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Commentary

[The Ockenden Report into Maternity and Neonatal Services at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals, UK](#)

Editorials

[Judicious Prescribing of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Adolescents](#)

Original Papers

[Opportunities for Education in Heart Failure Pharmacotherapy Demonstrated by a Survey of Clinicians](#)

Murray et al performed a study to assess doctors' knowledge about heart failure drugs. There were 127 responses. While 78% correctly identified the indications for treatment, only 31% were aware that the optimal target heart rate was less than 70/min. A number of other areas of uncertainty were also detected. The authors recommend further training.

[Paramedics' Perceptions of Their Role in End of Life Care](#)

Murphy et al describe the role of paramedics in end of life care. It is pointed out that three-quarters of patients want to be cared for at home in their final days. The importance of enhanced communication between all those involved in the patient's care is emphasised.

[Outcomes of Patients with a pH<7.0 Presenting to the Emergency Department \(OPpHED Study\)](#)

Umana et al report on the outcome for 130 patients presenting to ED with a pH <7.0. The twenty eight day mortality was 69.5%.

[Electronic Medication Record Accuracy in Haemodialysis Outpatient Settings](#)

England et al describe the operation of the kidney disease clinical patient management system (KDCPMS). In an examination of the KDCPMS records, the authors found 143 drug related problems in 34 patients.

[Covid-19 Epidemic Impact on Clinical Training in Irish GP Training](#)

Hanley et al describe the effects of Covid-19 on GP training. The challenges included less face-to-face patient interaction, and an increased proportion of telephone-video consultations.

[Dating Ultrasounds are Fundamental to Modern Obstetric Care](#)

Mohamed et al report on the importance of the dating antenatal scan. 16% of women relied on the dating scan rather than the LMP. The mean difference between the ultrasound scan and the recalled menstrual dates was 3.9 days.

[Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Delivery of Acute and Post-Acute Care to Patients With Newly Diagnosed Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury](#)

Boland and Smith report that in period March – June 2020, there were 19 patients with a traumatic spinal cord injury (TSCI). The majority of the injuries were due to falls.

[An Anaesthesiology and Emergency Medicine Multidisciplinary Simulation-Based Bootcamp](#)

Kerrigan et al describe the functioning of an anaesthetic simulation boot camp. The authors point out that simulation training improves team performance and communication.

[Moving From 'Best Interests' to 'Will and Preference': A Study of Doctors' Level of Knowledge Relating to the Assisted Decision-Making \(Capacity\) Act 2015](#)

Curtis et al conducted a questionnaire about the new forthcoming Irish decision making capacity legislation. To date only 2% of doctors have received formal training. Further training is urgently needed.

[Activity Levels and Outcomes of a Standalone Regional Paediatric High Dependency Unit](#)

Black et al describe the clinical activity levels in a paediatric high dependency unit (HDU). There were 126 admissions over a 1 year period. Respiratory and neurological conditions accounted for the majority of cases.

[Requirements for Rehabilitation Services for Children after Severe Acquired Brain Injury](#)

Caulfield et al report on acquired brain injury in children. There were 187 cases in the period 2016-2019. They account for a significant (21.4%) proportion of prolonged hospital stays.

Case Reports

[Tick-borne Encephalitis Identified in Ireland; Diagnosis and Outcome](#)

Doyle et al describe a case of tick borne encephalitis (TBE) in a 50 year old male. TBE virus specific antibodies were detected in the serum and the CSF.

Letters to the Editor

[Acute Encephalopathy in a Child with Threadworm Infection Treated with Mebendazole](#)

[Improving Efficiency of the Phlebotomy Process Performed by Junior Doctors](#)

[Strongyloides Hyperinfection Syndrome in a Patient with Asymptomatic COVID-19 Infection](#)

[Nursing Homes, Falls and the Myth of 24 Hour Supervision](#)

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