

Emergency Gynae Clinic at VHK Fife during Covid Times
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Background

- Covid 19 pandemic
- Victoria Hospital. NHS Fife, has an evolving Emergency Gynaecology service
- In 2020 the schedule of almost all Gynaecology out-patient clinics was heavily impacted
- we wished to look at whether the presentations to our Emergency Gynaecology clinic could be better managed through alternative appointments

OBJECTIVES

- To assess use of Emergency Gyn Clinic as one stop service.
- Senior input / consultant support
- To come up with solutions to help utilise this service as one stop service

Referral criteria

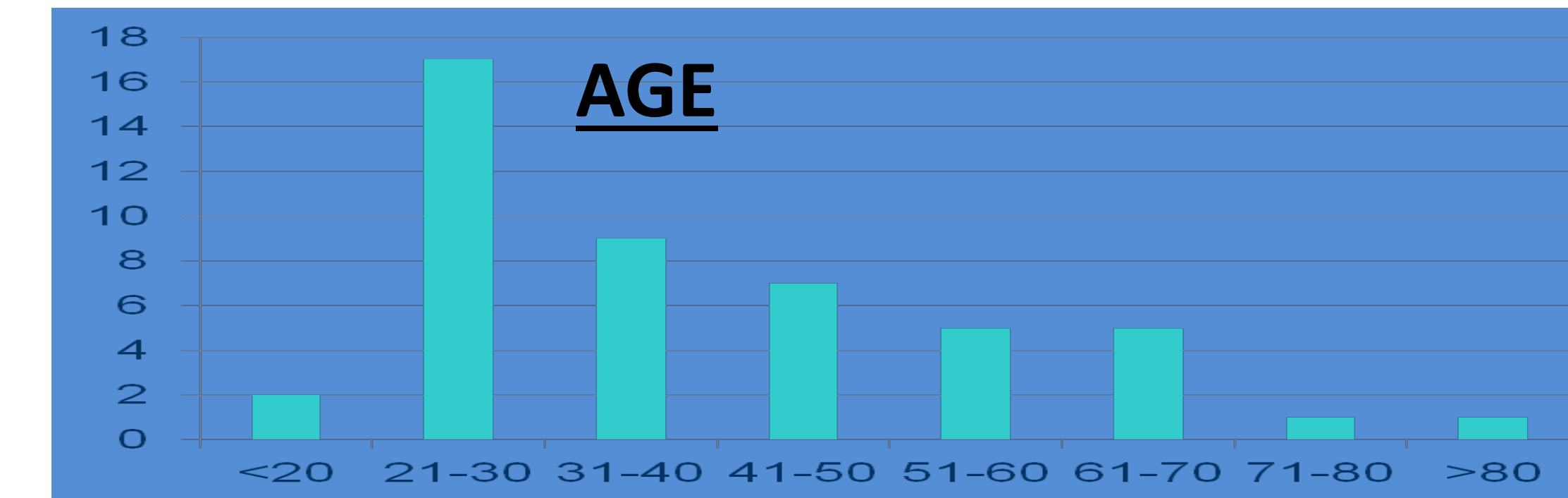
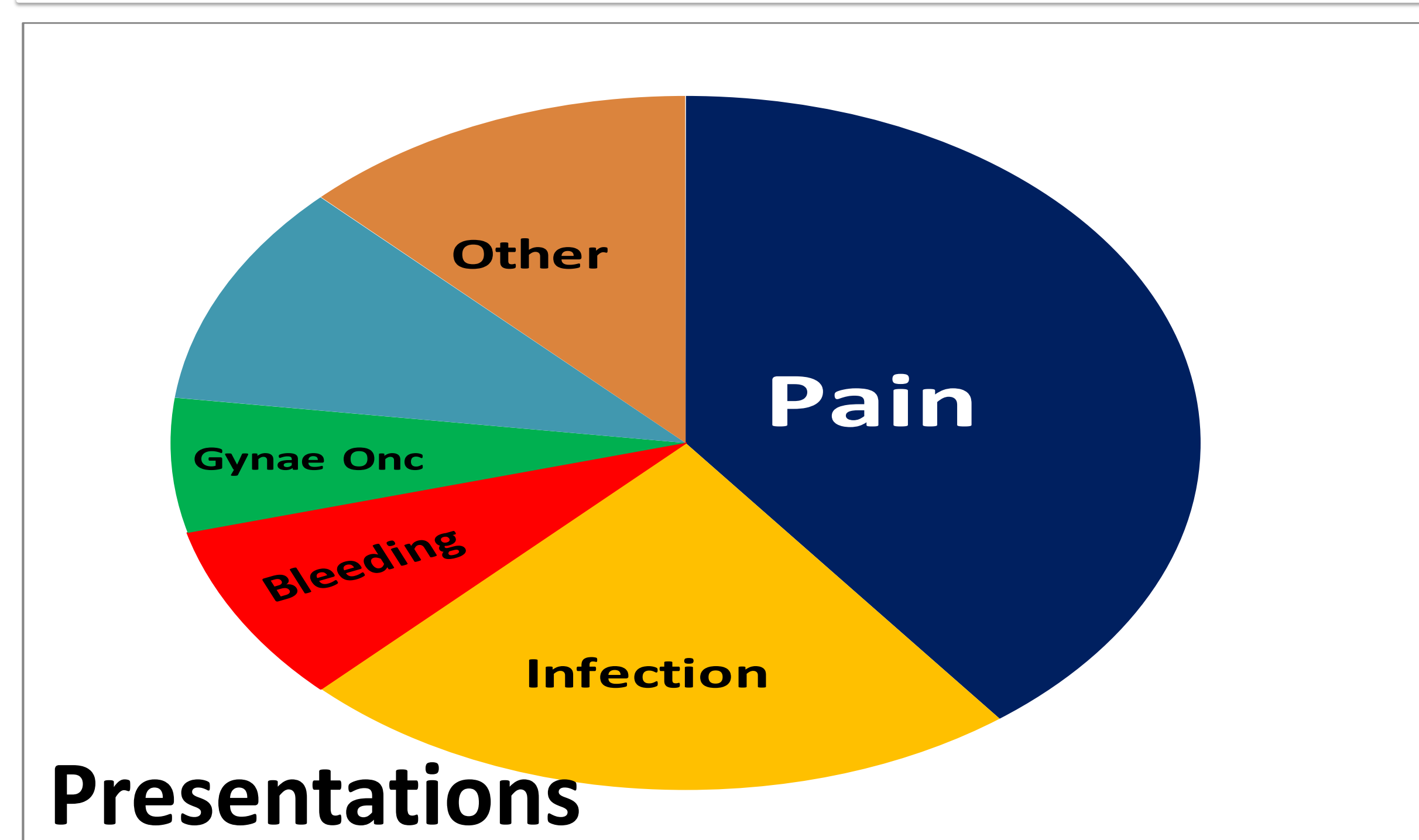
- Symptoms/signs of condition needing urgent treatment
- Acute enough to not be able to wait for an OP appointment.
- Triaged by consultant on call and gynae nurse practitioner

Methods

- Prospective
- Referrals in Feb, July and August 2020
- Data collected from audit questioners and Emergency Gyn Clinic book

AUDIT DATA

- 48 patients – February, (COVID Pandemic), July and August 2020
- Demographics – Age. Referral source
- Number of referrals per day 2-4
- 13 cases brought back re-appointments
- Presentation
- Outcome
- Case reviews
- Solutions



Investigations

- 95% of patients had blood tests done
- 11% had microbiology investigations
- 46% of cases had bedside Ultrasound Scan
- 27% had departmental scan and 4% had CT scan

OUTCOME

- All patients seen within 24hrs of referral
- Majority of referrals were appropriate.
- 35(48)73% seen, and discharged on the same day
- 6% required surgical management
- 21% follow up gynae clinic outpatient appointment

Conclusion

- Consultant input was vital for accepting cases and management options
- Bed side ultrasound (if done by consultant) was perfect management as one stop service.
- Consultant supervision providing excellent opportunities for teaching and education
- Most follow up cases was mainly review following ultrasound scan

Recommendation

- If urgent U/S is required – discuss with consultant on call.
- If follow up appt need in emergency gynae clinic should seek consultant advice.
- Consider Telephonic clinic appointment
- Patient satisfaction survey
- Re-audit