

Early Utilization of Palliative Care in the Emergency Department

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Practice Problem

Patients present to Emergency Department:

- With known terminal illness
- With no further disease directed therapeutic options

OR

- Already on hospice

Clinical Question

Does the implementation of Emergency Department Palliative Care Trigger Tool (EDPCTT) increase the number of referral rates by 20% in the ED within 8 weeks?

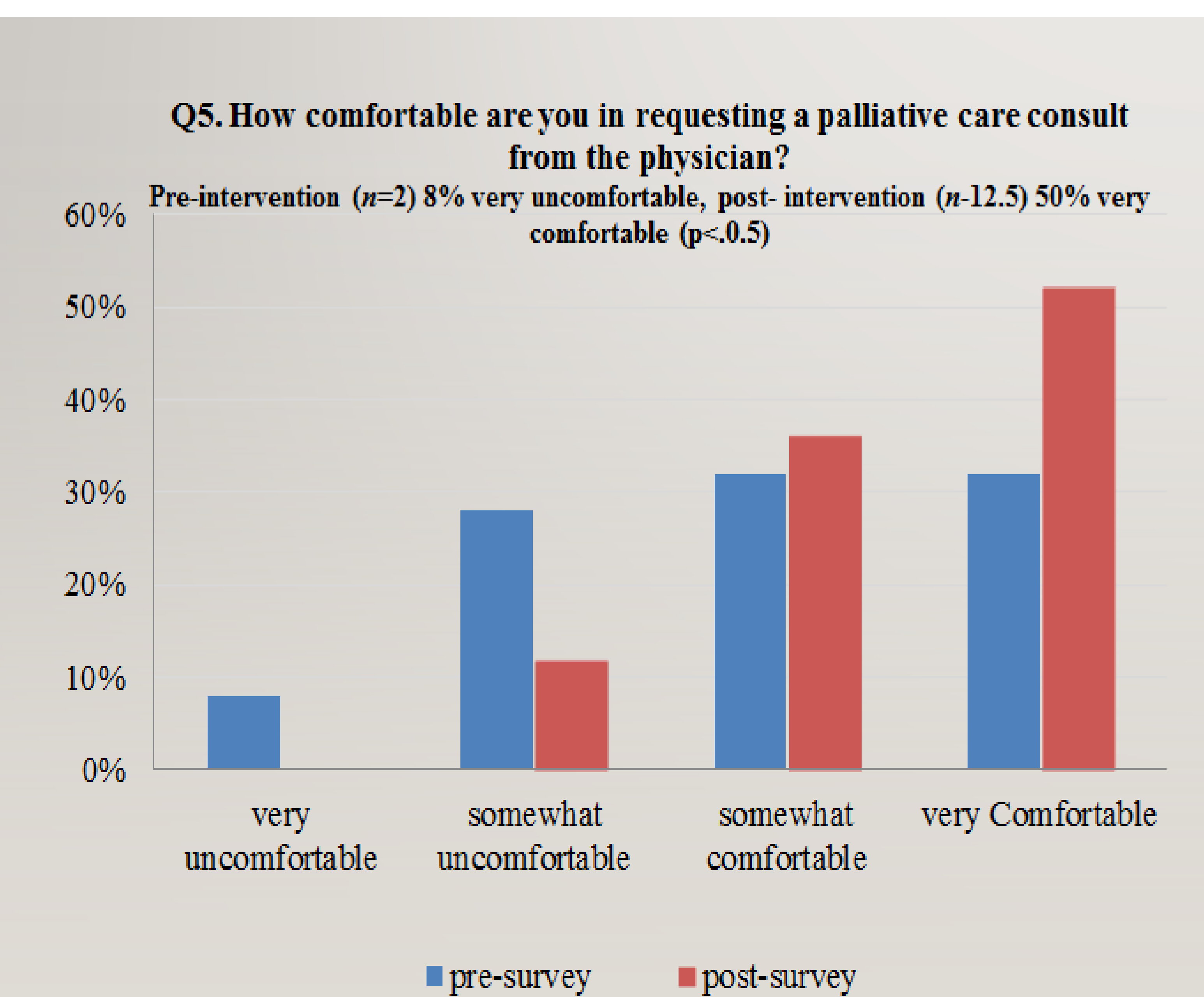
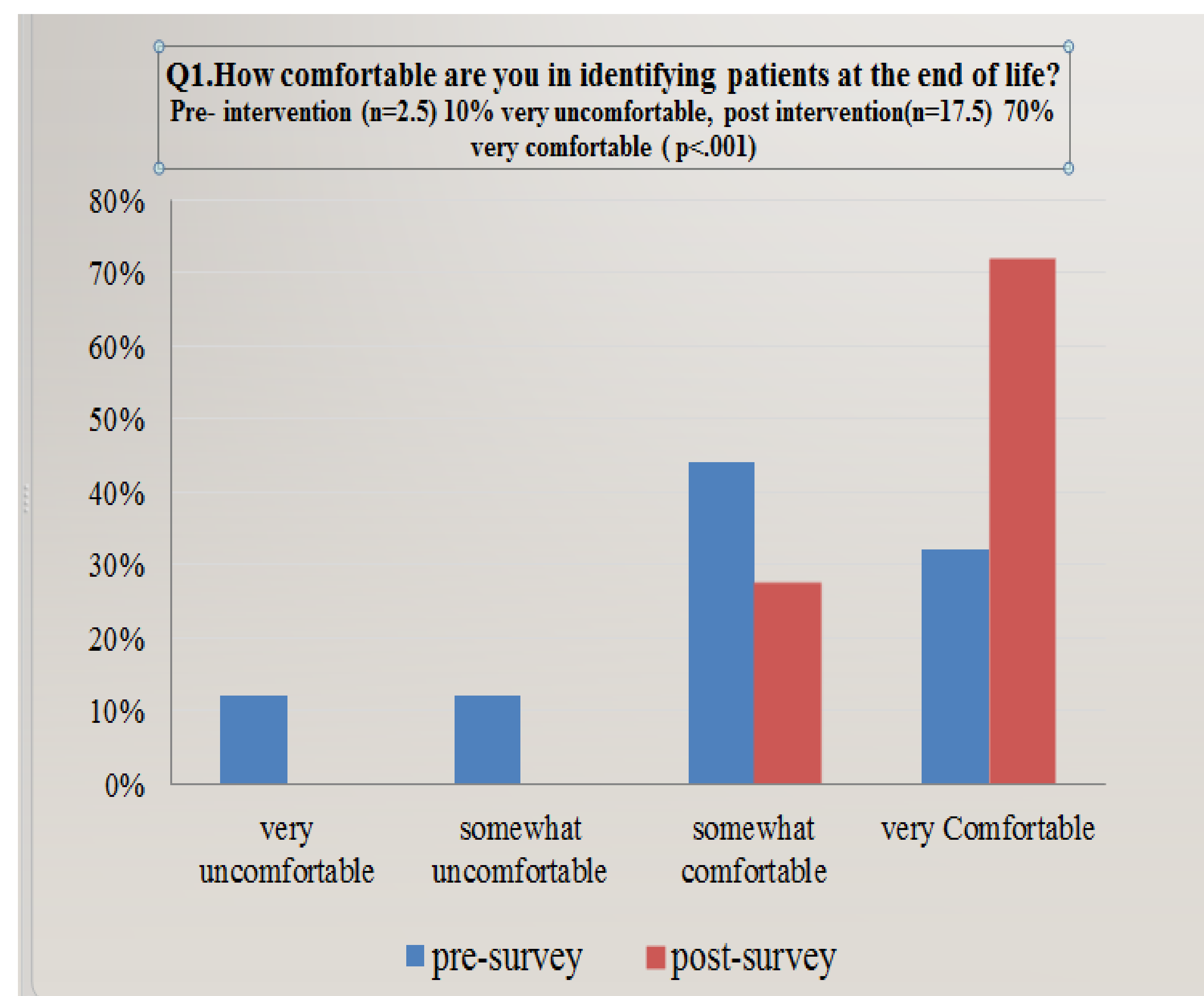
Methodology

Aim: Increase the knowledge base of ED providers regarding palliative care

Methods: Pre-education survey, provided education on Emergency Department Palliative Care Trigger Tool, conducted post-education survey

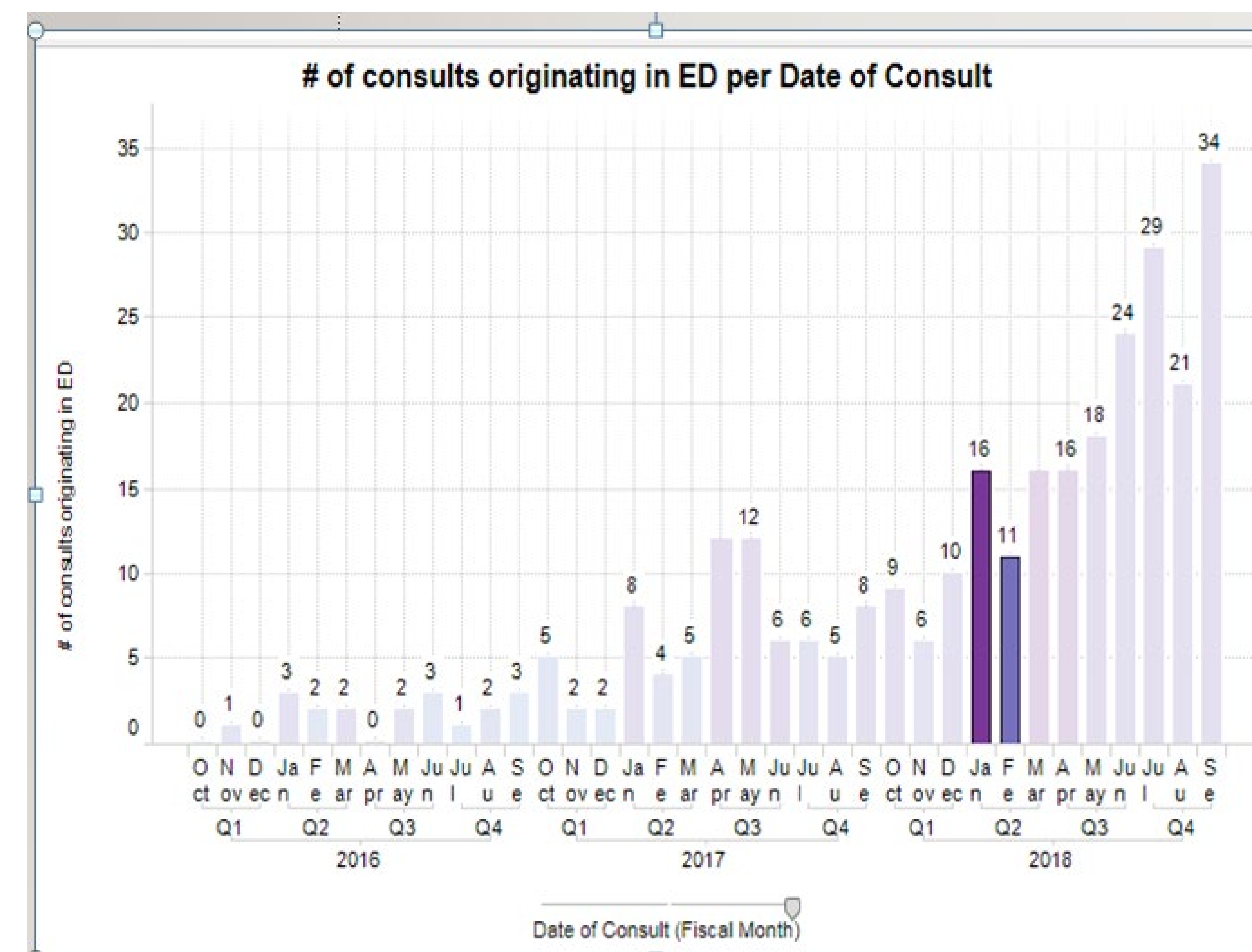
Evaluation: Review comfort and knowledge questionnaires
Review palliative care consultation from ED

Results



Conclusions

Integration of Palliative Care Trigger Tool in the ED increased number of palliative care consults from the Emergency Department.



Benefits of Early Palliative Care

- Improvement of Quality Of Life
- Patient centered care
- Timely Symptom Management
- Decreased length of hospital stay
- Compassionate Diversions
- Decreased hospital mortality rates
- Hospital Cost Savings

