

Analysis of SaQushal: Learning and Way Forward



Burden of Unsafe Care

Unsafe care is
a significant
global Public
Health issue

More than 1 in
10 patients
experience
harm in the
medical care
setting

The burden of
unsafe care is
disproportion
ally high in
LMICs.

Estimates show
134 million
adverse events
in LMIC
hospitals every
year,
contributing 2.6
million deaths.

Diagnostic
error
contributes
approx. 16%
of preventable
harms

Patient Safety Framework 2018-2025

- Improvement of structural systems for Quality and safety
- Assessment and reporting of adverse events
- Ensure a competent and capable workforce
- Prevent and control health-care-associated infections.
- Strengthening Patient Safety across all programmes.
- Promote patient safety research.



Journey for Patient Safety In India

Organised webinar on importance of Patient Safety

- National webinar on Patient Safety
- Pledge administration
- Healthcare worker safety charter signed

- National webinar on Patient Safety
- Launch of
 - Operational Guidelines 2021
 - MusQan programme

- National webinar on Patient Safety
- Launch of SaQushal Self-Assessment Toolkit

- National webinar on Patient Safety
- Launch of IEC material on Patient Engagement
- Recognition of pt safety champions

- National Celebration of World Patient Safety Day
- Pt Safety Coffeetable 2023

1 Patient Safety: a global health priority

3 Safe maternal and newborn care

5 Engaging Patients for Patient Safety

2019



2021



2023



2020



2022



2024



2 Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety

4 Medication Safety

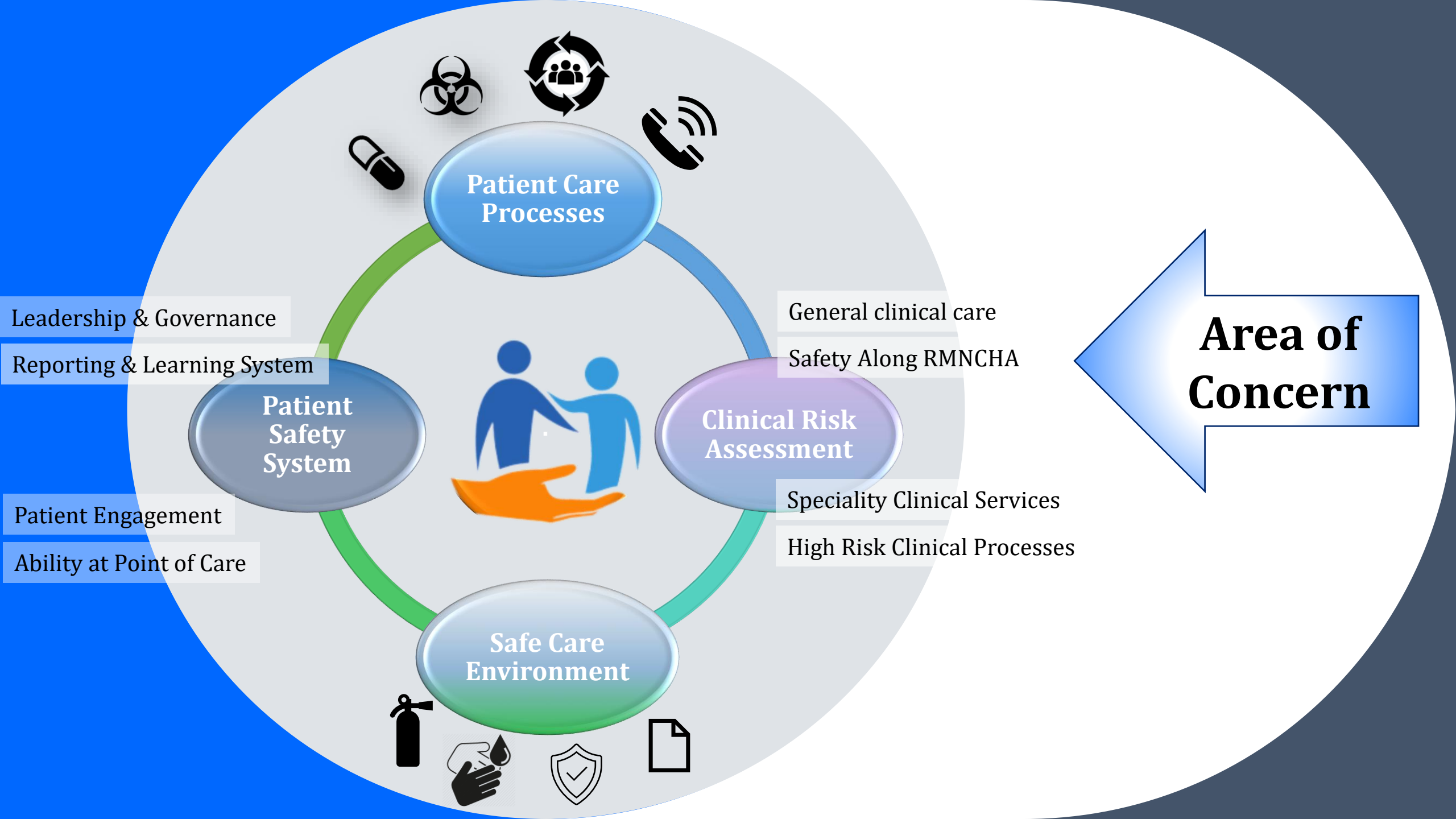
6 Diagnostic Safety

SaQushal

Safety and Quality: Self-Assessment Tool for Health Facilities

- SaQushal was launched on World Patient Safety Day 2022.
- Self Assessment Tool which will assess the facility from a **patient safety perspective.**
- Applicable to **District Hospitals for now.**
- Builds staff capacity in patient safety through best practices and **involves patients and communities in decision-making.**





Conduct of the assessment at the facility

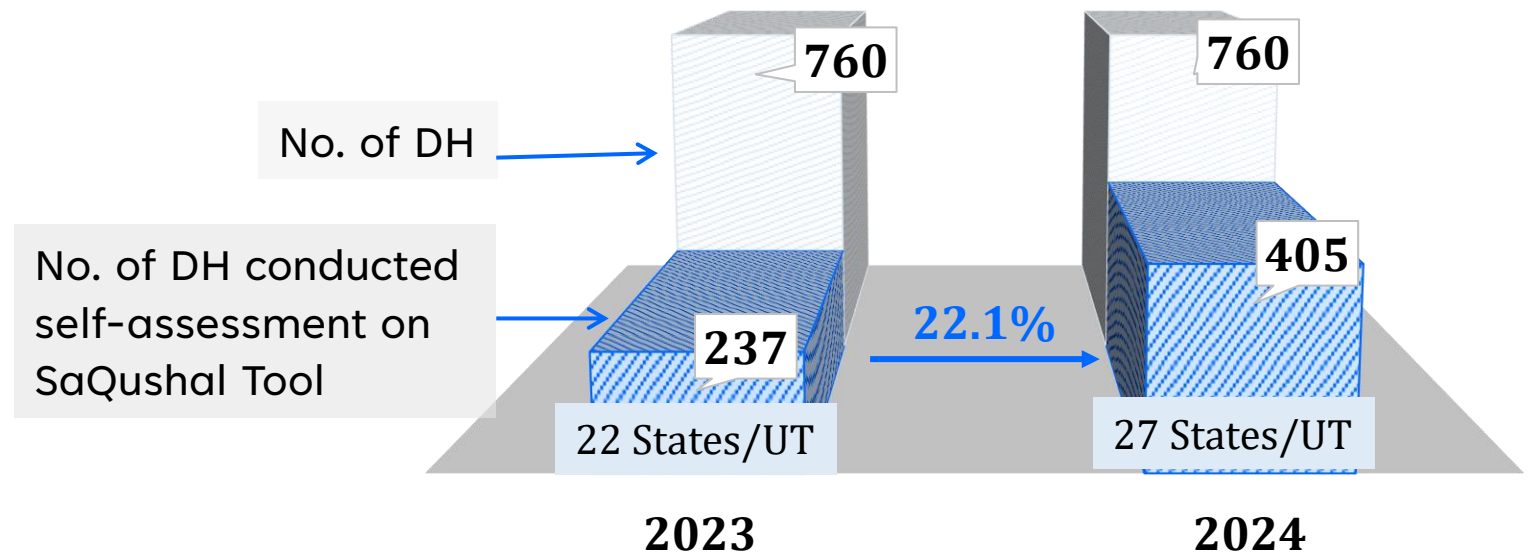


Activities on Patient Safety Day

Self Assessment of District Hospitals all over the country on the SaQushal Tool

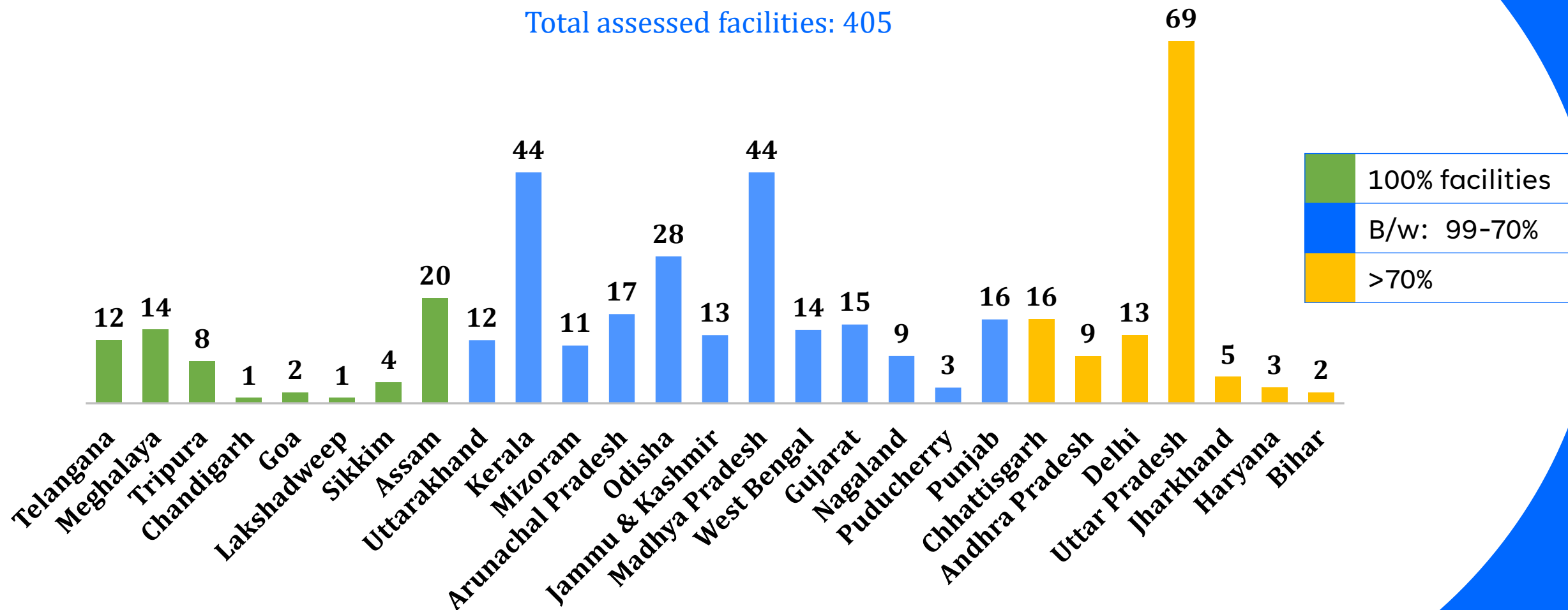
Activity initiated in
2023

INCREASE IN SELF ASSESSMENT IN LAST TWO YEARS



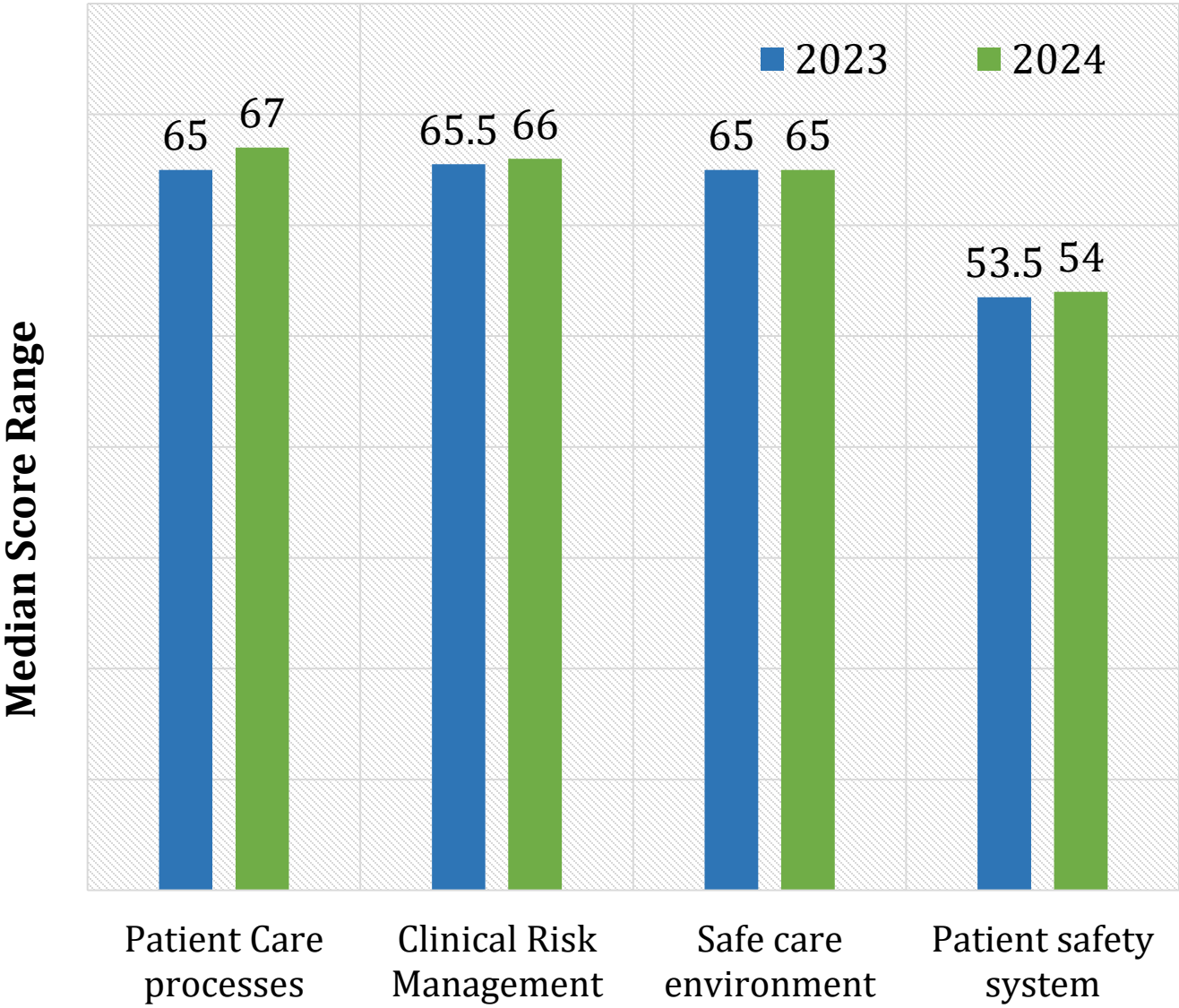
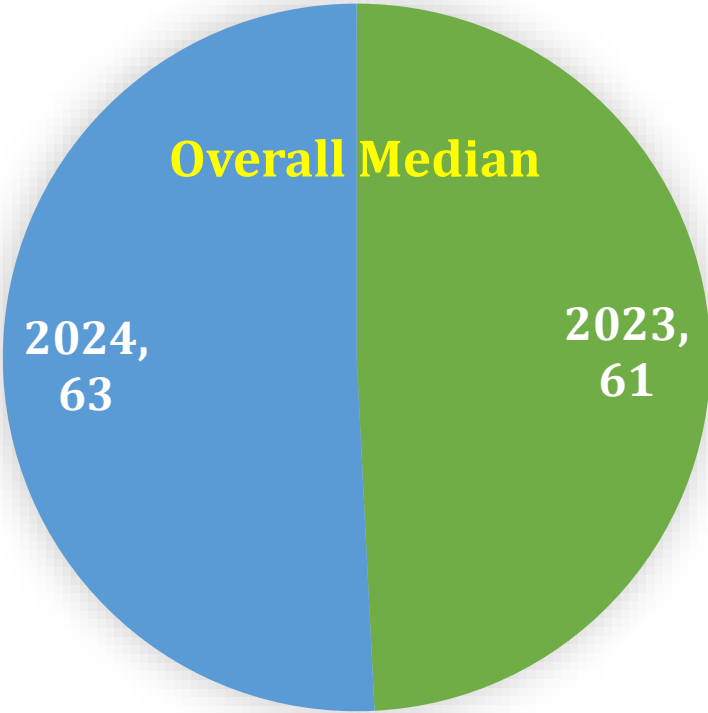
State wise DH Assessed under SaQushal

Total assessed facilities: 405



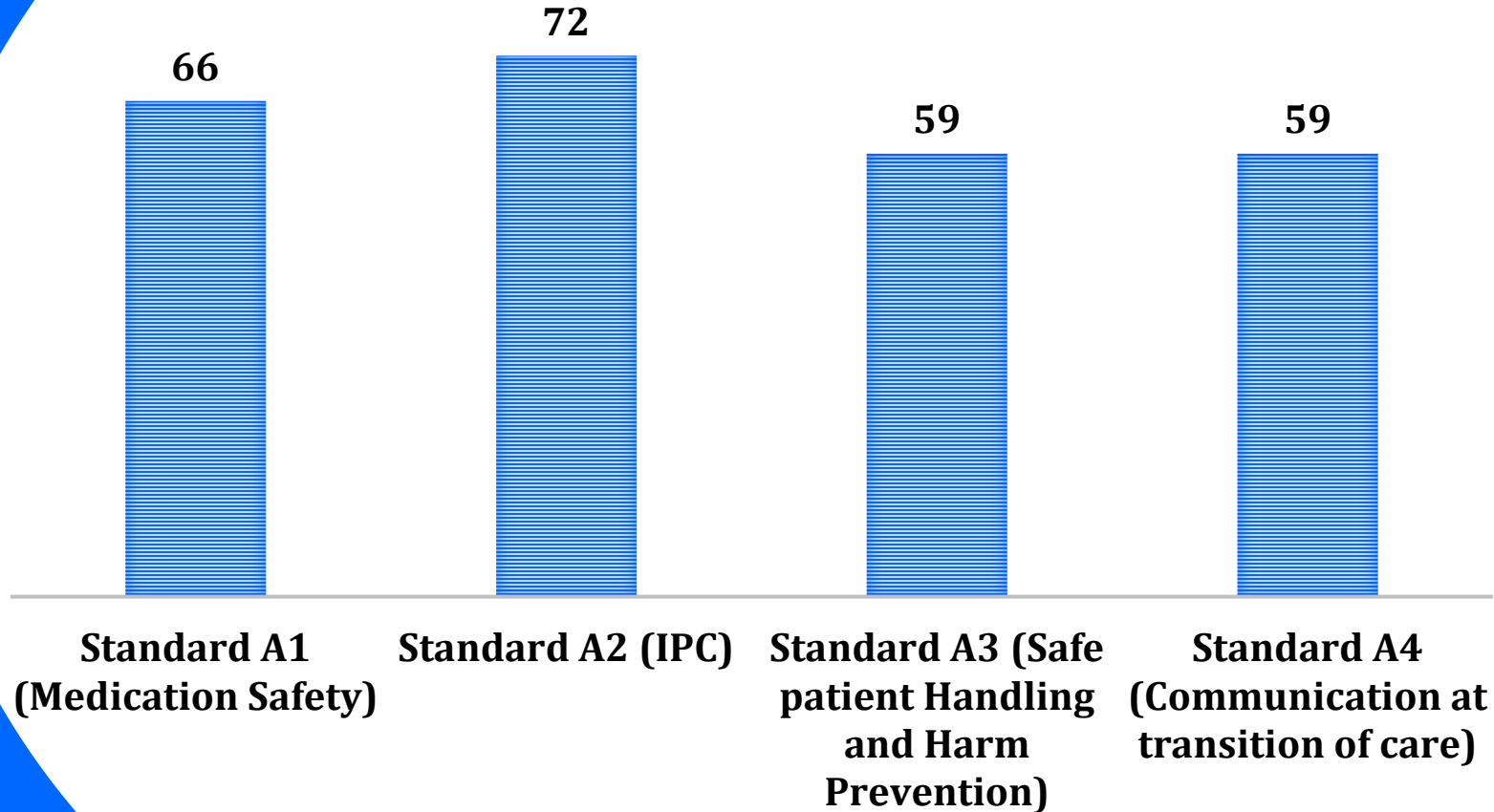
As of 12th September 2024, Data from 27 States/UTs

Comparative Analysis of Scores- 2023 & 2024

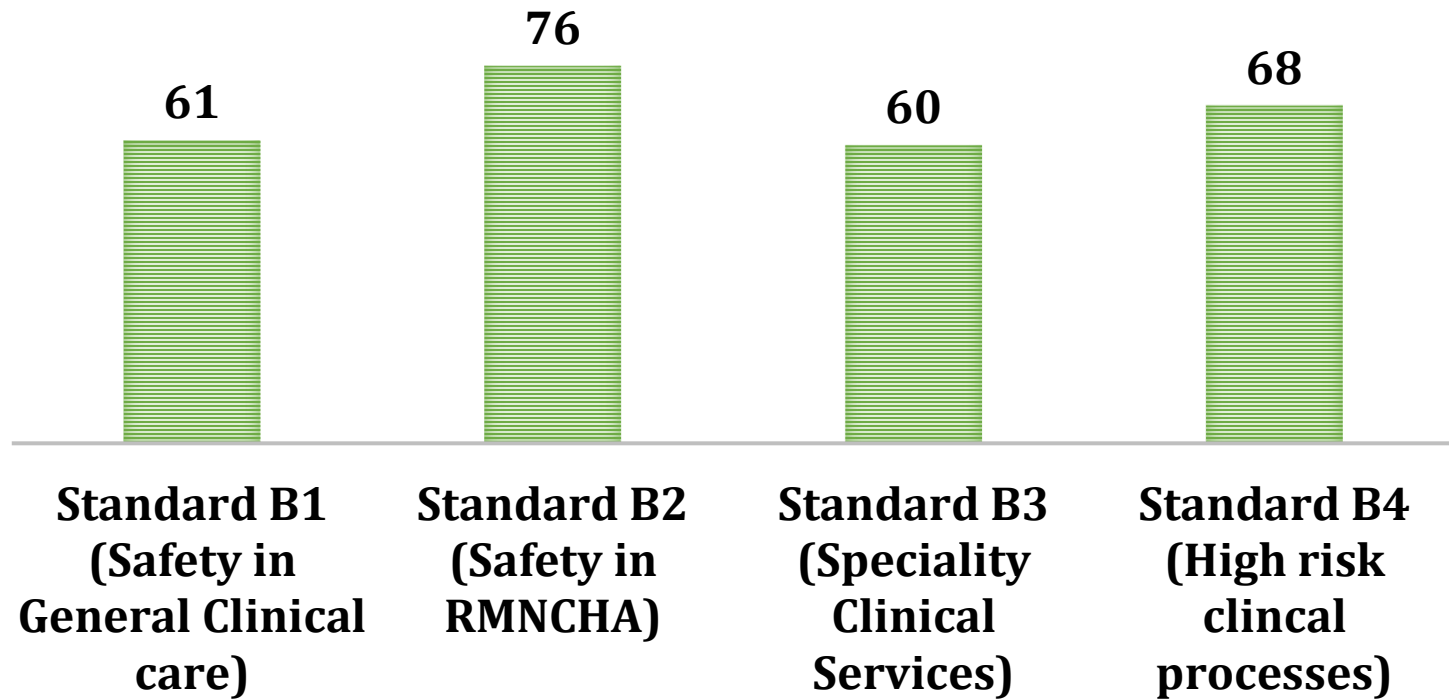


Total assessed facilities: Year 2024= 405 Year 2023= 237

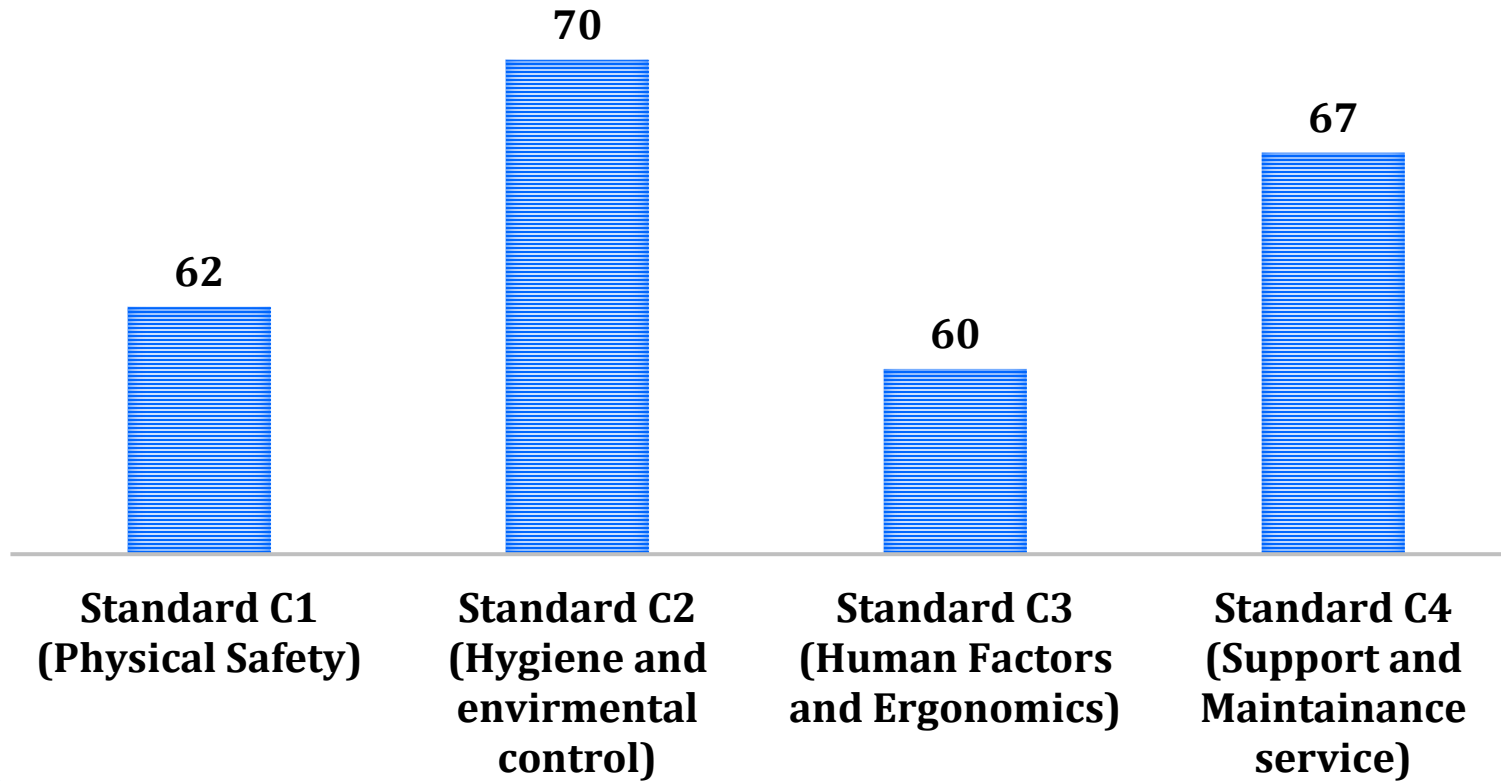
Scores of Area of Concern A (Patient Care Processes)



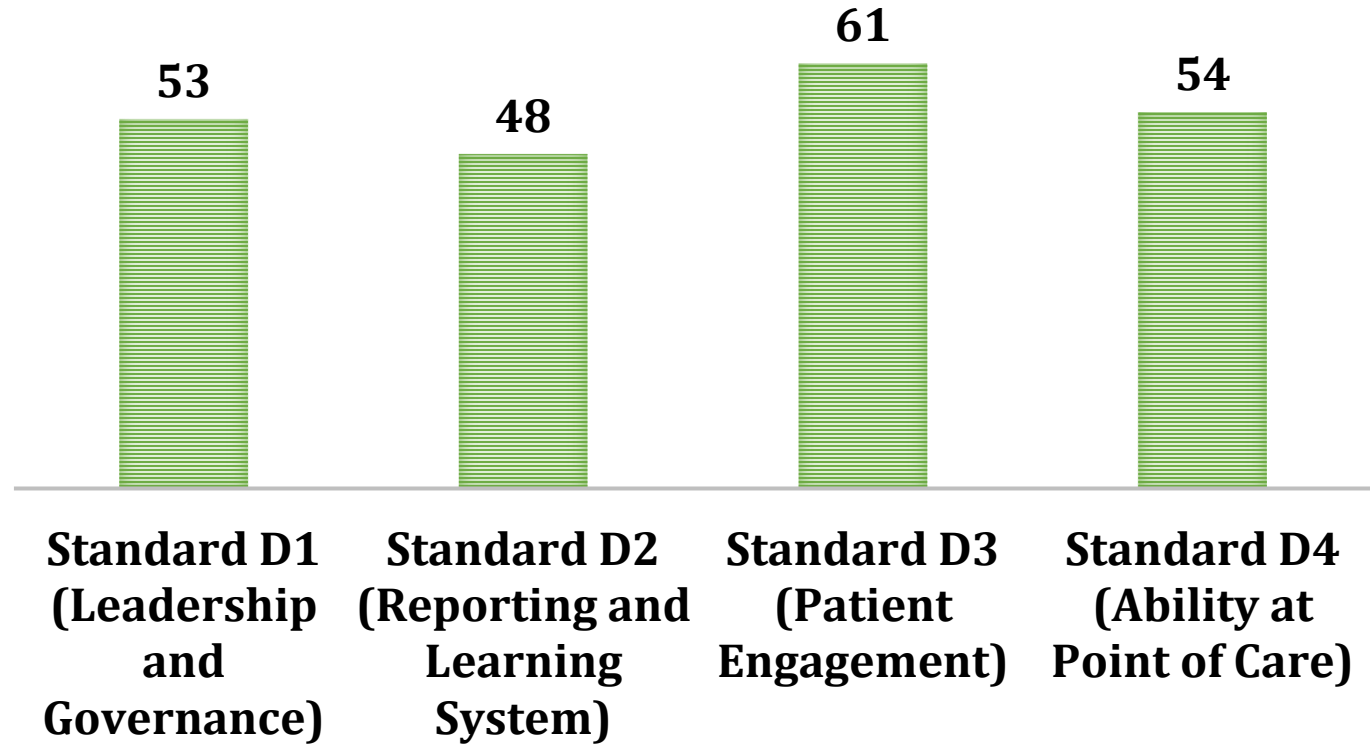
Scores of Area of Concern B (Clinical Risk Management)



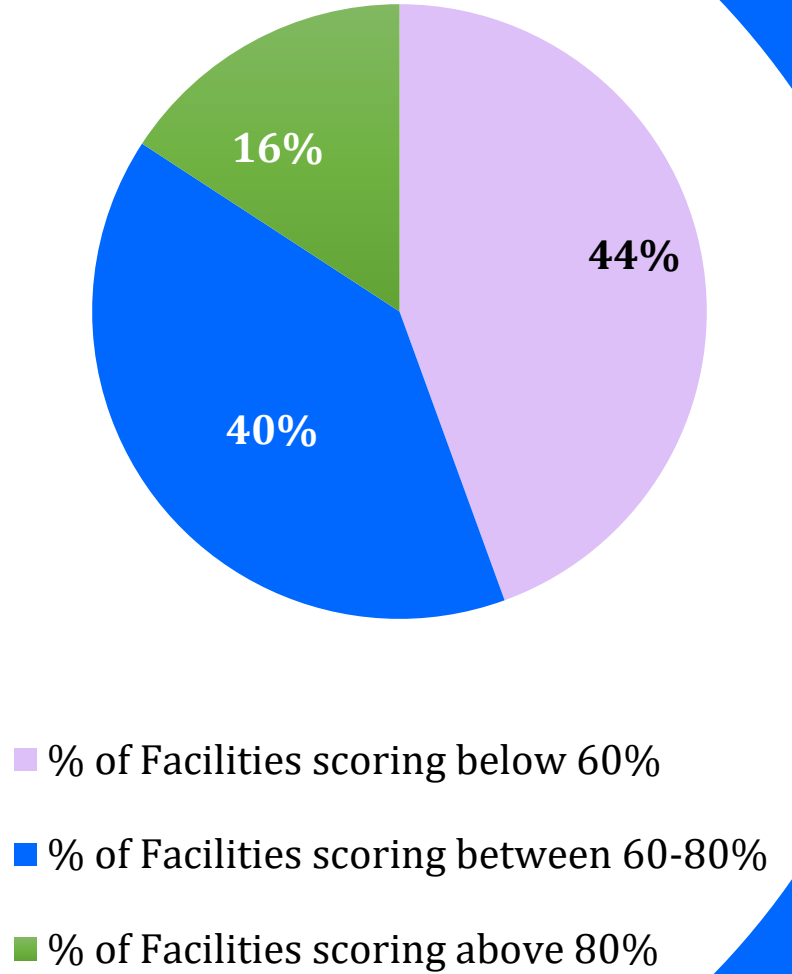
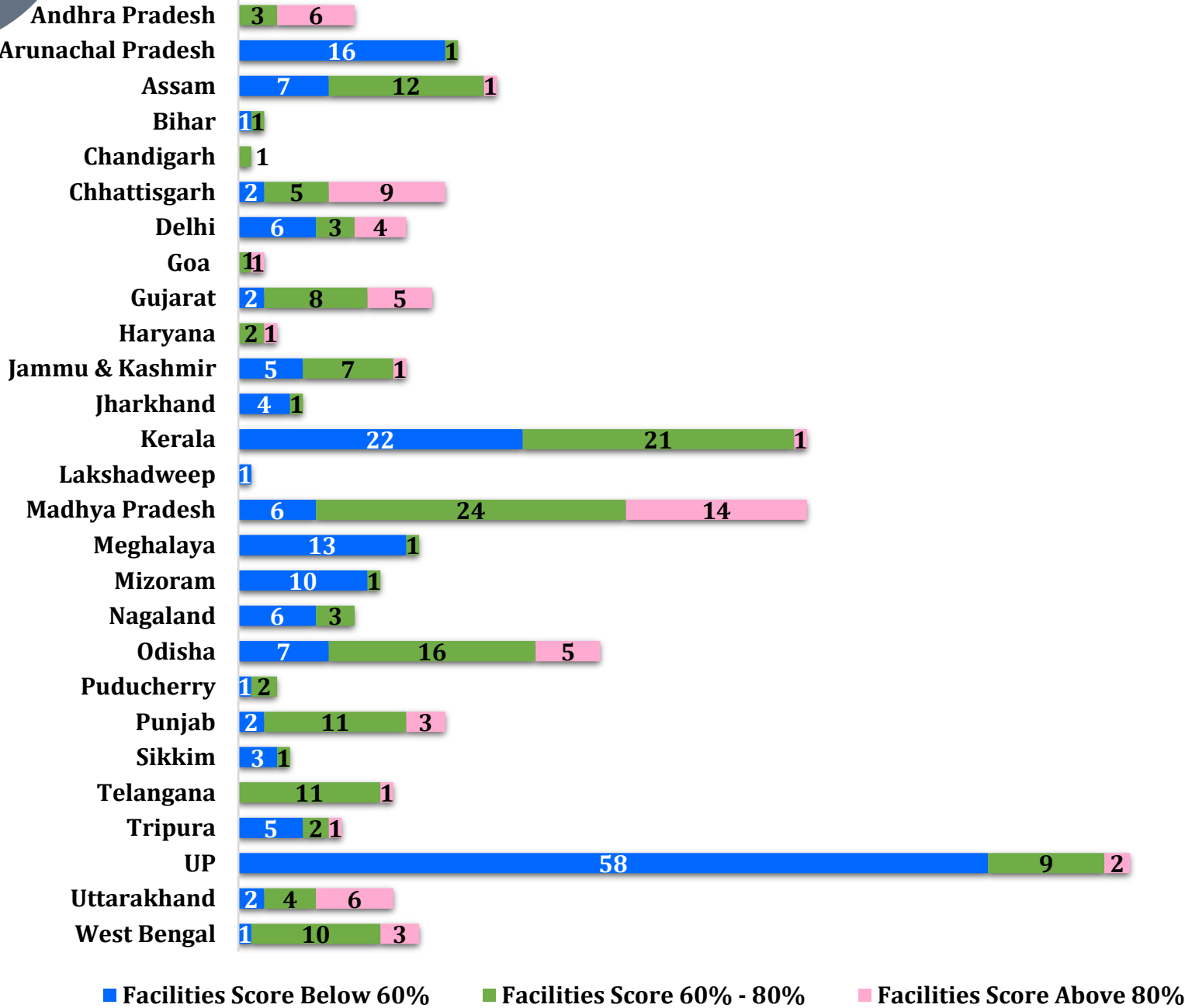
Scores of Area of Concern C (Safe Care Environment)



Scores of Area of Concern D (Patient Safety System)



Facilities as per SaQushal Scores

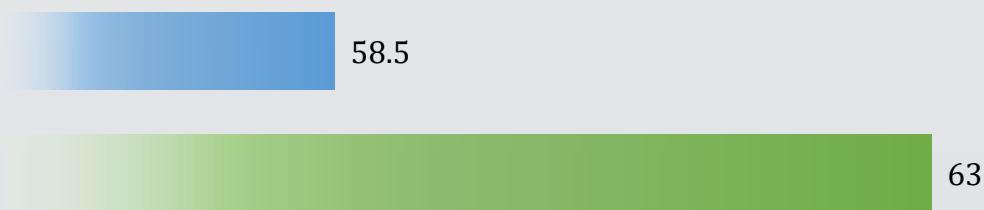


NQAS certified VS non-certified facilities

Total Assessed District Hospitals via SaQushal: 405

No. of Facilities NQAS Certified	No. Of Facilities Not Certified
101	304

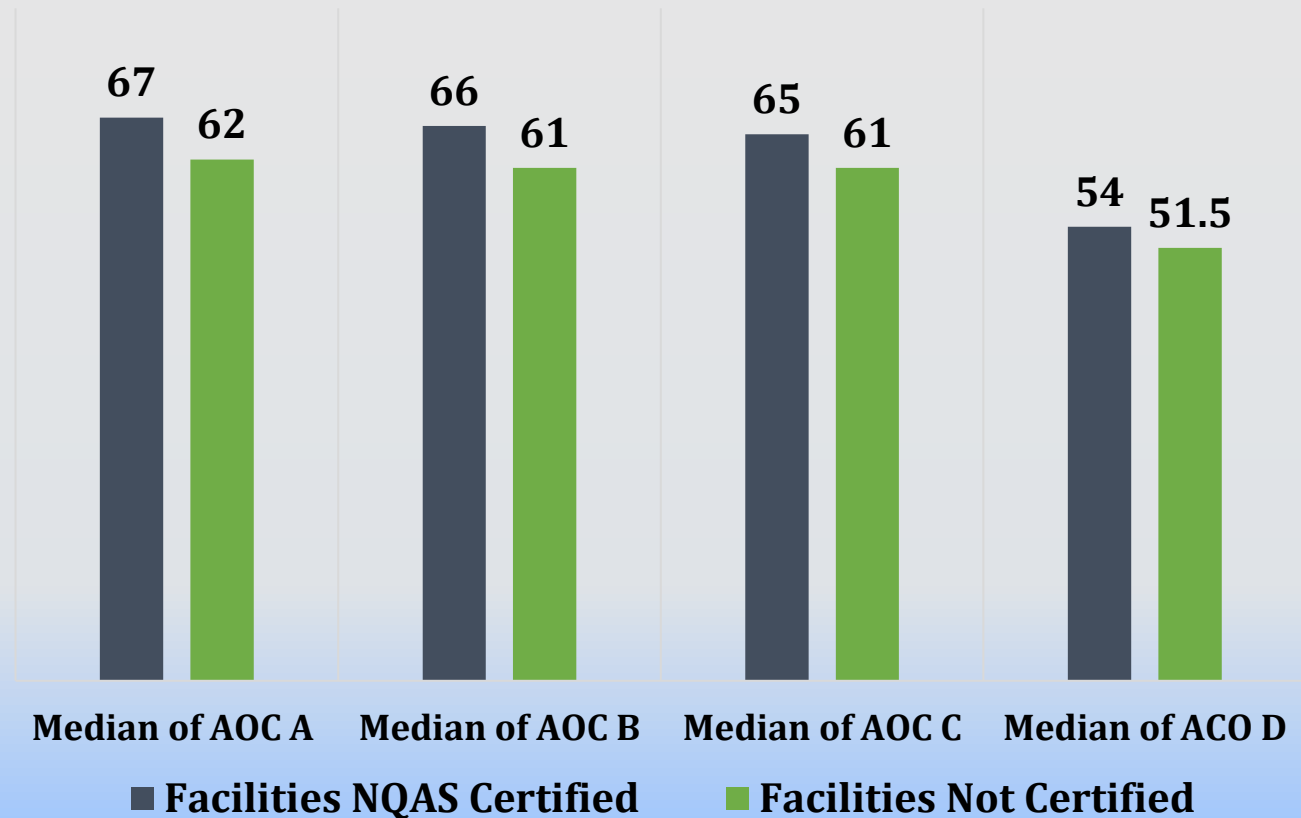
COMPARISON OF OVERALL SCORE



MEDIAN RANGE FOR OVERALL SCORE

■ Facilities Not Certified ■ Facilities NQAS Certified

Comparison of Scores of Four Area of Concerns



Diagnostic errors

- **Delayed, wrong or missed diagnosis**, where there are missed opportunities to pursue or identify an accurate, timely diagnosis based on available information.
- **Contributing factors** include Cognitive and systematic factors
- Clinical training, experience, biases, fatigue, stress, communication, workload, teamwork issues.
- **Patient-practitioner encounters** such as History, examination, interpretation or results and follow-ups.



- Median Score 79

(A) Safe Patient Care Processes

- Median Score 82

(B) Clinical Risk Management

(C) Safe Care Environment

- Median Score 77

(D) Patient Safety Systems

- Median Score 65

**Overall
Laboratory
Median Score
74**

N=198

Radiology Score

Radiology Department
Median
Overall Score: 70

N=198

Patient care
Processes

76

Clinical Risk
Management

75

Safe Care
environment

77

Patient Safety
System

63

Overall Score

63

Diagnostics Error Prevention

70

Ability at Point of Care
(Multidisciplinary Teams, Competence-
based tasks, training & education etc)

56

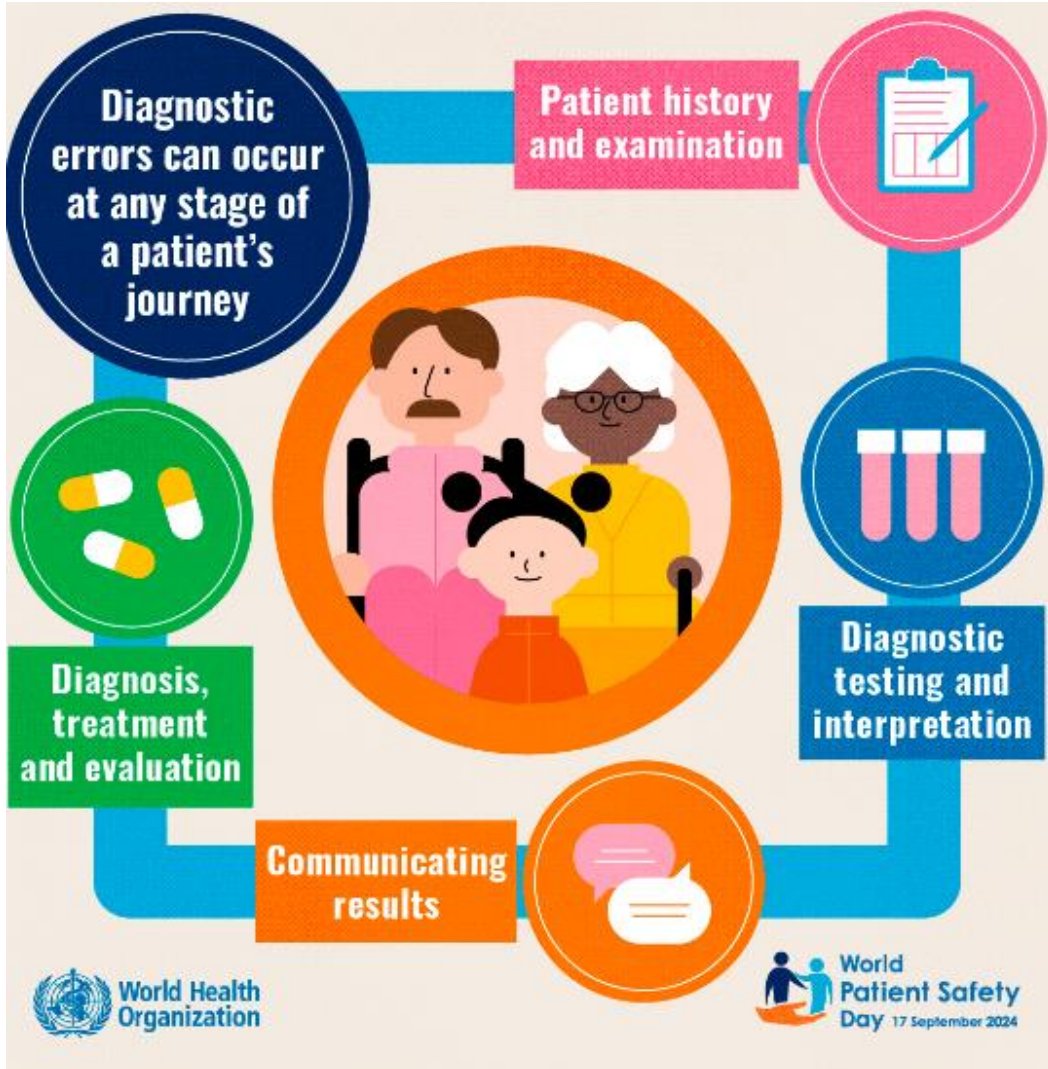
Communication at Transition of Care
(Intramural communication, referral,
discharge, follow-up, risk & hazards etc)

60

Conclusion and Way Forward

- Technique Improvement
- Education and technology-based interventions
- Personal change
- Improvement of communication teamwork
- Address cognitive bias
- Quality Improvement initiatives





Safety doesn't happen by accident; it requires discipline and diligence to recognise and mitigate every harm in HCFs.