



June 2015

# Newsletter

**National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death**  
*'Improving the quality of healthcare'*



## ***Time to Get Control? Friday 3rd July 2015***

The aim of this study was to explore remediable factors in the process of care of patients (16 and over) who were diagnosed with a major upper or lower gastrointestinal bleed.

The report will provide comment on the following:

- \* The quality of assessment including risk stratification and the use of early warning scores
- \* Referral pathways: including admission and transfer
- \* Access to services including endoscopy, interventional radiology and surgery
- \* Delays in treatment
- \* Hospital resources



### **The Programme**

**10.00** Tea/coffee and registration

**Chair:** Mr Bertie Leigh

**11.00** Report findings presented by:  
**Dr Simon McPherson**  
**Mr Martin Sinclair**  
**Dr Neil Smith**

**12.30** Questions and Answers

**13.00** Lunch and posters

**14.00** **Dr Andrew Goddard**  
*Registrar, Royal College of Physicians London*

**14.20** **Professor Erika Denton**  
*National Clinical Director for Diagnostics, NHS England*

**14.40** **Mr John Moorehead**  
*President, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland*

**15.00** **Dr Michael Glynn**  
*National Clinical Director for GI and Liver, NHS England*

**15.20** **Dr Ian Forgacs**  
*President, British Society of Gastroenterology*

**15.40** Panel questions

**16:00** Tea/coffee and close

*4 CPD credits approved by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom*



**Royal College of Physicians**

With thanks to the Royal College of Physicians of London for sponsoring this event

### **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](http://www.ncepod.org.uk/events.htm) and submit it by email to [poster@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:poster@ncepod.org.uk)



### **Sepsis Report Launch**

We will be launching the sepsis study on November 24th 2015 at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

If you would like to reserve a place at this event please email us at [reportlaunch@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:reportlaunch@ncepod.org.uk) and put SEPSIS in the subject line.

# Study updates

## Acute pancreatitis study

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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. Data collection for this study is ongoing. The large majority of patient identifier spreadsheets have been returned and a steady flow of completed clinician questionnaires and photocopied case notes have been received. The case reviewer meetings (peer review) for the study have commenced, these will continue until the beginning of November 2015 so there is still time for hospitals to participate. Please note, the organisational questionnaire has now been finalised and will be with you by the end of June. Please see the Acute Pancreatitis study page <http://www.ncepod.org.uk/ap.htm> for further details and documents related to the study.

## Sepsis

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The aim of this study was to identify avoidable and remediable factors in the process of care of patients with sepsis. Data collection for this study has now closed and I would like to thank you for all your help in returning questionnaires and case notes. It has been a very good data return. This study will be published on November 24th 2015 and will be launched at a day event to be held at the Royal College of Surgeons. The flyer/reservation form to book places for the launch will shortly be available on our website (and will be emailed to you).

## The care of patients with mental health conditions in acute hospitals

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Poor mental health is the largest cause of disability in the UK and closely connected with poor physical health. Patients with a mental health disorder have more medical illness, longer hospital stays, poorer outcome and shorter life expectancy. There is concern that for a number of reasons, mental health patients may receive poorer quality of care in acute hospitals than those without a mental health disorder. This study was proposed to examine the provision for mental health care of patients with mental health problems in acute hospitals and to explore remediable factors in the care received by this group of patients. The Study Advisory Group responsible for designing and steering met twice earlier this year and have worked out the main themes that the study will address as well as the methodology. Data collection for this study is underway. A spreadsheet to identify patients for the study has been disseminated and should be returned by 27th July 2015. We are also recruiting Case Note Reviewers for this study. Any interested clinicians (grade ST-6 and above or senior nurses), particularly General/Acute Medicine, General Surgery, Anaesthesia/ Critical Care Medicine and Liaison psychiatry should send a copy of their CV to the email address above.

The questionnaires for this study are under development and will be disseminated at the beginning of August. Case review meetings will start in September. Further details and a copy of the study protocol are available on the website.

## New Topics-more info to follow in the next few months

*Non invasive ventilation*

*Cancer in children and young people*

## Call for enquiry topics is now open!

Do you have a concern about the care being provided to patients?

Is this a topic we could cover?

If so, download a submission form at:

<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/events.htm>

## Child Health Study

We are very pleased to welcome Kirsty MacLean Steel to the NCEPOD team. Kirsty has joined us to Project Manage the new Child Health Clinical Outcome Review Programme.

This work is being developed and data collection will start in early 2016.





## NCEPOD Local Reporter & Ambassador Days

Thursday 17th September 2015, London  
Friday 25th September 2015, Manchester

If you are interested in attending either of the above training dates, please book your place as soon as possible using the below link or by sending your details to the below email address

<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/events.htm> or  
[info@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:info@ncepod.org.uk)

## Contact details

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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, to

[ncepod@nhs.net](mailto:ncepod@nhs.net)

and don't forget to password protect the file! And please inform us that they will be/have been sent.

On receipt of questionnaires we will email Consultants to acknowledge the 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.

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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.

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## NEW WEBSITE - HELP WANTED

We are pleased to announce we will be re-launching our website soon. If you would like to come into our office and test the new website please let us know!

## 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 January 2015, NCEPOD has recycled/shredded; 572kg of mixed paper, 680kg of confidential and white paper, 44kg of cans and plastics.. Saving a total of 12 trees and 1,858kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emission savings.

