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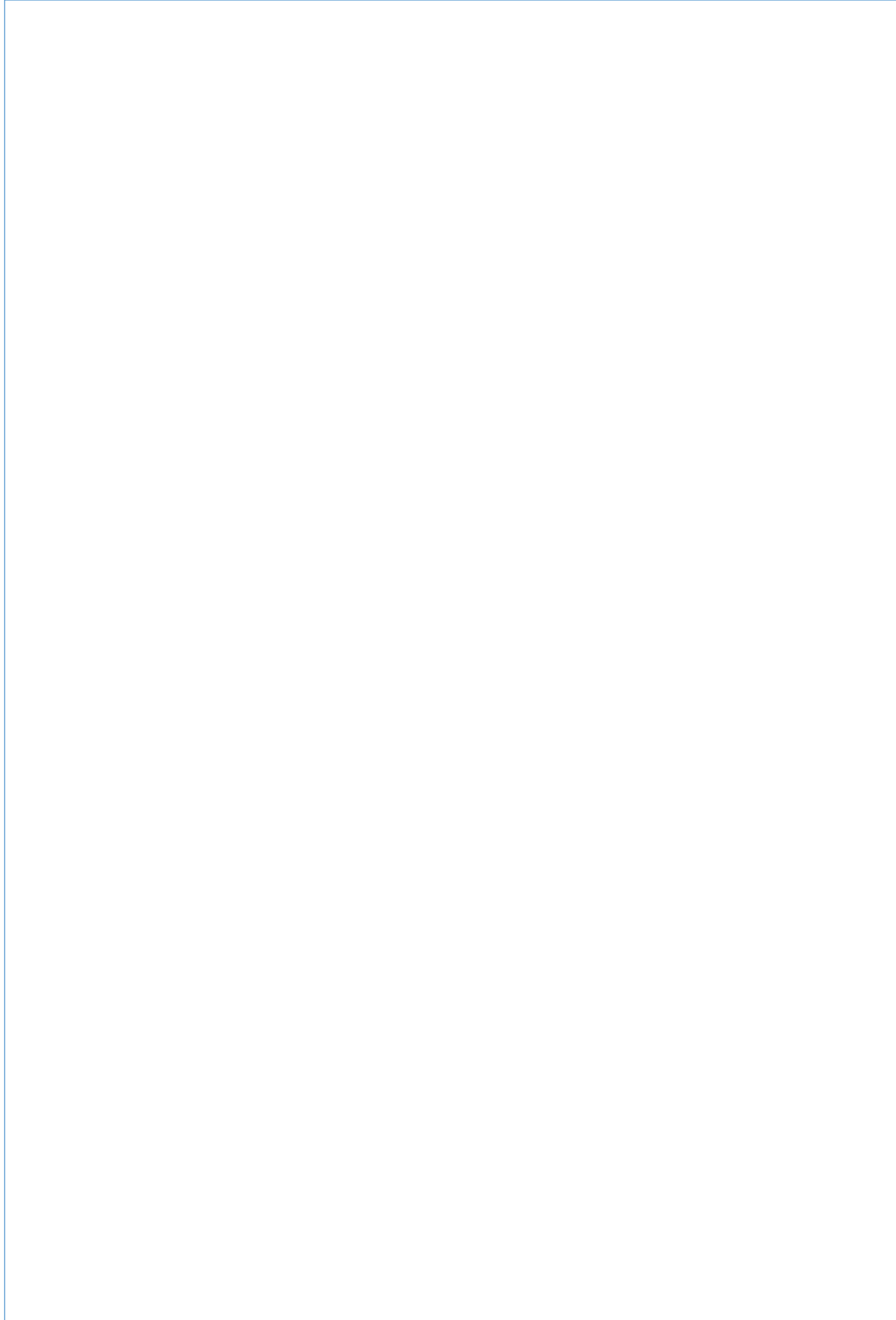
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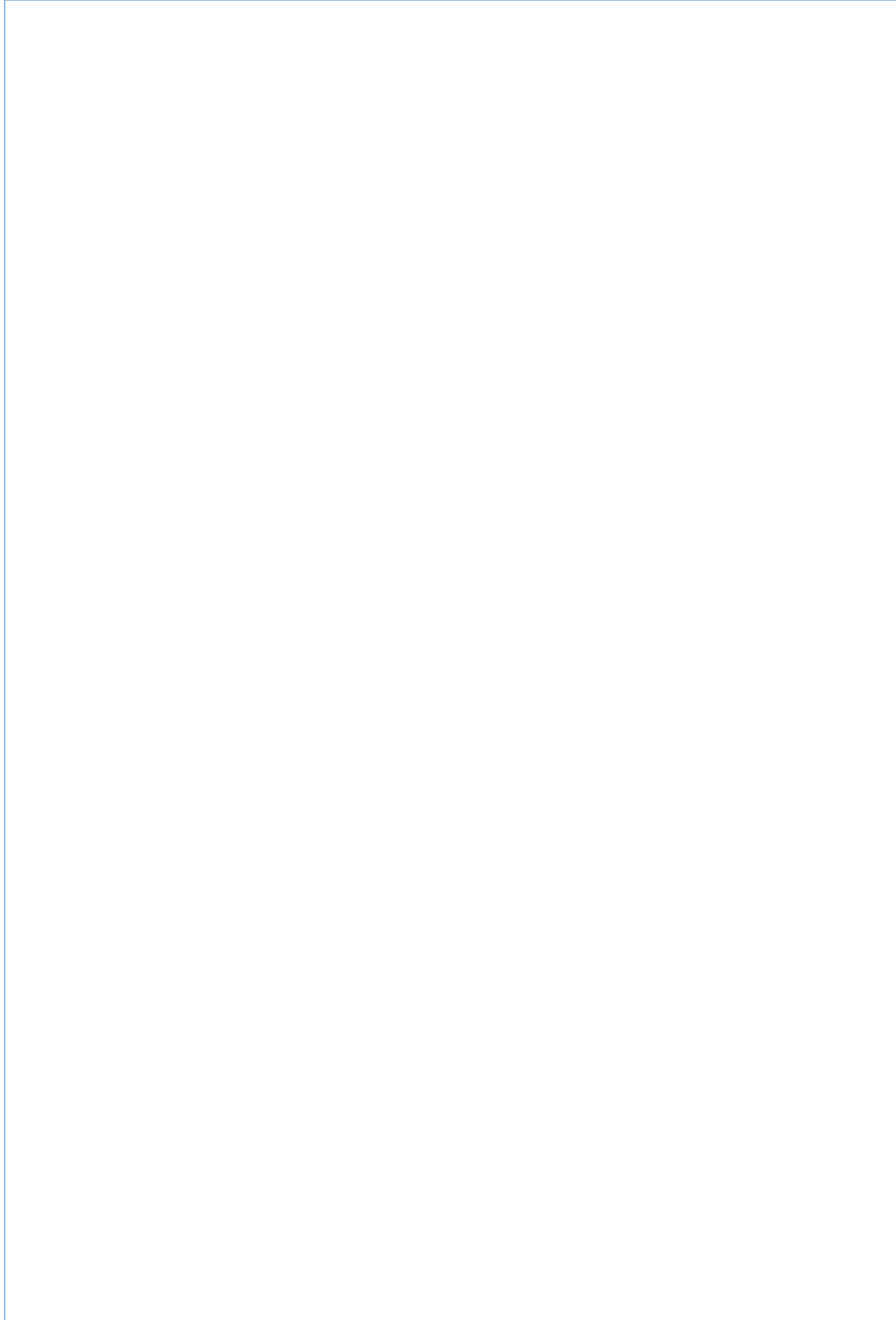
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FOREWORD

We were delighted when those in the profession involved in this important modern development in treatment were prepared to contribute so enthusiastically to this NCEPOD survey. The consultants involved were not previously experienced in NCEPOD investigations and they have responded enthusiastically with a dramatically high rate of return. It was well recognised that as a specialty their data had been collected centrally and the results shown in the NCEPOD survey closely tally with the outcome of their own specialty audit.

Another important feature of this study is that it is one of the first times we have been able to gather reliable denominator data. This significantly affects the interpretation of the overall returns and hence enhances the importance of the report.

The cases reviewed in this survey were all severely ill patients and the outcome of interventions, only very recently deemed inappropriate, is impressive. The mortality rate is low and, as demonstrated by the report, consistent with the severity of illness of the patients under investigation.

This is a small survey by NCEPOD standards, but one of great importance, and demonstrates the value of the acquisition of reliable data by clinicians involved, and the importance of recording this on a national level to assess the quality of outcomes.

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