



Adequacy of surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis (SAP) in pediatric surgery: audit in a tertiary free standing children hospital



Summary statement:

The use of a dedicated SAP order set by surgeons was low. Digital operative request with a mandatory SAP section should be considered.

Significance statement:

- Established guidelines govern the use of SAP
- Local practices should be periodically audited to ensure compliance with established guidelines
- Can SAP-dedicated order set improve compliance and minimize variability of care ?

3 criteria evaluated on 123 patients studied

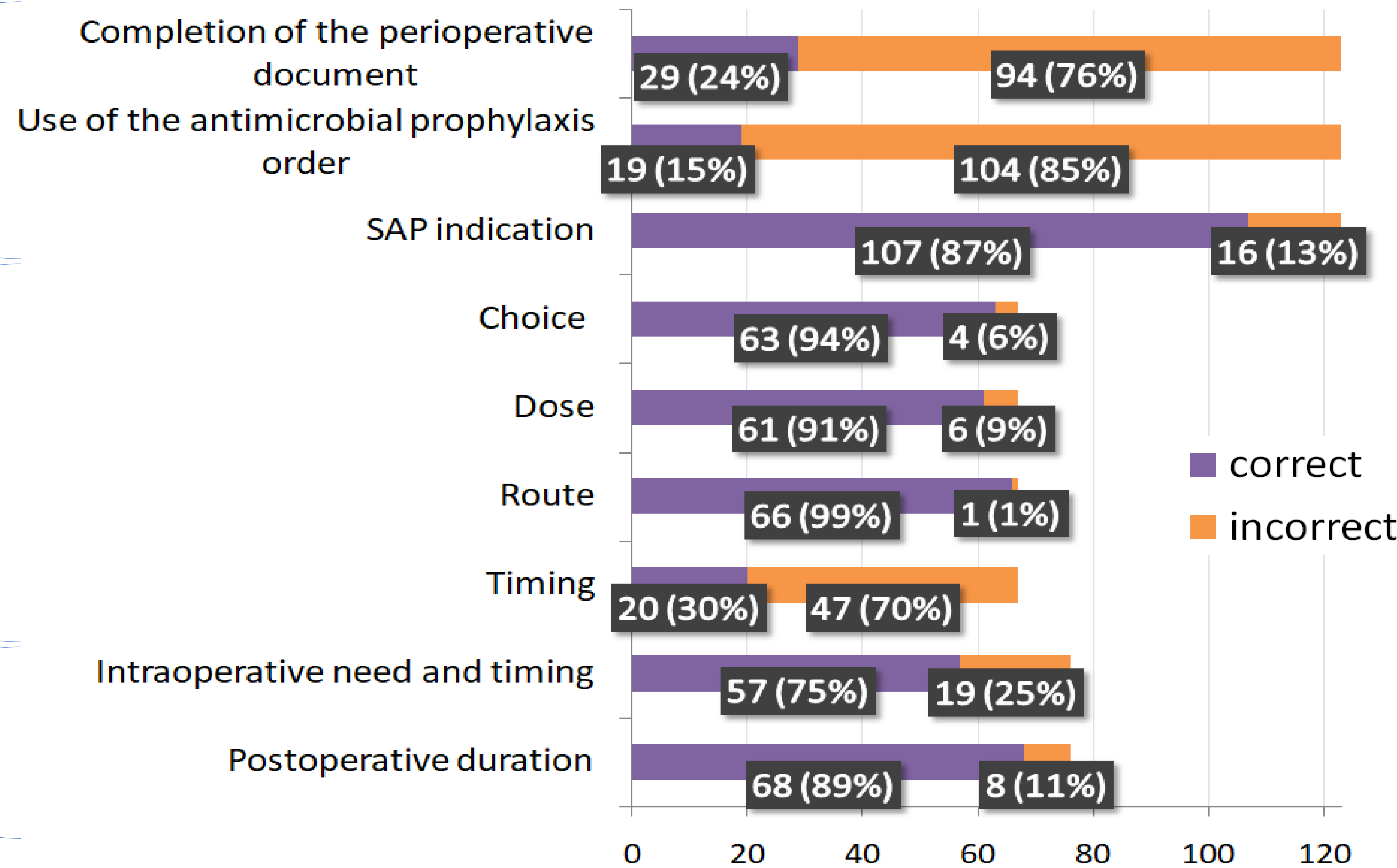


Fig. 2: Compliance for each criteria evaluated

Data Source/Population and Results:

Population

- We analyzed the chart of 123 randomly selected patients having undergone surgery
- 6 pediatric specialties: ENT, general, cardiac, neuro, orthopedic or plastic
- 3 months period: from September 1st to November 30th, 2020

Results

- Wounds classification shown in Fig. 1
- Compliance to selected criteria shown in Fig. 2
- Post operative infection rate: 4% (5 cases)

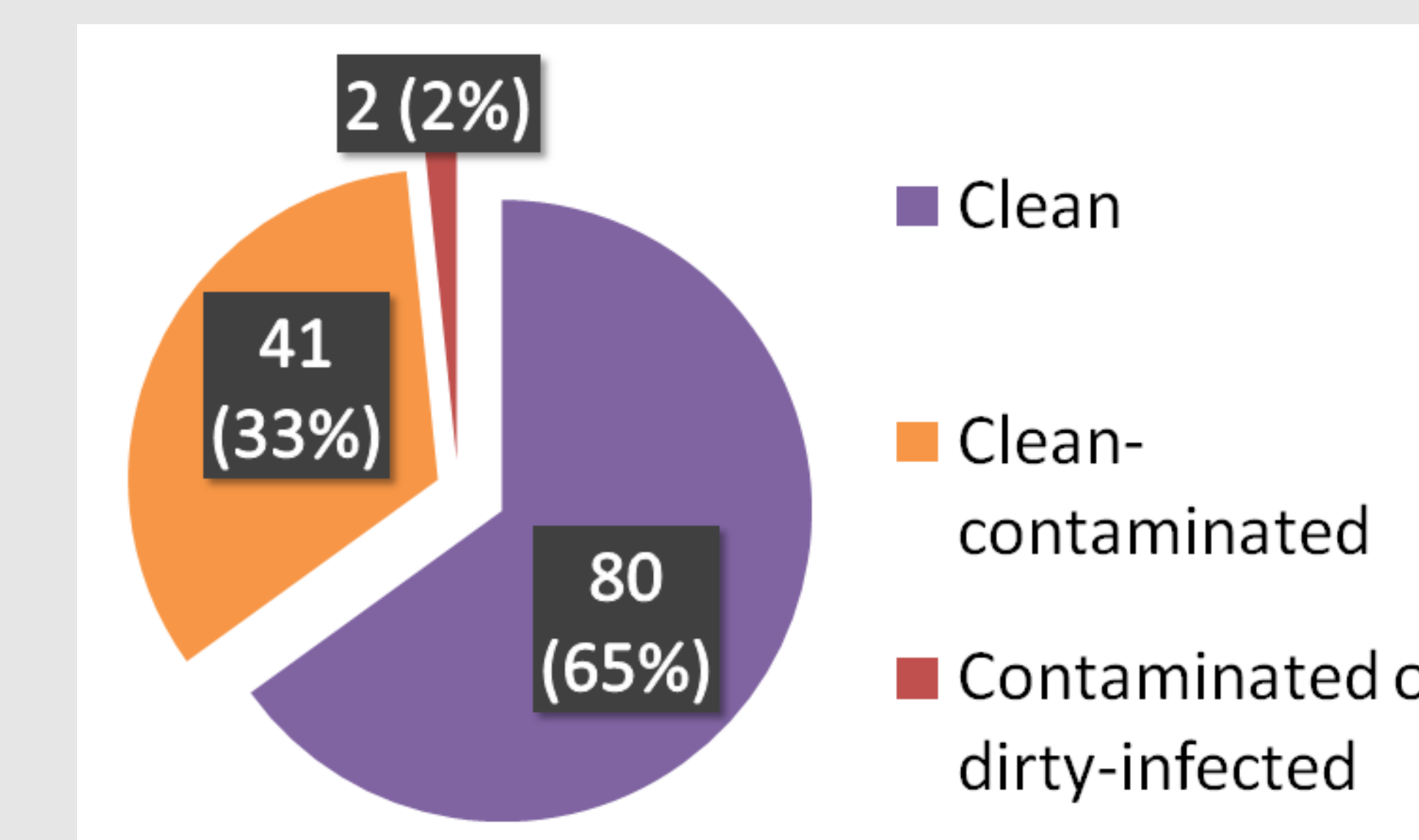


Fig. 1: Wounds classification

Lessons Learned

- Highlighting the need for an administrative intervention in order to increase the completion of the perioperative document and the use of the antimicrobial prophylaxis order set
- Several important areas of improvement were identified to minimize variability of care: timing of antimicrobial prophylaxis administration, documentation of the process and use of dedicated order set.
- Planned strategies to address these include use of a digital operative request with mandatory fields regarding antimicrobial prophylaxis and creation of a taskforce with members of the surgical and anesthesia services to establish a standard operative procedure for the administration of antimicrobial prophylaxis.

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