

2. METHODS

INTRODUCTION

The data presented in this report relate to three datasets:

1. All deaths occurring in hospital within 30 days of a gastrointestinal (GI) therapeutic endoscopy between 1 April 2002 and 31 March 2003.
2. Upper GI dilations and tubal prosthesis insertions performed in adults (of 16 years of age and over) between 1 January and 31 March 2003, regardless of outcome.
3. Data collected from hospitals on organisational aspects of endoscopy services.

The method of data collection for each dataset is outlined below.