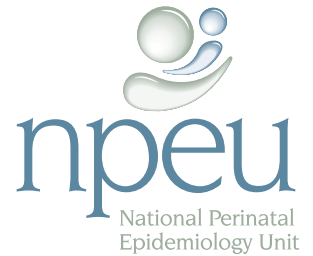




British Association of Paediatric Surgeons Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System (BAPS-CASS)



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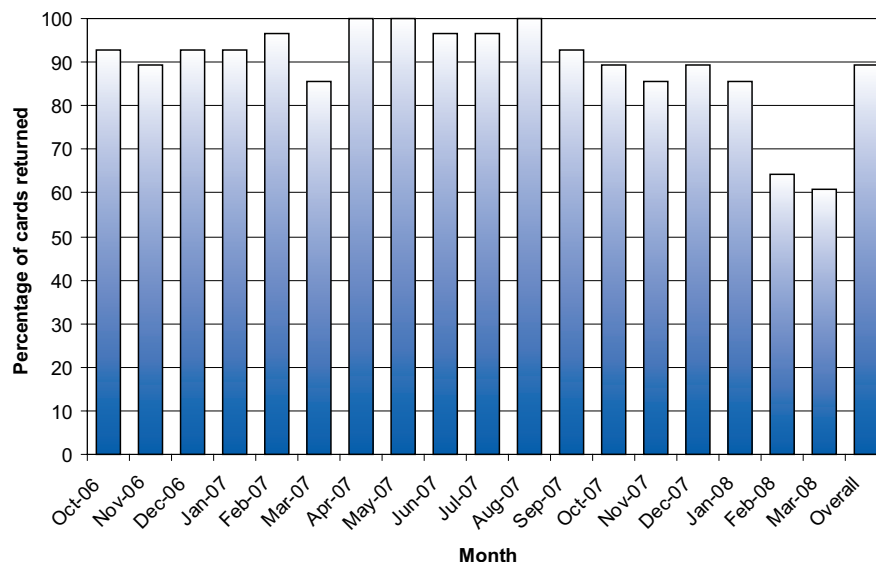
The national system to study the surgical management of a range of neonatal conditions

Gastroschisis study final data collection

Case reporting for the gastroschisis study finished on 31st March. To date the overall card return rate for the study is an impressive **89%**. However, there are still a number of cards missing for February and March (see graph below). Please could all of you who have any outstanding cards return them to us as soon as possible in order that we can finalise the data collection.

To date **75%** of data collection forms have been returned, which is a fantastic achievement. However, to make the study results truly nationally representative we need data collection to be as near to 100% complete as possible. Other similar data collection systems in paediatrics and obstetrics report that data collection for their studies is 93-94% complete. We think your BAPS-CASS studies can beat this! The first results from the gastroschisis study will be presented at the BAPS annual scientific meeting in July; please let us have your forms back as soon as you can so that we can include your data in this presentation.

Card Return Rates Gastroschisis Study October 06 to March 08



Case Report Summary to 12/02/2008

Condition	Cases Reported	Forms returned	Confirmed Cases	Unconfirmed Cases	Duplicate Cases
Gastroschisis	400	301 (75%)	289 (96%)	3 (1%)	9 (3%)

Gastroschisis one year outcome forms

We have recently begun to send out one year outcome forms for infants with gastroschisis. Please note that we ask for the **COUNTY** of residence of the infant e.g. Lancashire, Kent, and not the country of residence. This is to enable us to investigate regional variations in birth prevalence.

Star hospitals

The following units have returned 100% of cards and 100% of forms for the entire gastroschisis study:

Hull Royal Infirmary
Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital
Southampton General Hospital

These units have returned 100% of forms and 100% of cards up to the end of February 2008:

Addenbrookes Hospital
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

And congratulations also to the following which have returned more than 90% of each up to February 2008:

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children
John Radcliffe Hospital
Leicester Royal Infirmary
Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital
Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
University Hospital Lewisham

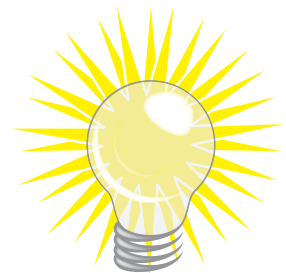
The Chocolate Box

Chocolates this month for Andrew Robb from Birmingham, Gareth Hosie from Newcastle and David Wilkinson from Liverpool for single-handed and efficient data form completion. The three between them have completed nearly seventy data collection forms. Chocolates also for Thomas Tsang from Norwich for rapid and efficient coordination and completion of data collection forms.

Reminder - Oesophageal atresia study

The gastroschisis survey ceased on the 31st March and the oesophageal atresia (OA) survey commenced on 1st April. Please note therefore that you should be asking colleagues to report only cases of TOF/OA. 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.



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