

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death

'Improving the quality of medical and surgical care'

Newsletter

May Issue, 2013

Inside this newsletter

Study updates

Vacancies

NCEPOD Clinical Co-ordinator

Ambassadors - are you a Consultant who would like to help your NCEPOD Local Reporter

Latest NCEPOD events

Call for topics

MEASURING THE UNITS

A review of patients who died with alcohol-related liver disease

Friday 14th June 2013

The aim of this study was to describe variability, and identify remediable factors, in the process of care for patients who died with a diagnosis of alcohol-related liver disease.

The report will highlight care related to:

- * Recognition of the degree of sickness
- * Early intervention
- * Time to specialist review
- * Missed opportunities during the final admission
- * Missed opportunities during previous admissions
- * Escalation of care

The meeting will be chaired by Mr Bertie Leigh, Chair of NCEPOD

Venue: Royal College of Physicians,
11 St Andrew's Place London, NW1 4LE



The Programme

10.00 - 11.00 Tea/coffee and registration

11.00 Report findings

Dr Neil Smith

Dr Mark Juniper

12.30 Questions and Answers

13.00 Lunch (Please advise us of any special dietary needs)

14.00 Professor Martin Lombard

Consultant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist

Royal Liverpool University Hospital

14.20 Mrs Louise Poley

Consultant Nurse, Substance Misuse

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

14.40 Andrew Langford PhD

Chief Executive, British Liver Trust

15.00 Professor Sir Ian Gilmore

President of the British Society of Gastroenterology

Chair of Alcohol Health Alliance

15.20 Panel questions

16.00 Tea/coffee and close

How to book:

FAX booking form to: 020 7250 0020

EMAIL your full details to:

reportlaunch@ncepod.org.uk

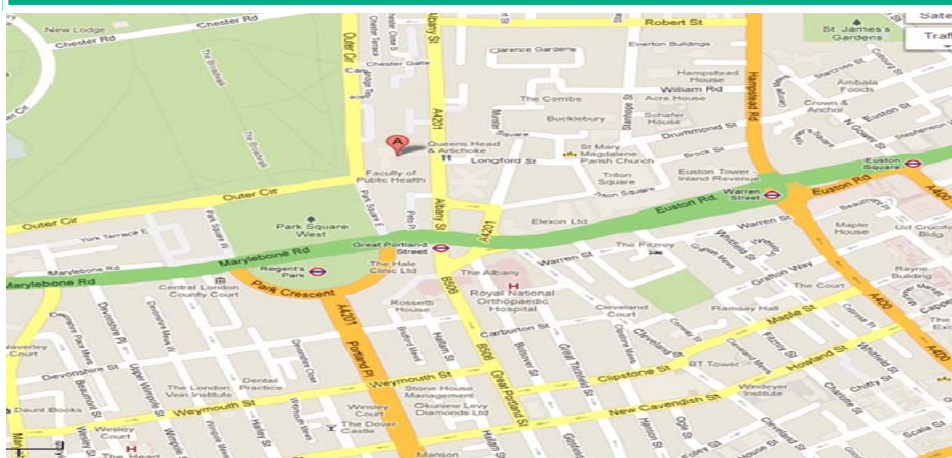
quoting ARLD in the subject header

POST the slip below to:

Freeport RTBS-XCXG-RGLA

NCEPOD

Abbey House, 74-76 St John Street, LONDON, EC1M 4DZ



With thanks to the Royal College of Physicians of London for sponsoring this event



Cancellations cannot be refunded once the invoice has been issued, however substitute delegates are welcome.

Study updates

Lower limb amputations

NCEPOD are undertaking a study to explore remediable factors in the processes of care of patients who died following lower limb amputation. Data collection will commence in May and the request for these data and the relevant spreadsheet will initially be sent to those sites where lower limb amputation is undertaken.

Clinical questionnaires will be sent out in July, with a limit set at a maximum of three per clinician, and we will ask for these to be returned alongside copied extracts of the case notes. A multidisciplinary group of advisors has been recruited to assess the case notes, and advisor meetings are scheduled to start in September.

Organisational questionnaires will be sent out (to all sites who undertake limb amputation, and sites who care for patients pre- or post transfer for amputation) in May.

amputation@ncepod.org.uk

Subarachnoid Haemorrhage

The aim of the study was to explore remediable factors in the process of care of patients admitted for the treatment of subarachnoid haemorrhage, looking at the whole care pathway both of patients that undergo an intervention and those managed conservatively. Where patients were transferred from one hospital to another, we have collected data from both hospitals and matched cases together on NHS number. Data collection for this study is closing. The final deadline for the return of case notes and clinician questionnaires has now passed and we cannot accept any more cases. The deadline for the return of organisational data has also passed, however, if you have a completed (or near completed) organisational questionnaire that has not yet been returned to us, we may still be able to accept it. Please contact us at the office to see if this is still the case. This study is due for publication in Autumn 2013.

sah@ncepod.org.uk

Tracheostomy related complications

NCEPOD are undertaking a study to explore tracheostomy related complications. This study is collecting prospective data on all patients who undergo the insertion of a tracheostomy tube over a two month period (25th February – 12th May). Each patient included in the study requires an insertion questionnaire to be completed at the time (or shortly after) of tracheostomy insertion; questionnaires will also need to be completed at the time of discharge from critical care and general wards (where applicable). The two month data collection period relates to tracheostomy insertions, so where an insertion is undertaken at the end of the 2 months the critical care and ward care questionnaires still need to be completed.

Organisational questionnaires have been sent out, and if you have not returned this yet we would be grateful if you could return this as soon as possible. A group of advisors has been recruited and advisor meetings are scheduled to start in July. Each site participating in the study will be asked to return two sets of the copied extracts of the case notes and the request for these will be sent out in May.

tracheostomy@ncepod.org.uk

New studies

We are starting to work on two new studies, one on gastrointestinal bleeding and one on sepsis. More details will become available in due course.

	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15		
Form the EG																																	
Write the protocol																																	
Design the questionnaires																																	
Advertise the study																																	
Advertise for Advisors																																	
Test data collection methods																																	
Meet with EG																																	
Final protocol to SG + IAG																																	
Start data collection																																	
Run Advisor meetings																																	
Run Advisor meetings																																	
Run Advisor meetings																																	
Run Advisor meetings																																	
Run Advisor meetings																																	
Run Advisor meetings																																	
Data analysis																																	
Write the report																																	
Report design and print																																	
Embargo copies sent																																	
Publish the report																																	

ALCOHOL RELATED LIVER DISEASE
SUBARACHNOID HAEMORRHAGE
TRACHEOSTOMY CARE
LOWER LIMB AMPUTATIONS
GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDS
SEPSIS

Toolkits and other publications

Please see our website for audit toolkits for all studies from 2007 and papers we have published, other than our reports.

Clinical Co-ordinator Vacancy in Surgery

1 session per week
CLOSING DATE 28th JUNE 2013

Applications are sought from consultant surgeons to provide hands-on clinical input to NCEPOD.

The role includes:

- ◆ Forming study protocols
- ◆ Chairing meetings of clinicians reviewing questionnaires
- ◆ Report writing

This secondment position would be for one year initially, and renewable on an annual basis thereafter.

For a job description and further information please contact Dr Marisa Mason, Chief Executive on 020 7251 9060 or e-mail mmason@ncepod.org.uk

Study proposals wanted!

The annual call for new study proposals for the Clinical Outcome Review Programme into Medical and Surgical Care is now open.

If you think there is an issue regarding the quality of care being provided to patients please download a study proposal form from www.ncepod.org.uk/events and tell us about it.

Closing date for submission is
20th SEPTEMBER 2013

Ideas can be suggested by anyone,
clinical or non-clinical!!!!

Ambassadors

Over the last year we have been proposing that Trusts recruit an NCEPOD Ambassador. This role is filled by a senior clinician who has a strong interest in the work we do and is able to provide support to their NCEPOD Local Reporter by encouraging clinicians to return questionnaires to us and ensuring that report recommendations are recognised by the Trust Board.

If you are interested in this role, contact us at info@ncepod.org.uk and we can tell you whether your Trust has an Ambassador and guide you on what to do next if they don't.

NCEPOD Local Reporter & Ambassador Days

Monday 1st July 2013, London
September 2013 Manchester—Date to be confirmed
Wednesday 4th December 2013, London

Places are limited on the London training day, so please book as soon as possible. Date and details for the Manchester training day will soon be available on our website. If you are interested in attending the Manchester training day please send us your details as soon as possible.

<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/events.htm>
info@ncepod.org.uk

Non-Clinical Staff

Marisa Mason
Chief Executive
mmason@ncepod.org.uk

Neil Smith
Clinical Researcher
Deputy Chief Executive
nsmith@ncepod.org.uk

Robert Alleway
IT Manager
ralley@ncepod.org.uk

Heather Freeth
Clinical Researcher
hfreeth@ncepod.org.uk

Hannah Shotton
Researcher
hshotton@ncepod.org.uk

Karen Protopapa
Researcher
kprotopapa@ncepod.org.uk

Kathryn Kelly
Researcher
kkelly@ncepod.org.uk

Dolores Jarman
Administrative Officer
djarman@ncepod.org.uk

Eva Nwosu
Administrative Officer
enwosu@ncepod.org.uk

Donna Ellis
Administrative Officer
dellis@ncepod.org.uk

Aysha Butt
Administrative Officer
abutt@ncepod.org.uk

Anisa Warsame
Office Administrator
awarsame@ncepod.org.uk

Clinical Staff

Intensive Care
Dr George Findlay
(Lead Clinical Co-ordinator)
gfindlay@ncepod.org.uk

Surgery
Prof. Michael Gough
mgough@ncepod.org.uk

Medicine
Dr Mark Juniper
mjuniper@ncepod.org.uk

Anaesthesia
Dr Kathy Wilkinson
kwilkinson@ncepod.org.uk

Dr Alex Goodwin
agoodwin@ncepod.org.uk

Information Governance

We are currently undergoing the annual review of our S.251 approval. As part of the new process instructed by the HRA-CAG we have completed the Information Governance Toolkit for the NHS and were very pleased to have reached Level 3.

We have also formalised data collection from Northern Ireland through the Northern Ireland Patient Advisory Committee.

Contact details

Please note our new contact details and freepost number:

Ground Floor
74-76 St John Street
London
EC1M 4DZ

Telephone: 020 7251 9060
Fax: 020 7250 0020

Freepost licence number is RTBS - XCXG - RGLA

Please use this licence number, along with our full new address to send any correspondence to us. If you have sent anything to our old address do not fear, it is all being diverted to our new address, including the freepost envelopes.

As always, we recommend that all case notes are sent via recorded delivery. To use Royal Mail recorded delivery, you will need to add £1.10 onto the freepost envelope.

Alternatively...

...scan your case notes to us

NCEPOD can accept scanned case notes rather than you returning them in the post.

Email them to us, in a sensible order, to ncepod@nhs.net and don't forget to password protect the file! And please inform us that they will be/have been sent.

On receipt of questionnaires we will email Consultants to acknowledge the receipt and that it was completed fully so that they can record the activity for their CPD. We will also automatically acknowledge case notes as soon as they are logged on our system so that Local Reporters know we have received them.

NCEPOD Green Policy

We are always and will continue to be committed in helping to reduce our carbon footprints and do our best to help save the environment. Since January 2013, NCEPOD has recycled/shredded; 1190kg of mixed paper, 270kg of confidential and white paper, 58kg of cans and plastics and 2kg in other waste. Saving a total of 14 trees and 2184kg of CO₂ emission savings.

