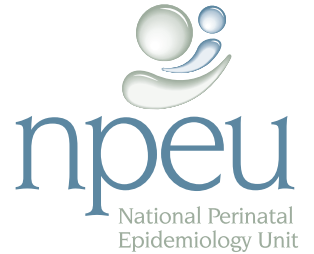




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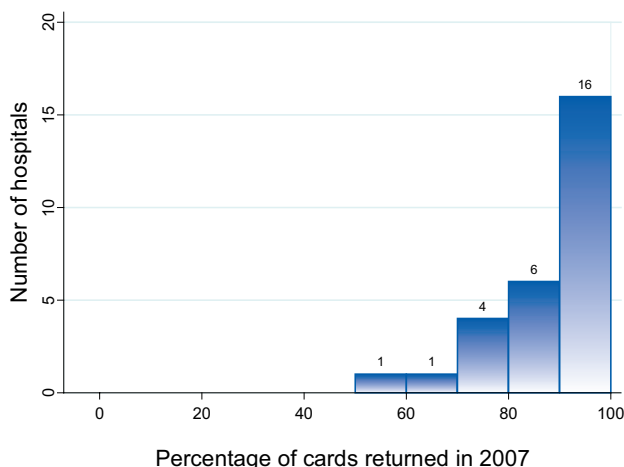
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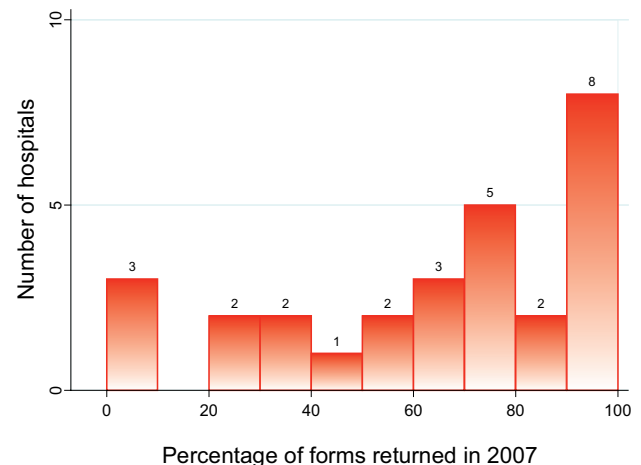
Annual returns to BAPS-CASS

Thank you once again to all those who have contributed to BAPS-CASS by returning cards and completing data collection forms. The graphs below indicate the proportions of cards and data collection forms which have been returned for 2007. All units in the UK have returned monthly case reports and there are only three units who have not returned any data collection forms. **Sixty-eight percent** of data collection forms have been returned to us from the first year of the study. This represents a tremendous response to this study from clinicians throughout the UK and Ireland who have provided very valuable data. Unfortunately, even a small amount of missing information could prevent us from achieving the primary aims of the study, which are to document the incidence, management and outcomes of this condition, and thus to improve care in the future. Each unit BAPS-CASS coordinator has been sent an individual report noting the information returned from their hospital. The gastroschisis survey will finish data collection on 31st March; please can we encourage you to return any outstanding data collection forms as soon as possible to enable us to analyse the information ready for presentation at the BAPS congress.

Overall UK & Ireland card returns 2007



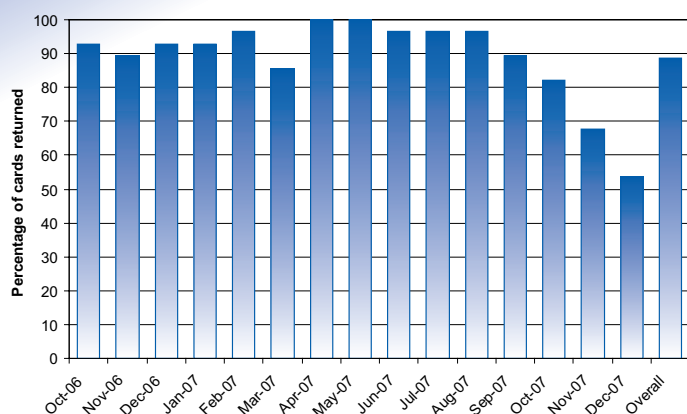
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Case Report Summary to 12/02/2008

Condition	Cases Reported	Forms returned	Confirmed Cases	Unconfirmed Cases	Duplicate Cases
Gastroschisis	334	218 (65%)	214 (98%)	0	4

Card return rates October 06 to December 07



Star hospitals

The following units have returned 100% of forms and 100% of cards:

Hull Royal Infirmary
 Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital
 Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital
 Southampton General Hospital

And congratulations also to the following which have returned more than 80% of each:

Addenbrookes Hospital
 Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children
 John Radcliffe Hospital
 Leicester Royal Infirmary
 Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle

The Chocolate Box

Chocolates this month for Robin Abel from London, Nick Lansdale from Manchester/Sheffield and Eleri Cusick from Bristol for coordination and completion of data collection forms. Many thanks for all your efforts!

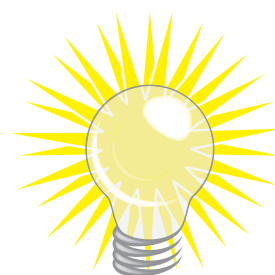
Reminder - Oesophageal atresia study

The gastroschisis survey will cease on the 31st March and the oesophageal atresia (OA) survey will commence on 1st April. Please note therefore that you should be asking colleagues to report all cases of TOF/OA from 1st April. Please report any infant with:

A congenital malformation comprising an interruption of the continuity of the oesophagus with or without a persistent communication with the trachea.

If any of you would like to nominate a different centre coordinator for the duration of the OA study, please let us know after you have agreed this with your colleagues.

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