





## Enhanced Breast Cancer Post-operative Discharge Programme: Reducing Unplanned Readmission and Increasing Staff and Patient Satisfaction

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# **Problems**

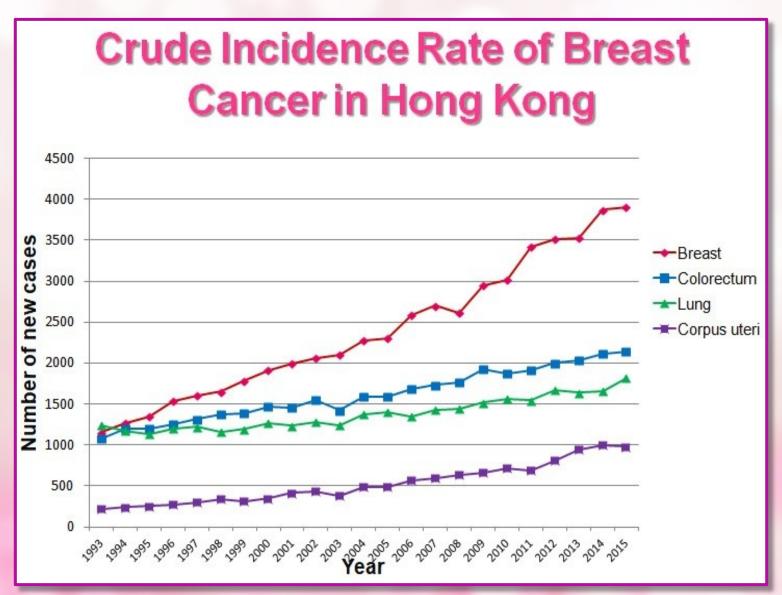
- Patient
- Organization
- Staff











# Kowloon East Cluster Breast Centre Ambulatory Service



**Diagnosis** 



**Treatment** 

### One stop service



**Nursing care** 



Volunteer support



Rehabilitation

# Clinical Pathway of Breast Cancer Operation



#### Aim:

- > LOS 2-3 days
- Provide holistic care



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In Patient Care

## **Background of the Programme**

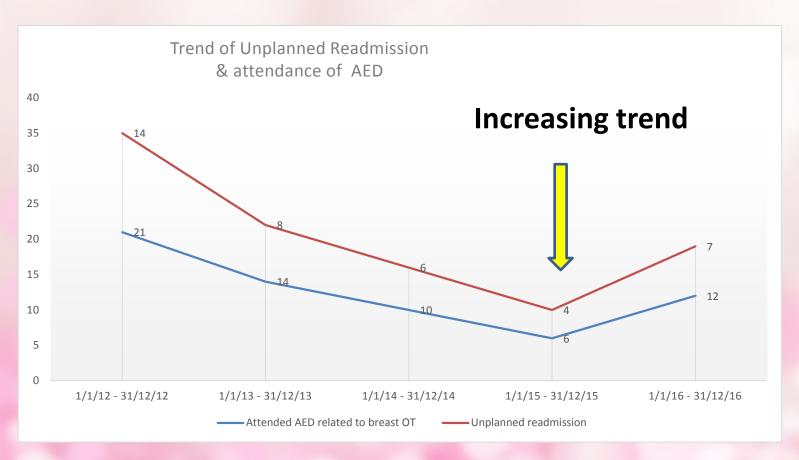
1. Clinical Pathway not addressed - comprehensive discharge plan

#### For example:

- Lack of details guidance for each stage in the management of the patient post op discharge plan
- Advanced surgery approach need more comprehensive post-op discharge nursing care support

## **Background of the Programme**

# 2. Increasing trend of unplanned readmission & AED attendance from 2015



# Reasons of Unplanned Readmission 2014 - 2016

Mainly on minor wound problem or drain problem

→ No need for AED attendance / readmission

# **Enhanced Breast Cancer Postoperative Discharge Programme**

- > Multi-disciplinary team approach
- Develop structured post-op clinical guidelines for the health care team



### **Enhance Patient and Staff Education**

#### **KEC Breast Centre**



Nurse: Regular in-service training for Community Nurses, Ward Nurses & Breast Nurses

Patient: Pre-op
Breast Health Talk







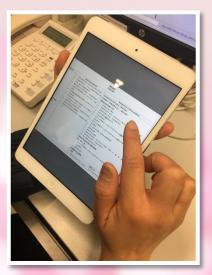
## **CNS: Post-Discharge Support**

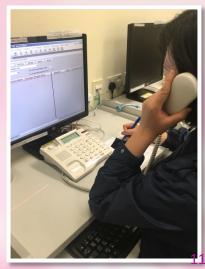
- Daily home visit
- Phone Service Support to patient: Weekend & Public Holiday
- > Technology Support

Upload breast clinical guideline to electric device e.g.

Mini-pad







# **Ward Nurse: Post-Operative Care**

- Provide clear & standardize management: eg. wound & drain care
- > Leaflet to patient upon discharge



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# Surgeon: Clinical Management Support

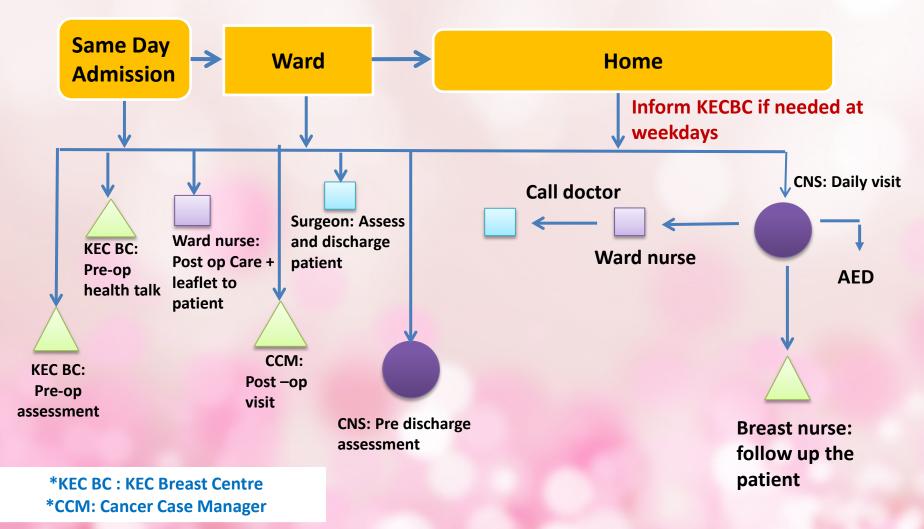


#### **Agreement among surgeons**

- > Treatment protocol
- Sequence of phone call enquiry
- > Standardize management plan for different scenarios

Aim → Decrease unplanned readmission

## Patient Journey – Enhanced Breast Cancer Postoperative Discharge Programme



# **Objectives of the Study**

### **Primary:**

- Reduction of unplanned readmission & Accident and Emergency Department (AED) attendance
- The length of stay

### **Secondary:**

Satisfaction of staff and patients

## Methodology

- Retrospective two periods:
- Pre-programme:
  - 1 July 2015- 30 June 2016
- Post –programme:
  - 1 July 2016 -30 June 2017

#### 1. Primary Outcome:

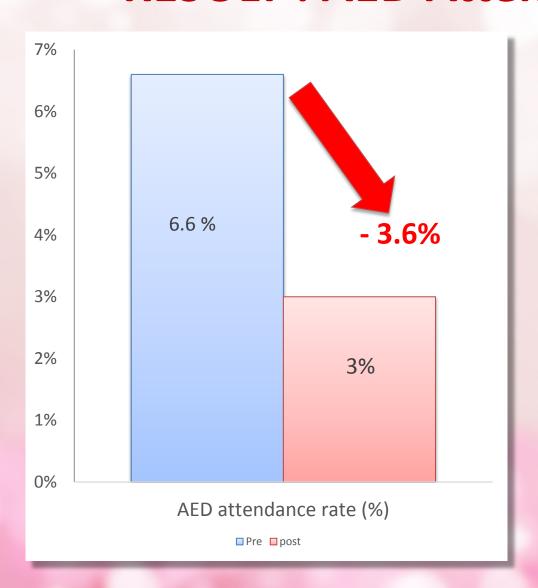
- Length of stay
- Unplanned readmission
- AED attendance

**Chi-Square test (P-Value ≤ 0.05)** 

### 2. Secondary Outcome:

 Patient & staff satisfaction (questionnaire)

### **RESULT: AED Attendance Rate**



#### **Pre-study:**

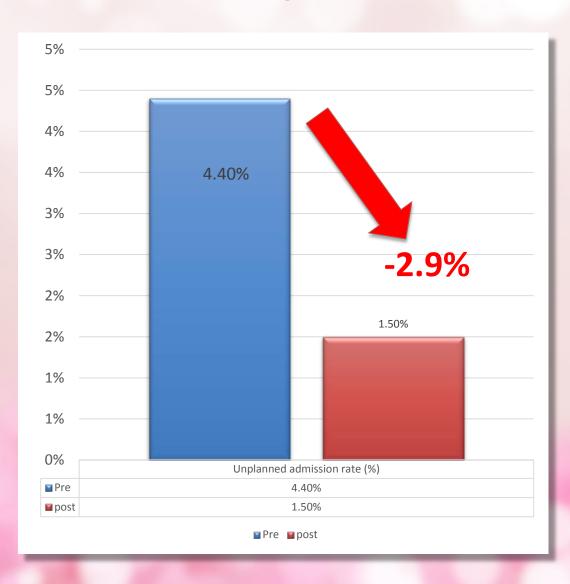
01 July 2015 - 30 June 2016 6.6% (12/182)

#### **Post-study:**

01 July 2016 - 30 June 2017 3% (6/200)

p-value: 0.098

## **RESULT: Unplanned Readmission Rate**



#### **Pre-study:**

01 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 4.4% (8/182)

#### **Post-study:**

01 July 2016 - 30 June 2017 1.5% (3/200)

p-value: 0.091

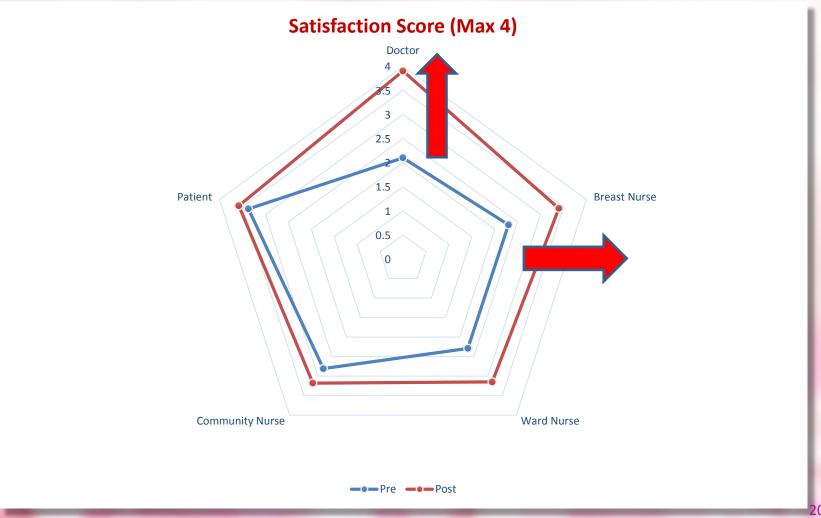
# RESULT: Length of Stay - Breast Cancer Operation



Pre-study: 01 July 2015 - 30 June 2016 (no. of cases: 182)
Post-study: 01 July 2016 - 30 June 2017 (no. of cases: 200)

P-value <0.006 (≤ 0.05) → significance

# **RESULT - Satisfaction Score of Staff and Patients**



### Conclusion



- ➤ Patient satisfaction holistic care
- ➤ Organization -
  - ✓ Unplanned readmission : ↓66%
  - ✓ AED attendance: ↓55%
  - ✓ Length of stay: ↓ 1.62 days



➤ Doctor and nurses satisfaction ↑

# The Way Forward >>>>

➤ Changing new technology of surgical treatment, the programme need regular review.

Collaborate with other clusters to extend / promote the discharge programme.

Extend service hour to cover 24 hours.

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