

NCEPOD study on Rib Fractures

NCEPOD are recruiting a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals with a working interest in the care of patients with rib fractures. We are looking to identify remediable factors in the quality of care received by patients and produce a national report with recommendations to improve the quality of care provided.

Case reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and questionnaires and provide expert opinions on the quality of healthcare received by patients. The training day will be held on **17**th **February 2026** at our offices in London (if you are unable to make this date, training on an ad hoc basis is possible). You would typically be required to attend/join a minimum of 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London and latterly via MS Teams. It is anticipated case review meetings will begin in **March 2025** and will run for approximately 5 months. The data collected during these meetings will form a major part of the study's final report. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in line with our expense form.

We are looking for clinicians from a wide variety of specialties, including (and not limited to) acute medicine physicians, anaesthetists, cardiothoracic surgeons, critical care physicians, emergency medicine clinicians, general physicians, general surgeons, nurses, radiologists, respiratory physicians and physiotherapists.

We aim to recruit senior clinicians (e.g. grade ST6 and above) to ensure that applicants have enough experience for the case note review. All applicants should be in current clinical practice.

Further information about this study including a copy of the study protocol can be found on the webpage: https://www.ncepod.org.uk/Ribfractures.html

If you would be interested in acting as a case note reviewer for this study, please send a copy of your CV (short version) via email to the contact details below.

The deadline for applications is the 12th January 2026.

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