedback and deducation at time of audit increased staff interaction and interest and aided understanding.

Ultimately this improved hand hygiene compliance and the quality of patient care.