Scottish Hip Fracture Audit

Hip Fracture Care Pathway Report 2019

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About this release

This release by Information Services Division presents the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit’s 2019 annual national report. This includes data from the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit, describing the quality of hip fracture care in each acute hospital during 2018, measuring each hospital against the Scottish Hip Fracture Care Standards (2016).

Main Points

This report summarises the care provided to 7,146 patients were admitted to hospital with a hip fracture in 2018.

- During this time period, 86% of hip fracture patients admitted to the emergency department met the standard of being transferred to an orthopaedic ward within 4 hours.
- 57% of patients were in theatre within 24 hours of hospital admission. Which is an increase from 55% in previous year.
- The number of people being seen by a physiotherapist within two days of surgery continues to improve, from 91% in 2017 to 94% in 2018.
- The length of time people spend in a hospital continues to fall. Decreasing from 22 days in 2012 to 17 days in 2018.
- 3 out of 5 hip fracture patients were able to return to their home or care home within 30 days of admission which is similar to last year.

Variation of Scottish Standards of Care for Hip Fracture Patients in 2018 is shown in the chart below. It is clear that there remains significant variation in achievement of each standard across the country and improving on this will continue to be a major focus of the audit.
Background

The Scottish Hip Fracture Audit monitors the quality of care provided to hip fracture patients by surgical hospitals in Scotland as part of the Trauma and Orthopaedic ACCESS Programme, a collaborative programme between Scottish Government, ISD and NHS Boards in Scotland.

People who suffer from a hip fracture are usually frail and elderly and at risk of complications from surgery and/or the injury and this can be associated with increased length of stay in hospital, admission to care homes and mortality.

Data are collected by Local Audit Co-ordinators based in each hospital.

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Further Information

More information on the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit and hip fracture care, including a full copy of this report, is available on our website www.shfa.scot.nhs.uk.

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