

3. Organisation of vascular services

Hospital workload >> Emergency open repairs

87 hospitals performed 10 or fewer emergency aortic aneurysm repairs in 2002/03.

The pattern is repeated for emergency open repairs (Figure 3).

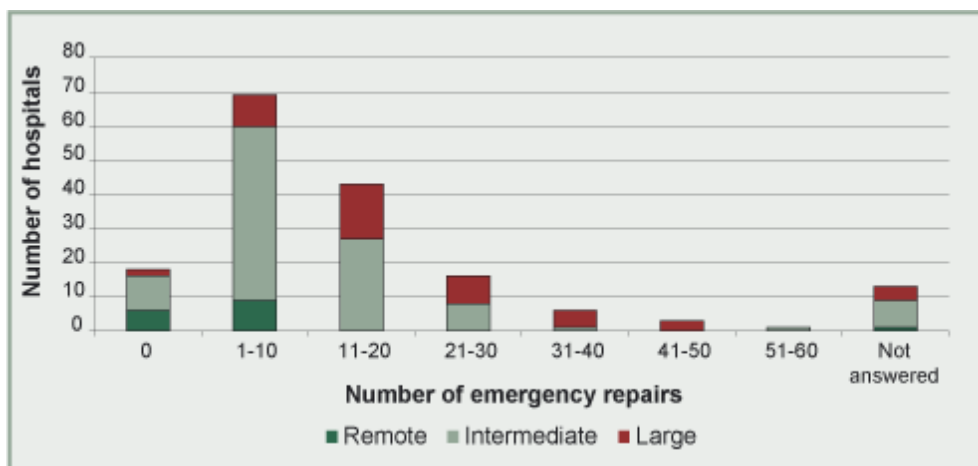


Figure 3. Number of emergency open repairs performed in year 2002/03 by size of unit $n=181$

Again, some hospitals report performing small numbers of open emergency AAA repairs. 11 large units and 61 intermediate sized units reported doing 10 or less emergency repairs in 2002/03. In total 56% (87/156) of hospitals performed 10 or fewer open AAA repairs on patients admitted as an emergency in the 12 month period.