

AIM STATEMENT

**TO REDUCE ACCESS-RELATED INFECTION BY
1% IN 6 MONTHS**

WHY PROJECT IS IMPORTANT

- Reduce hospitalization rate
- Decrease mortality rate
- Reduce recurrent access-related infections
- More cost-effective

CHANGES BEING IMPLEMENTED

- Continuous patient education (I)
- Actively promoting washing of access pre and post treatment (I)
- Aggressively implementing hand washing of patients and staffs (I)
- Immediate referral of patients to vascular surgeon/access center for access problems (I)
- Referral of new patients without long term permanent access to vascular surgeon within 1 month of admission (I)

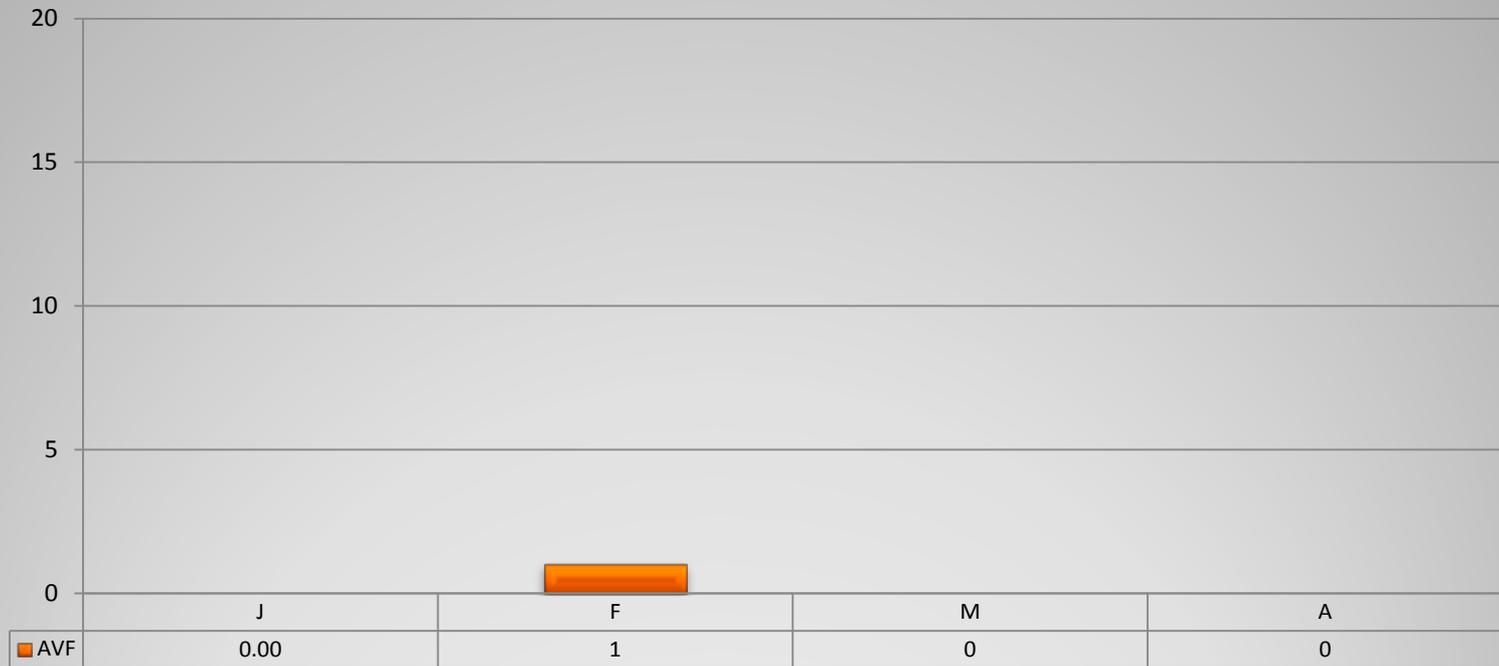
CHANGES BEING TESTED

- Collaborate with renal clinic for promoting creation of long term permanent access prior to ESRD stage (T)
- Promote fistula-first (T)

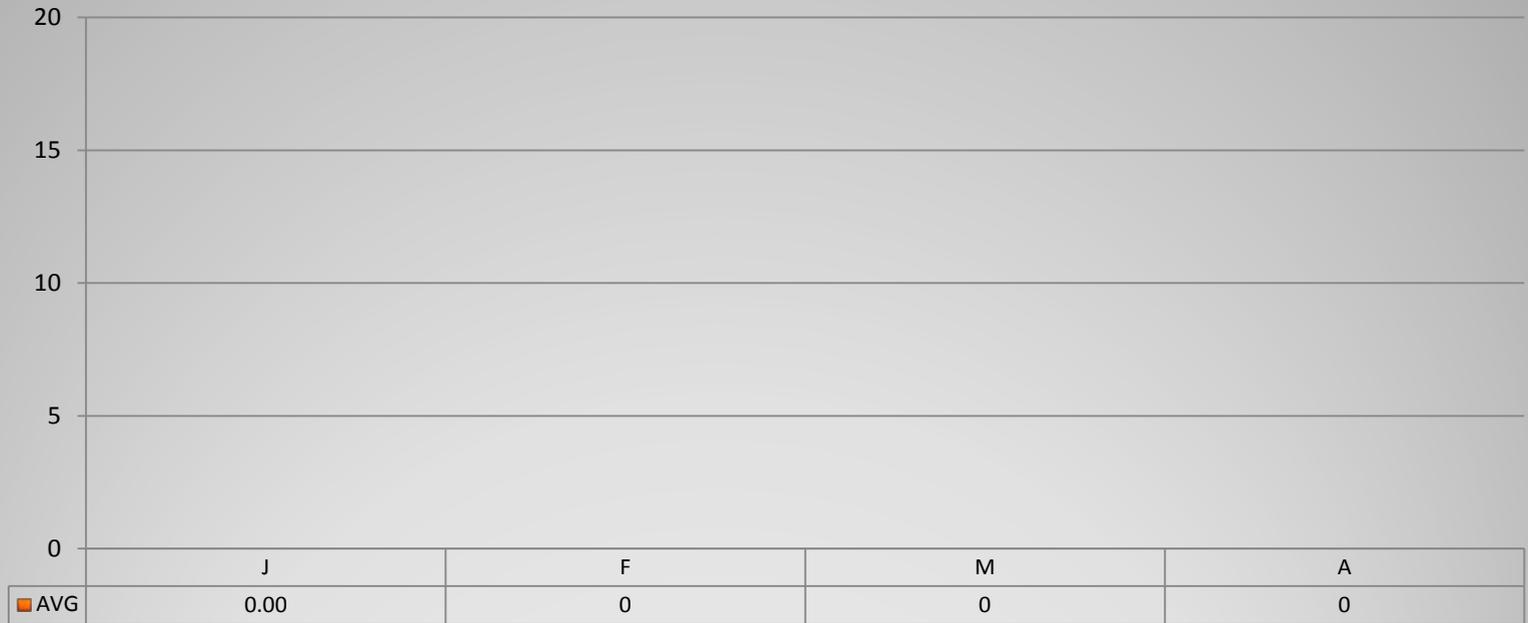
CHANGES BEING SCHEDULED

- Lobby-days giving out hand-outs on selected topics each month (S)
- Patient-area bulletin board displays educational topics each month (S)

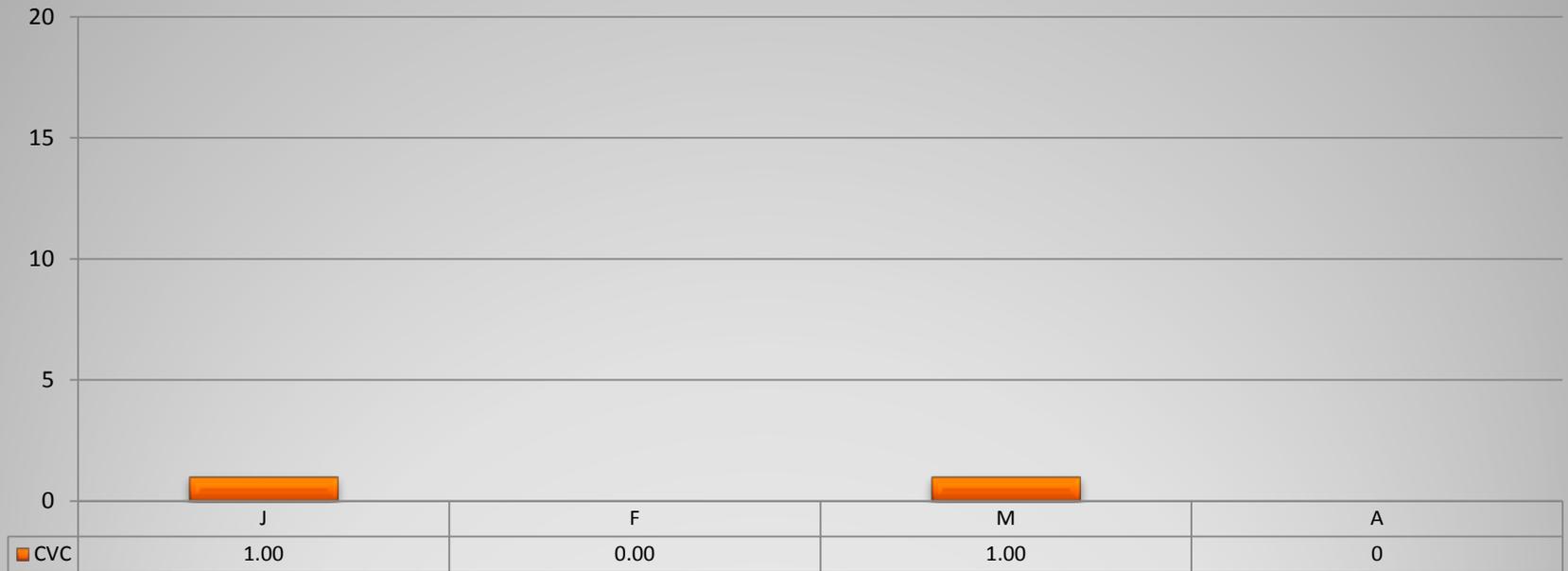
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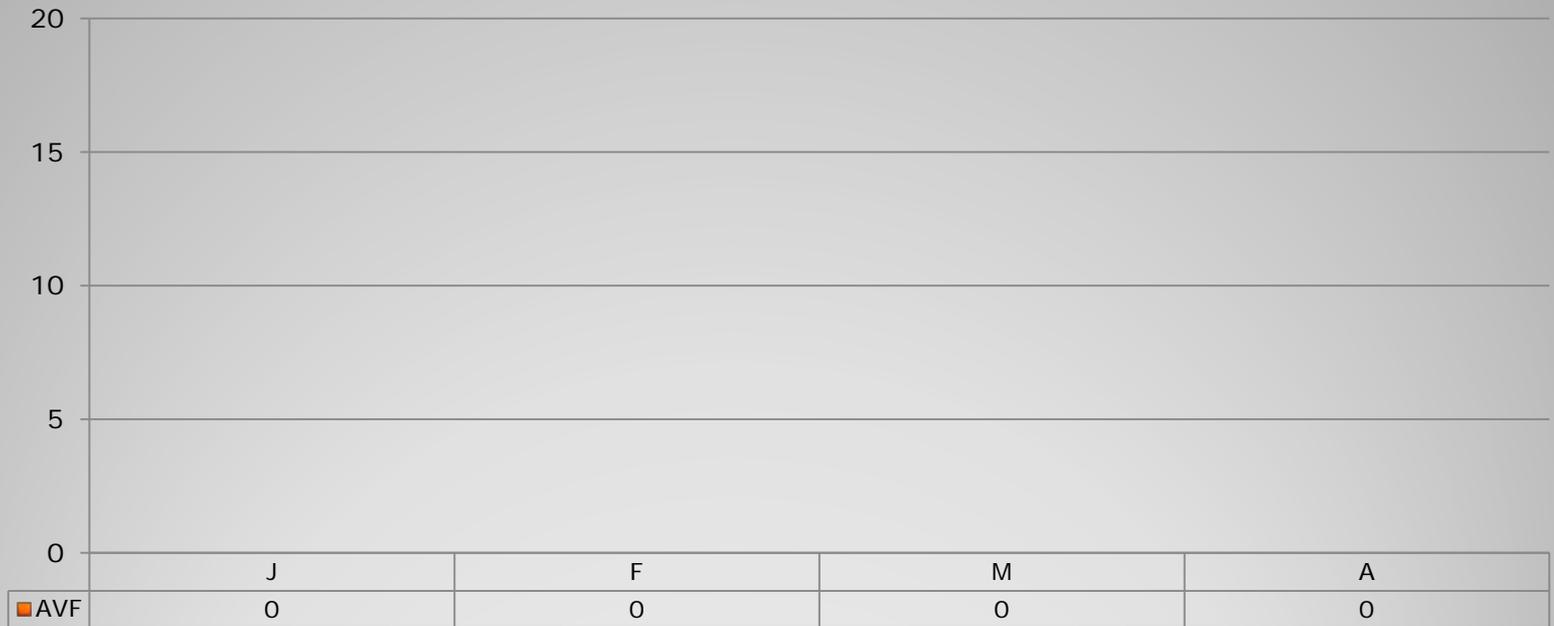
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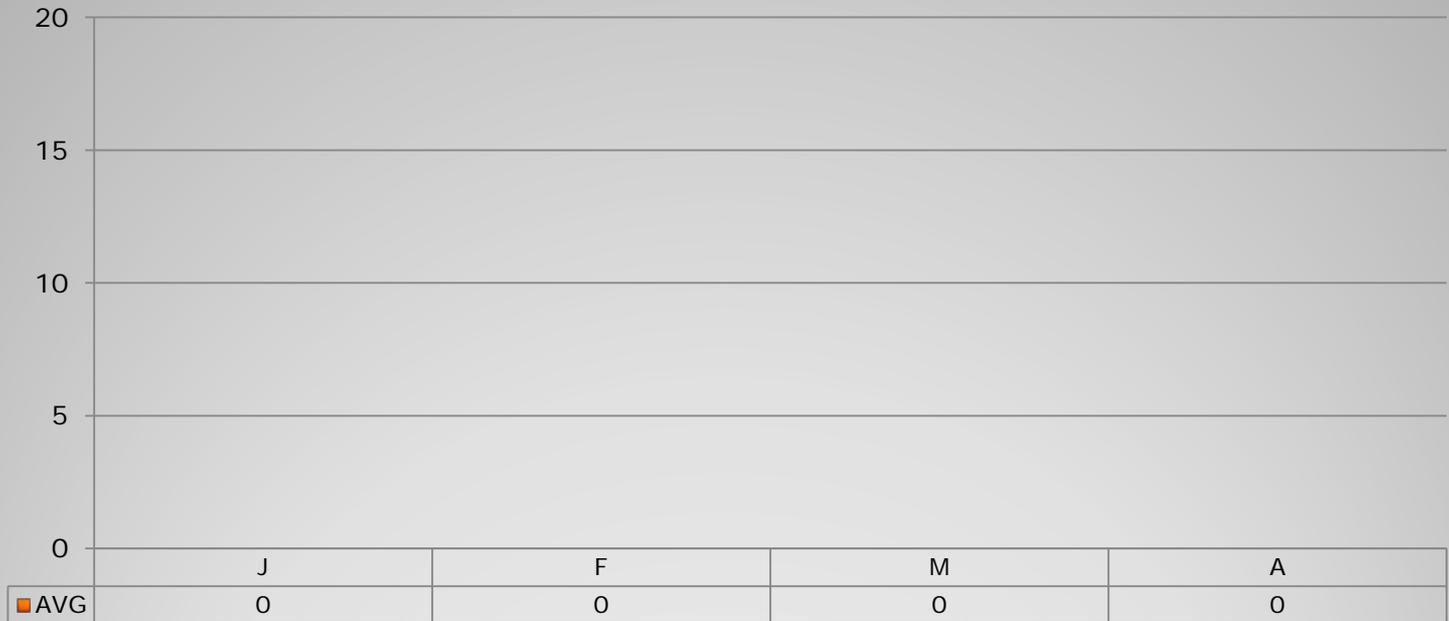
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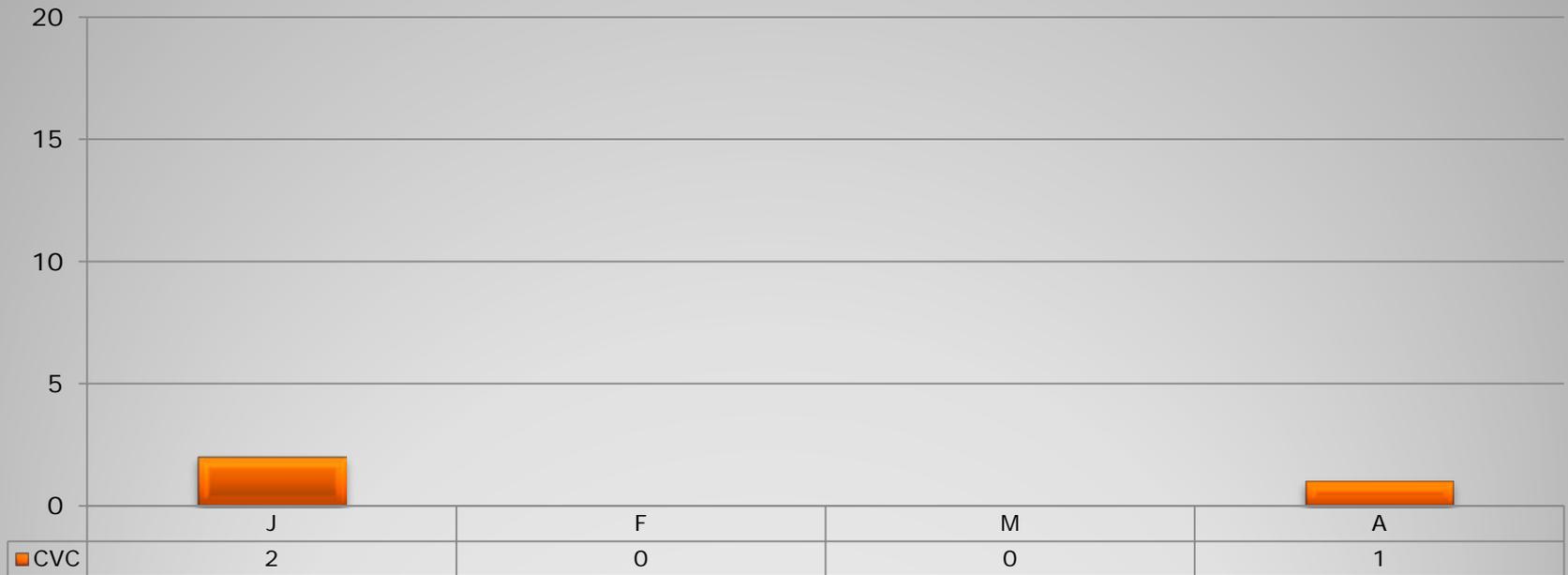
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Lessons learned

- Acceptance and cooperation of patients and staffs for the program to succeed
- Collaboration of all disciplines is very essential
- Empowering patients and staffs make a difference

Recommendations and next steps

- Continue implementation of all the measures started and support of the management is imperative
- Evaluate in 6 months (if successful)

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