



The Prevention of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia: Local Practice in ICUs of Hong Kong

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Our First VAP Prevention Program in ICU of PYNEH

VAP rate = 1 / 264 ventilator-days
(projected: 3.8 per 1000)

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Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Audit (PAGE 1) - PROTOCOL

Protocol

A. Aims

1. to determine the baseline VAP rate
2. to determine the VAP during the enforcement of preventive measures of VAP
3. to look for reasons why some prevention measures of VAP cannot be carried out

B. Phases of study

1. Dec 2006: Pilot + feedback and amendment
2. Jan 2007: Baseline VAP rate (fill in Items A – C only)
3. Feb 2007: VAP rate with enforcement of Items 1 – 13 (fill in Items 1 – 13 and Items A – C)

C. Inclusion criteria

1. Patients of age > 13 yrs old in adult ICU & require mechanical ventilation for ≥ 48 hours
2. Patients in adult ICU & required reintubation after extubated for ≥ 48 hours

D. Exclusion criteria (please circle the reason if the case is excluded)

1. On mechanical ventilation for < 48 hours
2. At the time of intubation:
 - a. Known HIV/AIDS +ve, or
 - b. total WBC < 1 x10⁹/L, or
 - c. known solid or haematological tumour, or
 - d. on immunosuppressive therapy or prednisolone-equivalent of ≥ 10mg/d for ≥ 3M
3. DNR decision within 48 hours after intubation

E. Stop Surveillance on the case once VAP detected

F. When the audit form is completed, please attach the following to this form (circle if attached):

1. APACHE data sheet with APACHE scores (I, II, III, IV)
2. Microbiological results of all tracheal aspirates saved (only those recorded in this form)
3. Discharge summary

Attach patient label here

G. Reference:

Onset of VAP=

1. CPIS ≥ 6, &
2. a new pneumonia after 48 hours of mechanical ventilation, &
3. with a cause that cannot otherwise be explained

Clinical pulmonary infection Score (CPIS)

Variables	Points		
	0	1	2
Temp °C	≥ 36.5 & ≤ 38.4	≥ 38.5 & ≤ 38.9	≥ 39 or ≤ 36.5
WBC x10 ⁹ /L	≥ 4 & ≤ 11	< 4 & > 11	< 4 or > 11 + band forms ≥ 0.5
Secretions	Rare	Abundant	Abundant + Purulent
PaO ₂ /FIO ₂	≥ 240 (≥ 32 if kPa) or ARDS	=	≤ 240 (< 32 if kPa) & no ARDS
CXR	No infiltrate	Diffuse or patchy infiltrate	Localized infiltrate

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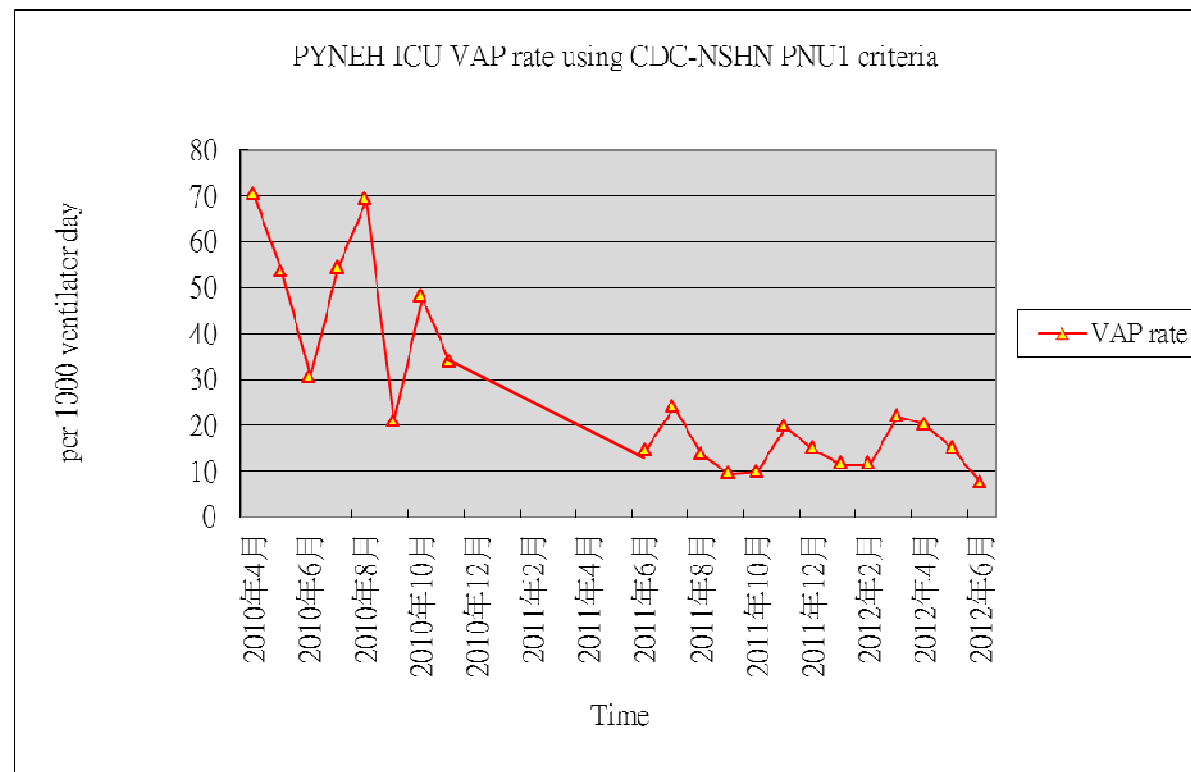
Low VAP Rate Creates a Comfort Zone



3.5 per 1000 ventilator days in 2007

High VAP Rate in our ICU when PNU1 Criteria are used

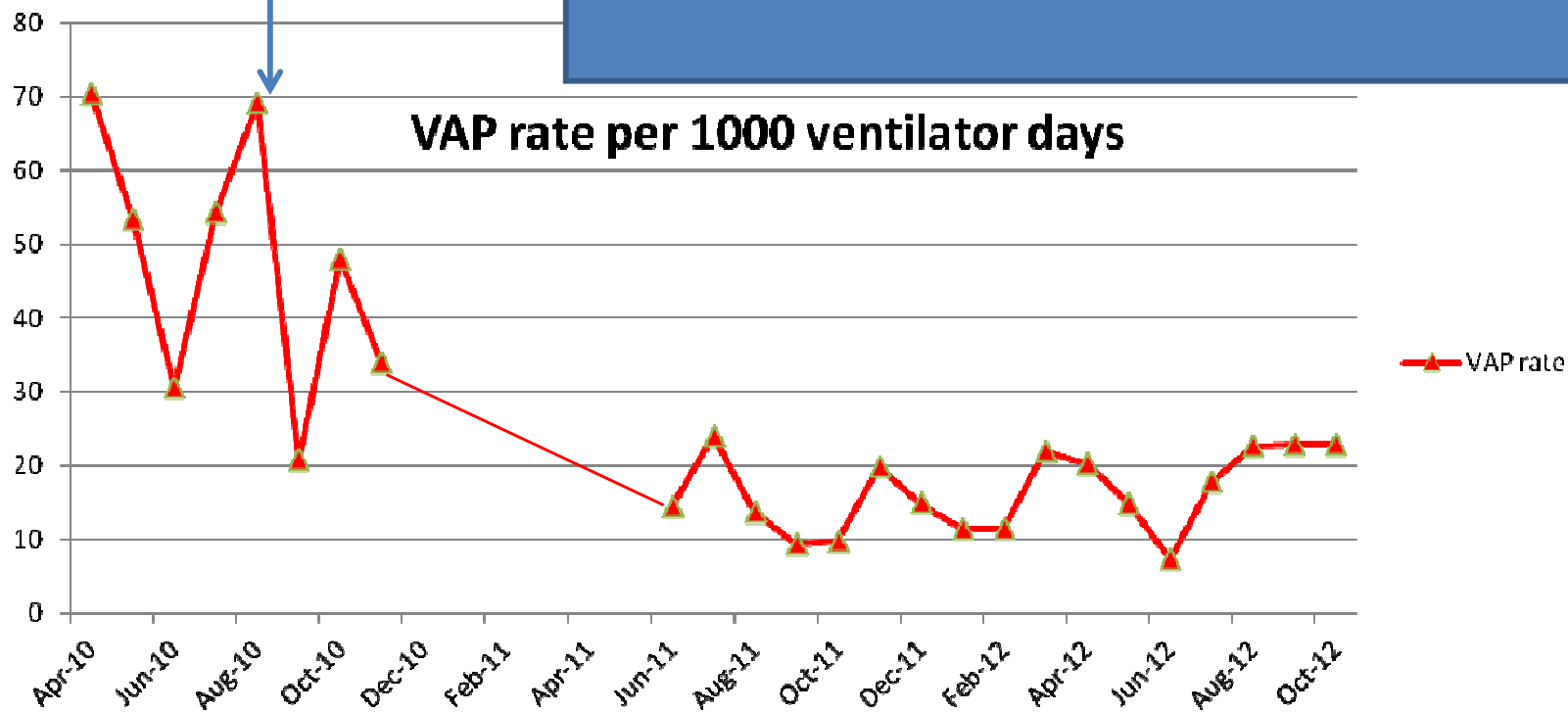
Definition by: CPIS	PNU 1	PNU 1
2007	Before intervention 2010	After intervention 2010
3.8 per 1000 ventilator days	51 per 1000 ventilator days	44 per 1000 ventilator days



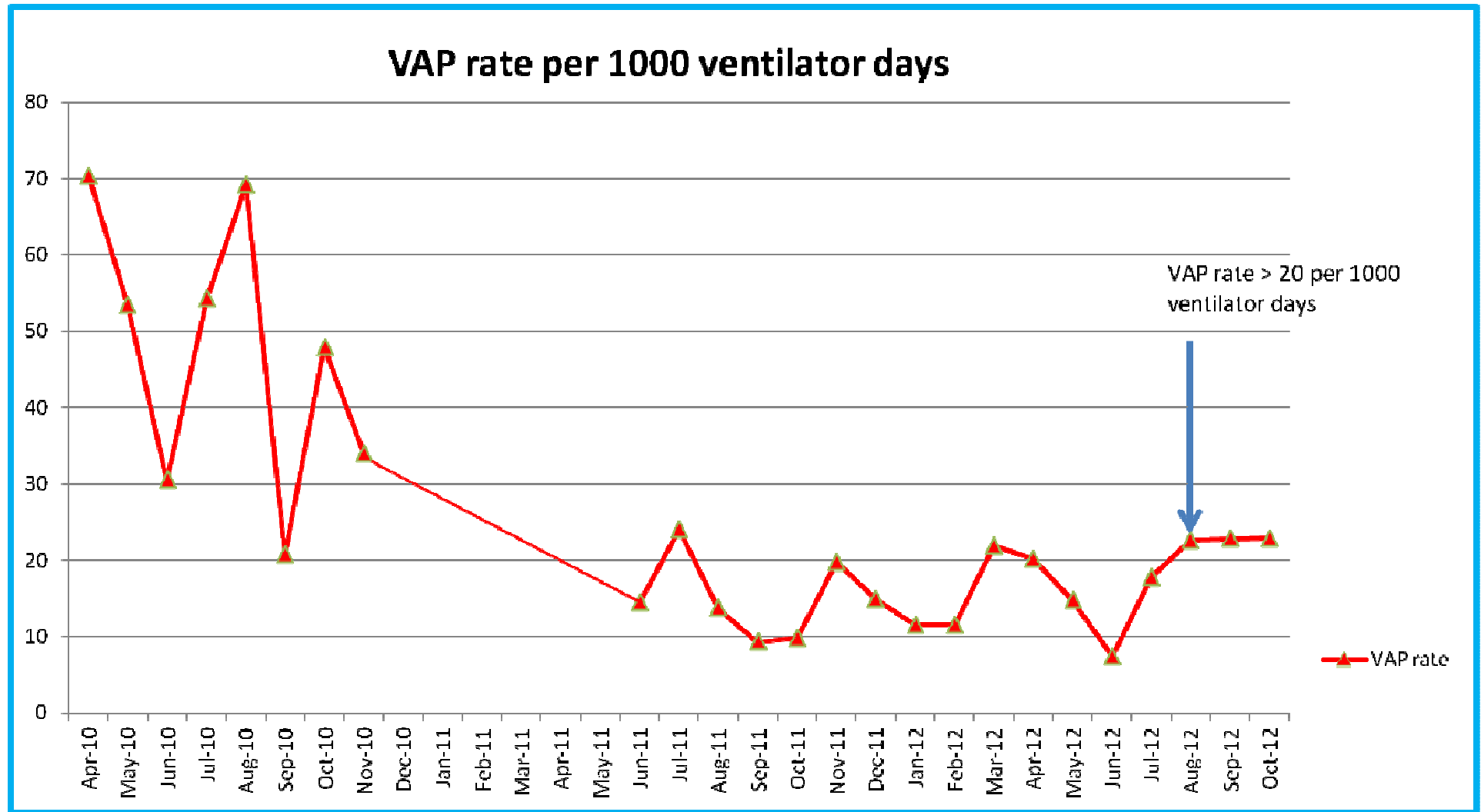
What are These Interventions ?

Interventions

- Conduct refresher lectures on prevention of VAP
- Maintain ETT cuff pressure at 30 cmH₂O
- Conduct compliance audit to
 - proper oral care with tooth brushing
 - HOB



Still High VAP Rate: Where was The Gap?



What Can We DO?

- Set up a task force
- Set clear aim of the Prevention of VAP project
 - Reduce VAP rate
 - Achieve compliance rate of 95% to the ventilator bundle
- Gain senior endorsement
- Invite ICU /CCU to participate
- Brainstorming
- Revisit the VAP process, we found.....

Quality Improvement Project: Prevention of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (VAP) in Critical Care Areas, HKEC

A. Aims: to decrease the rate of VAP by implementing all elements of the ventilator bundle to more than 95% of ventilator patients in critical care areas within 2 years

B. Objectives:

1. To determine the baseline VAP rate
2. To determine the VAP after the enforcement of ventilator bundle
3. To look for reasons why some preventive measures of VAP cannot be carried out
4. To conduct ongoing outcome surveillance for VAP and process surveillance to ventilator bundle.

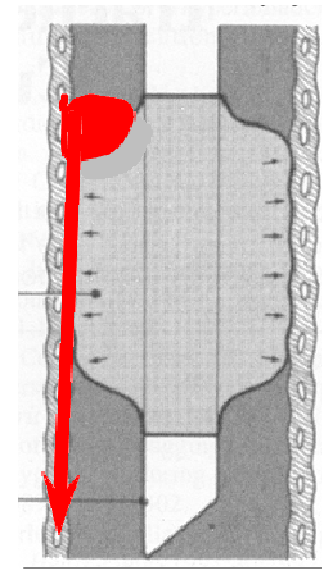
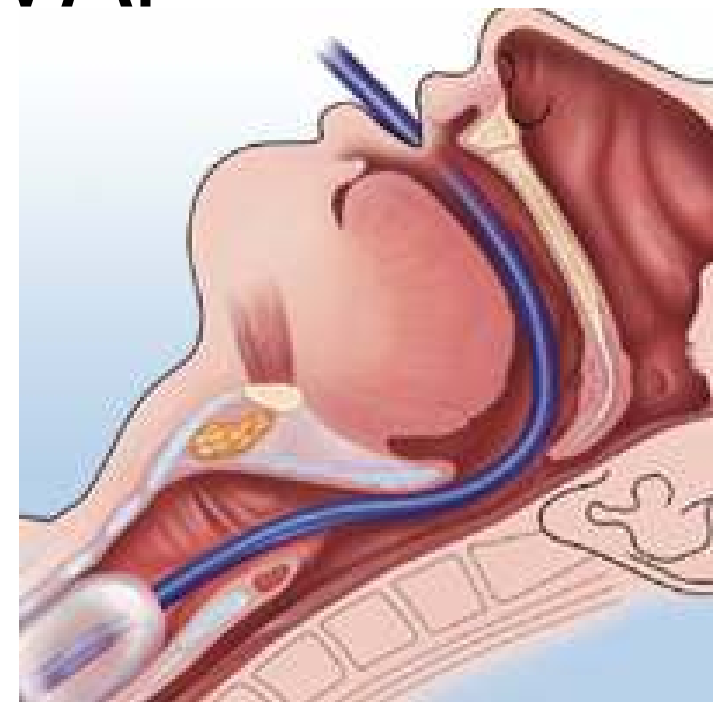
C. Scope of project: This is a Hong Kong East Cluster based project.

D. Phases of Project

1. Phase I : Pilot the tool for monitoring patient for incident of VAP and pilot the audit tool for current practice to prevent VAP (complete before 15 Dec 2012)
2. Phase II : clinical audit to determine baseline VAP rate x 2 months (Period: 1 Jan 2013 – 28 Feb 2013)
3. Phase III: Review ventilator bundle and conduct training to all staff on VAP prevention program (complete before 1 Mar 2013)
4. Phase IV : Enforcement of ventilator bundle (start time : on 1 Mar 2013) Duration : 2 year

Pathogenesis of VAP

- Bacteria enter the lower respiratory tract via two pathways:
 - Aspiration of organisms from the oropharynx and GI tract (most common cause)
 - Via ventilatory circuit & tracheal tube



Hong Kong bundle to prevent VAP

- Elevate head of patient to at least 30°
- Provide antiseptic oral rinse to ventilated patients
- Perform hand hygiene before and after each respiratory care
- Assess patient's readiness to wean and to extubate on daily basis
- Prevent condensate from entering patient's airway
- Maintain proper care to respiratory consumables and equipments
- Conduct ongoing active VAP surveillance

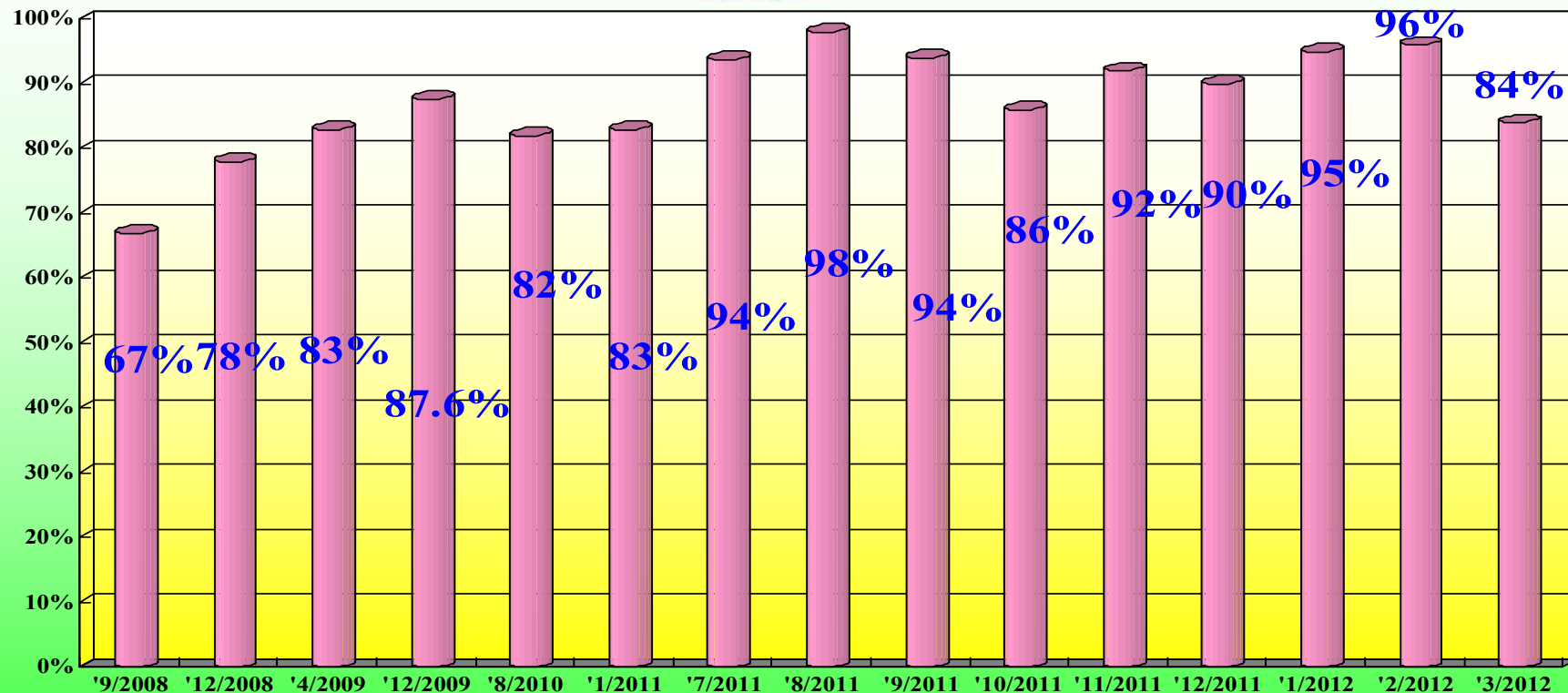
Recommendations on prevention of VAP, June 2010
Centre for Health Protection, Dep. of Health

The situation is

- We know VAP and ventilator bundle to prevent VAP
- But we do not know our compliance to ventilator bundle
- We may not know the emerging evidence
- We want to improve patient care with international standard





Not Easy to Maintain Bed Head Elevation




Target: $\geq 95\%$ compliance

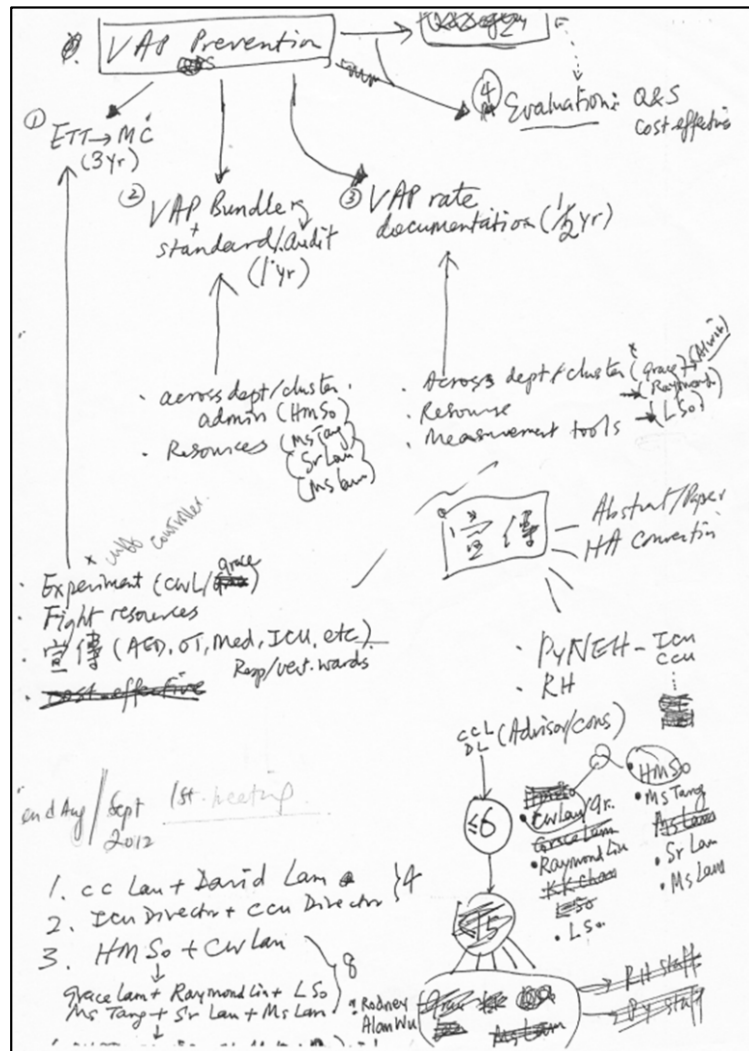
What's New about VAP & VAP bundle

- 
- Old topic
 - New paradigm

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- VAP diagnosis criteria: CPIS vs PNU1 (CDC)
 - Align international standard

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- Increasing the rigor surveillance vs
 - objective measures of adherence to VAP preventive measures

Brainstorm for Better Strategies



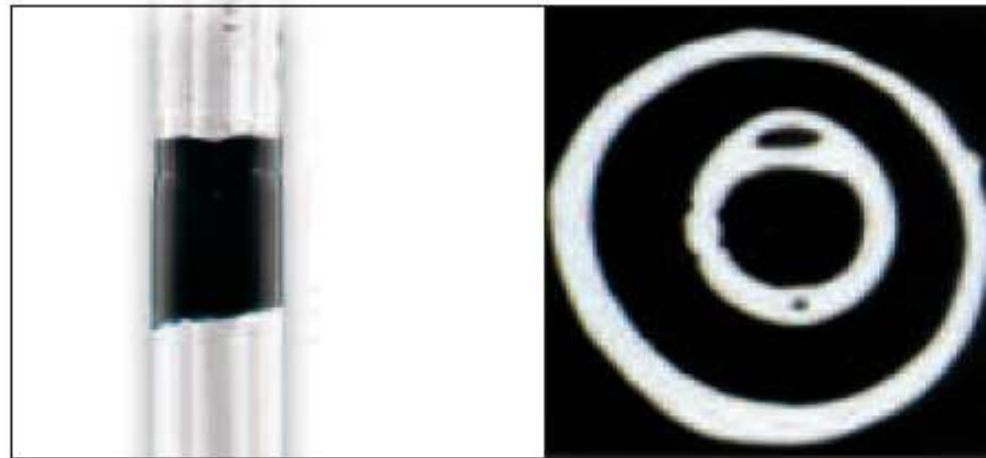
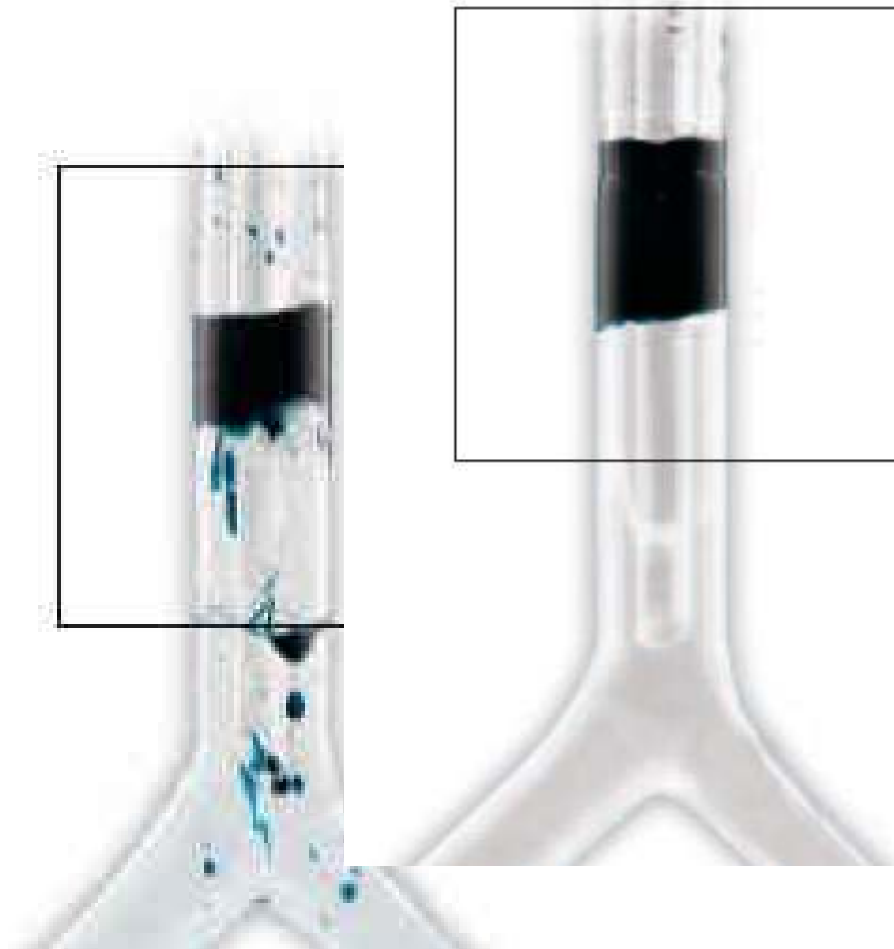
- Need bundle of measures
- Repeated administration of these measures over time is critical
- Dedicated staff to
 - promote & monitor the process,
 - engage and motivate staff and
 - finally share the success to keep the momentum of change

Strategy 1: Multi-dimensional Approach (1)

- Reinforce ventilator bundle, and
- Promote
 - use of novel Microcuff
 - use of continuous cuff monitoring device



New ETT to prevent aspiration of subglottic secretion



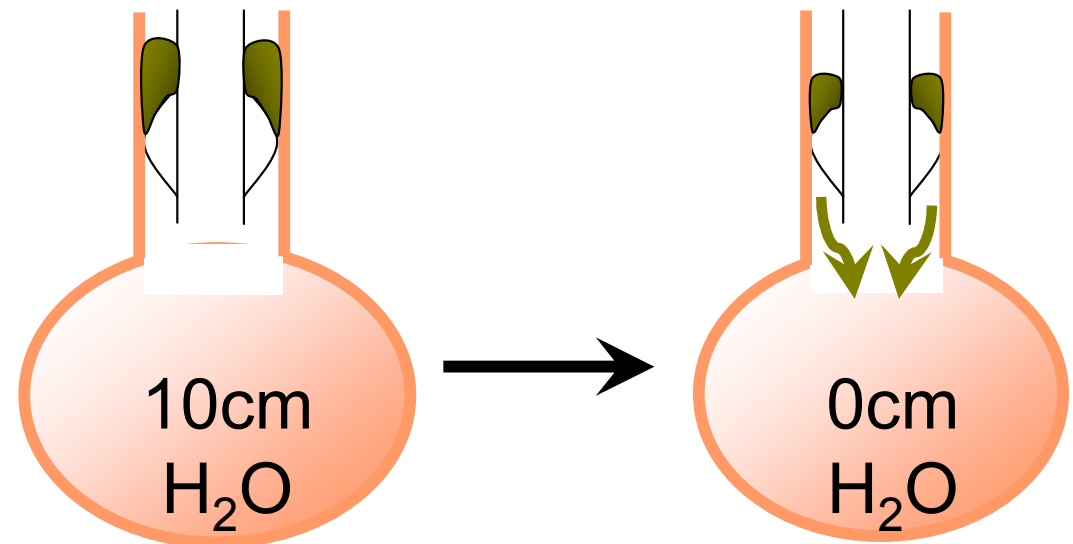
Note the absence of visible channel openings in the MICROCUFF* tube

CT scan^{3,4} (transversal) of an inflated KIMBERLY-CLARK* MICROCUFF* Tube in excised animal trachea (cuff pressure: 20 cm H₂O)

The MICROCUFF* tube has advanced microthin polyurethane cuff material that allows the channels to "self-seal," reducing the possibility of leakage

Strategy 1: Multi-dimensional Approach (2)

- Promote
 - minimal disconnection of ventilator circuit
 - Circuit breaks promote aspiration especially in high PEEP



Strategy 2: Multi-disciplinary Approach

- Doctors, nurses, Health Care Assistance and physiotherapist

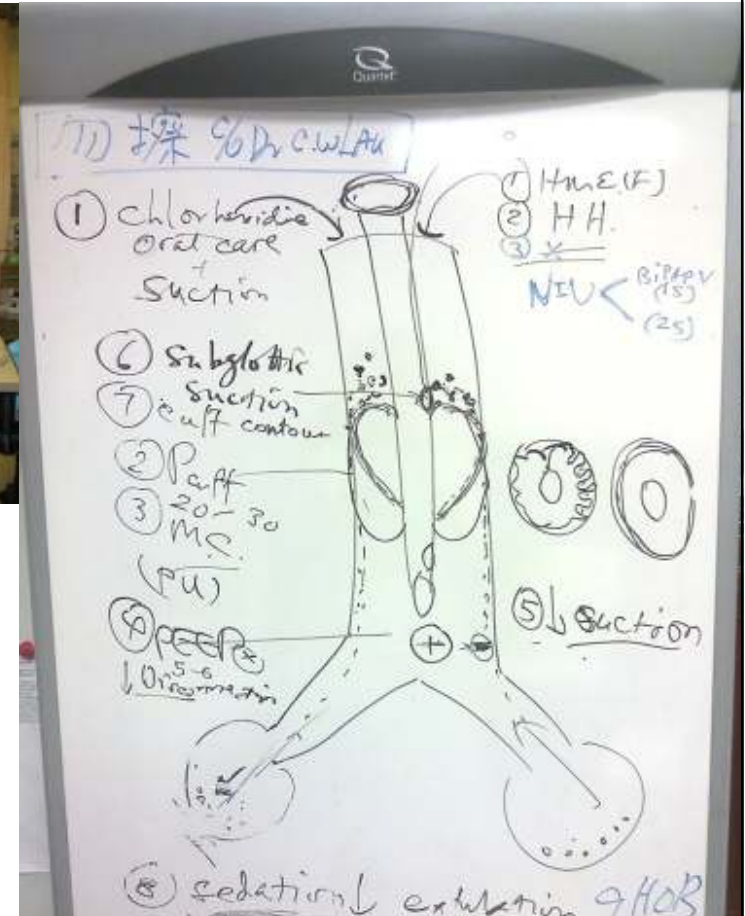
Strategy 3 : Multi-effort Approach



Refresher lecture on VAP



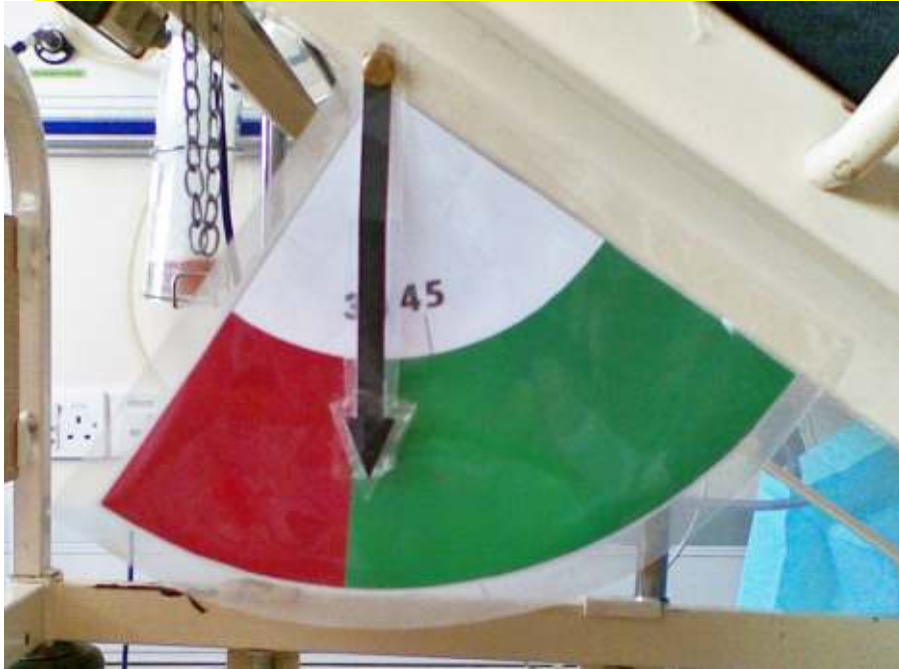
Brief talks at bedside



Visual display for better promotion

Strategy 3 : Multi-effort Approach (2)

Innovative home-made HOB indicator



Reverse trendelenberg



Strategy 3 : Multi-effort Approach (3)

Quality Improvement Project:

Prevention of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (VAP) In Critical Care Areas, HKEC

Data collection form (updated on 24th Jan 2013)

Fill in, circle or put a ✓ where it is appropriate.

D10/B10 Bed no. _____

Date of ICU admission _____

Transfer in from AED/ OT/ general ward/ other hospital

Admission : Elective/ Emergency/ Trauma

Specialty : Surgery/ Medicine/ Neurosurgery/ Others

Date of intubation _____

Type of ETT : Standard/Microcuff/Others

Date & time of extubation _____

Date of reintubation _____

Date of tracheostomy _____

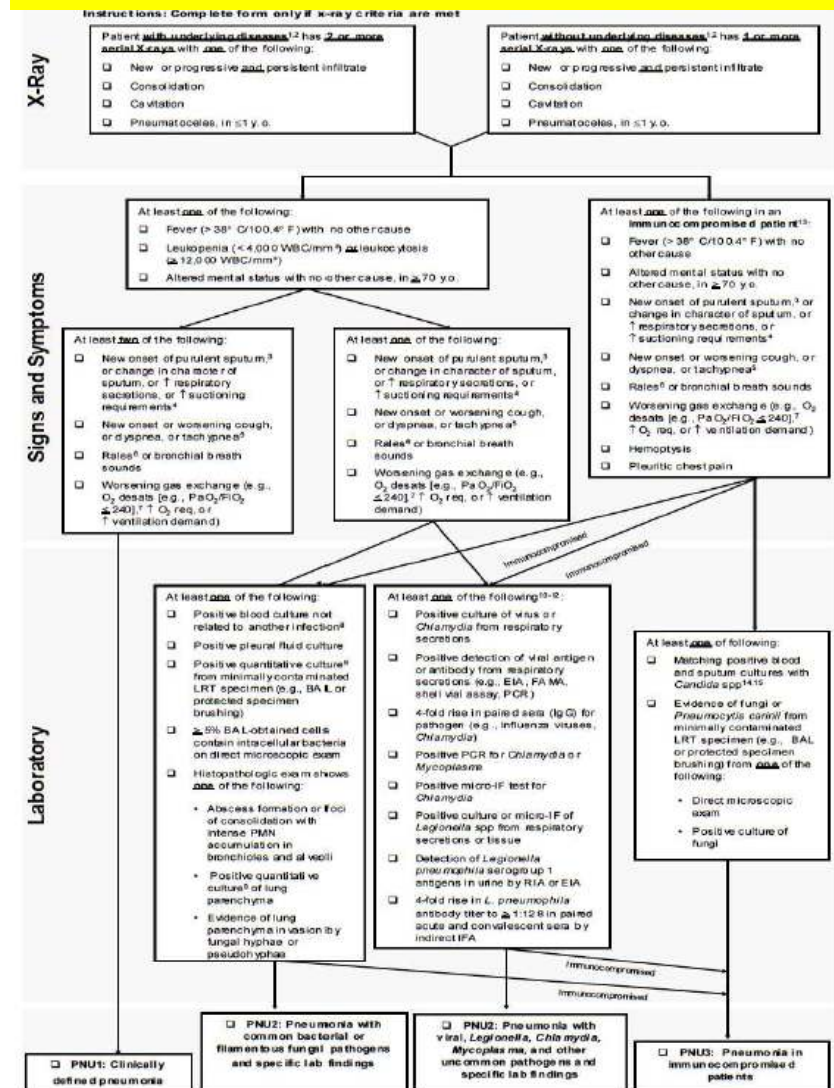
Refer to the flowchart overleaf for different criteria (PNU1, PNU2, PNU3) used in defining VAP.

Continue to fill in the form and monitor for VAP until 48 hours after extubation (include those patients having extubation in OT & being transferred to ICU post-op)

Assess patient for VAP and fill in the form daily by case MO preferably before 1pm.									
Date									
VAP	Yes								
	No								
Dr's Signature									

Daily round to capture any VAP

CDC surveillance- Pneumonia flow diagram



Strategy 3 : Multi-effort Approach (4)

<u>Quality Improvement Project: Prevention of Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (VAP)</u> <u>in Critical Care Areas, HKEC</u>		Affix patient label here	
<u>Ventilator Bundle Checklist updated on 28 Feb 2013</u>			
Put “√” if done, “NA” if not applicable & specify reason			
Item	Check once daily in the morning shift		
No.	Ventilator Bundle Date		
1	Elevate HOB (30 - 45°) & patient not sliding down		
2	Perform regular oral care with antiseptic oral rinse if needed		
3	Perform hand hygiene before and after each respiratory care		
4	Review sedation target daily		
5	Assess readiness to wean and to extubate daily		
6	Drain condensate of the ventilator circuit before repositioning of patient		
7	Carry out disinfection of the respiratory consumables and equipment a/c to protocol		
8	Check & maintain appropriated ETT cuff pressure (25 - 30 cm H ₂ O)		
9	Verify correct placement of the feeding tube at regular interval		
10	Regular assessment of patient's tolerance to NG feeding		
	Signed by nurse		
Specific reason if “not applicable” is selected			
Date	Item No.	Reason	

Get familiar with the ventilator bundle with a checklist

Strategy 3 : Multi-effort Approach (4)

- Discuss VAP issue at regular ICU meeting

321st ICU Meeting

Date: 31st January 2013 (Thursday)

Time: 15:00hour

Venue: D10, Conference Room, PYNEH

Agenda

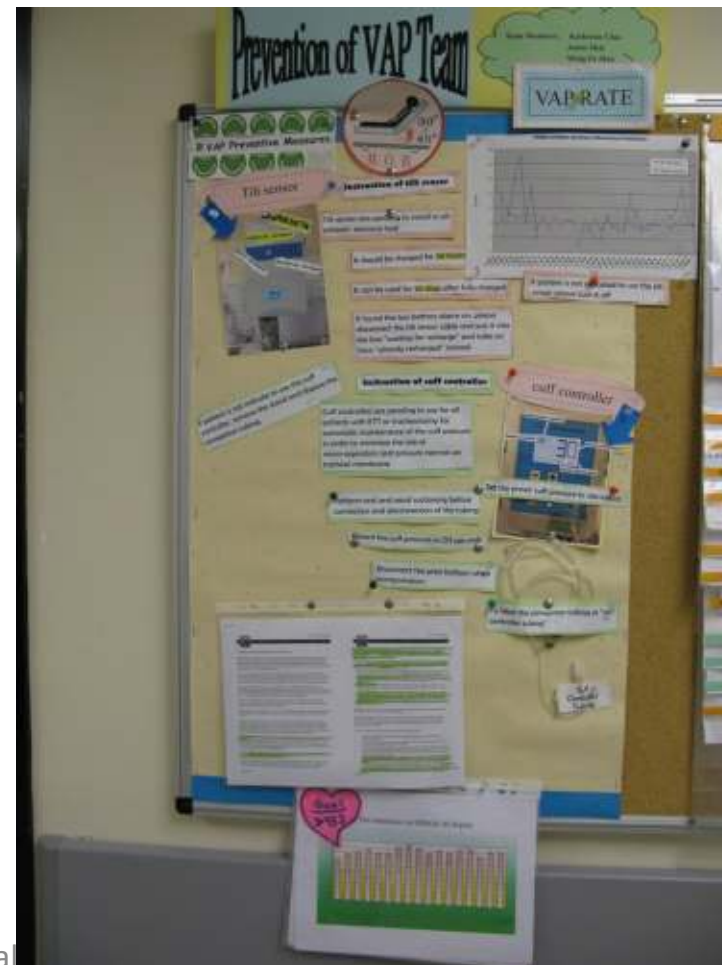
- 1 Confirmation of Last Minutes and Matters Arising from Last Minutes
- 2 Matters Related to Hospital Committees
- 3 Staff Issue
- 4 Avian Flu / Novel Coronavirus / Infection Control
- 5 OSH / AIRS
- 6 CIS
- 7 Core Groups Report
- 8 Incident Review
- 9 ICU Family Satisfaction Enhancement Programme (FAME)
- 10 VAP
- 11 Any Other Business
- 12 Date of next meeting

Process Evaluation

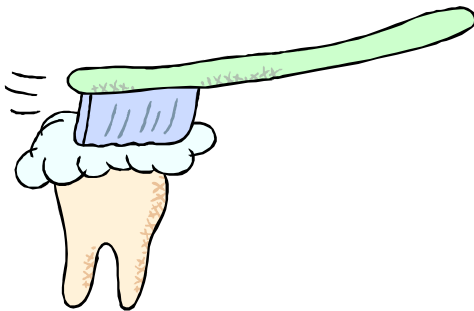
- Obtain baseline compliance rate on ventilator bundle
- Plan to conduct compliance audit at a six month period

Outcome Evaluation

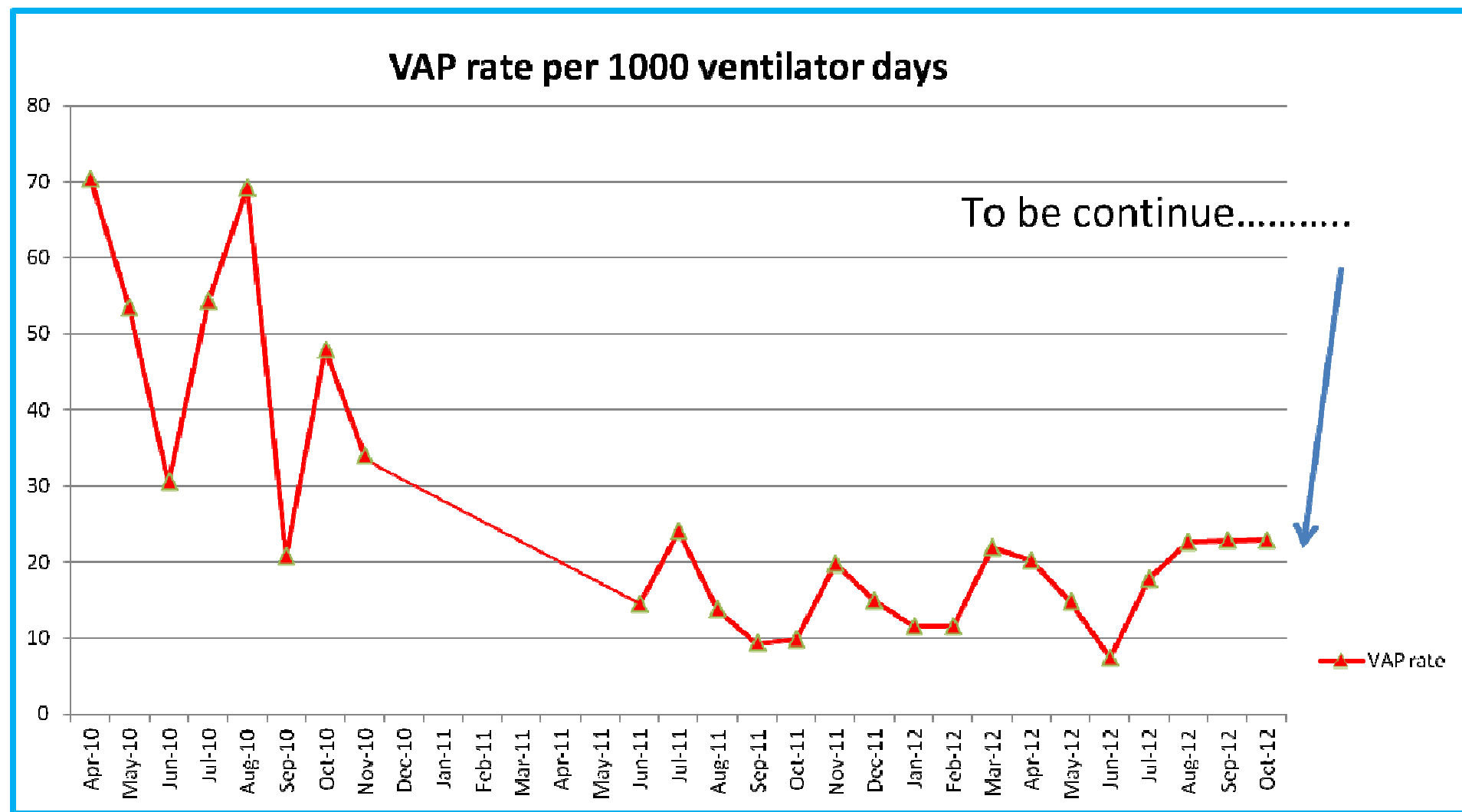
- Monitor VAP rate at a monthly basis
- Post up the VAP rate on display board at a prominent place
- Disseminate compliance audit results



Way Forward



VAP rate



Thank You

