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National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death

'Improving the quality of healthcare'

Newsletter



'Just Say Sepsis!' on Tuesday 24th November 2015

This report reviews the care provided to adult patients with a diagnosis of sepsis, identified by the Critical Care Outreach Team or equivalent, or who were admitted directly to critical care during the study period.

The report will provide comment on the following:

- Organisational structures, processes, protocols and care pathways for sepsis recognition and management
- * Remediable factors in the management of the care of patients with sepsis, from presentation in primary care (if applicable) and throughout secondary care to discharge or death. Looking specifically at:
 - timely identification of sepsis
 - escalation and appropriate treatment of the infection
 - examining the recognition of sepsis and early signs of septic shock
 - use of a multidisciplinary team approach
 - * the adequacy of communication with families and carers, as could be ascertained from the case notes

Accredited 4 CPD points by the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Places are limited for this event, if you would like to reserve a place please email us at reportlaunch@ncepod.org.uk and put SEPSIS in the subject line.

Poster Display

As part of all report launches we invite abstracts to be submitted allowing you to showcase audits that you have undertaken on published NCEPOD reports or work related to the topic of the report being published.

To submit an abstract for a future launch download the abstract form at www.ncepod.org.uk/events.htm and submit it by email to poster@ncepod.org.uk



The Programme

9.30 - 10.30 Tea/coffee and registration

Chair: Mr Bertie Leigh

10.30 Opening Session

Ron Daniels - UK Sepsis Trust Alison Tavaré - General Practitioner

11.00 Report findings presented by: Dr Alex Goodwin Dr Vivek Srivastava Dr Hannah Shotton

12.30 Questions and Answers

13.00 Lunch and posters

14.00 Speakers to comment and discuss report findings

Dr Celia Ingham Clark *NHS Perspective*

Dr Mark Holland

Society for Acute Medicine

Dr Manu Shankar-Hari

International Definition of Sepsis

Dr Chris Hancock

Public Health Wales

More speakers to be confirmed

15.40 Panel questions

16:00 Tea/coffee and close

Thanks to the Royal College of Surgeons of England for sponsoring this event

Study updates

Acute pancreatitis study ap@ncepod.org.uk

The aim of this study is to explore remediable factors in the processes of care of patients, aged 16 or over, who are admitted to hospital with a diagnosis of acute pancreatitis. The peer review meetings will continue until early November so we can therefore continue to accept completed questionnaires and photocopied case note extracts until the end of October. The findings of the study will be published in June 2016. Please see the Acute Pancreatitis study page http://www.ncepod.org.uk/ap.htm for further details and documents related to the study.

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 with non-invasive ventilation (NIV).

Hospital episode statistics data suggest that over 100,000 patients are treated with NIV per year (note that this figure includes patients treated with continuous positive airways pressure which will be excluded). The British Thoracic Society (BTS) has conducted an annual NIV audit since 2010. Patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) account for more than 2/3 patients treated with NIV. Overall mortality rates have increased rather than improved in the last three audit periods. The audit data and other studies raise a number of important questions about both the care delivered and the organisation of NIV services. Peer review will help to describe reasons for treatment failure, high mortality rates and to assess the overall quality of care where this cannot be assessed based on the national audit results.

The Study Advisory Group met in September and we are currently drafting the questionnaires and study protocol. We will shortly be looking for volunteers to pilot the data collection method and also recruiting case reviewers. A starter pack for the full study will be sent out in late November.

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

Concern has been expressed that for a number of reasons, mental health patients may receive poorer quality of care in acute general hospitals than those without a mental health disorder. This study was proposed 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. The Study Advisory Group responsible for designing and steering met twice earlier this year and have worked up the main themes for the study and designed the data collection materials. Case identification spreadsheets have been disseminated and we have had a very good return. We are currently piloting the data collection questionnaires, which will be disseminated in a few weeks time. We have recruited a multidisciplinary panel of Case Note Reviewers for this study. But we do still have room for any interested liaison psychiatrists, who would like to join the group. We are also currently asking our Local Reporters to identify a consultant liaison psychiatrist (where they haven't already done so) to be the local lead for this study.

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. This new study is in the very early stages of development. The Study Advisory Group who will advise on the themes to be explored and the methodology is being put together. More information will be available on the study page of the website very soon.

Child Health Clinical Outcome Review Programme

The Child Health Review comprises two projects, one on young people's mental health and one on chronic neurodisability. The mental health project will focus on people aged 11-25 years old who self-harm, have an eating disorder and/or depression and anxiety and the chronic neurodisability project will focus on cerebral palsy. For both topics we will look at the quality of care, the interface between services and the transition from child to adult services.

Service user and carer questionnaires will be available in October 2015 and these will be distributed primarily through service user and carer organisations. We will let trusts know when they are available and provide a link to them. More detailed information about the projects, including timings and protocols, will also be made available. Organisational questionnaires will be distributed in November and spreadsheets to identify relevant patients will be sent out early in 2016.

Thank you to everyone who helped our scoping exercise for the mental health project. We asked acute trusts to give us an idea of how many people with certain ICD10 codes are admitted over the course of a week and for advice on identifying people with these codes arriving at A&E. The information you sent us has been very helpful and we appreciate your time and effort.

We have two mental health studies in progress which could be a little confusing so here is a brief description of each: *Mental health in acute general hospitals* focuses on people 18+ who have mental health conditions and are seen in acute settings for a physical health problem; *Young people's mental health* is looking at the management of mental health problems in people between 11 and 25 years in all settings, primarily mental health services.

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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.

Vacancies

http://www.ncepod.org.uk/vacancies.htm

- Ambassadors if you are a senior clinician and would like to be a champion of the work of NCEPOD at your Trust this is for you!
- Patient, public and lay involvement be part of our core group of advisors

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:

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NEW WEBSITE - HELP WANTED!!

We are pleased to announce we will be re-launching our website soon. However we have all stared at it for too long and would be very keen for some 'fresh eyes' to take a look.

Would you be interested in coming into our office to test the new website at a time convenient to you over the next couple of weeks?

We will cover travel expenses and provide refreshments.

If you are interested please contact: Anisa Warsame awarsame@ncepod.org.uk

NCEPOD Local Reporter & Ambassador Days

If you are interested in attending an NCEPOD training day, please send your interest to the below email address:

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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.

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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) at:

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.

