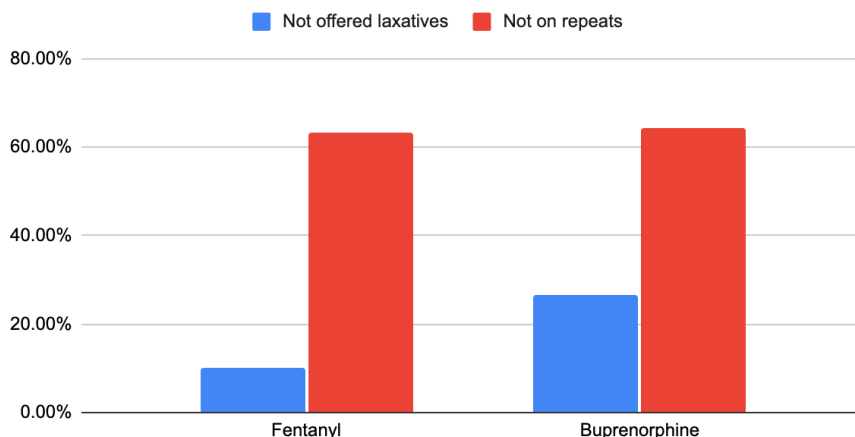


Quality Improvement Project Opioid patches & Laxative Use

Initial data collection; Jan 2021

January 2021 Patients Not offered laxatives and Not on repeat



Suggested Changes:

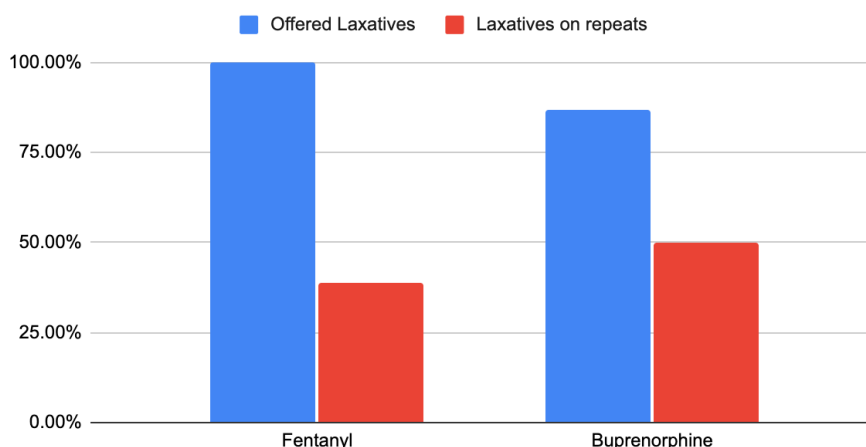
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2. Increase the number of patients who have laxatives on repeats when on a slow release opioid patch **by 10% by the end of march 2021**

Changes that were implemented

1. Offering laxatives and documenting this in the notes for all those on patches when reviewing the patient
2. Using the tab on the patient home screen or pop up for prescribing patches to suggest breakthrough analgesia and to prescribe laxatives

Repeat data collection March 2021 Findings:

March 2021 Patients who were offered laxatives and had them on repeats



Did we reach our targets?

1. Increase the number of patients who are offered laxatives when on slow release patch opioids by **10% by the end of march 2021 = YES**
2. Increase the number of patients who have laxatives on repeats when on a slow release opioid patch **by 10% by the end of march 2021= NOT QUITE**

Those who had laxatives on repeats increased by *2% for fentanyl* and *14% for buprenorphine*