



## NCEPOD Study: Acute Heart Failure

- NCEPOD is undertaking a study to identify and explore avoidable and remediable factors in the process of care for patients admitted to hospital with acute heart failure, throughout the patient pathway from presentation to death in hospital;
- Adult patients who were admitted to hospital as an emergency **with a primary diagnosis of heart failure** and **died in hospital**, will be included in the study;
- Retrospective study period last year: **1st January 2016 and 31st December 2016 inclusive**;
- **Exclusions:**
  - Patients who had an elective admission;
  - Patients under the age of 16;
  - Hospitals that do not admit patients as an emergency.
- **Patients will be identified retrospectively for the study** via completion of a data collection spreadsheet via ICD10 codes: I11.0, I25.5, I42.0, I42.9 and I50.0, I50.1, I50.9);
- **Data Collection: a clinical questionnaire** to the named clinician who was responsible for the patient's care at the time of death; an **organisational questionnaire**, and **case note extracts** for peer review;
- **Clinical reviewers are being recruited for the peer review of case notes** (closing date 27/04/2017). Please see: <http://www.ncepod.org.uk/hf.html>

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