

# National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death

'Improving the quality of healthcare'

## Newsletter

June 2021

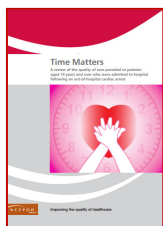
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### LATEST REPORT

In hospital care of out of hospital cardiac arrests – Feb 2021

'TIME MATTERS'



[www.ncepod.org.uk/2021ohca.html](http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2021ohca.html)

Dedicated to Dr Cliff Mann OBE

### NEXT REPORT

Dysphagia recognition and care in patients with Parkinson's Disease

'HARD TO SWALLOW?'

This report is due to be released on 12th August 2021

You should receive an email with a link but if not, keep an eye on the website

[www.ncepod.org.uk](http://www.ncepod.org.uk)

### CURRENT DATA COLLECTIONS

Physical healthcare in mental health hospitals

FINAL SUBMISSION FOR CASE NOTES AND QUESTIONNAIRES  
30TH JULY 2021

Epilepsy

THE DEADLINE FOR THE RETURN OF PATIENT IDENTIFIER SPREADSHEETS  
20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021

### NEXT DATA COLLECTION TO START

#### TRANSITION FROM CHILD TO ADULT HEALTH SERVICES

This study aims to explore the barriers and facilitators in the process of the transition of young people with complex chronic conditions from child to adult health services. The study will include young people between the ages of 13 years and their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday with one or more of 12 conditions. Data will be collected this summer on patients identified retrospectively from primary, community, secondary and tertiary care during the 18-month period, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

This study should be applicable for all Trusts/Health boards, although participation will vary slightly depending on the organisation:

**Primary healthcare:** Providers of primary care will be asked to complete the patient identification spreadsheet with the details of all young people **registered** with their practice.

**Community healthcare:** The Local Reporter will be asked to complete the patient identification spreadsheet with the details of all young people who have been **referred** to their organisation.

**Secondary & tertiary care:** The Local Reporter will be asked to complete the patient identification spreadsheet with the details of all young people **admitted** to their organisation.

**Mental healthcare:** The patient identification spreadsheet will not be sent for completion. If a young person is identified via primary, community, or physical healthcare organisation and they also have a mental health condition, the relevant mental healthcare team will be sent the clinician questionnaire to complete, and they will be asked to return this alongside copied extracts of the case notes.

The patient identification spreadsheet will be sent out in two stages. Initially we will send a spreadsheet which asks for a limited amount of data to identify all young people who fit the study criteria (NHS/hosp. number, DOB, Sex, and included condition(s)). We will then sample fifteen patients per hospital/organisation, and then return the details of these 15 patients to you and ask for the additional information (all conditions, clinical teams, and the details of other teams).

All Trusts/Health Boards have been marked up as participating in the study. If you do not think your Trust/Health Board should be participating, please contact us to discuss this further.

Further information, including the details of the twelve conditions for inclusion, and the different data collection tools which will be used, is included in the study protocol available on our website.

More information about the study can be found at: [www.ncepod.org.uk/transition.html](http://www.ncepod.org.uk/transition.html) or email [transition@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:transition@ncepod.org.uk)

# STUDY UPDATES

## Physical Healthcare in Mental Health Hospitals

Data collection for this study is currently open, but we have set the 30<sup>th</sup> July as the final deadline for the return of data. Please submit any outstanding Trust/ Health board and hospital level organisational questionnaires and ask the psychiatrists completing Clinician questionnaires to submit them by this date. We are continuing to run case review meetings until early August so please also return any outstanding case notes as soon as possible and by no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> July. The anonymous online clinician, patient and carer surveys will remain open throughout July and August. If you are having any problems returning data for this study, please get in touch and we will do what we can to help from this end. Further information and updates for this study can be found at: [www.ncepod.org.uk/phmh.html](http://www.ncepod.org.uk/phmh.html) or email [phmh@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:phmh@ncepod.org.uk).

## Epilepsy

Data collection for this study is open. The original deadline for the return of patient identifier spreadsheets was 31<sup>st</sup> May but this has been extended until the 20<sup>th</sup> August. The hospital attendance clinician questionnaires will be uploaded to the online questionnaire system in July or later in August if we have not yet received the patient identifier spreadsheet. We still need Case Reviewers for the study, please do circulate the following link [https://www.ncepod.org.uk/pdf/current/Epilepsy/NCEPOD\\_Epilepsy\\_Study\\_Case\\_Reviewer\\_Advert.pdf](https://www.ncepod.org.uk/pdf/current/Epilepsy/NCEPOD_Epilepsy_Study_Case_Reviewer_Advert.pdf) to relevant clinicians who may be interested in the role. We have also developed a confidential online patient survey for the study which can be accessed here [https://ncepod.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dbgrL0twTxZ09muMore](https://ncepod.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dbgrL0twTxZ09muMore) If your Trust/Health board runs epilepsy clinics any help in reaching relevant patients would be appreciated. Further information regarding the study can be found at: [www.ncepod.org.uk/epilepsy.html](http://www.ncepod.org.uk/epilepsy.html) or email [epilepsy@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:epilepsy@ncepod.org.uk).

## Crohn's Disease

We ran a series of patient focus groups earlier this year to start to define the aims and objectives of this study. The themes that emerged from these focus groups fed into the Study Advisory Group, who met at the end of April to design the study protocol. We are starting to develop the data collection materials for this study and plan to open data collection in the Autumn 2021. Further information will be added to our website as it becomes available [www.ncepod.org.uk/crohns.html](http://www.ncepod.org.uk/crohns.html).

## Community Acquired Pneumonia

The study Advisory Group met in May and we are currently drafting the protocol for the study which will look at variation in the processes of care of patients presenting to hospital with community acquired Pneumonia. Further information regarding the study will become available on our website as development of the study progresses.

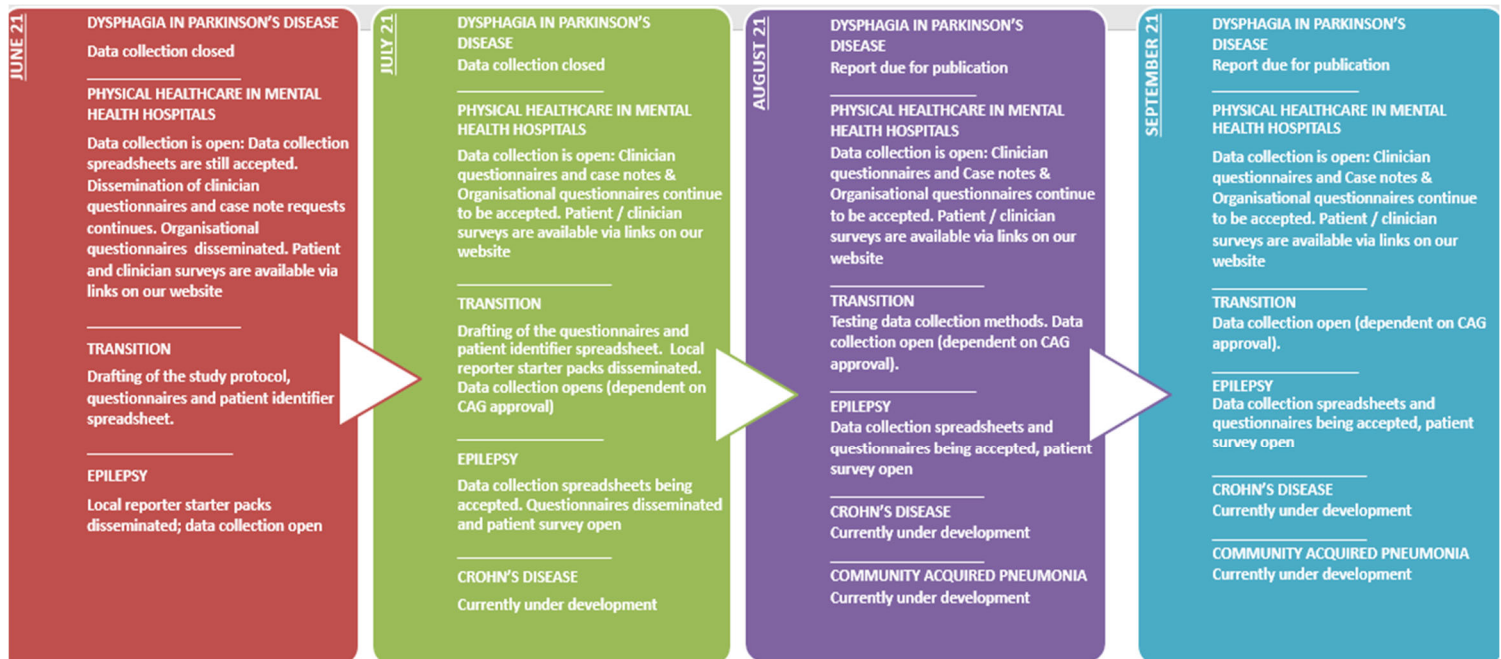
## Prison Healthcare Study

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the [Health Foundation](#) to undertake a review of 'natural' and 'other non-natural' deaths of people who died whilst detained in prison. The majority of the study will focus on the organisation of healthcare within prisons but we will also look at the interactions between prisons and acute hospitals when acutely ill prisoners require a transfer to hospital. If you have any questions regarding this study please email [prisonhealth@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:prisonhealth@ncepod.org.uk)

## New studies

**Endometriosis, End of Life Care** and **Testicular Torsion** have been chosen as new topics to start developing throughout 2021/2022

# WHAT'S COMING UP...STUDIES AT A GLANCE



## ALCOHOL RELATED LIVER DISEASE ORGANISATIONAL SURVEY

In 2013 NCEPOD published a report 'Measuring the Units' which looked at the care received by patients who died from alcohol related liver disease. The report identified a number of key areas that needed improving for this group of patients. We have now designed a short organisational survey based on the principal recommendations of the report to look at what improvements have been implemented and where change is still needed. The survey opened in January and will remain open until the end of September. The survey can be accessed by all local reporters of relevant hospitals via our online questionnaire system <https://questionnaires.ncepod.org.uk/app/#/authentication/login> If you have any questions regarding the survey, please email [arld@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:arld@ncepod.org.uk)

### NATIONAL DATA OPT-OUT

For those of you based in England, you need to be aware that from Sept 2021 (previously March 20) you will need to check patient NHS numbers against the SPINE to see if they have opted out of national studies covered by S251 before submitting data. This will apply to many of the national audits and enquiries. All the details can be found [here](#).

### CALL FOR TOPICS

The call for new topics is open for both the 'medical and surgical' and 'child health' programmes. The deadline is 17th September - see our [website](#) for more information. If you would like an informal chat about an idea, please email Marisa at [mmason@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:mmason@ncepod.org.uk)

## INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF SURGERY?



Future Surgery 2021, will be held at ExCel, London on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. A major new event specifically designed to meet the training needs, promote networking & develop a stronger voice for all surgical professionals and their multidisciplinary teams in perioperative care.

The event will explore core themes reflecting the future of surgery and new technological advances, developments in the use of data, AI, imaging, diagnosis and robotics, and feature the latest disruptive technologies [and individuals!]. It will focus on areas of key importance to the surgical and support teams, including human factors, patient and clinician safety, self-awareness, conflict resolution, risk management, Infection Prevention Control, Frugal innovation, Sustainability and the Green Theatre. The event content will be accredited by the RCSE, offering CPD/revalidation-relevant learning, and **will be free to attend to preregistered surgeons and the whole perioperative team**.

Please [click here](#) to register your interest/please share this link with your colleagues.

Future Surgery 2021 is run in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and supported by, amongst others, the RCN, ASiT, CODP, CPOC, AHSN, CHFG, FSSA, AfPP, GIRFT NCEPOD, Patient Safety Learning and the Royal Colleges of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Ireland.

## LOCAL REPORTER & AMBASSADOR DAYS

**Tuesday 28th September 2021**

If you are interested in attending the above virtual NCEPOD day, please send your interest to:

Anisa Warsame [awarsame@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:awarsame@ncepod.org.uk)

If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador contact us at [info@ncepod.org.uk](mailto:info@ncepod.org.uk) and we can tell you whether your hospital has someone already.

## QI SURVEY

We plan to undertake a survey of QI needs over the summer with the aim of supporting local QI initiatives based on the findings of our reports.

We would like to know from you what might be useful to those undertaking QI, and how this might affect how we develop studies.

You will be sent a survey link during July if you would like to share or complete it.

## RETURNING CASE NOTES TO NCEPOD

### By email - our preferred method of delivery

- ◆ Scan the notes as a PDF or save PDFs from your electronic patient record
- ◆ Always password-protect the files (do not use easy-to-guess passwords, such as the hospital or study name, and don't put the password in the email with the attached files)
- ◆ Email them to us (in a logical order) at [ncepod@nhs.net](mailto:ncepod@nhs.net), not one of the study or personal email addresses
- ◆ Phone us to inform us when they have been sent and to let us know the password - you can speak to any staff member who answers the phone.

### By post

If you are unable to email the notes to us they should be packaged securely and sent via our freepost address. Plastic envelopes can be obtained from us.

The freepost licence number is **RTBS - XCXG - RGLA**. Use this licence number, along with our full address below to send any correspondence to us. We recommend that all case notes are sent via recorded delivery. To use Royal Mail recorded delivery, you need to add £1.10 onto the freepost envelope.

On receipt of case notes you should receive an email notifying you that they have been logged on our database. Clinicians completing questionnaires who provide an email will also receive a similar email when they submit a questionnaire so that they can record the activity for their CPD.

## INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

NCEPOD is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for the purpose of data protection: number **Z5442652**

In March 2020 we completed and submitted our Data Security and Protection Toolkit to NHS Digital. Information about our data security and protection arrangements is on our website. We have approval to collect patient data under Section 251 of the NHS Act (2006) for all our work programmes.

***For all our approvals, data security and confidentiality information please click [here](#) or contact the office.***

***For information on how patients can opt out of their data being used by us then please click [here](#)***



We are pleased to confirm that we have also just had our Cyber Essentials certification renewed for 2021

NCEPOD now has access to a MESH mailbox to allow us to check files before sharing NHS numbers to match data across different Trusts/Health Boards. Information on the national data opt-out process can be found here:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>