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## Welcome to the NCEPOD Quarterly Newsletter

2007 certainly has been a busy year for NCEPOD! In our extended remit, we currently have 6 studies underway and new topics are currently being evaluated. We have published the 2nd Interim report for the Coronary Artery Bypass Graft study and also launched our Emergency Admissions report. The Severely Injured patients report 'Trauma: Who Cares?' is being launched at the Royal College of Surgeons of England on 21st November. All our reports are available from our website. If you have any comments about our newsletter, please e-mail

## Advisors

We would like to start recruiting advisors to review the data collected for the Deaths in Acute Hospitals study. We are looking for clinicians and nurses from all specialties to form a multidisciplinary group of advisors. The role of the advisor is to review each case and provide expert opinion on the patient care. You would typically be required to attend 1-2 meetings a month at the NCEPOD offices in London. Meetings would begin in January 2008 and last for approximately 10 months.

If you would be interested in becoming an advisor for this study, please e-mail

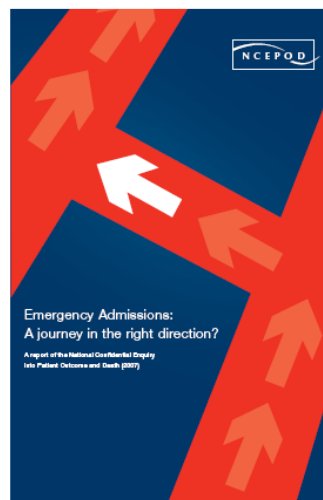
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## Our Latest Report - Emergency Admissions: A Journey in the right direction?



On October 10th 2007 we launched our latest report entitled 'Emergency Admissions: A journey in the right direction?' This report contains the results of the study we undertook over the last three years to assess the quality of care of patients admitted as an emergency. This report is now available on our website at [www.ncepod.org.uk](http://www.ncepod.org.uk).

The report was launched at the Royal College of Physicians with the report findings being discussed in the morning and presentations from four eminent speakers in the afternoon. We had a very good attendance and NCEPOD would like to thank all those that joined us. The slides from the day are available to download from our website.

## NCEPOD supports Jeans for Genes Day at the National Patient Safety Agency!



On Friday 5th October, NCEPOD ran a Jeans for Genes coffee morning held at the National Patient Safety Agency to raise money for our charity of choice; The Sickle Cell Society.

Jeans for Genes is a national appeal where everyone is asked to and donate £2 for wearing jeans to help children with genetic disorders. Jeans for Genes supports a range of genetic disorders and more information can be obtained at [www.jeansforgenes.com](http://www.jeansforgenes.com)

It was a very successful morning, which raised over £600.00 for the Sickle Cell Society! You can find out more about the Sickle Cell Society at [www.sicklecellsociety.org](http://www.sicklecellsociety.org) Due to the success of the coffee morning, we will be repeating it next year on Friday 3rd October 2008.

## Systemic anti-cancer therapy

There are some casenotes and questionnaires that are now overdue, which we require for our advisor meetings. There are also a number of organisational questionnaires (only applicable to sites that deliver SACT) and data collection spreadsheets that are overdue also which were due back by **April 2007**. **Please send them in as soon as possible**. The final deadline for spreadsheets and organisational questionnaires is **7th December 2007**. **After this date, your site will be listed as not participating**. Even though your site may not deliver SACT, we still require your death data to match up with SACT treatments in other hospitals.

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## Deaths in acute hospitals

A spreadsheet has been sent to all **acute** hospitals requesting data on patients who died between **1st October 2006** and **31st March 2007**. The deadline for returning this data was **3rd September 2007**. Any sites that have not already sent back a spreadsheet, please do so **as soon as possible**. This data is needed for data collection for the Acute kidney Injury study as well.

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## Acute kidney injury

NCEPOD has begun work on a new study looking at adult patients who die of Acute Kidney Injury. This is the first time that NCEPOD will have performed an in depth review of the clinical and organisational management of these patients. An expert group has been formed and with their help we are currently developing the protocol, main study thematic and determining the suitability of ICD10 coding for patient identification. The protocol will be available on the website at the beginning of December and we will start disseminating clinician questionnaires in January 2008. Please note, patients for the study will be identified from the Death in Acute Hospitals study spreadsheets, which have already been requested. This is to try and minimise the workload of Local Reporters

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## Sickle cell disease & thalassaemia

Case identification for the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Study is now complete. However, the deadline for monthly returns is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007**. Please ensure that we receive any nil returns by this date so that we can record your trust as having no deaths, rather than not participating.

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## Coronary artery bypass grafts

The data collection for this study has now ended. Any data returned to NCEPOD after 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 will not be included in the study. The report is due to be launched **on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008**, and further details will be published on the NCEPOD website soon.

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## Severely injured patients

The severely injured patient report 'Trauma: Who Cares?' will be launched on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2007 at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Details of the launch are available on our website.

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Please ensure that when returning data all casenotes and questionnaires are packaged securely and that spreadsheets are password protected.

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