**In This Month’s IMJ May 2021:**

S- 7350 – Togher et al state that the number of weekly neurology consults has increased from 13/week (2007) to 33/week (2018). The time to being reviewed has reduced from 87 hours to 6 hours.

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Q1. The number of inpatient records consulted was:

1. 14010 b) 14110 c) 14210 d) 14310 e) 14410 Ans b)

Q2. The time interval (hours) between referral and the patient being seen in 2007 was:

1. 81 b) 83 c) 85 d) 87 e) 89 Ans d)

Q3. The time interval (hours) between referral and the patient being seen in 2018 was:

1. 4 b) 6 c) 8 d) 10 e) 12 Ans b)

Q4. The per cent of consults discharged following the neurology review was:

1. 5% b) 7% c) 9% d) 11% e) 13% Ans c)

Q5. The per cent of referrals from the ED was:

1. 36% b) 38% c) 40% d) 42% e) 44% Ans d)

S- 7354- Doherty et al report on 24 pregnancies to 11 mothers who are liver transplant recipients. The outcome in the series was 18 live births and 6 miscarriages.

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Q1. The number of patients in the study was:

1. 5 b) 7 c) 9 d) 11 e) 13 Ans d)

Q2. The number of pregnancies in the study was:

1. 20 b) 22 c) 24 d) 26 e) 28 Ans c)

Q3. The number of live births was:

1. 16 b) 18 c) 20 d) 22 e) 24 Ans b)

Q4. The per cent delivered by caesarean section was:

1. 72% b) 74% c) 76% d) 78% e) 80% Ans d)

Q5. The median age (years) of the mothers was:

1. 27.5 b) 29.5 c) 31.5 d) 33.5 e) 35.5 Ans c)

S- 7367- O’Malley et al found a GDM rate 53.5% among 202 mothers attending for a OGTT. There was no seasonal variation to the rate.

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S-7383- Hannah et al consider the issue of non-attendance for scheduled medical appointments. Among 1472 endoscopy OPDs, 191 (13%) did not attend. The authors recommend mandatory confirmations.

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Q1. The number of patients scheduled for OPD endoscopy was:

1. 1468 b) 1470 c) 1472 d) 1474 e) 1476 Ans c)

Q2. The per cent non-attendance for left-sided procedures was:

1. 24.4% b) 26.4% c) 28.4% d) 30.4% e) 32.4% Ans d)

Q3. The overall per cent non-attendance rate was:

1. 10.9% b) 12.9% c) 14.9% d) 16.95 e) 18.9% Ans b)

Q4. The per cent non-attendance rate in patients under 50 years was:

1. 16.6% b) 18.6% c) 20.6% d) 22.6% e) 24.6% Ans c)

Q5. The per cent non-attendance among patients without health insurance was:

1. 7% b) 9% c) 11% d) 13% e) 15% Ans e)

S- 7490- Gracias et al describe a 48 year old patient who developed a bilateral occipital stroke secondary to abdominal sepsis. The underlying factors included haemodynamic compromise.

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S- 7512- Nolan et al explored the understanding of nurses and doctors about DNR. It was found that the respondents were less likely to undertake invasive interventions such as LPs, endoscopy, and central lines.

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S-7519- Eogan et al describe the role of the Dove clinic, which deals with addiction problems in pregnancy. The attendance rate is 12/1000 pregnancies. Opioid addiction has become less common, but other addictions have increased.

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S-7540- Crotty et al describe the management of 12 patients with peritoneal malignancies. The procedures were complicated by the Covid pandemic, which posed many additional challenges.

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S-7552- McCarthy and Dempsey describe a case of carotenaemia in infancy. The cause was a diet high in pureed vegetables.

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S-7567- Coughlan et al have assessed the use of LPs in general paediatrics. Among 104 children, a CSF sample was obtained in 93% of cases. 74% were atraumatic.

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S-7586- Lynam et al report that among 220 paediatric inpatients, 7(3%)children had Covid19.

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S-7685- Cassidy et al have assessed the impact of Covid-19 on healthcare professionals caring for patients with interstitial lung disease. Worry 43% and frustration 43% were the most commonly reported emotions.

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S-7687- McDonnell et al report that during the period Feb 20-Feb21, the paediatric ED attendance decreased by 34 % but the mental health (MH) presentations increased by 8.9%. In particular, MH presentations increased 52% in July/Aug and 46% in Sept/Dec. The surges appear to be related to school re-openings.

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S-7744- O’Donnell et al report a case of SARS-CoV-2 re-infection in a 40 year old woman.

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S-7759- Eves et al report a near peer mentoring programme for paediatric NCHDs. Over a 6 month period there were 66 mentors and 33 mentees. When surveyed, 89% felt that it could be useful to NCHDs but only 21% felt that it was of personal benefit.