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[Outcomes and Utility of Troponin and NT-proBNP Testing in Dysnoea Presentations](#)

Conway et al report on the outcome of 7,087 patients presenting with dyspnoea. This presentation was associated with a higher mortality than in other patients, 7.4% vs 4.1%. Raised troponin and proBNP were also predictive.

[The Outreach Virtual Fracture Clinic – a Pilot Report of the Initial Nine Months](#)

Medlar et al describe the functioning of a virtual fracture clinic. There were 822 patients in the study. Following referral from the ED, 369 (44.9%) were reviewed within 3-7 days. The authors describe the advantages of the programme.

[Impact of Smartphone Usage amongst Psychiatry NCHDs](#)

Sweeney and Azvee have examined smart phone use by psychiatry NCHDs. Among the 63 respondents, 35 were not provided with a work phone. Twenty seven had their personal number linked to the work directory and 13 were contacted by patients and families during working hours and 6 outside working hours. The authors advise the provision of work phones.

[A National Evaluation of Recurrent Miscarriage Care Services](#)

Hennessy et al have reviewed recurrent miscarriage services. The authors compared current practices against a suite of recommended care bundles. They found considerable variation. The authors recommend a national guideline for recurrent miscarriage.

[In Pursuit of Consensus – A National Review of Gestational Diabetes](#)

Smyth et al have surveyed the management of gestational diabetes nationally. All units practice risk factors screening. Almost all units, 18 (95%) use a one step 75g, 2g GTT. The WHO diagnostic criteria were followed by 15 (83%). The authors urge further consensus.

[Rhythm vs Rate Control Strategy Effect on Direct Current Cardioversion Outcomes for Atrial Fibrillation: A Retrospective Cohort Analysis in a Tertiary Referral Centre](#)

Mays et al report on the outcome of 136 patients with atrial fibrillation. Prior to cardioversion, one group was treated with rhythm control using amiodarone, and the other group was treated with rate control using bisoprolol. The rhythm control group fared better than the rate control group, 55% vs 31% maintaining sinus rhythm. A larger atrial size was a predictor of early atrial fibrillation recurrence.

Occasional Pieces

[Transition from Paediatric to Adult Services for Patients with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome](#)

Short Reports

[The Impact of SARS-CoV-2 on Two Colorectal Cancer Screening Centres](#)

Ring et al have examined the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on colorectal cancer screening. During the pandemic, 107 colonoscopies were performed after its onset compared with 224 colonoscopies in the corresponding period before the pandemic. In addition the median time to colonoscopy was longer after the onset of the pandemic 74 vs 34 days.

[Timely Presence of Mother with their Newborns on Admission to PICU](#)

Monaghan and Crowe have studied maternal visiting patterns when their baby was in the PICU. There were 247 neonatal admissions in the study. The timing of the first visit by mothers to their babies was 181 (73%) within 24 hours. The breast feeding rate was 57%. The authors emphasise the importance of facilitating maternal visiting.

[Knowledge and Experience of Obstetric Trainees in Relation to Postpartum Intrauterine Contraception](#)

Fee et al have surveyed obstetric trainees' knowledge of postpartum intrauterine contraception. A high proportion, 77 (91%) were confident in the insertion of an intrauterine system (IUS). However 64 (76%) had not inserted one in the immediate postpartum period. The authors recommend further training in this procedure.

Case Series

[Bronchiolitis Obliterans in Immunocompromised Males](#)

Ridge et al report 2 cases of bronchiolitis obliterans in immunocompromised males. The first case was precipitated by haemophilus influenzae and the second by HIV infection. The management of the condition is described.

Letters to the Editor

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