



PERI-OPERATIVE CARE

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD)

Clinical Form Instructions

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What is this study about?

NCEPOD is examining remediable factors in the peri-operative care of patients aged 16 or over, who undergo inpatient surgery (both elective and emergency).

The study period is 1st-7th March 2010 inclusive, starting at midnight on the 1st and ending at 23:59 on the 7th.

The findings of the full study will be published in late 2011.

This work is supported by The Intensive Care Society, the Royal College of Anaesthetists, and the Royal College of Surgeons.

Exclusions

Patients who are under the age of 16. Day cases (including those with an unexpected hospital stay), obstetrics, cardiac, transplant, and neurosurgical patients are excluded.

NB: thoracic surgery is included.

Who should complete this form

The most senior anaesthetist present at the time of surgery.

Definitions

Definitions are provided on the clinical form.

Returning this form

Please pass the form back to the study contact immediately after surgery. If the patient went from theatre to recovery, the recovery room staff are to complete question 28 of the form, and pass the form back to the anaesthetist on the same day.

If you do not know who your study contact is, please pass the form to your anaesthetic or theatre manager.

Please do not keep a copy in the patient's notes.

How to complete this form

Information will be collected using two methods: box cross and free text. This form will be electronically scanned. Please use a black or blue pen. Please complete all questions with either block capitals or a bold cross inside the boxes provided e.g does this hospital admit patients as:

Inpatients Outpatients

If you make a mistake, please "black-out" the incorrect box and re-enter the correct information, e.g.

Inpatients Outpatients

Unless indicated, please mark only one box per question.

Questions or help

If you have any queries about the study or this form, please contact NCEPOD at:

Email: periopcare@ncepod.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7631 3444

CPD accreditation

Consultants who complete NCEPOD questionnaires make a valuable contribution to the investigation of patient care. It also provides an opportunity for consultants to review their clinical management and undertake a period of personal reflection. Consequently, we recommend that you keep a record of this activity which can be included as evidence of internal/self directed Continuous Professional Development in their appraisal portfolio.

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION



HOW YOUR FORM WILL BE USED AND WHAT IS NCEPOD

The contents of your clinical form will form part of the data to be analysed by our researchers and clinicians leading the study. A copy of the anonymised casenote extracts on select cases will also be requested from hospitals. If one of your cases is chosen, we will pass your anonymised clinical form together with the casenote extracts to our clinical advisors for peer review.

The National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) reviews medical and surgical practice by undertaking confidential studies, and makes recommendations to improve the quality of the delivery of care, for clinicians and management to implement.

The origins of NCEPOD lie in a confidential study into mortality and anaesthesia. In 1988 the National Confidential Enquiry into Peri-Operative Death, as it was then known, was formed and supported with government funding. In 2002 NCEPOD's remit was extended to include medicine, which led to the name change from the National Confidential Enquiry into Peri-Operative Death to the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death in 2003.

What approval do we have to collect this information?

Section 251 (of the NHS Act 2006) approval has been obtained to perform this study without obtaining patient consent. Approval for the study methods of all NCEPOD studies is granted by the National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care (NIGB) during an annual review. At the present time the National Research Ethics Service (NRES) have agreed that it is not necessary for NCEPOD to obtain ethical approval for our work. We also comply with the data protection act.

