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National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome & Death

'Improving the quality of medical and surgical care'

Newsletter

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Changes to NCEPOD

We are moving!!

As of 8th April 2011, NCEPOD will be moving offices from Maple Street W1T to Wood Street EC2V (London).

Any mail that arrives at our old office will be re-diverted to our new office, so don't worry if you have sent post to our old address.

Our new address will be:

NCEPOD

5th Floor

125 Wood Street

London, EC2V 7AN



Our new telephone number is 020 7600 1893, although this could be subject to change.

Future dates and venues for Local Reporter and Ambassador training days will be set once we have moved.

The re-diversion service will be active for one year so we will continue to use our self addressed envelopes for that time, as well as setting up another freepost licence number.

Please continue to look at our website where details will be updated regularly.

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Our FREEPOST Licence number will change.

Anyone who has a self addressed envelope with the OLD licence number (RRUU-JALS-JZSX) can continue to use this free service until the end of March 2012.

We will be setting up a new licence number once we have moved; please see our website for any updates.

As you will all now be aware, the 'Confidential Enquiries' (NCEPOD, CMACE (maternal and paediatric care) and NCISH (mental health)) had their funding put up for tender this year. Whilst NCEPOD and NCISH will continue the work, the work undertaken by CMACE will now be run by two new providers (maternal studies will go to the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford and the paediatric work to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health).

Due to these changes we wanted to clarify the situation around the name of the contract we bid for and the organisation that holds the contract. Both of these issues have no impact on the work we do or how things are run but we do hope that it means things are a bit clearer should you encounter the new names.

1. The first point for clarification is that the Confidential Enquiries were put up for tender under the name of the 'Clinical Outcome Review Programme'. The reason for this is that while the majority of the work programmes undertaken are confidential enquiries, there is also other work such as mortality surveillance that doesn't quite fit into the same description, so the new over-arching name was to cover this. However, the 'Confidential Enquiries' is a well established brand name, and one used to aid participation due to the number of documents stating the requirements to participate in them. Please be assured that this terminology will remain (and it is in our name so that won't change) so you don't need to change any Trust policies or documents you have relating to the Confidential Enquiries; but to reduce confusion you may notice in the future that some of our documents, and those providing the other work programmes, if you cover those as well, will include the Clinical Outcome Review Programme too, where the work being carried out is funded by that contract.

2. The second point for clarification is that at present the contract for the Clinical Outcome Review Programme is run by the NPSA. From April the 1st this will change and the contract will be held by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP). HQIP run the national audit programme so we are very much looking forward to working more closely with them and it seems a natural place for our contract to sit. This will have no impact on the communication you have with us, all NCEPOD work will be done through NCEPOD in the same way it always has been - business as usual!!

If you have any questions about the contract name, or contract holder, please feel free to email me at mmason@ncepod.org.uk

Study updates

Surgery in Children

NCEPOD is carrying out a study to look at processes of care in children undergoing surgery. Data was sampled over a 2 year period, from 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2010. Although the deadline for spreadsheet data has now passed, we are still able to accept this where it is outstanding, and would be grateful if you could contact the NCEPOD office to discuss this. The majority of questionnaires have now been disseminated. Where clinician details are not present we are contacting Local Reporters to request this information, and again we need this data as soon as possible in order that we can send out questionnaires for completion. Cases with missing clinician details are included on the study summary. Reminder letters are being sent out on a rolling basis where questionnaires are outstanding. Organisational questionnaires have also been sent to sites where surgery on children is undertaken, and we will continue to send reminder letters where these are still outstanding. To ensure that we do not contact sites unnecessarily, if you have not informed us as yet as to whether surgery is undertaken at your site or Trust, we would be grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible so that we can ensure our records are accurate.

The **final deadline** for the receipt of all questionnaires will be **Thursday 7th April 2011** and the final deadline for the return of **case notes** for this study will be **Friday 6th May 2011**.

paediatricsurgery@ncepod.org.uk

Peri-operative Care

The last advisor meeting for the peer review of casenotes, will be 31 March 2011. We would be most grateful if you could send any outstanding cases to us before then. The deadline for the organisational questionnaires has now passed, so again, we would be grateful if you could submit any outstanding returns **by the final deadline of 27 April**. This is only applicable to hospitals who conduct inpatient surgery on patients aged 16 or over.

periopcare@ncepod.org.uk

Cardiac Arrest

This study aims to assess variability and identify remediable factors in the process of care of adult patients who receive resuscitation in an in-hospital setting, including factors which may affect the decision to initiate the resuscitation attempt, the outcome and the quality of care following the resuscitation attempt; as well as to determine antecedents in the preceding 48 hours, and possible opportunities for intervention. Prospective data on each in-hospital cardiac arrest resuscitation attempt was collected over a 2 week period (1st - 14th November 2010 inclusive) via the completion of a short data collection form. Retrospective data on the same patients was collected via the completion of an excel spreadsheet. The deadline for the return of spreadsheets was the 18th February 2011, but we will continue to accept them. Having identified the named consultant in each case, we will be sending out clinician questionnaires and requests for case notes shortly.

The first cardiac arrest advisor training day is due to take place on 14th April 2011 at NCVO.

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Bariatric Surgery

Data collection for the bariatric surgery study will commence in April with an email request to Local Reporters from NCEPOD. All adult patients (>16 years old) who underwent bariatric surgery between 1st June 2010 to 31st August 2010 inclusive will be included in the initial study population from which a random sample of approximately 500 patients will be selected for the peer review process (see study protocol for details). Patients will be identified retrospectively by OPCS coding and details of their inpatient stay obtained from hospital PAS systems. Draft questionnaires for the study have been developed for piloting and we are now advertising for clinical Advisors for the study (see website for details).

bariatricsurgery@ncepod.org.uk

Alcoholic Liver Disease

Is due to commence early 2011

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

Is due to commence late 2011

Call for NCEPOD Study Advisors

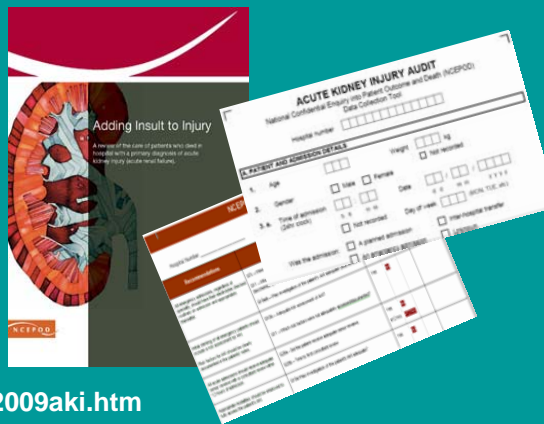
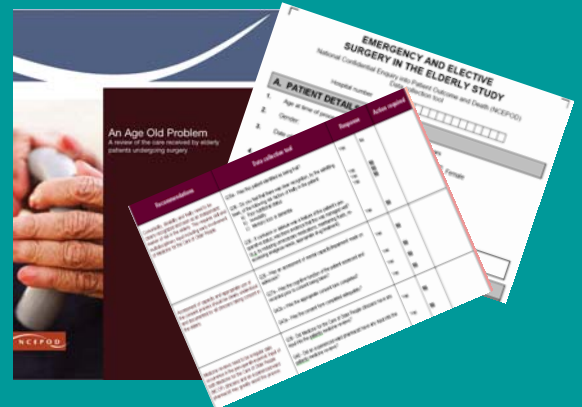
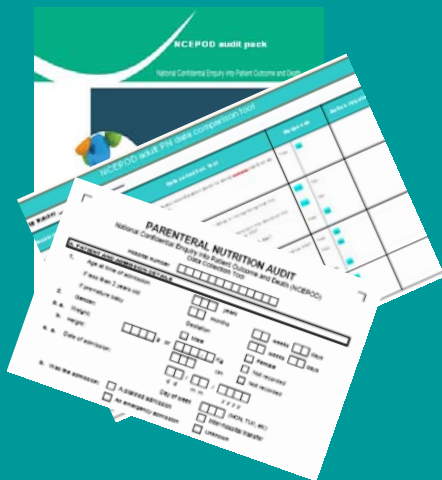
- ◆ We are currently advertising for Advisors for our Bariatric Surgery study; to apply for this role please email bariatricsurgery@ncepod.org.uk with your CV by late May 2011. Further details on what is involved for this role can be found on our website; please see call or see our website for more information

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

Don't forget our 'Audit Toolkits'

http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2010pn_toolkit.php

http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2010eese_toolkit.php



<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2009aki.htm>

Quality Accounts

At the beginning of April we will collate your participation in our work between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011. A summary for your quality accounts will be emailed to Local Reporters by the end of April 2011.

Timeline for the next quarter

	April	May	June
Surgery in children	7th - questionnaires deadline	6th - case notes deadline	
Peri-op care	27th - organisational questionnaires deadline		
Cardiac arrest		7th - questionnaires deadline	
Bariatric surgery	Cases identified to NCEPOD	Questionnaires sent out and case notes requested	

Dates for your diary:

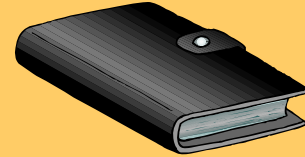
NCEPOD Local Reporter & Ambassador training days

The next training day for Local Reporters and Ambassadors will take place on **25th March 2011** in **Manchester, Hempsons Solicitors, Portland Street.**

Please note: This event is now fully booked; more training day dates will be set in April 2011, details will be available from our website then.

Launch of Surgery in Children Study, 3rd November 2011

Launch of Peri operative Care Study, 1st December 2011



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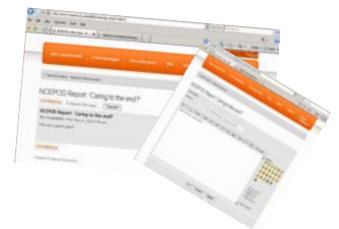
Log on and use the forum to:

Discuss report findings

Discuss recommendations

Discuss your ideas / thoughts

Ask for help/share a problem



NCEPOD office recycling award

We are committed in helping to reduce our carbon footprints; in the last two months, NCEPOD has recycled 430kg of paper per employee, 24kg of cans & plastic bottles. Saving an equivalent of 3 trees, and 543kg of CO₂.

