



WSH Management of Inappropriately Disposed Surgical Items Received by Sterile Supplies Unit

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BACKGROUND & AIM

1. Function of Sterile Supplies Unit (SSU)

Sterile Supplies Unit (SSU) supports the operations of the hospital by providing safe and cost-effective sterilization services and supplies to all perioperative, inpatient and outpatient workplaces of the hospital.

2. Problem

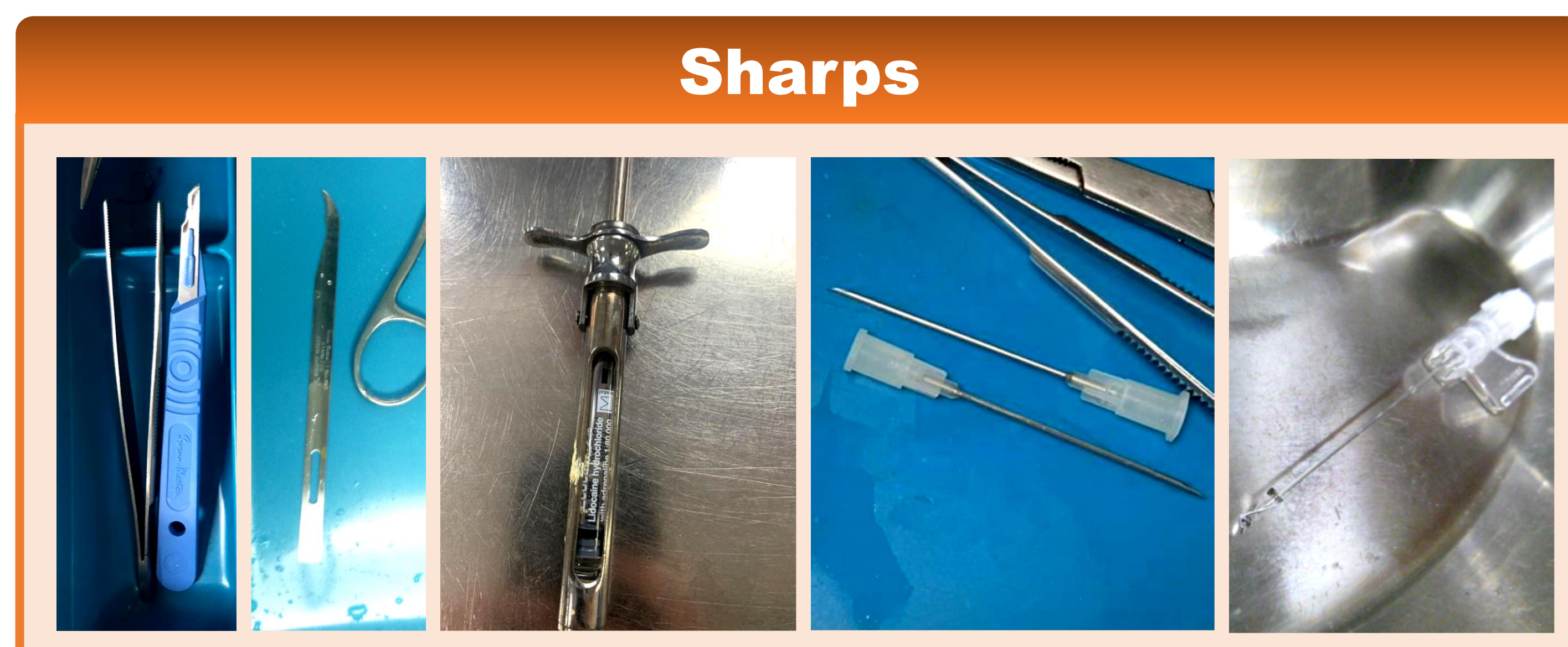
Prior to sending the soiled surgical items to SSU, the disposable sharps should be disposed into sharps box and the heavily blood-soiled items should be properly managed by the users.

However, since 2013, there was a significant number of inappropriately disposed item received by SSU reported.

3. Aim

The aim of the project was to reduce the number of inappropriately disposed items received by SSU.

4. Examples of Inappropriately Disposed Items



METHODOLOGY

Immediate Reporting

Immediate communication to the source departments and reporting into the online Risk Management System (RMS)



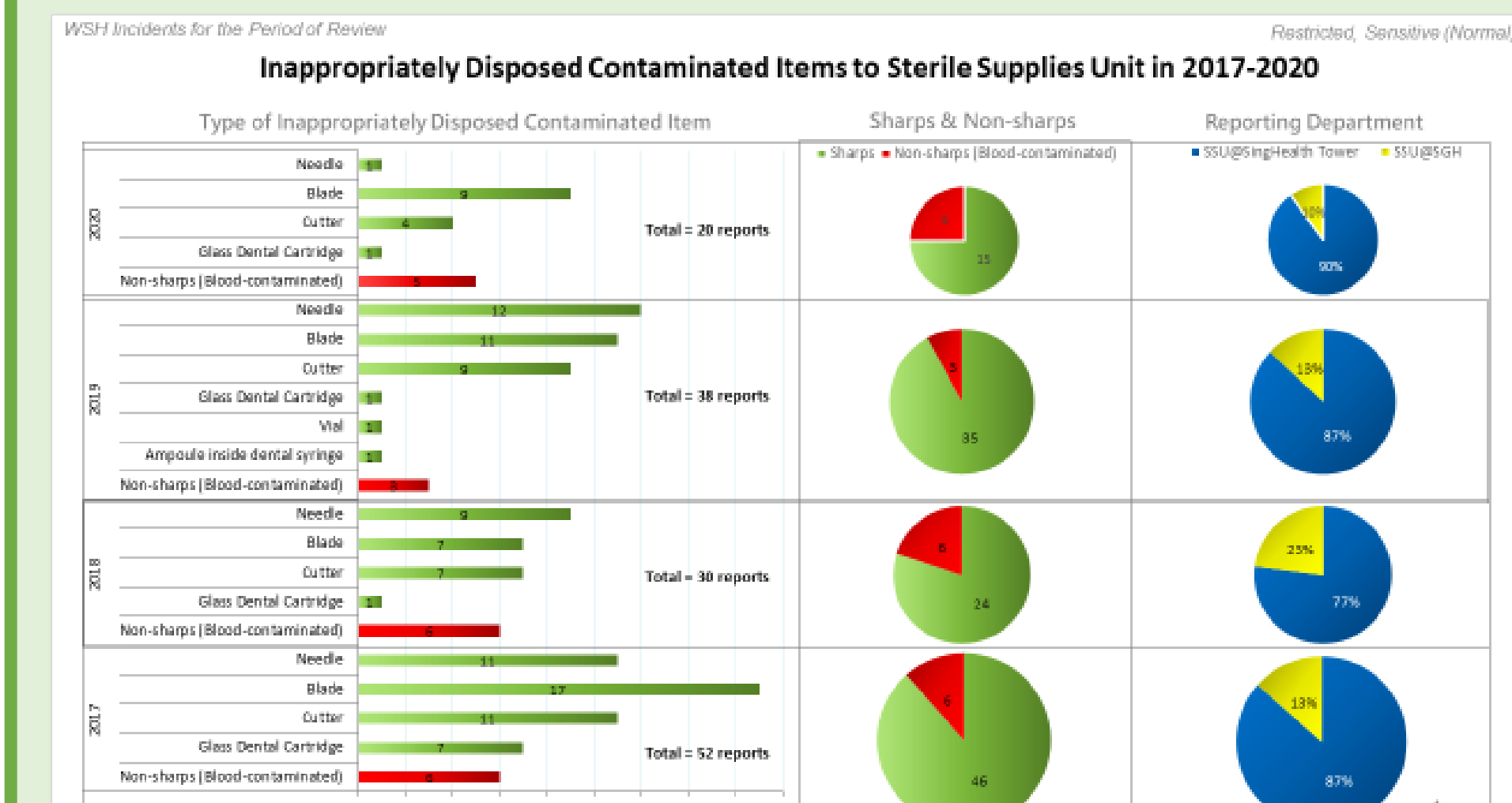
Monthly Communication

Monthly monitoring & communication to the management was performed



Trend Analysis

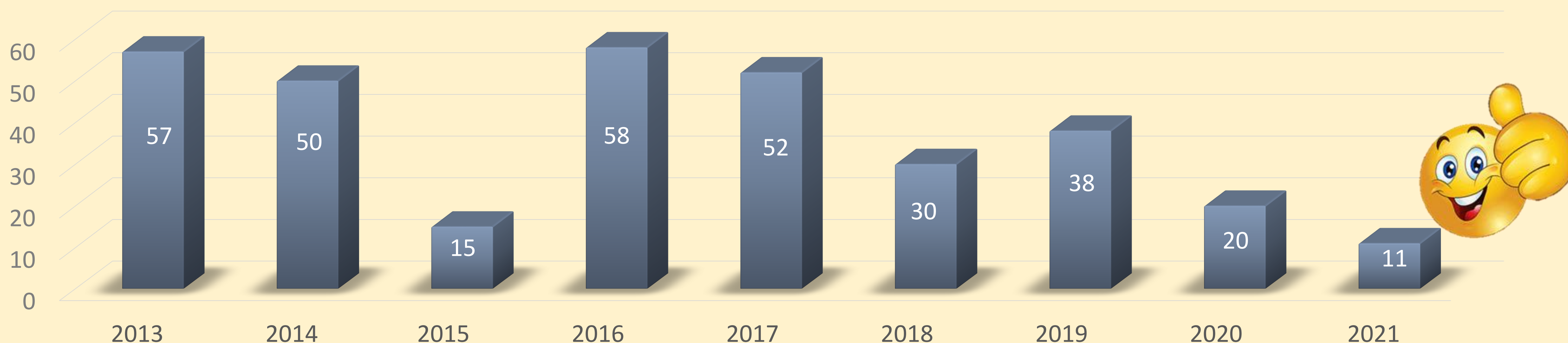
Annual trend analysis performed to identify the gap for improvement



RESULT

Number of Inappropriately Disposed Items Received by SSU (CY2013 – 2021)

The number of inappropriately disposed items received by SSU **reduced** by approximately 80% from 2013 to 2021



CONCLUSION

Timely communication and data monitoring were effective in reducing the occurrence on inappropriately disposed surgical items received by SSU.