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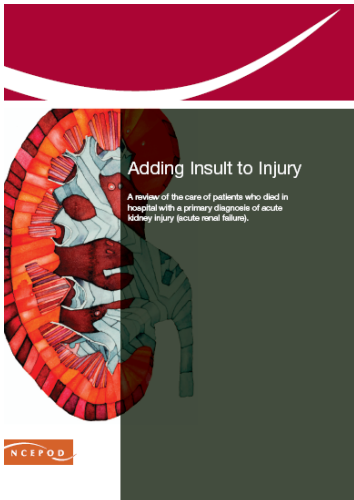
Quarterly Newsletter

April 2009

Data collection for the Deaths in Acute Hospitals (DAH) and Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) studies both came to a close at the end of January 2009 and three new studies have begun. Please see overleaf for details.

Adding insult to injury

The Acute Kidney Injury study report will be launched on the 11th of June 2009, at The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street. All details are available on our website www.ncepod.org.uk



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ncepod@nhs.net

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Confidential & Secure post

NCEPOD is committed to ensuring all case notes and documents are sent and received in the most secure way possible.

We are currently looking into two different secure ways of returning the information:

1. The Document Exchange system
2. Tamper proof/polythene envelopes

The Document Exchange (DX) system is a closed private mailbox network, similar to a courier service (no franking or weighing is required), more importantly it is fully tracked, fast and reliable. You will need to be a member to be able to benefit from this system; setting up is simple and easy.

<http://www.thedx.co.uk/ourservices/exchange/>

Please let us know whether your hospital has one of these boxes.

The polythene envelopes are tamper proof and can be posted and franked like normal post.

Both methods are currently being reviewed to weigh up the cost effectiveness and we will keep you updated on developments.

Recorded delivery

In the meantime we will still be using the 2nd class pre-paid envelopes for any other post but will slowly try and ease this out.

Until then please try and send all envelopes/packages back by recorded delivery. While the provided business reply envelope covers the cost of the postage it will only cost your Trust a small additional fee to send it by recorded post.

Additionally if you are sending a large amount of case notes please use a heavy duty envelope, jiffy bag or box using our free-post address below:

Freepost RRUU - ZALS - JXSX
NCEPOD
4 - 8 Maple Street
LONDON
W1T 5HD

When returning any questionnaires and/or casenotes, please ensure all are packaged securely and that spreadsheets are pass-



Acute Kidney Injury

Data collection for this study has now closed. The report will be launched on the **11th June 2009** at the **Royal Society of Medicine**, 1 Wimpole Street. Further details of the launch is available on our website www.ncepod.org.uk. If you wish to reserve a seat, please email reportlaunch@ncepod.org.uk with all your details as soon as possible.

Deaths in Acute Hospitals

Data collection for this study has now closed; any data sent back now will not be included in the final report. This study will be launched on **Thursday 5th November 2009** at **The British Library**, further information will be made available on the website in due course.

Parenteral Nutrition

This study is looking at the care of patients of all ages who received parenteral nutrition as an inpatient during a 3 month period in 2008 (January 1st to March 31st). The original deadline for data submission has passed but we will accept outstanding patient identifier spreadsheets up until **Friday May 15th** (available to download on our website). We have begun disseminating the clinician and organisational questionnaires, both of which are available to view on our website. Over 40 Advisors have been recruited and we are holding the initial training day on May 7th. Subsequent Advisor meetings have been scheduled throughout the year. Further information on the study is available on our website and specific questions regarding the study should be directed to:

parenteralnutrition@ncepod.org.uk

Emergency and Elective Surgery in the Elderly

NCEPOD is reviewing the process of care of patients aged 80 or over who died following surgery. The deadline for receipt of spreadsheets for this study has now closed. During late April and early May we will be disseminating questionnaires for completion, and will be starting the advisor review process. If you have any queries regarding this study, please contact NCEPOD at the email address below.

surgery@ncepod.org.uk

Cosmetic Surgery

The cosmetic surgery study will investigate variations in organisational aspects of patient care in sites that carry out or arrange cosmetic surgery. In this small-scale study, data will be collected via organisational questionnaires, which have been designed with the help of a group of experts from within the industry. They are currently being piloted at a range of sites which carry out or arrange cosmetic surgery. We hope to disseminate the questionnaires for the main study in late May 2009.

cosmeticsurgery@ncepod.org.uk

Paediatric Surgery

NCEPOD will be carrying out a study to look at processes of care in children undergoing surgery. Data collection for this study is due to commence in Autumn this year. If paediatric surgery is carried out at your Trust or hospital we would be grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible at the below email address.

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