

**EFFECTIVELY REDUCING INCIDENCE OF
VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA IN
THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
SUNWAY MEDICAL CENTRE**

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A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Infection prevention and control (IPC) is a practical, **evidence-based approach preventing patients and health workers from being harmed** by avoidable infections.

Effective IPC requires **constant action at all levels** of the health system, including policymakers, facility managers, health workers and those who access health services.

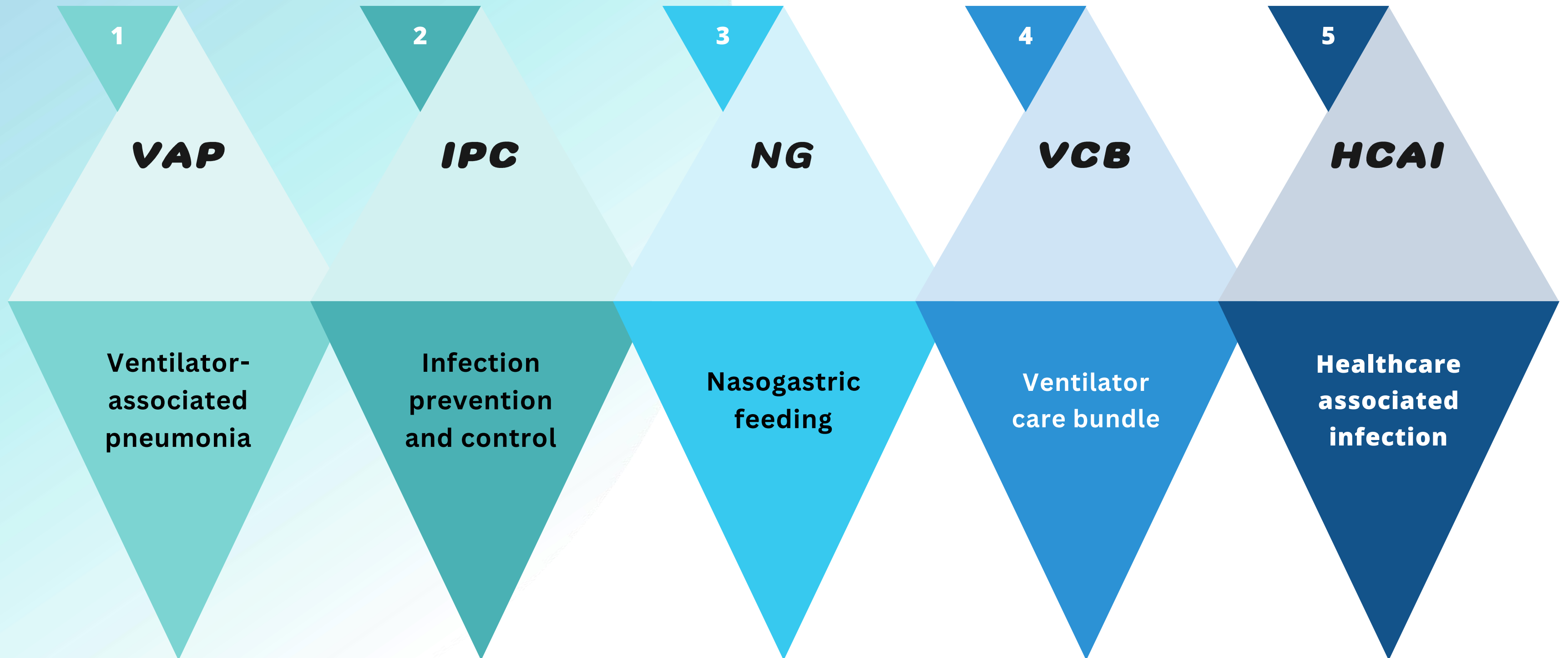
IPC is unique in the field of **patient safety and quality of care**, as it is universally relevant to every health worker and patient, at every health care interaction.

Defective IPC **causes harm and can kill**.

Without effective IPC it is **impossible** to achieve quality health care delivery.

-World Health Organization-

DEFINITION OF TERMS



PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

1

High incidence of VAP in ICU



2

Low Influenza vaccination uptake rate



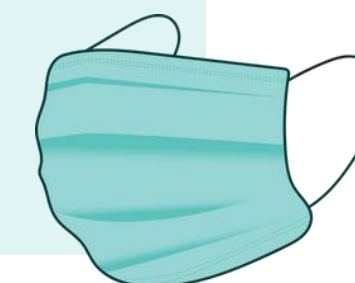
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Poor compliance to hand hygiene in the outpatient department



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Incomplete N95 respirator fit testing conducted for staff

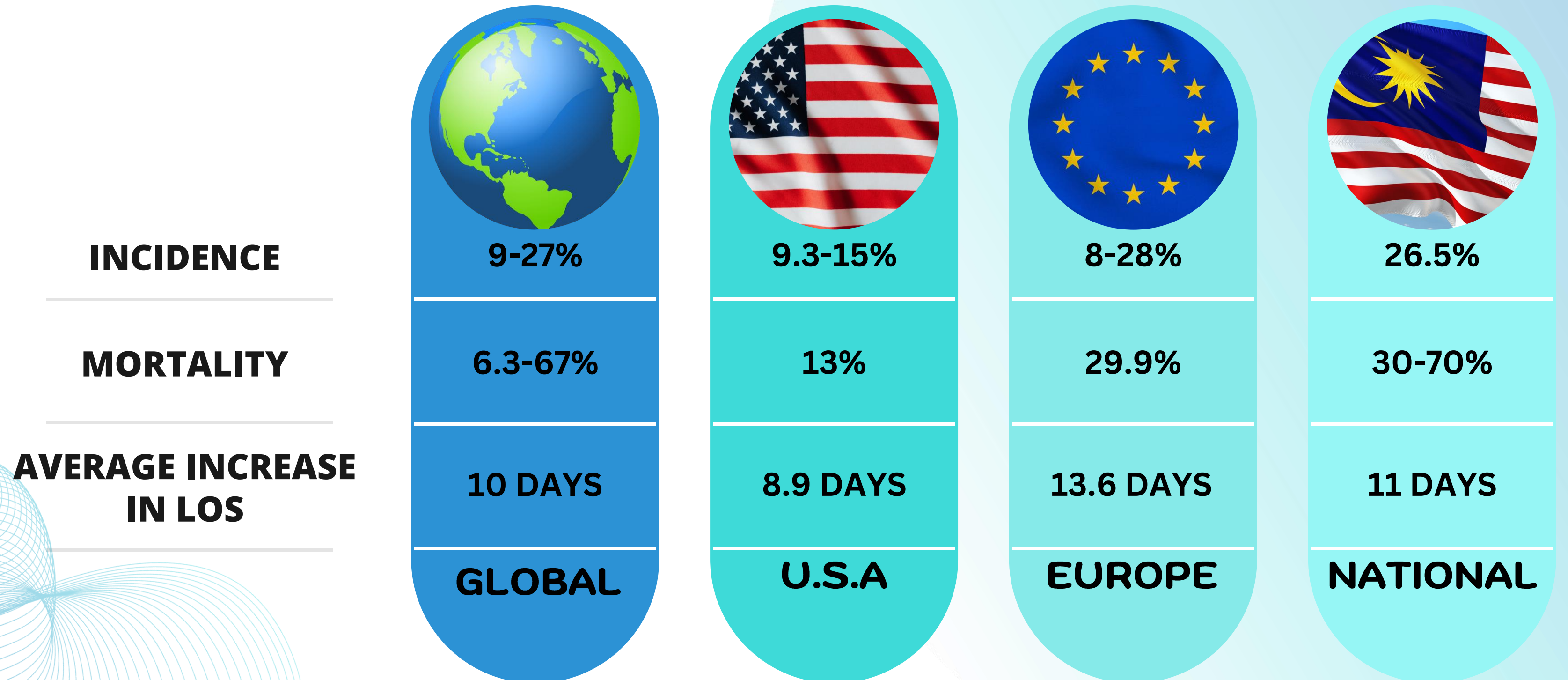


PROBLEM PRIORITIZATION

NO	PROBLEM	S	M	A	R	T	SCORE
1	High incidence of VAP in ICU	15	15	15	15	15	75
2	Low Influenza vaccination uptake rate	14	14	15	15	14	72
3	Poor compliance to hand hygiene in the outpatient department	10	14	15	10	14	63
4	Incomplete N95 respirator fit testing conducted for staff	10	14	8	14	8	54

Weightage: 1= Low, 2= Medium, 3= High
 Voting performed by 5 group members

GLOBAL BURDEN OF VAP



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VAP

COST



\$ 99, 598

ADDITIONAL COST

RM 167, 072



EUR 20, 965

RM 98, 185

PROBLEM VERIFICATION

NO	PROBLEM	PROBLEM VERIFICATION
1	High incidence of VAP in ICU	Incidence of VAP in ICU increased by 15.75% within 1 month
2	Low Influenza vaccination uptake rate	Only 64% of staff received influenza vaccination
3	Poor compliance to hand hygiene in the outpatient department	Compliance towards hand hygiene practices was 85% in outpatient departments
4	Incomplete N95 respirator fit testing conducted for staff	Only 30% of staff have been fit tested for N95 respirator

PROBLEM ANALYSES

WHAT

High incidence of VAP increase by 15.75%

WHERE

Intensive Care Unit, Sunway Medical Centre

WHEN

February to March 2022

WHO

Teams involved: ICU, ID, Microbiology, Infection Control, Housekeeping

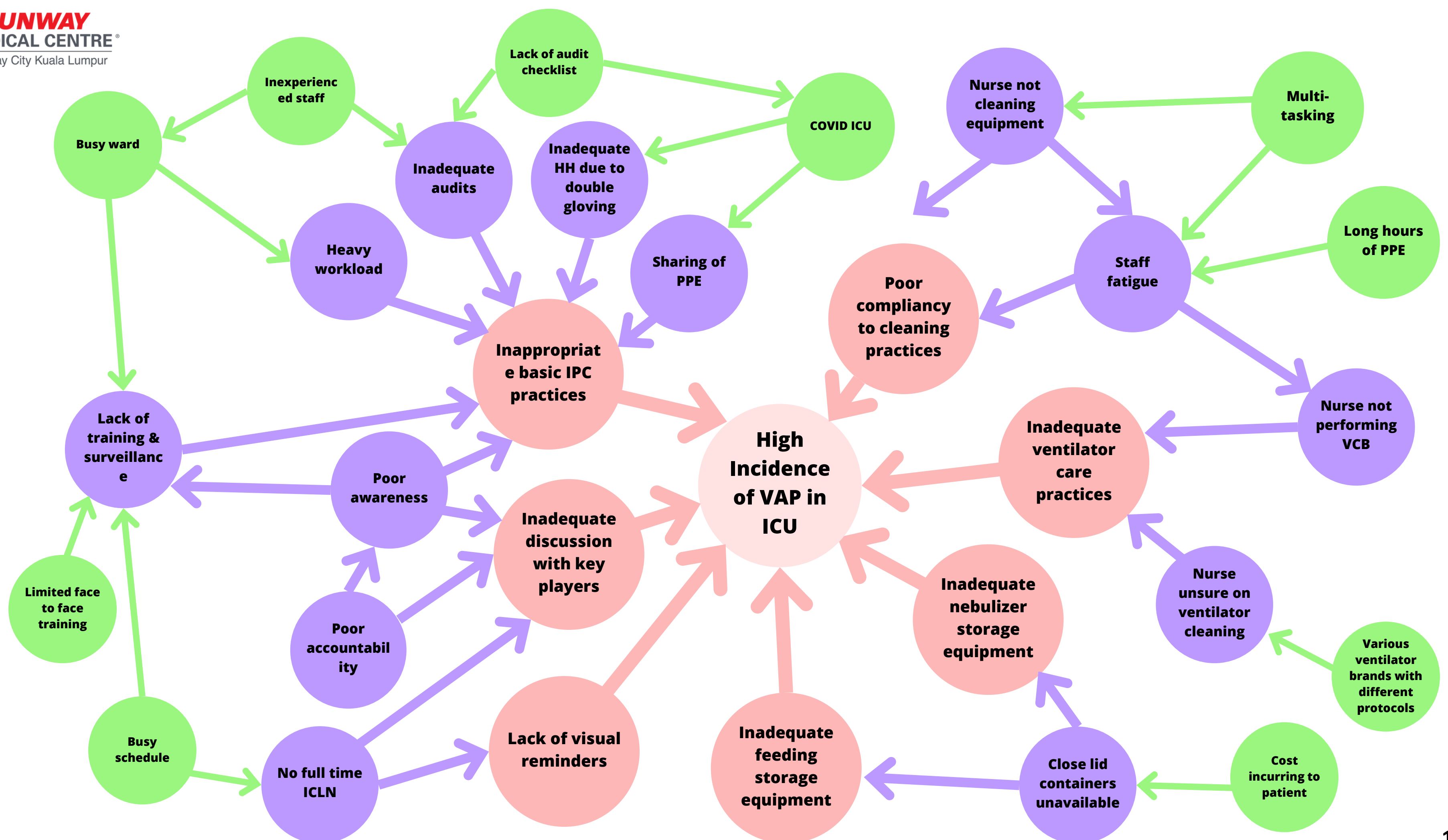
WHY

VAP is associated with high treatment COST, prolonged ICU stay, prolonged mechanical ventilation and HIGH MORTALITY

HOW

Guidelines for nosocomial infection prevention in place but the incidence of VAP was still increasing in trend





FINAL PROBLEM STATEMENT

HCAI surveillance report showed **increase** in incidence VAP in ICU by **15.75%** from February to March 2022

VAP is associated with **high treatment COST**, prolonged ICU stay and **HIGH MORTALITY rates**

Multiple factors including various infection control practices and preparation and storage practices of equipment, contributed to this problem

This study aims to effectively reduce incidence of VAP in ICU

OBJECTIVES

GENERAL

**To reduce the incidence
of VAP in ICU**

SPECIFIC

- **To verify the incidence among patients with VAP**
- **To identify the contributing factors of the increase in VAP incidence in ICU**
- **To formulate and implement remedial measures for VAP**
- **To evaluate the effectiveness of remedial measures**



INDICATOR AND STANDARD

INDICATOR:

Incidence Rate of VAP in ICU

NUMERATOR:

Number of patients with VAP per month in ICU

DENOMINATOR:

Total number of ventilator days per month in ICU

FORMULA:

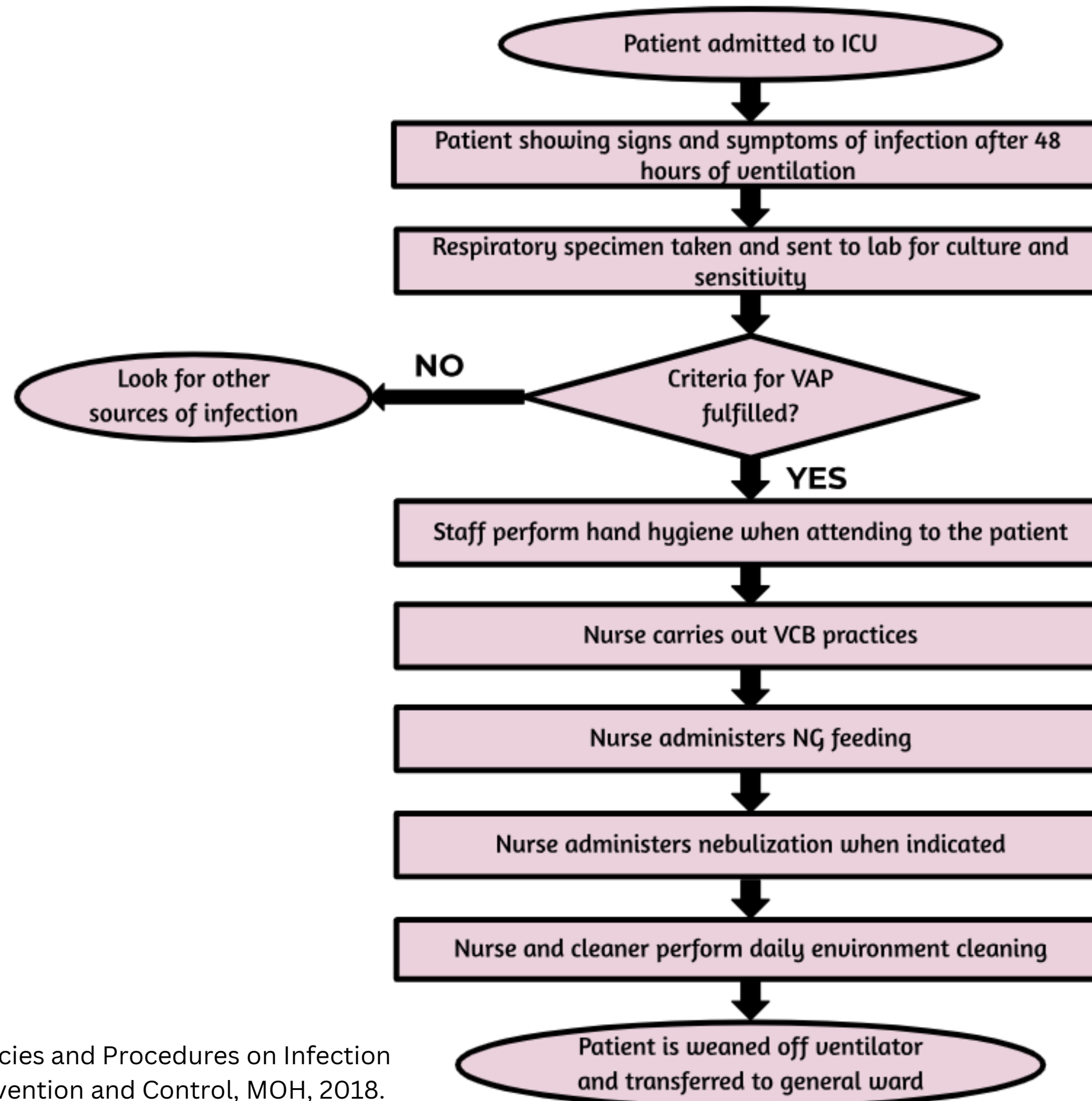
$$\frac{\text{Number of patients with VAP}}{\text{Total number of ventilator days}} \times 100\%$$

STANDARD:

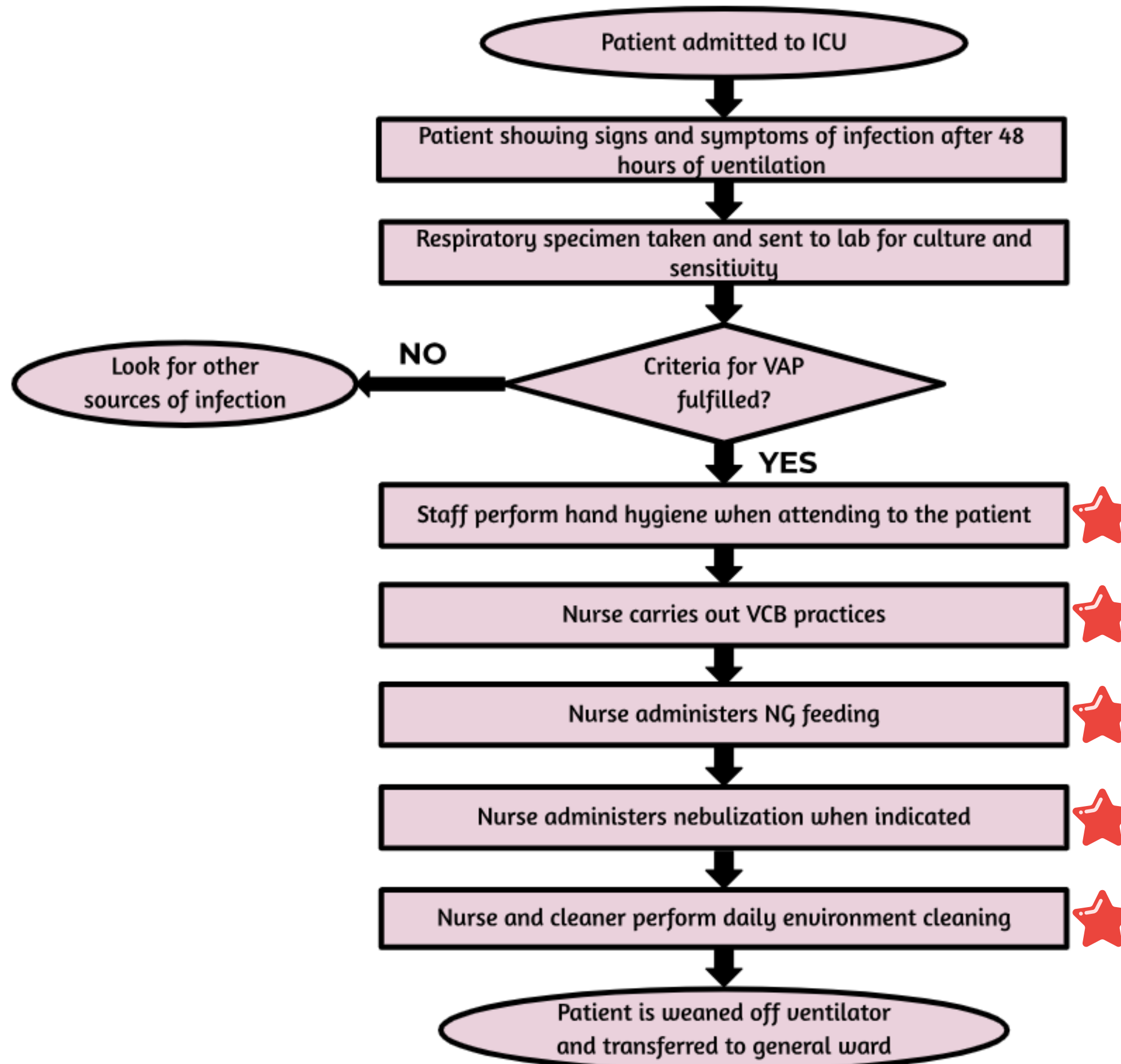
The standard for this indicator is rate <5%*

*Standard obtained from Sunway Medical Centre Infection Control Meeting No. 3/2021

WORK PROCESS CHART



MODEL OF GOOD CARE



MODEL OF GOOD CARE

NO	CRITICAL STEP	CRITERIA	STANDARD
1	Staff perform hand hygiene when attending to the patient	Hand hygiene is done by all the attending healthcare workers according to WHO 5 moments	100%
2	Nurse carries out VCB practices	Nurse checks ETT cuff pressure and performs oral hygiene 4 hourly	100%
		Department orientation and privileging process is conducted for all new nurses who are assigned to ICU	100%
		Doctor assesses daily if patient is fit for sedation vacation	100%
3	Nurse administers NG feeding	Nurse prepares NG feeding through aseptic technique at designated clean area	100%
		Nurse cleans and stores the feeding equipment in the dedicated clean closed container	100%
4	Nurse administers nebulization if indicated	Nurse prepares nebulization through aseptic technique at the patient's bedside	100%
		Nurse cleans and stores the nebulization equipment in the dedicated clean closed container	100%
5	Nurse and cleaner perform daily environment cleaning	Nurse performs daily medical equipment cleaning	100%
		Cleaner performs daily cleaning of the patient's surroundings and environment	100%

DATA COLLECTION VERIFICATION

PROBLEM	High incidence of VAP cases in ICU	
INDICATOR	Incidence rate of VAP in ICU	
NUMERATOR	Number of patients with VAP per month*	
DENOMINATOR	Total number of ventilator days per month*	
STANDARD	The standard for this indicator is rate < 5%	
VARIABLES THAT NEED TO BE COLLECTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of VAP cases in ICU • Date and time of collection is after 2 days of admission to ICU and > 48 hours of invasive ventilation* 	
DATA COLLECTION TOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive culture report • HCAI surveillance form • HCAI line listing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC National Healthcare Safety Network criteria, 2024 • Point Prevalence Survey Manual, 3rd Edition, 2018, MOH Malaysia

Patient number	Birthdate	Sex	Request #	Sample#	Collection date	Hos. num	Admission	Location	Doctor	Sample m	Collection	Technique	Topograph	Prot.	Organism
0000526221	5/2/1992	Female	450033033	SWA00276	31/1/2024 18:04	000045479	31/1/2024	A-5-29 - DF JANANI SI		High vaginal swab				msw	Candida.sp
1001169344	1/6/2023	Male	450032831	STO002268	30/1/2024 21:05	000044878	29/1/2024	D-L9-03 - C LIM WEI LE		Stool				mst	Salmo.sp
1001169637	5/7/1957	Female	450033197	MIS011366	1/2/2024 10:13	000045209	31/1/2024	ICU	Dr Swee Ji	Sputum				Lower resp	Klebsiella F
0000565837	5/1/1989	Female	450033267	SWA00276	1/2/2024 13:39	000045733	1/2/2024	B-2-07 - DF JASON M.		High vaginal swab				msw	Candida.sp
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0000352589	16/12/1975	Female	450033244	SWA00276	1/2/2024 12:01	000045679	1/2/2024	B-2-08 - DF WONG YA		High vaginal swab				msw	Strep.agal S
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0000017949	17/12/1959	Female	450033256	URI006800	1/2/2024 12:48	000045722	1/2/2024	B-1-28 - DF CHUA CHO		Urine				MUA	Escherichi
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1001149640	13/10/1952	Female	450033030	MIS011364	31/1/2024 17:25	000044520	28/1/2024	WARD 4C	AHMAD HI	Swab	Back		Right	Pus/Woun	Escherichi
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Positive culture report

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HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HCAI) SURVEILLANCE FORM

DATE: _____ HCAI: YES NO

A. PATIENT DETAILS

Ward/Department: _____ Date of Admission: _____
 Patient Name: _____
 MRN No: _____ IC/Passport No: _____
 Age: _____ Gender: _____
 Clinical Diagnosis On Admission: _____
 New Diagnosis: _____

B. RISK FACTORS

1. Underlying disease Specify: _____
 2. Immunosuppressive therapy Specify: _____
 3. Prolonged hospitalization > 2/52
 4. Prematurity / Low Birth Weight
 5. Others Specify: _____
 6. Surgery within 30-90 days

C. TYPES OF DEVICES

NO	DEVICE	DATE OF INSERTED	DATE OF REMOVED
1.	Indwelling Urinary Catheter		
2.	Mechanical ventilator		
3.	Tracheostomy		
4.	Central Venous Catheter		
5.	Arterial Lines		
6.	Peripheral Venous Line		
7.	Other drainage catheters (if relevant) Specify:		

D. MICROBIOLOGY REPORT (Include only the positive cultures relevant to HCAI)

NO	DATE SPECIMEN SENT	DATE OF LAB RESULT RECEIVED	TYPE OF SPECIMEN	ORGANISM(S) ISOLATED
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
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E. DIAGNOSTIC REPORT

NO	DATE	TEST	RESULT
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

F. ANTIMICROBIAL USAGE

ANTIBIOTIC (ROUTE/DOSE/FREQUENCY)	GROUP OF ANTIBIOTIC	DATE OF STARTED	DATE OF STOPPED

G. TYPES OF HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HCAI)

1. URINARY TRACT INFECTION

1.1. Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
 1.2. Asymptomatic/Symptomatic UTI

2. PNEUMONIA

2.1. Hospital Acquired Pneumonia (HAP)
 2.2. Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

3. BLOOD STREAM INFECTION

3.1. Central Line Associated BSI (CLABSI)
 3.2. Primary blood stream infection (BSI)

4. SURGICAL SITE INFECTION

TYPE OF SSI	TYPE OF SSI WOUND
a. Superficial Incisional <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Clean Wound <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Deep Incisional <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Clean-contaminated wound <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Organ or Space <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Contaminated wound <input type="checkbox"/>
Location of the wound: _____	d. Dirty wound <input type="checkbox"/>

5. OTHERS
 Specify: _____

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HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HCAI) SURVEILLANCE FORM

E. CASE DESCRIPTION

F. SIGNATORY

Acknowledged by (Department HOD)
 Signature: _____
 Name/ Stamp: _____
 Date: _____

Review by	Verified by
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Name / Stamp: _____	Name / Stamp: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

Endorsed by

Signature:	Signature:
_____	_____
Name / Stamp: _____	Name / Stamp: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

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HCAI surveillance form

HCAI MASTERLIST

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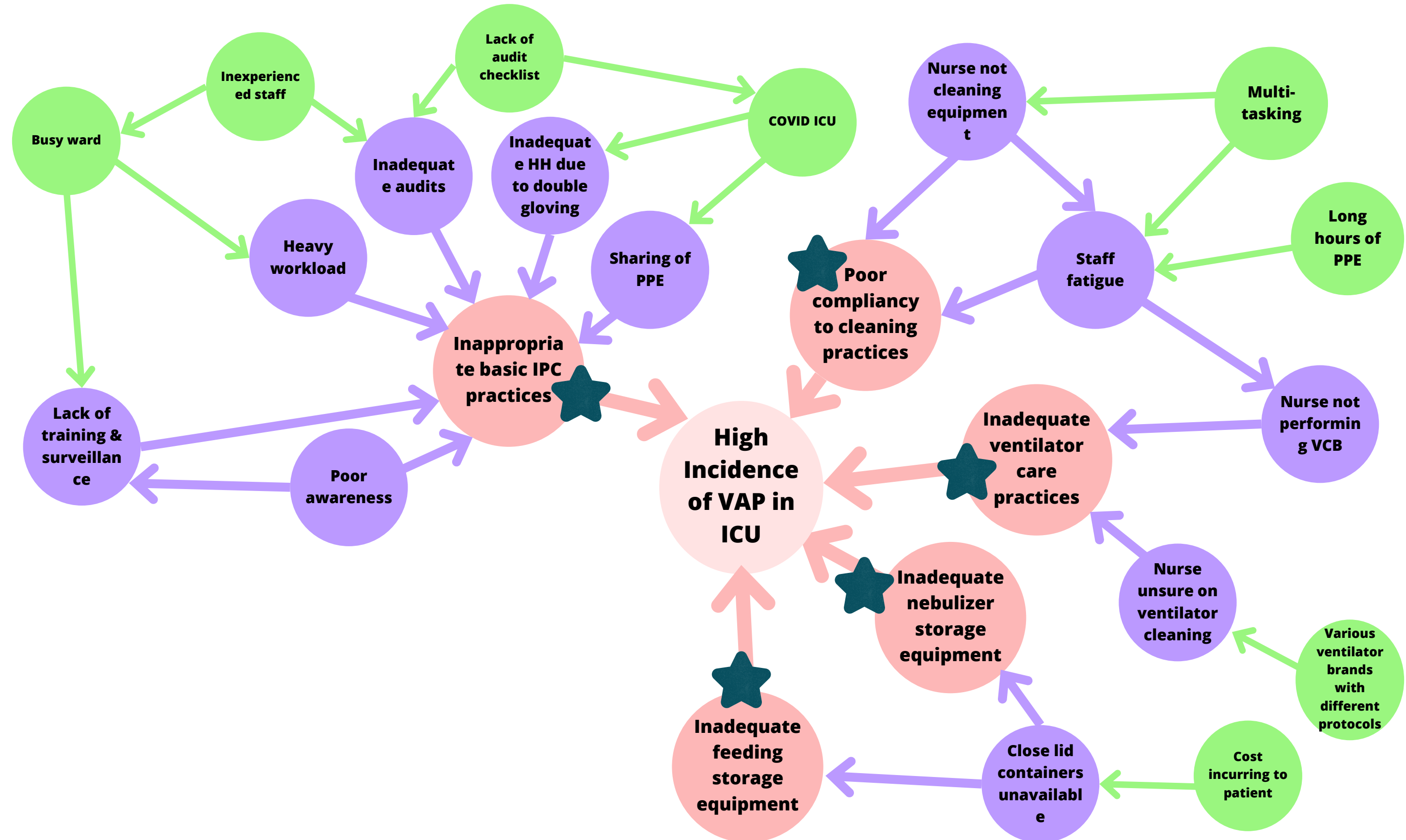
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903798	JAN	27/12/2023 02:12	14/12/2023	WARD 6A	Urine		Achromobacter xylosoxidans	NO	CAI	NA	does not fit criteria/colonizer
1001153242	JAN	28/12/2023 05:38	16/11/2023	4G ICU	Sputum		Pseu. Aeru (CRPS)	MISCELLANEOUS	NOT HCAI	NA	does not fit criteria/colonizer
259773	JAN	30/12/2023 11:23	30/12/2023	B-1-11 - DR WONG MING	Urine		Escherichia coli	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
1001162807	JAN	29/12/2023 02:04	28/12/2023	WARD 8F	Urine		Enterococcus faecalis	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
1001162807	JAN	29/12/2023 02:04	28/12/2023	WARD 8F	Urine		Prot. mira	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
1001163202	JAN	30/12/2023 16:13	30/12/2023	WARD 8F	Urine		Escherichia coli	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
423045	JAN	30/12/2023 13:37	20/12/2023	C-LG-08 - DR JOHN LOW	Sputum		Klebsiella pneumoniae	NO	NOT HCAI	NA	does not fit criteria/colonizer
116749	JAN	30/12/2023 10:38	29/12/2023	WARD 5B	Sputum		Klebsiella pneumoniae	NO	NOT HCAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
91484	JAN	29/12/2023 15:33	29/12/2023	3C HDU	Swab	PEG Tube	Prov. stua	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
91484	JAN	29/12/2023 15:33	29/12/2023	3C HDU	Swab	PEG Tube	Klebsiella pneumoniae	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
91484	JAN	29/12/2023 15:33	29/12/2023	3C HDU	Swab	PEG Tube	Strep. pyo	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
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91484	JAN	29/12/2023 15:34	29/12/2023	3C HDU	Swab		Enterococcus faecalis	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
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41219	JAN	30/12/2023 18:58	30/12/2023	Ward 6B	Blood	Aerobic	Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp pneumoniae	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
41219	JAN	30/12/2023 18:59	30/12/2023	Ward 6B	Blood	Anaerobic	Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp pneumoniae	NO	CAI	NA	< 2 calendar days of admission
1062769	JAN	29/12/2023 17:46	25/12/2023	WARD 4B	Ascites fluid		Staph. cap	NO	CAI	NA	does not fit criteria/colonizer
1001162788	JAN	28/12/2023 22:32	28/12/2023	B-1-27 - DR THIRUVENTHIRAN	Swab	Femoral catheter site	Acinetobacter baumannii complex	NO	NOT HCAI	NA	does not fit criteria/colonizer
1001162788	JAN	28/12/2023 22:32	28/12/2023	B-1-27 - DR	Swab	Femoral	Klebsiella pneumoniae ssp	YES	NOT HCAI	NA	does not fit criteria/colonizer

HCAI surveillance masterlist

MODEL OF GOOD CARE: WHERE IS THE PROBLEM?

NO	CRITICAL STEP	CRITERIA	STANDARD	VERIFICATION
1	Staff perform hand hygiene when attending to the patient	Hand hygiene is done by all the attending healthcare workers according to WHO 5 moments	100%	0%
2	Nurse carries out VCB practices	Nurse checks ETT cuff pressure and performs oral hygiene 4 hourly	100%	30%
		Department orientation and privileging process is conducted for all new nurses who are assigned to ICU	100%	28%
		Doctor assesses daily if patient is fit for sedation vacation	100%	15%
3	Nurse administers NG feeding	Nurse prepares NG feeding through aseptic technique at designated clean area	100%	10%
		Nurse cleans and stores the feeding equipment in the dedicated clean closed container	100%	0%
4	Nurse administers nebulization when indicated	Nurse prepares nebulization through aseptic technique at the patient's bedside	100%	18%
		Nurse cleans and stores the nebulization equipment in the dedicated clean closed container	100%	0%
5	Nurse and cleaner perform daily environment cleaning	Nurse performs daily medical equipment cleaning	100%	20%
		Cleaner performs daily cleaning of the patient's surroundings and environment	100%	67%

PROBLEM ANALYSIS CHART: WHY IS THE PROBLEM?



DATA COLLECTION: IDENTIFY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

PROBLEM	HIGH INCIDENCE OF VAP CASES IN ICU			
FACTORS IDENTIFIED	Basic infection control practices by nurses and doctors	Ventilator care practices by nurses	Cleaning performance by nurses and cleaners	Preparation and storage of patient care equipment
VARIABLES NEED TO BE COLLECTED	1. Hand hygiene compliancy rates	1. VCB compliancy rates	1. Daily ventilator cleaning compliancy rate by nurses 2. Daily cleaning compliancy rates by cleaners	1. Compliancy rate of prep and storage of feeding equipment 2. Compliancy rate of prep and storage of nebulizer set
DATA COLLECTION TOOL	Hand hygiene audit through Semmel app	Observational audit through e-forms	Observational audit through e-forms	Observational audit through e-forms



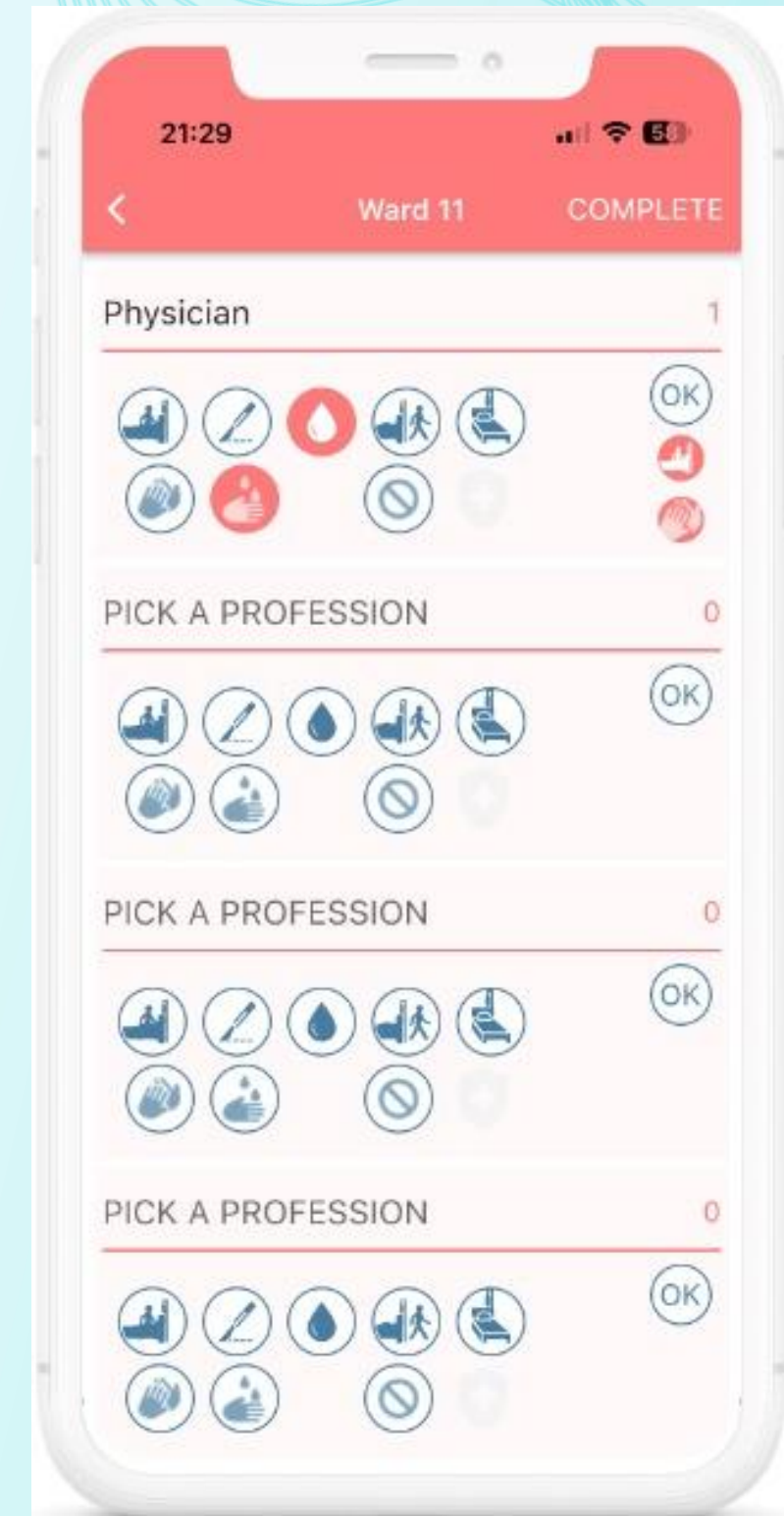
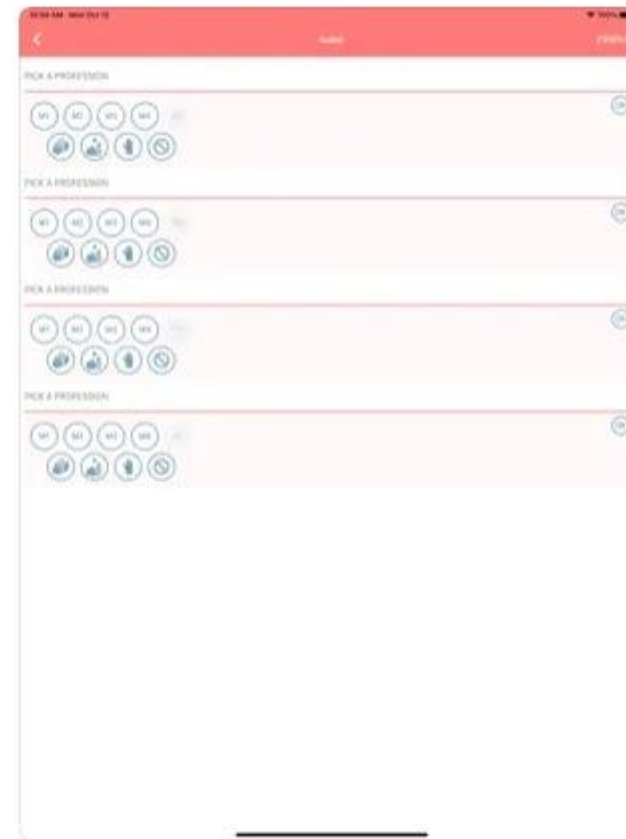
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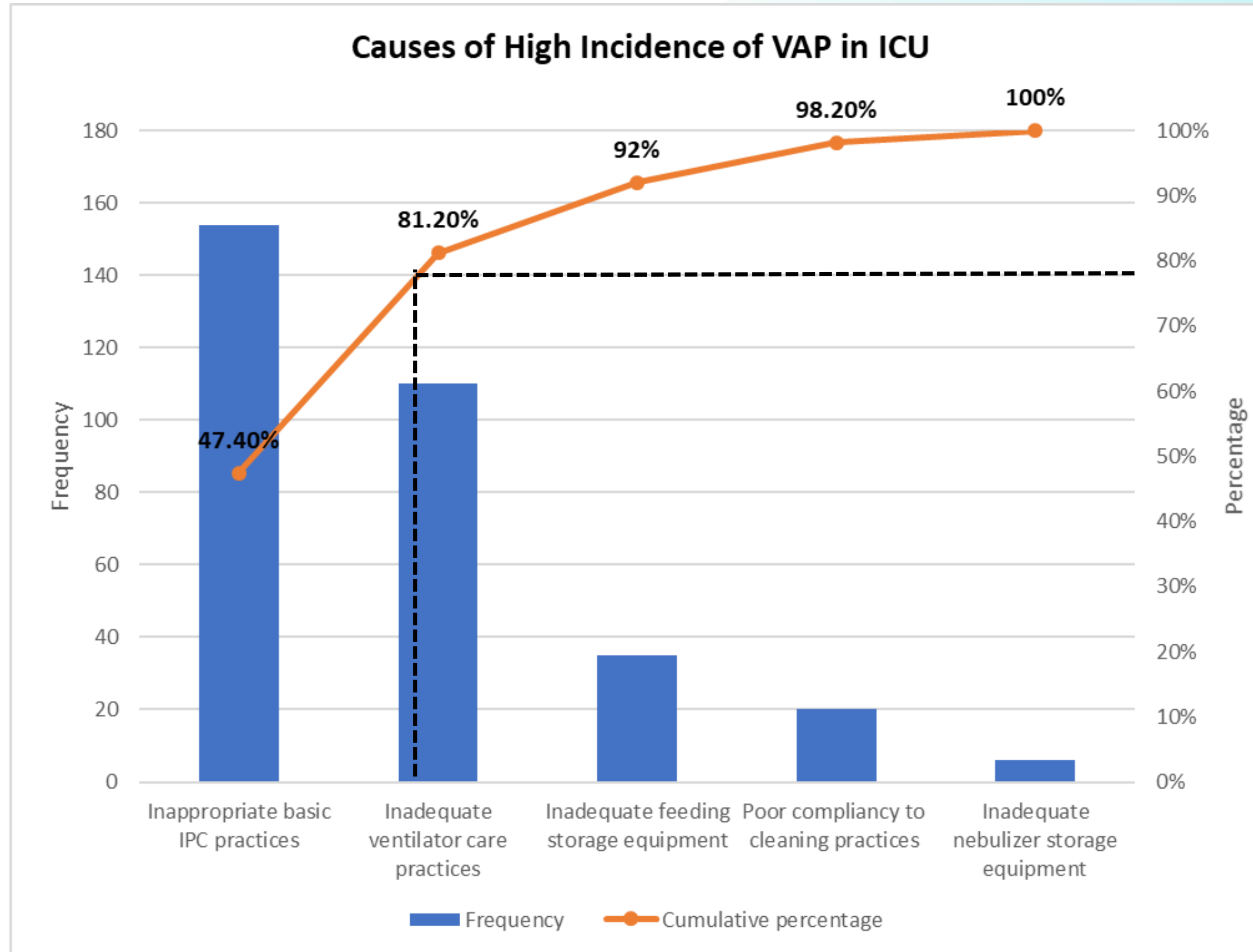


Semmel app for hand hygiene audit

IDENTIFY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: HOW TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR CHANGE

CAUSES OF HIGH INCIDENCE OF VAP IN ICU	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE
✓ INAPPROPRIATE BASIC IPC PRACTICES	154	47.4%	154	47.4%
✓ INADEQUATE VENTILATOR CARE PRACTICES	110	33.8%	264	81.2%
✓ INADEQUATE FEEDING STORAGE EQUIPMENT	35	10.8%	299	92.0%
POOR COMPLIANCY TO CLEANING PRACTICES	20	6.2%	319	98.2%
INADEQUATE NEBULIZER STORAGE EQUIPMENT	6	1.8%	325	100%

IDENTIFY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: PARETO CHART



STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

STUDY FINDINGS	WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE	HOW	WHO	WHEN
Inappropriate basic IPC practices	Level of awareness and compliancy towards hand hygiene practices	Online and physical training sessions Audits	ICU HODs, nurses and doctors Trainers: Infection Control Team	Daily
Inadequate ventilator care practices	Importance of VCB and compliance to the components	Audit, training and re-audit Demonstration	ICU HODs, nurses and doctors Trainers: Infection Control Team	Daily
Inadequate feeding storage equipment	Availability of closed containers for feeding equipment	Implementing dedicated closed containers Audit on practices	ICU HOD and nurses Auditors: Infection Control Team	Twice/week
Poor compliancy to cleaning practices	Consistency and compliance towards cleaning practices	Audit, training and re-audit Demonstration	ICU nurses and cleaners Trainers: Infection Control Team	Twice/week
Inadequate nebulizer storage equipment	Availability of closed containers for nebulizer set	Implementing dedicated closed containers Audit on practices	ICU HOD and nurses Auditors: Infection Control Team	Twice/week

EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF CHANGE: CYCLE 1

FACTORS ADDRESSED	STRATEGY	WHEN STRATEGY WAS PERFORMED	PRE-REMEDIAL RESULT	POST-REMEDIAL RESULT
Poor hand hygiene practices	Doffing outer layer gloves after every patient	Jun-Dec 2022	52% (nurses) 78% (doctors)	100% (nurses) 100% (doctors)
	Performing hand rub on the clean inner gloves according to 5 moments	Jun-Dec 2022	0% (nurses) 0% (doctors)	96% (nurses) 95% (doctors)
	Hand hygiene and PPE training and orientation for ICU staff	Jun-Dec 2022	28% (nurses) 15% (doctors)	100% (nurses) 100% (doctors)
Poor VCB practices	Training and audit on ETT cuff pressure measurement and oral hygiene	Jun-Dec 2022	30%	98%
	Daily verbal reminders for doctors on sedation vacation	Jun-Dec 2022	15%	90%
Feeding equipment left exposed	Using clean closed containers to store NG feeding equipment	Jun-Aug 2022	0%	100%
	Auditing on aseptic technique during preparation of NG feeding	Jun-Aug 2022	10%	100%



Hand hygiene and VCB training



NG feeding storage container

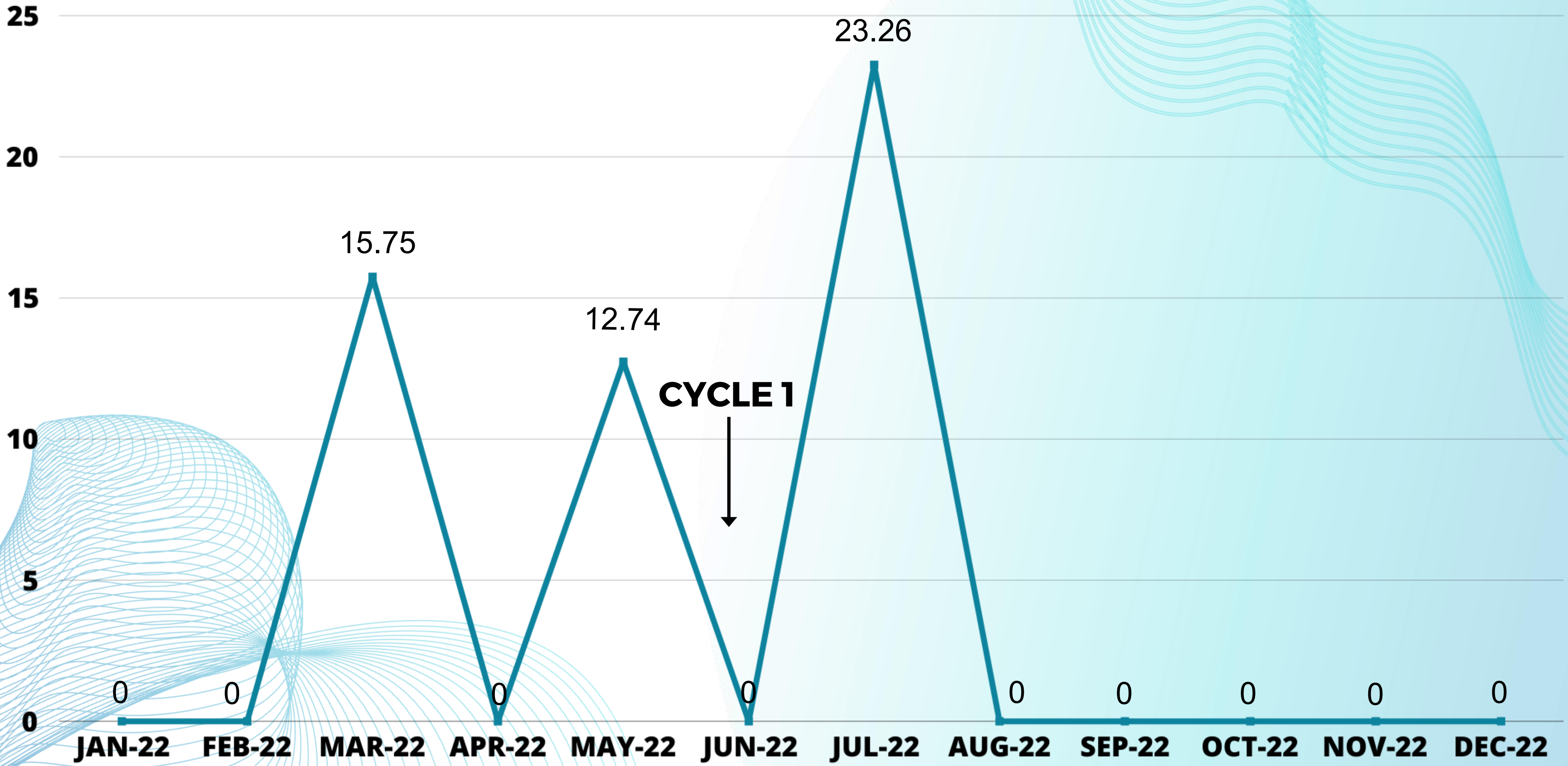
MODEL OF GOOD CARE: WHERE IS THE PROBLEM?

NO	CRITICAL STEP	CRITERIA	STANDARD	VERIFICATION	POST REMEDIAL ACTION CYCLE 1
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2	Nurse carries out VCB practices	Nurse checks ETT cuff pressure and performs oral hygiene 4 hourly	100%	30%	98%
		Department orientation and privileging process is conducted for all new nurses who are assigned to ICU	100%	28%	100%
		Doctor assesses daily if patient is fit for sedation vacation	100%	15%	90%
3	Nurse administers NG feeding	Nurse prepares NG feeding through aseptic technique at designated clean area	100%	10%	100%
		Nurse cleans and stores the feeding equipment in the dedicated clean closed container	100%	0%	100%

MODEL OF GOOD CARE: WHERE IS THE PROBLEM?

NO	CRITICAL STEP	CRITERIA	STANDARD	VERIFICATION	POST REMEDIAL ACTION CYCLE 1
4	Nurse administers nebulization when indicated	Nurse prepares nebulization through aseptic technique at the patient's bedside	100%	18%	18%
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5	Nurse and cleaner perform daily environment cleaning	Nurse performs daily medical equipment cleaning	100%	20%	20%
		Cleaner performs daily cleaning of the patient's surroundings and environment	100%	67%	67%

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EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF CHANGE: CYCLE 2

FACTORS ADDRESSED	STRATEGY	WHEN STRATEGY WAS PERFORMED	PRE-REMEDIAL RESULT	POST-REMEDIAL RESULT
Poor ventilator cleaning practices	Nurse education on ventilator machine cleaning	Jun-Aug 2023	25%	95%
	Creating cleaning record for ventilators	Jun-Aug 2023	0%	98%
	Audit on ventilator cleaning practices	Jun-Aug 2023	20%	93%
Inadequate environment cleaning	Training for cleaners on environment cleaning	Jun-Aug 2023	70%	96%
	Increasing cleaning frequency and focusing on high touch areas	Jun-Aug 2023	75%	97%
	Introducing UV light into environment cleaning protocols	Jun-Aug 2023	0%	93%
Poor nebulizer set storage practices	Using clean closed containers to store nebulizer equipment	May-Aug 2023	0%	100%
	Auditing on aseptic technique during preparation of nebulization	May-Aug 2023	18%	100%



UV light disinfection



Environment cleaning

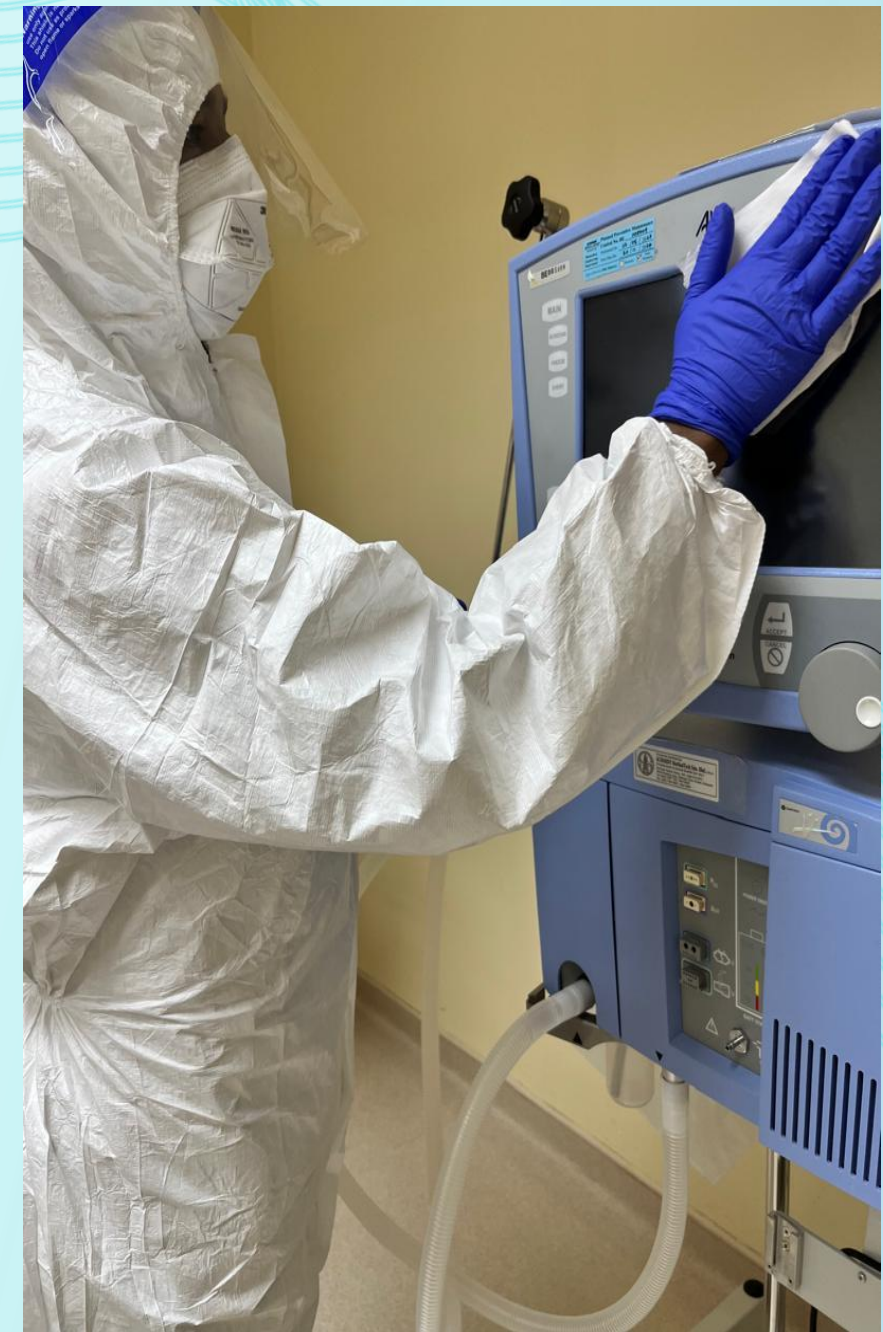
EQUIPMENT CLEANING RECORD

Medical equipment must be cleaned **DAILY IF IN USE** to ensure cleanliness of the medical device.

Equipment Name: Flotig BE Number: 5066
 Month: September Year: 2023

Date	Cleaned by (Name)	Remarks
1	Amis	
2	Wibby	
3	Vicky	
4	Pai HH	
5	Bowen	
6	Wibby	
7	Vicky	
8	Amis	
9	Wibby	
10	Pai HH	
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Cleaning record



Ventilator cleaning



Environment cleaning training for cleaners



Nebulization storage container

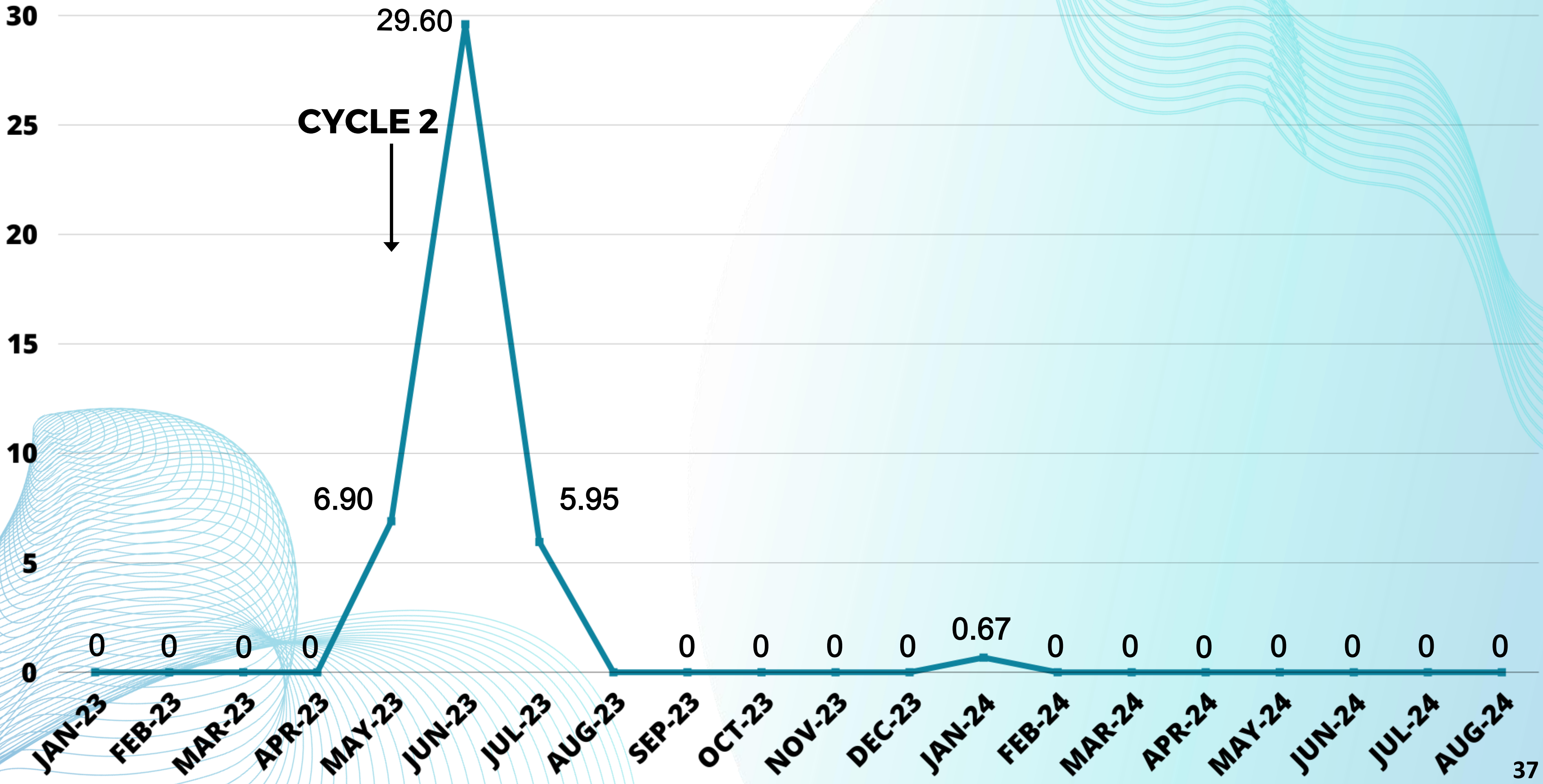
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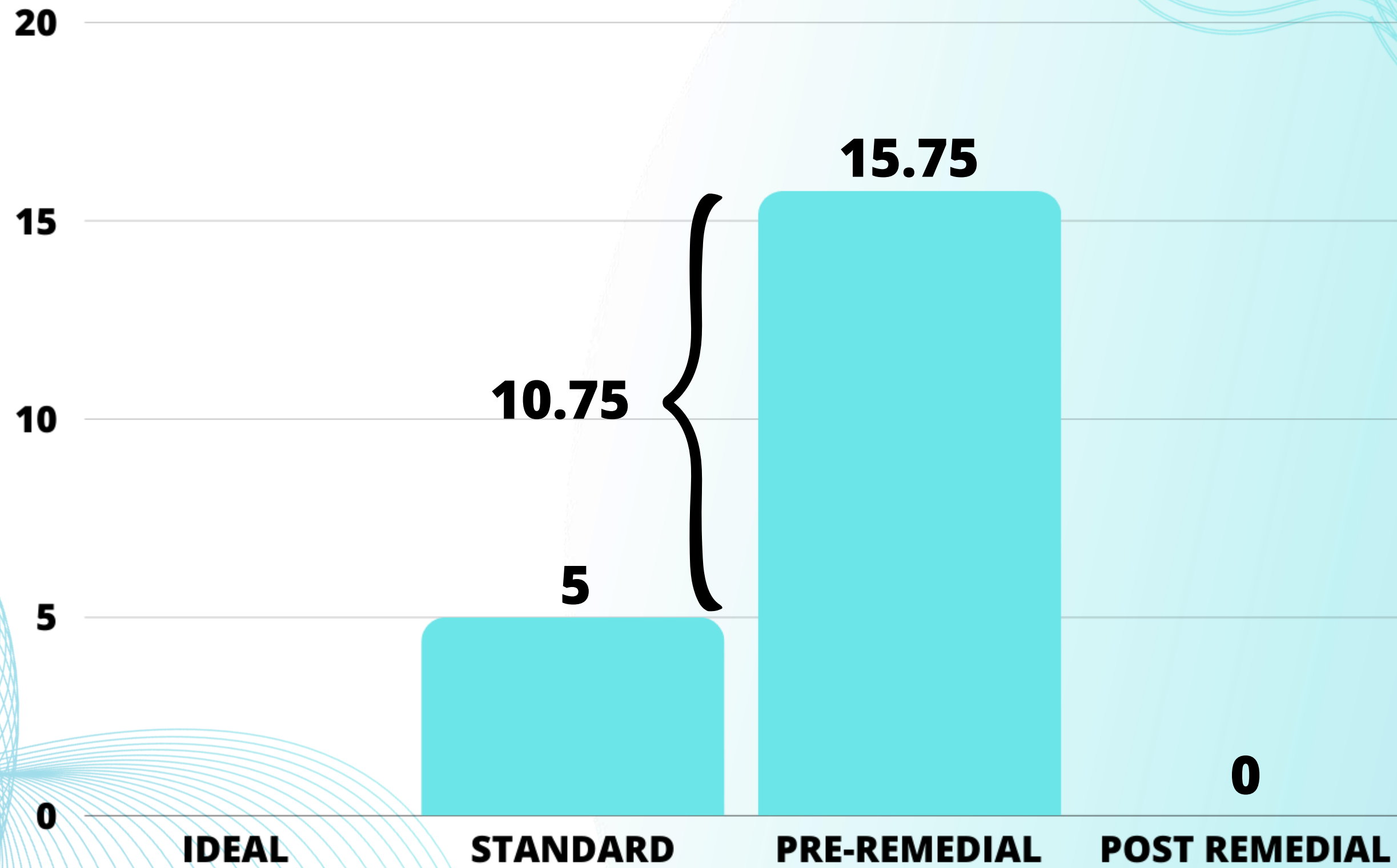
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VAP INCIDENCE IN ICU 2023-AUGUST 2024



ACHIEVABLE BENEFITS NOT ACHIEVED (ABNA)

Effects of Changes on ABNA



ABNA was improved from 10.75% to -5%

LESSONS LEARNT AND THE NEXT STEP



STRENGTHS:

- **Active involvement of key players: Ward HODs**
- **Good teamwork and cooperation from ICU, ID, Microbiology, Housekeeping, IPC**
- **Seriousness of the outbreak was addressed appropriately**
- **Implementation strategies were conducted in an organized manner**



LIMITATIONS:

- **Lateness in identifying the problem thus resulting in delayed intervention**
- **Inadequate full time infection control link nurse in ICU**



IF WE WERE TO REPEAT THE STUDY, WHAT WILL WE DO DIFFERENTLY?

- **Create a better surveillance system for early identification and management of outbreaks**
- **Create an established team led by the Hospital CEO with all key stake holders as members responsible in reducing VAP rates**



HOW WILL WE TAKE THIS PROJECT FORWARD?

- **Identify and possibly narrow down the factors involved in the outbreak**
- **Create a standard checklist for the outbreak management of VAP**
- **Implement strategies that are sustainable long term**

CONCLUSIONS

NO	OBJECTIVES	CONCLUSIONS
1	To verify the incidence rate among patients with VAP	Pre-remedial data showed that INCIDENCE RATE in ICU increased by 15.75% in 1 month
2	To identify the contributing factors of the increase in VAP cases in ICU	The main contributing factor to this problem is inadequate hand hygiene practices. Other factors include poor VCB, environment cleaning and cleaning and storage of patient care equipment practices
3	To formulate and implement remedial measures for VAP	Strategies formulated include physical and online training sessions, enhanced audits and dedicated containers for patient care equipment
4	To evaluate the effectiveness of remedial measures	Post-remedial, the incidence of VAP in ICU has dropped to < 5% and these results are sustainable

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Any Questions?

THANK YOU!