

Pause for Prosthesis

Project aim

To ensure correct prosthesis are always used (avoiding never events) by adopting a 'Pause for Prosthesis' process.

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Standard Operating procedure

Operating team confirms the following prosthesis/implant characteristics:

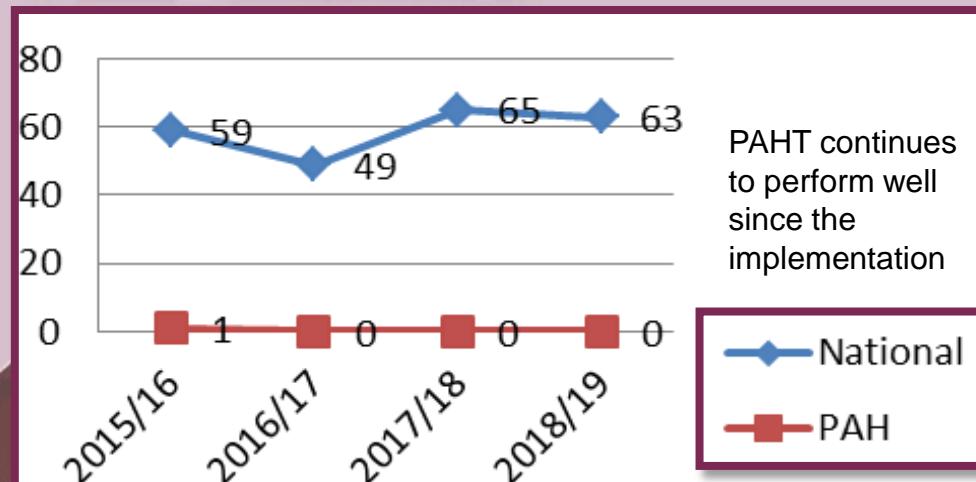
- A. Type, design, style or material
- B. Size
- C. Laterality
- D. Manufacturer
- E. Expiry date
- F. Sterility
- G. Any other required characteristics

This project was implemented following a 'never event' in 2016 and the poster helps share and celebrate our success

The scrub practitioner alerts the surgical team to stop for a verbal and visual check of the prosthesis/implant

Lead surgeon stops and actively engage in checking the packaging.
The surgeon or scrub practitioner reads out ALL the information on the prosthesis/implant packaging for the whole team to hear.
All the surgical team to verify the implant is correct

The 'Pause for Prosthesis' must be followed if the patient is to have an implant/prosthesis inserted in conjunction with the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist.



Monthly Audit Document

The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust

Pause for Prosthesis Audit

DATE	HOSP NO	SPECIALITY	SURGEON	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	ACTIONS	AUDITOR

