

6. Endovascular aneurysm repair

Status of aneurysm

Table 1. Status of aneurysm on admission		
Status	Total	%
Unruptured: asymptomatic	48	91
Unruptured: symptomatic	4	8
Ruptured	1	<2
Total	53	

The great majority of aneurysms were unruptured and asymptomatic. The advisors suggested that at present very few centres in the United Kingdom are able to treat ruptured aneurysms by EVAR. Successful endovascular treatment of a ruptured aneurysm requires that the patient is cardiovascularly stable, so that they can proceed immediately to CT examination, and then to a staffed angiography suite. It is difficult for radiology departments to organise this flexibility of service with current workload and staff resources.