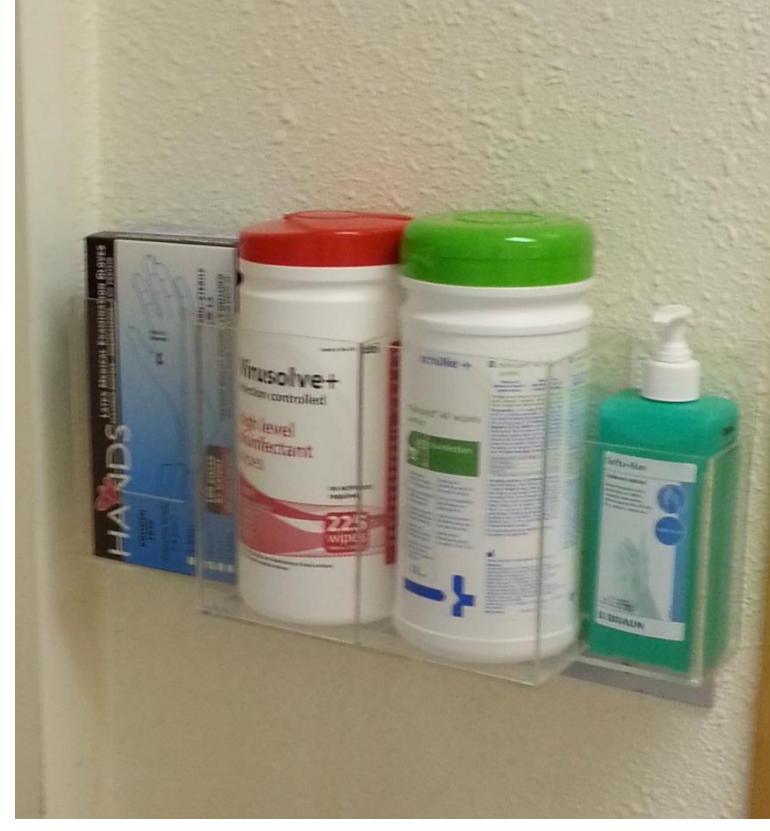




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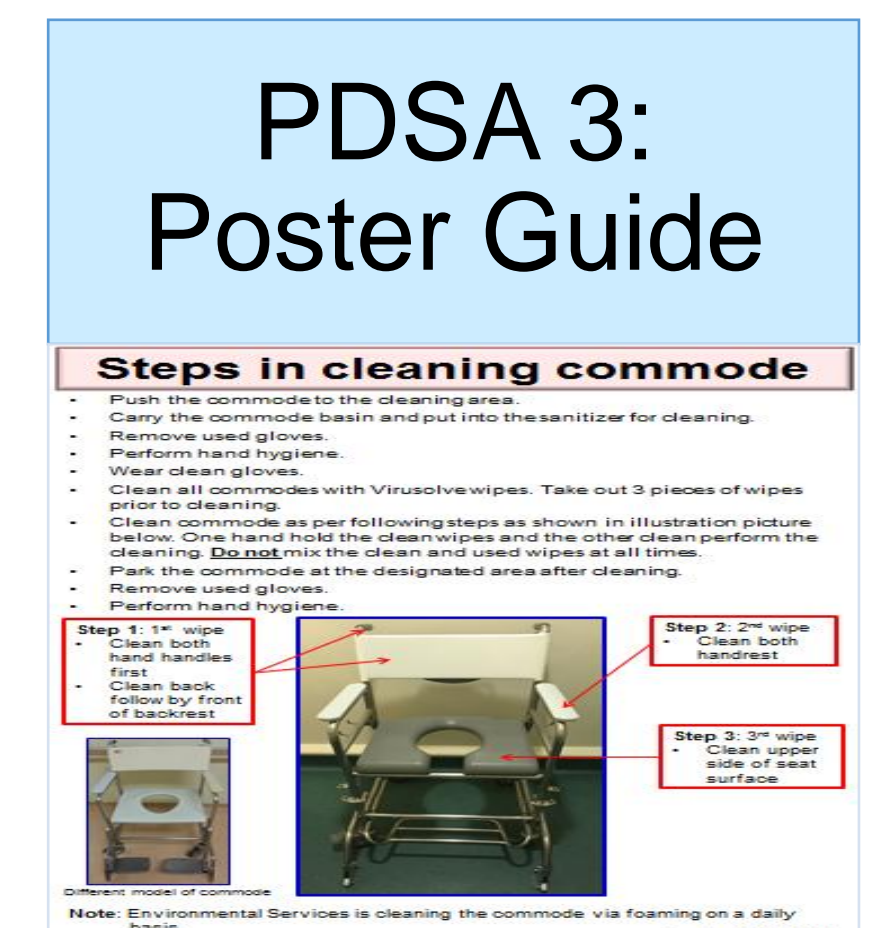
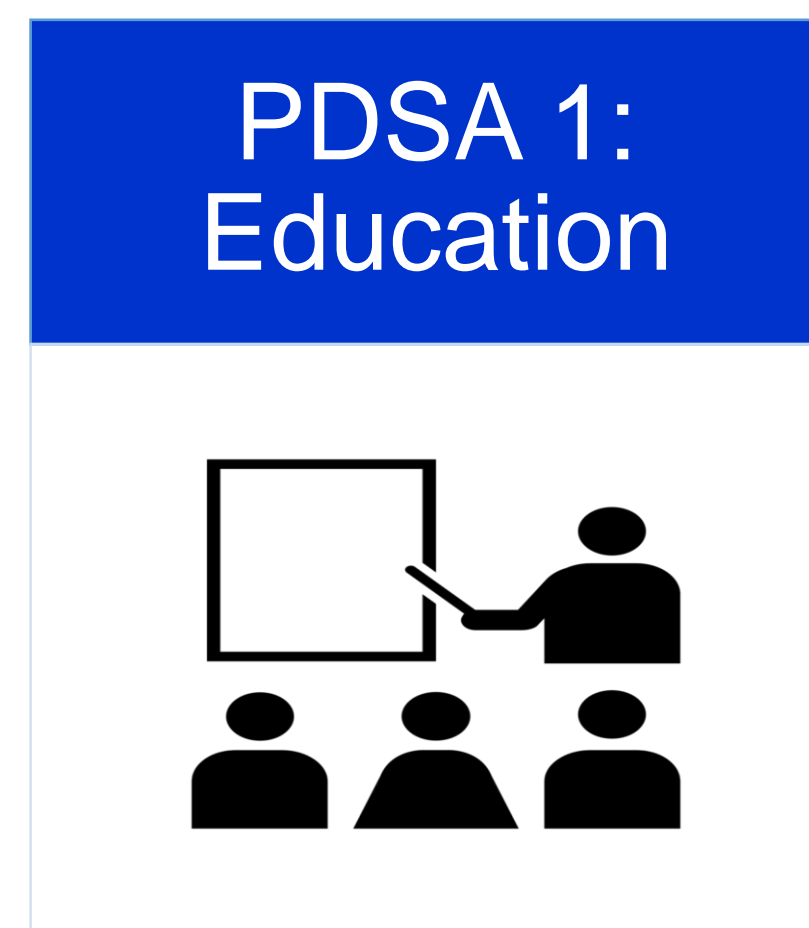
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INTRODUCTION

Commode chairs are used to facilitate transfers when assisting ADL dependent patients during grooming and elimination.

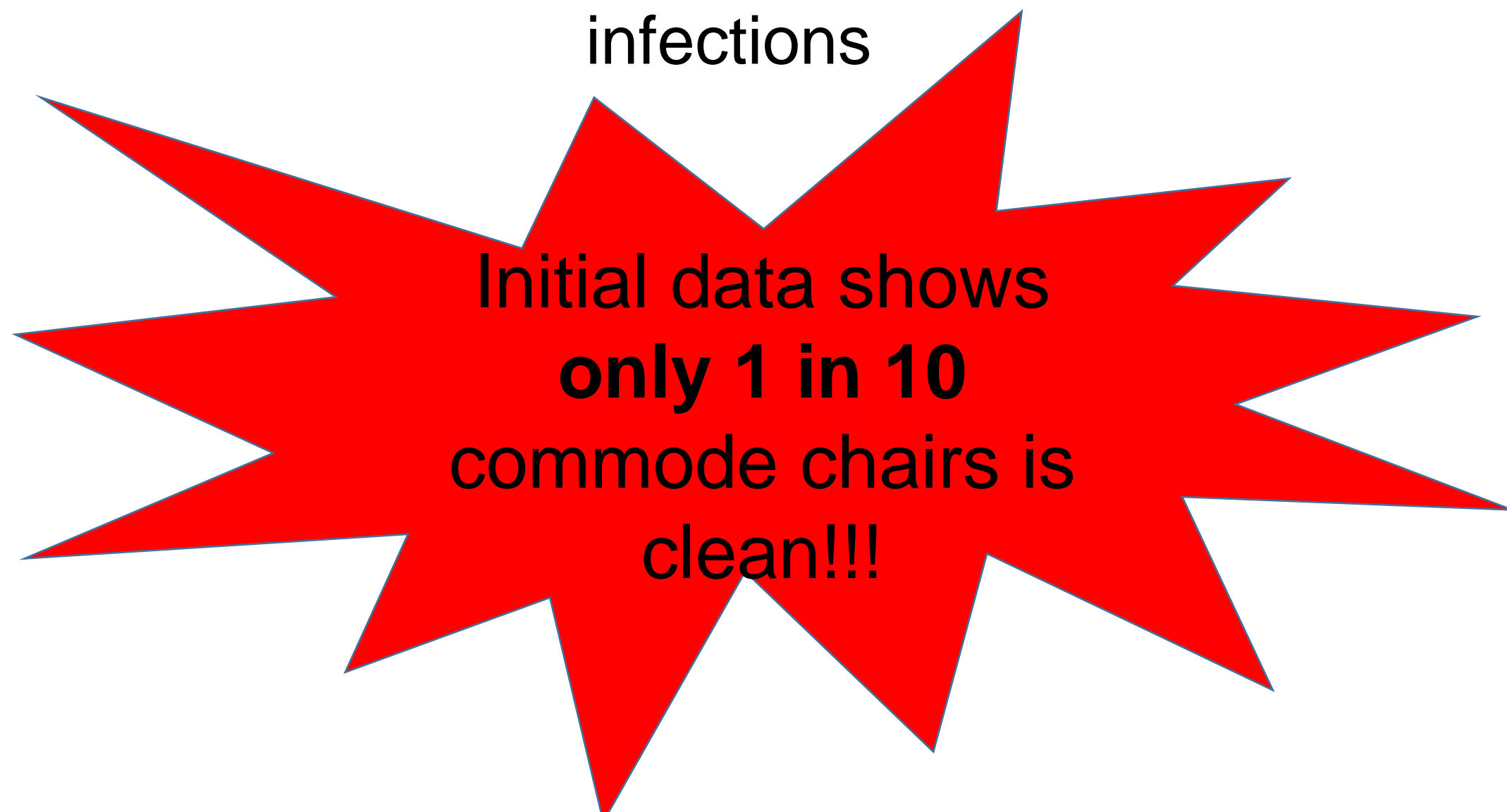


IMPLEMENTATIONS



PROBLEM

- Unable to ascertain cleanliness of commode chairs
 - Compromises patient safety and quality of care
 - Risk for healthcare-associated infections



OBJECTIVE

'Best Outcome, Best Experience'
Service Quality

- Ensuring patients are provided with clean and sanitary equipment during their hospital stay
 - Increase percentage of clean commodes

Clinical Quality

- Curb healthcare-associated infections
 - Zero healthcare-associated *Clostridium difficile* (CD) toxin cases

METHODOLOGY

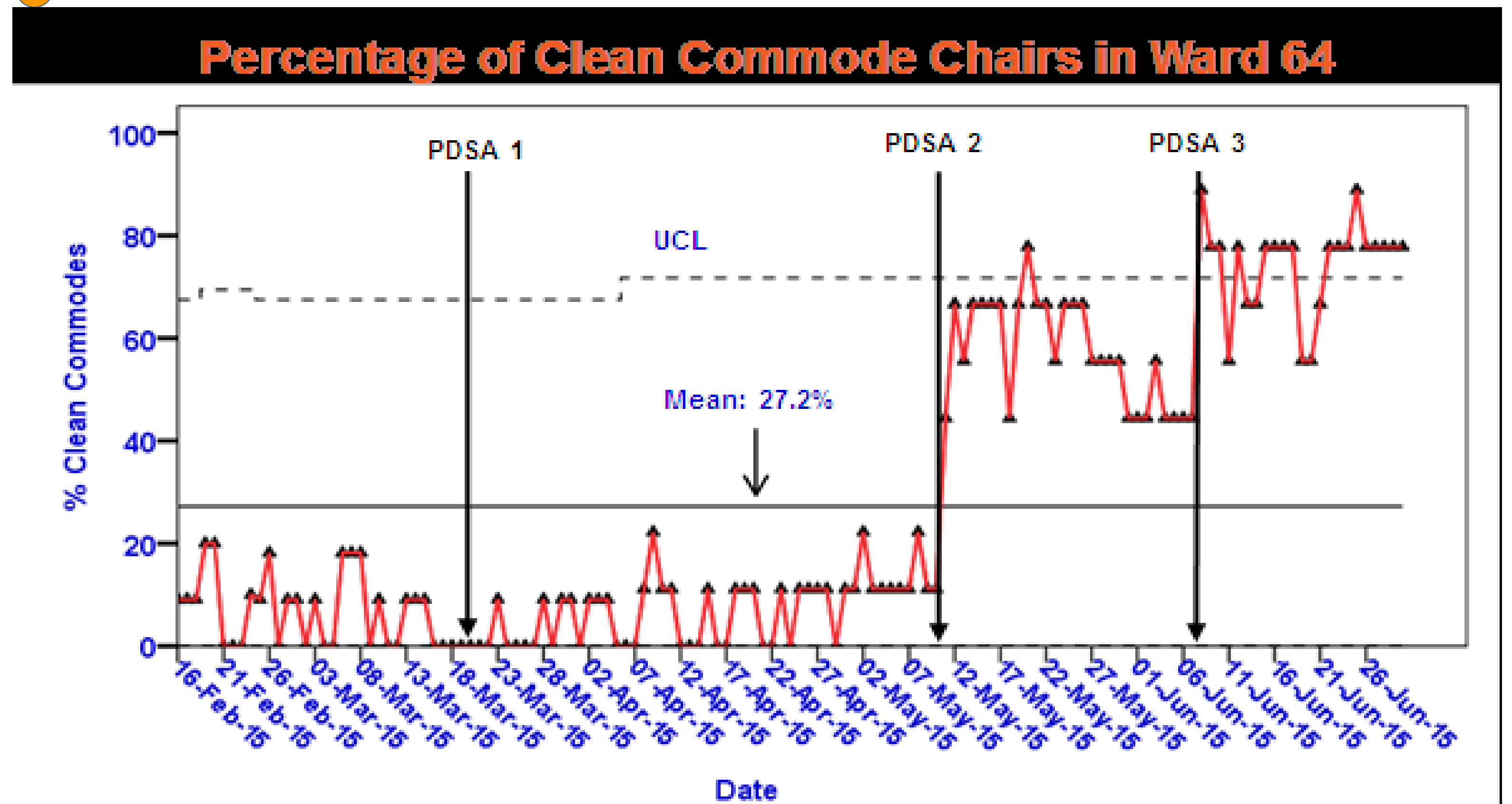
Initial data was collected using fluorescent marker

Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) Cycles were implemented

Collected data was recorded, analyzed and modified accordingly

RESULTS

- Significant increase in percentage of clean commodes from 10% to 72.3%



Zero (0) recorded new case of healthcare-associated CD infection

CONCLUSION

The project helped to significantly improve the compliance to commode cleaning process. Consequently, it has improved infection control practices. Adherence to infection control guidelines translate to improved patient safety. A **multipronged approach** was needed since improving compliance requires a combination of well-planned solutions to produce significant sustained results. **Teamwork** is vital in achieving positive results. **Communication** played an integral part in eliciting change. Staff responded well when engaged in implementing changes. We proposed for the hospital-wide implementation of this initiative which was approved and rolled out in February 2016. This project proves that even the simplest change can create a significant impact.