



CASE REVIEWERS REQUIRED ACUTE BOWEL OBSTRUCTION STUDY

NCEPOD are recruiting a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals with a working interest in acute intestinal obstruction.

Case reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and questionnaires and provide expert opinion on the care patients receive. A training day will be held on **Thursday 13th September** at a central London location (if you are unable to make this date, training on an ad hoc basis is possible). You would typically be required to attend 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. It is anticipated case review meetings will begin in October 2018 and will run for approximately 6 months. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

We are looking for clinicians from a wide variety of specialties, including (and not exclusive to) gastroenterology, gastrointestinal surgery, colorectal surgery, emergency medicine, physicians in acute medicine, anaesthesia, intensive care medicine, interventional radiology, dieticians and nursing (including critical care). We aim to recruit clinicians from different clinical grades including senior trainees (ST6 and above) and applicants should be in current clinical practice.

Primary aim: To identify remedial factors in process of care of patients with both large and small intestinal obstruction.

- Emergency admission factors (including recognition prior to hospital admission)
- Initial assessment and diagnosis (including risk assessment and delays in diagnosis)
- Admission to the ward (including the route of admission, admitting specialty and delays in admission)
- Treatment plan (including continuity of care and communication)
- Imaging (including time to imaging, the reporting of imaging and communication of results)
- Decision making (including multidisciplinary input and clinician seniority)
- Non-surgical therapy
- Nutrition
- Surgery (including delays, decision making and continuity of care)
- Post-operative care (including location, nutrition and complications)
- Discharge and follow up arrangements
- End of life care

The data collected during these meetings will form the major part of the studies final report.

All hospitals in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and public hospitals in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey that treat patients for an acute bowel obstruction will be included in the study.

Further information can be found on our website <http://www.ncepod.org.uk/bo.html>

If you would be interested in acting as a Case Reviewer for this study please send a copy of your CV (preferably by email) including the names of two referees to the contact details below. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 8th August**.

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