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Time Critical Medicine Sticker for Inpatients with Parkinson's Disease Killeen et al. point out that certain medications for Parkinson's disease patients are time critical and must not be delayed. In a QI initiative, the authors designed a time critical medication sticker, placed on the patient's medical chart, in order to increase staff awareness.	59
A service evaluation of departmental compliance with obstetric neuraxial intervention follow-up O'Loughlin et al. report that compliance with neuraxial intervention follow-up was 78.6% for labour epidurals, and 57.6% for operative deliveries. The authors conclude that there is room for better compliance rates.	60

Original Papers	
Consent and Chaperone Practices in Transvaginal Ultrasound: Exploring Sonographer Knowledge, Gender, and Ethical Challenges Barnard et al. have surveyed chaperone practices and consent for transvaginal ultrasound among 51 sonographers. Consent was predominantly verbal, 69%. While the majority of male sonographers stated that the hospital required the use of a chaperone, they were not routinely offered in 43% of departments. The authors conclude that there is a need for clearer, more specific guidance.	61
Antimicrobial Stewardship Adherence and Resistant Pathogens in a High Dependency Unit Chong et al. audited antimicrobial stewardship for 50 HDU patients. It was fully adherent for 30% of patients, 30% partially adherent, 22% non-adherent, and 18% had no local guideline. Regular microbiology ward rounds and prescriber education are recommended.	62
Development of Local Pathways for Follow-up of Suspected Perioperative Anaphylaxis O'Sullivan et al. outline a series of steps for suspected perioperative anaphylaxis that include a local guideline, an anaphylaxis investigation pack, a follow-up pathway, and a structured teaching session.	63
Evaluating the Safety and Feasibility of Same-Day Posterior Lumbar Decompression and Discectomy in a Standalone Day-Surgery Unit Denton et al. describe 20 patients who underwent same day lumbar compression and discectomy. The authors state that it is a safe option for selected patients.	64

Recreational Nitrous Oxide Use: A Growing Trend with Unintended Consequences Bakhshi et al. describe 63 hospital admissions due to recreational use of nitrous oxide. The authors point out that there has been a four-fold increase between Q1 2020 and Q4 2023.	65
The Challenges in Meeting National Key Quality Indicators in Acute Stroke Bejleri et al. have audited the management of 42 stroke calls to their service. The areas that need improvement are the time from the onset to arrival at the hospital, and the time taken to be assessed by the medical team. The thrombolysis rate was 8%, which is below the national average 11%.	66
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