

6. Endovascular aneurysm repair

Destination after the procedure

Only one patient went to a Level 3 Intensive Care bed after the procedure.

Table 4. Immediate destination of patients after endovascular repair		
Destination	Total	%
Recovery area	21	40
ICU	1	2
HDU	25	48
Vascular surgical ward	5	10
Sub-total	52	
Not answered	1	
Total	53	

Only one patient was admitted to ICU after the procedure. This compares with 56% of elective open repairs in this study who went to Level 3 care after surgery. The reduced requirement for critical care beds after EVAR is a secondary benefit to the service, which may help to free the resource for other patients and reduces the chance of other operations being cancelled because no critical care bed is available. Whether or not a patient goes to a recovery area may depend on local factors including the proximity of the angiography suite to theatres.