



CASE REVIEWERS REQUIRED

Acute Heart Failure Study

NCEPOD are recruiting a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals with a working interest in Acute Heart Failure.

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 **18th May 2017** at a central London location. You would typically be required to attend 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. Case Review meetings will begin in June 2017 and will run for approximately 6 months.

Primary aim: To identify and explore avoidable and remediable factors in the process of care for patients admitted to hospital with acute heart failure.

1) The following areas will help address the primary aim of the study

- Prompt recognition and diagnosis of heart failure and rapid initiation heart failure pathway
- Appropriate documentation and management heart failure
- Prompt senior review and follow-up throughout admission
- Escalation of care decisions and planning including admission to critical care
- Assessing multidisciplinary team approach
- Assessing adequate communications with patient, families and carers
- Examining the management of the 'acute' end of life pathway and ceilings of treatment including appropriateness of interventions
- Equity of access for mechanical support / transplant centre and escalation decisions
- Organisational aspects of care delivery for heart failure patients on acute, general or cardiology wards

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 with non-invasive ventilation will be included in the study.

Further information about the study can be found on our website

<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/hf.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 **31st March 2017**.

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