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AUDIT ON WAITING TIME IN A TEACHING PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

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Introduction: Waiting time is one of the factors that could affect a patient's satisfaction. A study in the Ministry of Health (MOH) primary care clinic showed the average waiting time from registration to consultation was 41 minutes. In IIUM Family Health Clinic (FHC), we adopt MOH client charter for waiting time. The MOH waiting time for registration, consultation and pharmacy should be less than 15 minutes, 30 minutes and 15 minutes respectively. However, there is no consensus on ideal consultation length. This audit aims to identify patient's waiting time and consultation length in IIUM FHC in order to formulate our own client charter. Materials and Methods: The audit was performed in IIUM FHC from 18th August 2021 until 8th September 2021 using the universal sampling Methods. The waiting time for registration, consultation and pharmacy were manually recorded using timing chits, which were distributed to 300 patients. Results: The average waiting time from arrival to registration was less than one minute for all patients. Meanwhile, the waiting time from registration to consultation varies from 1 to 53 minutes, with an average of 8.52 minutes. From consultation to pharmacy, the waiting time ranges from 1 to 7 minutes, with an average of 1.23 minutes. The average consultation length was 22.4 minutes. Conclusion: The overall waiting time at IIUM FHC is substantially shorter than MOH client charter due to the low patient to doctor's ratio. As a result, a new client charter will be implemented to sustain the excellent service.



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INTRODUCTION

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- In Ministry of Health (MOH) primary care clinic, the average waiting time from registration to consultation was 41 minutes.¹
- In IIUM Family Health Clinic (FHC), we adopt MOH client charter for waiting time.²
- The MOH waiting time 2 for:
 - Registration < 15 minutes
 - Consultation < 30 minutes
 - Pharmacy < 15 minutes
- However, there is no consensus on ideal consultation length.

OBJECTIVE

To identify patient's waiting time and consultation length in IIUM FHC in order to formulate our own client charter.

METHODOLOGY



Duration

 18th August 2021 – 8th September 2021 (3 weeks)

Inclusion Criteria

 All patients who attend IIUM FHC for consultation



Exclusion Criteria

 Patients who come for repeat medication or procedures only

Method

Universal sampling





Too

Timing chits, which were distributed to 300 patients

RESULTS

Waiting time from arrival to registration

 < 1 minute for all patients.

Waiting time from registration to consultation

- 1 to 53 minutes
- Average of 8.75 minutes +/- 7.69

Waiting time from consultation to pharmacy

- 1 to 7 minutes
- Average of 1.38 minutes +/- 1.25

Average consultation time

• 22.4 minutes +/- 15.06

DISCUSSIONS

- 98% of patients achieved the target for waiting time in IIUM FHC.
- Shorter waiting time might increase patient's satisfaction to the service.
- Average consultation time in IIUM FHC is adequate since it is a training centre for postgraduate students.
- Overall waiting time at IIUM FHC is substantially shorter than MOH client charter possibly due to the low patient to doctor's ratio.

CONCLUSION

- A patient satisfaction survey should be planned to correlate with the waiting time finding.
- The current FHC client charter need to be revised to accommodate and sustain the performance from this audit.

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