

Evaluation of Blood Picture Request Forms Submitted to Haematology Laboratory in a Tertiary Care Hospital in Sri Lanka

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INTRODUCTION

Modern clinical practice is becoming increasingly dependent on reliable laboratory results, thus diagnostic errors due to inaccurate results can lead to serious consequences. Properly filled request forms with important clinical and demographic details will aid in delivering an accurate laboratory report, hence better and improved patient care.

AIM

We carried out an audit to evaluate blood picture request forms received to the haematology laboratory in Colombo South Teaching Hospital Colombo, to determine the frequency of incompletely filled forms and the information that has been overlooked..

METHOD

Thousand blood picture request forms received at the haematology laboratory between 17th September to 23rd of October 2019 were retrospectively analyzed.

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RESULTS

Out of 1000 request forms we have analyzed, only 574 forms (42.6%) were completely filled while the rest were not.

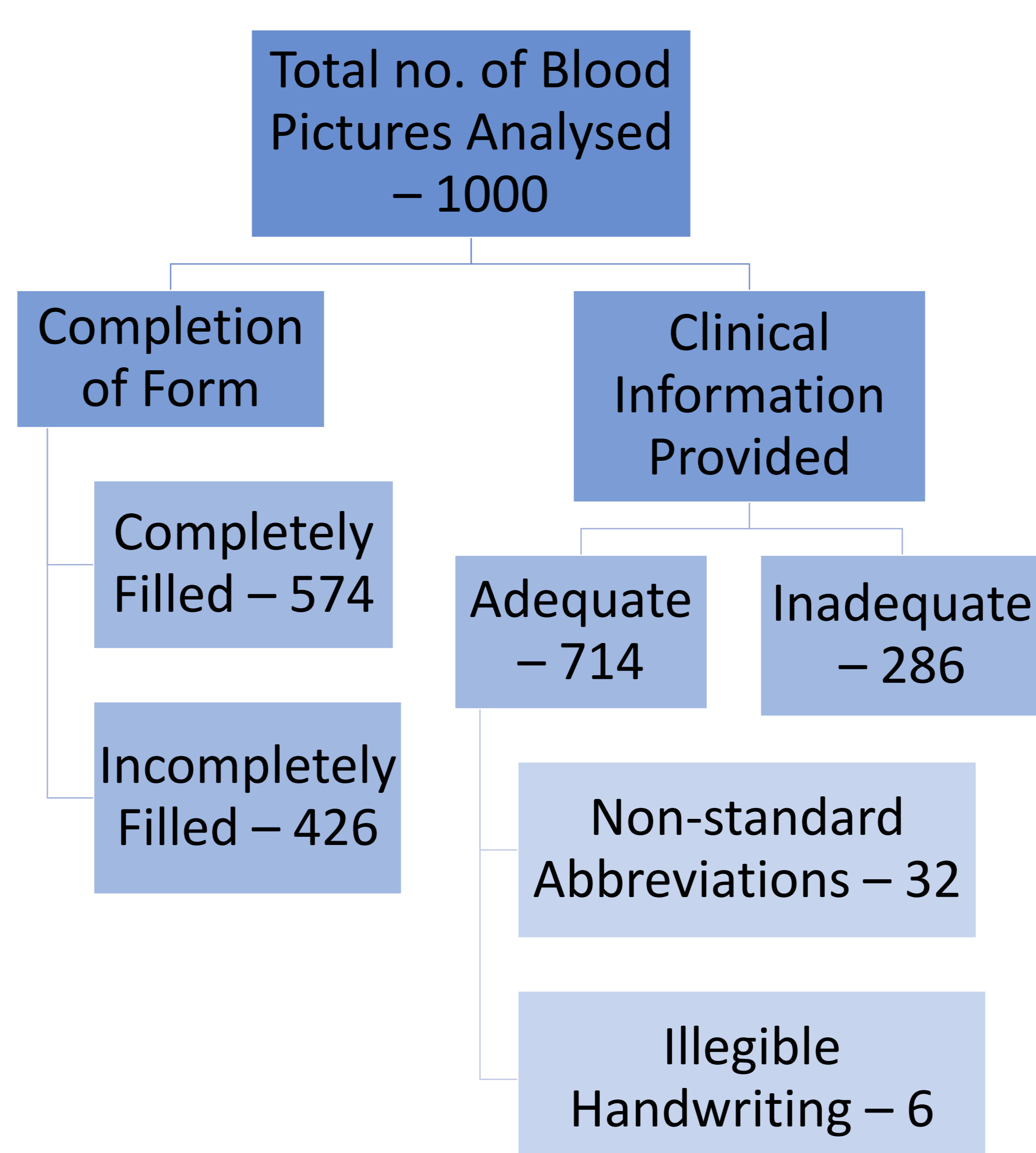


Figure 1. Summary of Results Obtained

Missing Information	No. (%)
Date	3 (0.3%)
Type of Sample	923 (92.3%)
Clinician's Designation	223 (22.3%)
Signature	15 (1.5%)
Gender	102 (10.2%)
Ward	18 (1.8%)
Bead Head Ticket no.	8 (0.8%)
Name	1 (0.1%)

Table 1. Details of Inadequately Filled Forms

CONCLUSIONS

Although this survey is only limited to blood picture request forms received by a haematology department, it is likely that similar results would have been possible in other departments and hospital set ups where ward based electronic requesting is not established.

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