

# A new Teratology Information Service in Milan: the experience from the first nine months

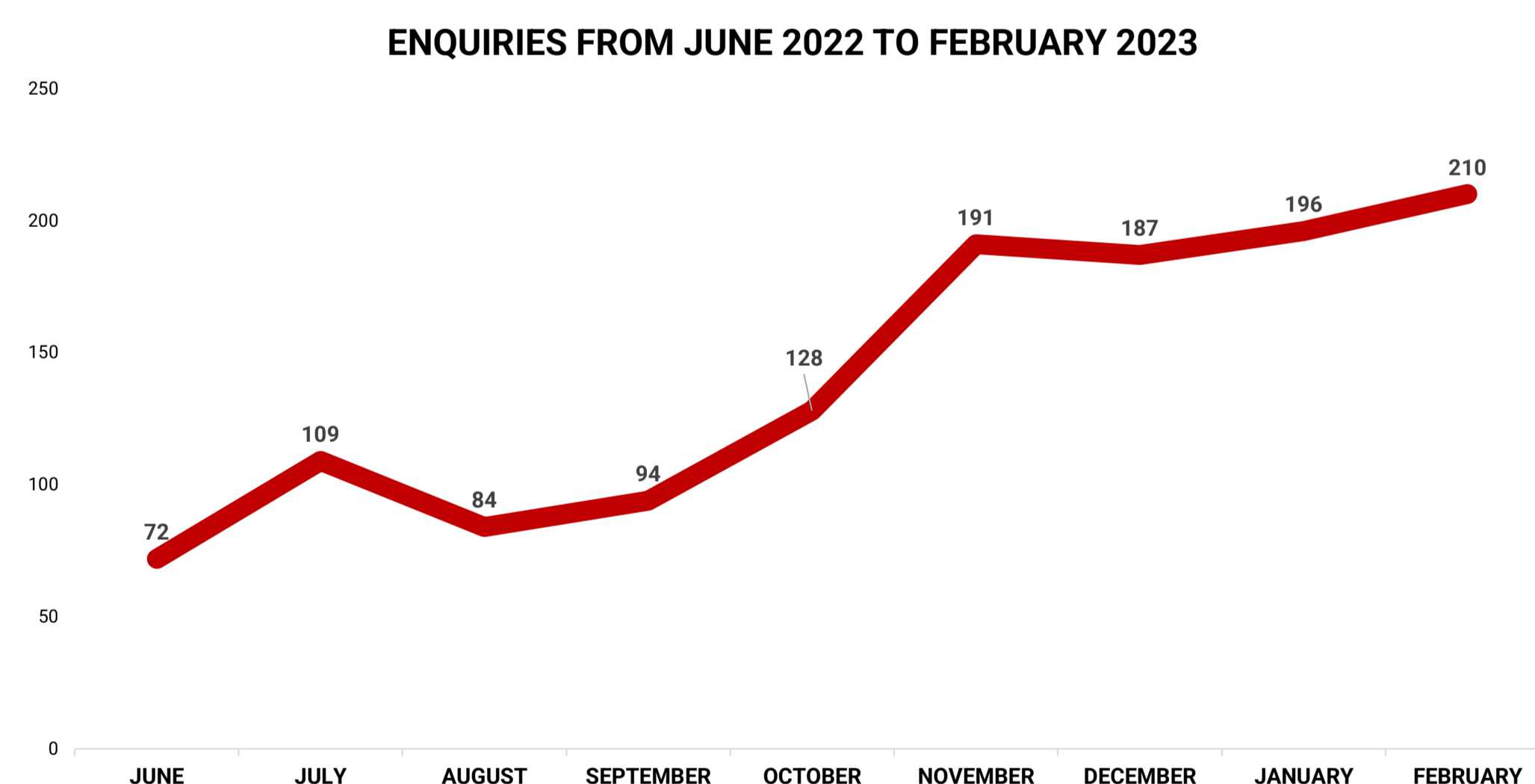
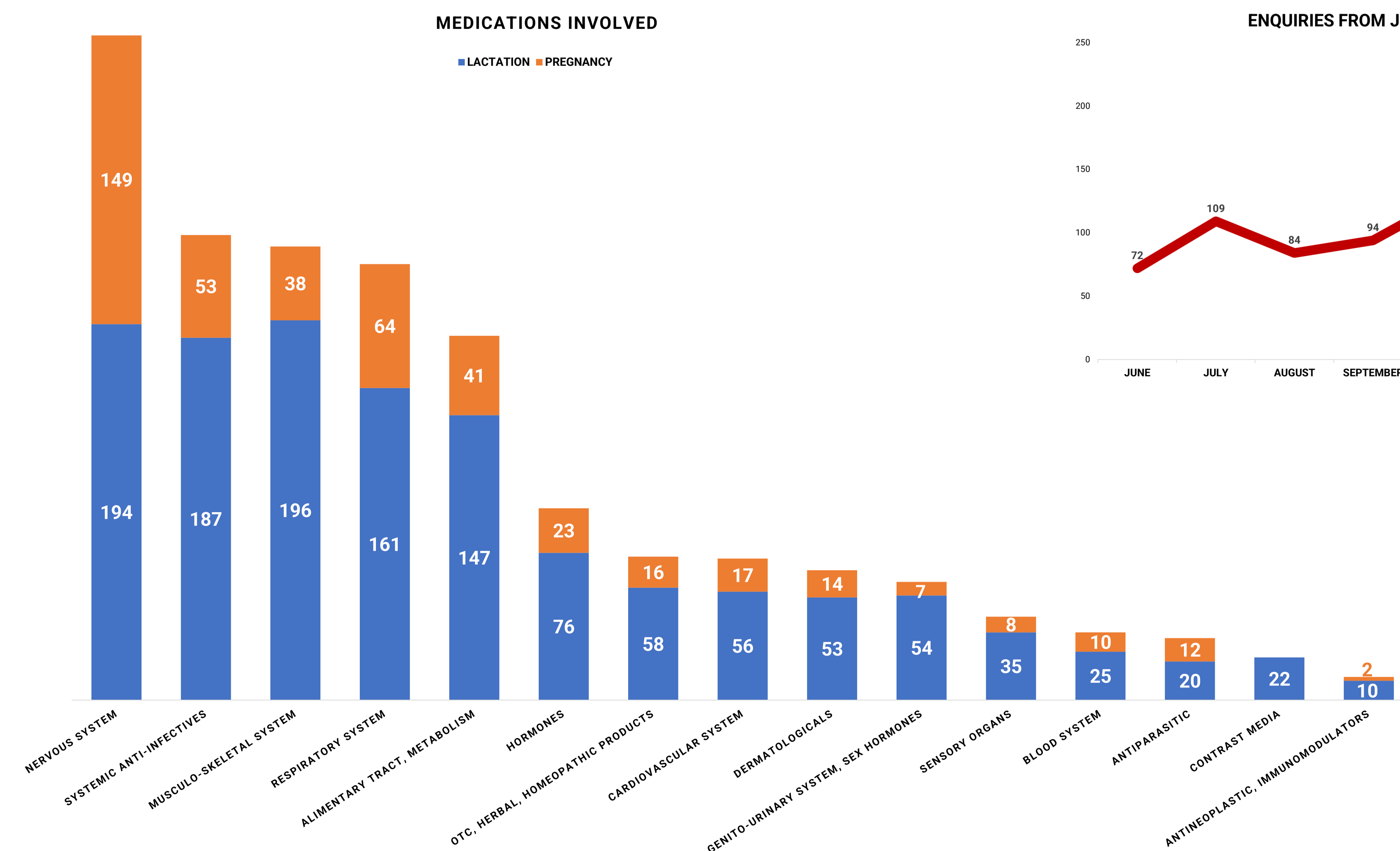
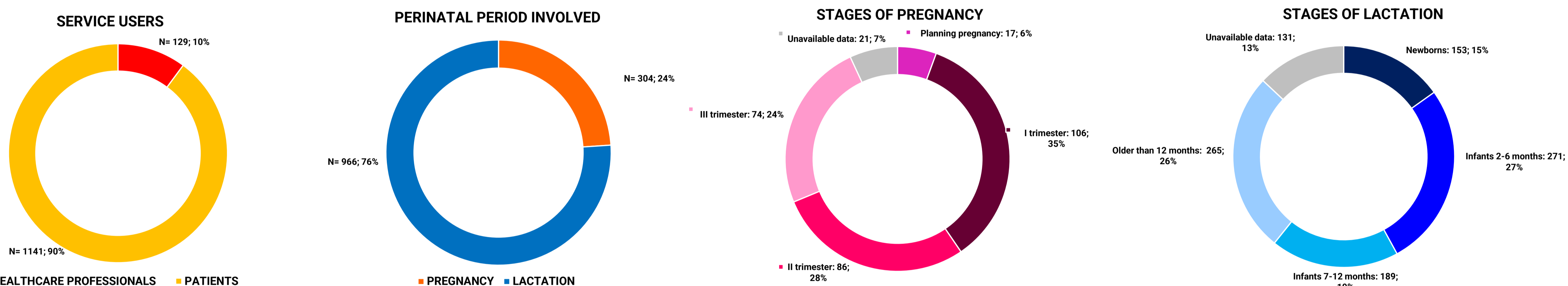
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**Background** The necessity of drugs' use during pregnancy and lactation is common, but the knowledge about their risks and benefits among both women and healthcare workers is often lacking, with a consequent risk of underprescription or misuse. In June 2022, Milan Poison Control Centre (MPCC) opened a specific free-of-charge call service for medication safety during pregnancy and breastfeeding in Italy for both patients and healthcare professionals, available from Monday to Friday, 5 hours per day.

**Methods** Retrospective descriptive epidemiological study based on the calls received by MPCC from June 2022 to February 2023. Demographic and medical data were collected at the time of referral.

**Results** The distribution of different features of the calls are shown in the graphs below: the users, the stages of pregnancy and lactation and the medications involved. Drugs are classified according to the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Classification System.



**Conclusion** Further promotion of the service among the population of pregnant and breastfeeding women and healthcare professionals is crucial. The study limit was an incomplete data recording: a more accurate collection is necessary to avoid missing information in the future.

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