

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death

'Improving the quality of healthcare'

Newsletter

February 2016



Acute Pancreatitis Report Launch - we are off to Liverpool!

The report will be launched on July 7th 2016.

We are delighted to be holding the report launch at the 48th Scientific Meeting of the European Pancreatic Club who have generously allowed us to take over St George's Hall at 6pm on Thursday 7th July.

Additional delegates will be able to attend the launch only and details will be available on our website shortly: http://www.ncepod.org.uk/events.html In the meantime if you would like to attend please register your interest at reportlaunch@ncepod.org.uk We are also hoping to stream the event to a website for those who are not able to attend.

If you would like more information on the EPC Scientific Meeting please go to their website at www.epc2016.com





48th EPC Scientific Meeting, St George's Hall, Liverpool, UK <u>Wednesday 10.00h 6th July to Saturday 13.00h 9th July 2016</u>



New website is now live

Take a look at www.ncepod.org.uk and let us know what you think - it has been created in-house so if there is something we've missed let us know and we will see what we can do!

We are still working on an additional section for 'useful patient safety links' so it would be wonderful to have comments back on what would be useful to you.

You can email ralleway@ncepod.org.uk

New items on the website include a summary video of the Sepsis report - 9 lovely minutes of Dr Alex Goodwin summarising the report...what are you waiting for grab a cuppa and take a look! You might also like to view the BBC 'Trust Me, I'm a Doctor' episode featuring sepsis which is available from the same page www.ncepod.org.uk/2015sepsis.html

Also keep an eye out on the **SORT** page as we will shortly be announcing the launch of a new App.



Medical and Surgical Study Updates

The care of patients with mental health conditions in acute hospitals mentalhealth@ncepod.org.uk

The aim of this study is to explore remediable factors in the care of patients with a mental health condition, who are admitted to an acute general hospital for their physical health needs. Patients have been identified retrospectively through ICD10 coding. Data is being collected for this study via a number of sources. A questionnaire has been disseminated to the general hospital consultant responsible for the patient at time of discharge together with a request for copies of the casenotes. The first reminders for their return have just been sent out. An organisational questionnaire to collect data on the organisational structures in place to deliver care is about to be disseminated. Where applicable, liaison psychiatry questionnaires will also shortly be sent to the liaison psychiatry study contact for completion. Further information will be on the study webpage. http://www.ncepod.org.uk/pmhc.html

Non-invasive ventilation study niv@ncepod.org.uk

NCEPOD are undertaking a study to explore remediable factors in the processes of care of patients, aged 16 or over, treated acutely with non-invasive ventilation (NIV). Data collection for the study is underway with an initial deadline of 4th March for the return of patient identifier spreadsheets. Final drafts of the questionnaires are being piloted and we are currently recruiting case reviewers for the study (deadline for applications is 4th March). The website has recently been updated so please refer to this for more information regarding the study http://www.ncepod.org.uk/niv.html. If you have any specific questions regarding the study please email niv@ncepod.org.uk or call the office on 02072519060.

Cancer in children and young people

Cancer is the leading cause of death amongst children, teenagers & young adults aged (age 0-25) in the UK. Each year 3700 cases of cancer diagnosed in this age group, with over 600 deaths. For children and young people childhood cancer remains the biggest contributor to potential years of life lost from causes considered amenable to healthcare. The Study Advisory Group for this study has been recruited and met last month to identify the main themes that will be explored and design the methodology. This group will meet again next month to finalise the study protocol and design the questionnaires. Data collection for this study is due to begin in late spring. More information will shortly be available on the study page of the website.

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Child Heath Review Study Updates

Chronic Neurodisability cp@ncepod.org.uk

The Chronic Neurodisability study is underway. You should have already logged your organisation's participation in the study, along with which sites will be involved. The submission deadline for the initial questionnaire asking for service leads has passed but a small number of organisations have not submitted their completed questionnaire. If we don't have details of service leads we will have to send subsequent questionnaires to Local Reporters to distribute.

In March 2016 we will send organisational questionnaires to the services identified in the initial questionnaire. A retrospective case identification spreadsheet will be sent out in spring 2016.

We will shortly be advertising for case note reviewers and a training day for reviewers will be held on 26th April 2016 in London. Also, in the next few weeks, patient and carer questionnaires will be available on the NCEPOD website for patients and parent carers to complete.

Young Person's Mental Health Study ypmh@ncepod.org.uk

The two week prospective data collection period will start in the spring. Both acute and mental health organisations will be asked to record details of people aged between 11 and 25 years that arrive as an emergency as a result of self harm, anxiety, depression or an eating disorder. Data will be collected in A&E, urgent care centres, minor injuries units and walk-in centres.

Local reporters have been asked to set up study contacts to help record the information. If you have not provided these details please email them to ypmh@ncepod.org.uk as soon as possible. Organisational questionnaires will go out in the spring. The retrospective case identification spreadsheet will go out in the summer. In the next few weeks the service user and carer questionnaires will be available through the NCEPOD website for service users and carers to complete.

Vacancies

www.ncepod.org.uk/vacancies.htm

- * Ambassadors—If you are senior clinician and you would like to champion the work of NCEPOD at your trust this is for you!
- * Patient public and lay group members be part of our core group of advisors

NCEPOD Local Reporter & Ambassador Days

If you are interested in attending an NCEPOD training day, please send your interest to: Dolores Jarman djarman@ncepod.org.uk

If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador contact us at info@ncepod.org.uk and we can tell you whether your Trust has someone already

Would you like us to come and talk at your hospital?

NCEPOD staff are very happy to come and present at your local meetings. We can cover NCEPOD as a general topic or specific studies .

Please contact: Anisa Warsame awarsame@ncepod.org.uk

Scotland Mental Health Trusts and Community Hospitals

We are delighted that Scotland is now participating in all our studies. In addition we are also engaging with mental health trusts and community hospitals as part of our extended work programme.

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Freepost licence number is RTBS - XCXG - RGLA

Please use this licence number, along with our full address to send any correspondence to us.

As always, we recommend that all case notes are sent via recorded delivery. To use Royal Mail recorded delivery, you will need to add £1.10 onto the freepost envelope.

Please ensure envelopes are security sealed when sending case notes by post or with courier.

Alternatively...scan your case notes to us!

NCEPOD can accept scanned case notes rather than you returning them in the post.

Email them to us (in a sensible order please) to ncepod@nhs.net and don't forget to password protect the file! Please inform us when they have been sent.

On receipt of questionnaires we will email Consultants to acknowledge receipt and that it was completed fully so that they can record the activity for their CPD.

We will also automatically acknowledge case notes as soon as they are logged on our system so that Local Reporters know we have received them.

NCEPOD Green Policy

We are always and will continue to be committed in helping to reduce our carbon footprints and do our best to help save the environment. Since June 2015, NCEPOD has recycled/shredded; 418kg of mixed paper, 255kg of confidential and white paper, 36kg of cans and plastics.. Saving a total of 6 trees and 1,016kg of CO₂ emission savings.

