



CASE REVIEWERS REQUIRED PULMONARY EMBOLISM STUDY

NCEPOD are recruiting a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals with a working interest in Pulmonary embolism.

Case Reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and questionnaires and provide expert opinion on the care patients receive. A training day will be held on **14th June 2018** at a central London location (if you are unable to make this date, training on an ad hoc basis is possible). You would typically be required to attend 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. Case Review meetings will begin in July 2018 and will run for approximately 6 months. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

We are looking for clinicians from a wide variety of specialties, including (and not exclusive to) emergency medicine, cardiology, respiratory medicine, physicians in acute medicine, anaesthesia, intensive care medicine, nursing (including critical care), and surgery. We aim to recruit clinicians from different clinical grades including senior trainees (ST6 and above) and applicants should be in current clinical practice.

Primary aim: To identify avoidable and remediable factors in the management of patients diagnosed with pulmonary embolism focusing on the following areas of care:

- risk assessment and prevention of venous thrombo-embolism
- gap between those risk assessed to need anticoagulation, and those who actually receive it
- availability and quality of diagnostic assessment, particularly CT scan of lungs (CTPA) 24/7
- risk stratification and treatment of PE with the appropriate selection for, and application of, ambulatory and in hospital care
- management, follow up and care, including information sharing on future complications
- identification and management of patients at high risk of death, complications and late morbidity (eg. secondary pulmonary hypertension) and recurrence.
- assessment of possible unnecessary interventions, including temporary IVC filters

The data collected during these meetings will form the major part of the studies final report.

All hospitals in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and public hospitals in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey that treat patients with pulmonary embolism will be included in the study.

Further information about the study can be found on our website

<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/pe.html>

If you would be interested in acting as a Case Reviewer for this study please send a copy of your CV (preferably by email) including the names of two referees to the contact details below. The deadline for applications is **13th April 2018**.

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