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Improving Same Day Admissions (SDA) Utilization in Singapore General Hospital

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Introduction and Aim

Amidst a high bed occupancy rate, it is paramount to ensure the optimized usage of bed resources. A multi-disciplinary taskforce comprising clinicians, nurses and administrators was formed in May 2017 to increase the Same Day Admissions (SDA) utilization and improve the workflows to increase operating capacity.

Methodology

For a successful optimization of SDA utilization, the impact across the hospital's supply chain was reviewed and the taskforce identified various touchpoints for improvement.



The taskforce identified surgical procedures to be considered for SDA by default and proposed to implement them across 3 phases



Strong support from senior management was also garnered and the utilisation rate was incorporated into the departments' key performance indicators, where applicable.



To cope with an expected increase of SDA patients, the manpower in SDA Centre was right-sized and a new station based workflow was implemented.



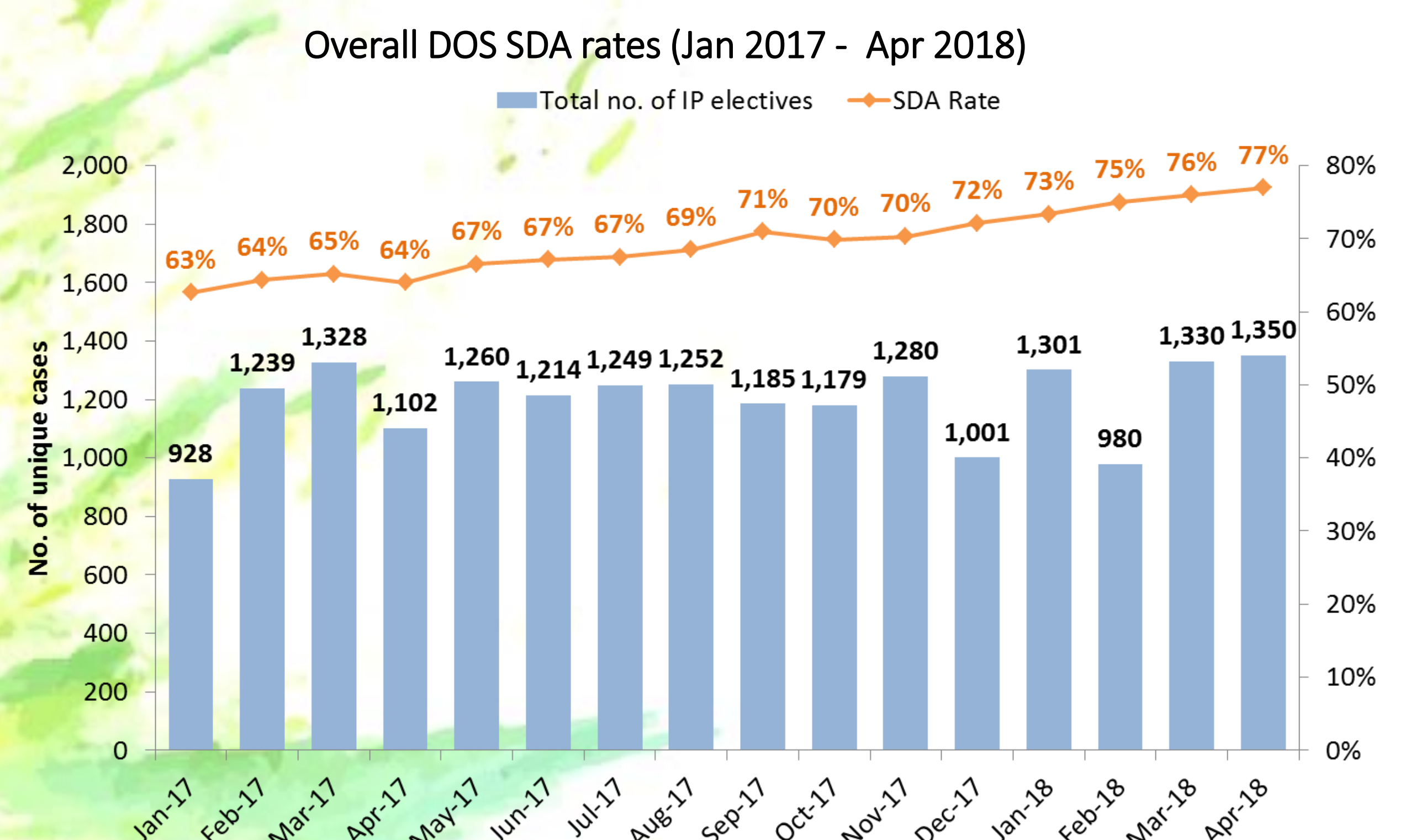
The monthly SDA utilisation rate was monitored and updates were provided at both cluster and division levels.



To address bed availability, the wards, nursing leadership and Heads of surgical departments were engaged to get their support in prioritising early discharges

Results

Comparing July to April 2018 over 2017, there had been an additional 1,133 bed days saved over a 10 months period. Bed savings are expected to increase as the overall SDA utilisation rate for elective inpatient are on an upwards trend and had improved from 64% to 77% thus far.



Conclusion

Providing the optimal length of stay and usage of resources will help improve quality, lower cost and drive value for our patients over the long term. It is important to gather feedback regularly for continuous improvement. In addition, buy-in from stakeholders and senior management's support are both critical for the project to succeed.