



## NCEPOD Blood sodium study

- NCEPOD is undertaking a study to evaluate the care provided to patients with an abnormal blood sodium. Patients admitted as an emergency and those that develop an abnormal blood sodium after a procedure are included.
- We have sent out a **patient identification spreadsheet** to all participating hospitals to identify all patients who meet the study criteria:
  - ❖ Patients aged 18 or over who had an emergency admission to hospital between 1st October 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive, with a discharge diagnosis (in any position) of low or high sodium
  - ❖ Patients aged 18 or over who had an elective admission to hospital for an intervention or procedure between 1st October 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive, that developed an abnormal blood sodium
- **Data collection:**
  - **clinician questionnaire**
  - **organisational questionnaire**
  - **case note extracts**
  - **anonymous on-line patient, carer and clinician surveys**
- **Clinical reviewers are being recruited for the peer review of case notes.**  
Closing Date: **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**
- Please see <https://www.ncepod.org.uk/Bloodsodium.html> for details.

**More information:** study page above; email [sodium@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:sodium@ncepod.org.uk) or call the NCEPOD office at **0207 251 9060**

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