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Acute Fatty Liver of Pregnancy Final Study Result

Fifty-seven women were diagnosed with Acute Fatty Liver of Pregnancy (AFLP) between February 2005 and August 2006 in a cohort of over 1.1 million pregnant women, representing an estimated incidence of 5.0 cases per 100,000 maternities (95% confidence interval (CI) 3.8-6.5/100,000). This is the largest population-based cohort of women with AFLP to date, and illustrates the benefits of national collaboration through UKOSS in the study of rare disorders. The existing literature consists predominantly of small hospital-based case series or historical cohorts identified retrospectively over a number of years. Incidence estimates from these studies are very imprecise and vary widely between 1 in 900 and 1 in 16,000 maternities due to the small size of the studies. Similarly, maternal case fatality estimates range between 12% and 18% and neonatal mortality estimates from 7-58%. The information available to counsel women has therefore been very limited.

Nearly 20% of the women with AFLP in the UKOSS study had twin pregnancies. We can estimate that this represents a fourteen times

increase in risk of AFLP in women with twin pregnancies. Women with AFLP were also more likely to be primiparous and older. We also noted that 20% of the cohort of women with AFLP were underweight (BMI of less than 20Kg/m²), suggesting a possible inverse relationship between BMI and AFLP.

Only one woman died, representing a case fatality of 2% (95% CI 0-9%), which is lower than reported estimates. The outcome we observed for the fetus was poorer than the maternal outcome, with a perinatal mortality rate of 104 per 1000 births, more than ten times the overall national rate. The majority of these deaths occurred antepartum.

These results have been published Online First in the journal Gut (available at <http://gut.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/gut.2008.148676v1>), and will be in print later in the year. If you don't have access to this site and would like a reprint, please email us at UKOSS@npeu.ox.ac.uk.

Case report summary for current studies to 10/03/08

Disorder	Actual number of reported cases	Data collection forms returned (%)	Number of confirmed cases	Expected number of confirmed cases
Amniotic fluid embolism	67	60 (90)	38	36
Antenatal stroke	11	6 (55)	2	29
FMAIT (NAIT)	43	35 (81)	25	75
Extreme obesity (BMI 50 or over)	1019	802 (79)	575	450
Myocardial infarction	31	26 (84)	13	50
Non-renal solid organ transplant recipients	18	15 (83)	14	23
Pulmonary vascular disease	33	28 (85)	16	16
Renal transplant recipients	59	45 (76)	36	82
Therapies for peripartum haemorrhage	77	33 (43)	19	245

Thanks to the following hospitals who have returned cards for the last three months:

Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen
 Airedale General Hospital, Keighley
 Alexandra Hospital, Redditch
 Atnagalvin Area Hospital, Londonderry
 Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral
 Ayrshire Maternity Unit, Kilmarnock
 Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust, Enfield
 Bamsley District General Hospital, Bamsley
 Basildon Hospital, Basildon
 Bassetlaw District General Hospital, Worksop
 Birmingham City Hospital, Birmingham
 Birmingham Women's Hospital, Birmingham
 Borders General Hospital, Melrose
 Bradford Royal Infirmary, Bradford
 Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth
 Burnley General Hospital, Burnley
 Causeway Hospital, Coleraine
 Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London
 Cheltenham General Hospital, Cheltenham
 Chesterfield & North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Chesterfield
 Colchester General Hospital, Colchester
 Conquest Hospital, St Leonards-on-Sea
 Countess of Chester Hospital, Chester
 Craigavon Area Hospital, Portadown
 Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle
 Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry
 Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford
 Darlington Memorial Hospital, Darlington
 Derriford Hospital, Plymouth
 Dewsbury and District Hospital, Dewsbury
 Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby
 Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester
 Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin
 Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries
 Ealing Hospital, London
 Eastbourne District General Hospital, Eastbourne
 Epsom General Hospital, Epsom
 Erne Hospital, Enniskillen
 Fairfield General Hospital, Bury
 Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy
 Friarage Hospital, Northallerton
 Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley
 George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
 Glan Clwyd District General Hospital, Rhyl
 Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield
 Harrogate District Hospital, Harrogate
 Hereford County Hospital, Hereford
 Hexham General Hospital, Hexham
 Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon
 Homerton Hospital, London
 Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, London
 Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield
 Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull
 Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich
 James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
 James Paget Hospital, Great Yarmouth
 Jersey General Hospital, St Helier
 John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford
 King George Hospital, Ilford
 King's College Hospital, London
 King's Mill Hospital, Sutton in Ashfield
 Kingston Hospital, Kingston upon Thames
 Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn
 Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds
 Leicester General Hospital, Leicester
 Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester
 Leighton Hospital, Crewe
 Lincoln County Hospital, Lincoln
 Lister Hospital, Stevenage
 Liverpool Women's Hospital, Liverpool
 Macclesfield District General Hospital, Macclesfield
 Manor Hospital, Walsall
 Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham
 Milton Keynes General Hospital, Milton Keynes
 New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
 Ninewells Hospital & Medical School, Dundee
 Nobles Hospital, Douglas
 North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple
 North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester
 North Middlesex Hospital, London
 North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields
 Northampton General Hospital, Northampton
 Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow
 Nottingham City Hospital, Nottingham
 Peterborough Maternity Unit, Peterborough
 Pilgrim Hospital, Boston
 Pontefract General Infirmary, Pontefract
 Poole Hospital, Poole
 Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton
 Princess Elizabeth Hospital, St Martins
 Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend
 Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London
 Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead
 Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn
 Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City
 Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital, Margate
 Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup
 Queen's Hospital, Burton upon Trent
 Queen's Hospital, Romford
 Rochdale Infirmary, Rochdale
 Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge
 Rotherham District General Hospital, Rotherham
 Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan
 Royal Blackburn Hospital, Blackburn
 Royal Bolton Hospital, Bolton
 Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro
 Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Exeter
 Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester
 Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster
 Royal Oldham Hospital, Oldham
 Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury
 Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
 Royal United Hospital, Bath
 Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
 Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley
 Salisbury District Hospital, Salisbury
 Sandwell District General Hospital, West Bromwich
 Scarborough Hospital, Scarborough
 Scunthorpe General Hospital, Scunthorpe
 Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health, Edinburgh
 South Tyneside District Hospital, South Shields
 Southend Hospital, Westcliff-on-Sea
 Southern General Hospital, Glasgow
 Southmead Hospital, Bristol
 Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, Ormskirk
 St George's Hospital, London
 St Helier Hospital, Carshalton
 St John's Unit at Howden, Livingston
 St Mary's Hospital, London
 St Mary's Hospital, Newport
 St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth
 St Michael's Hospital, Bristol
 St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey
 Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport
 Stirling Royal Infirmary, Stirling
 Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
 Tameside General Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne
 Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton
 The Great Western Hospital, Swindon
 The Jessop Wing, Sheffield
 Torbay Hospital, Torquay
 Trafford General Hospital, Manchester
 Ulster Hospital, Belfast
 University College Hospital, London
 University Hospital Lewisham, London
 University Hospital of North Durham, Durham
 University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent
 University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton-on-Tees
 University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
 Victoria Hospital, Blackpool
 Warrington Hospital, Warrington
 Warwick Hospital, Warwick
 West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven
 West Middlesex University Hospital, Isleworth
 West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds
 West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen
 Western Isles Hospital, Stornaway
 Wexham Park Hospital, Slough
 Whipps Cross University Trust Hospital, London
 Whiston Hospital, Prescot
 William Harvey Hospital, Ashford
 Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest
 Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Worcester
 Worthing Hospital, Worthing
 Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Wrexham
 Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe
 Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester
 Yeovil Women's Hospital, Yeovil
 Ysbyty Gwynedd District General Hospital, Bangor
 Antrim Hospital, Antrim
 Bedford Hospital, Bedford
 Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham
 Caithness General Hospital, Wick
 City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Trust, Sunderland
 Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Derby
 Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Doncaster
 East Surrey Hospital, Redhill
 Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Gloucester
 Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge
 Hope Hospital, Manchester
 Horton Hospital, Banbury
 Kettering General Hospital, Kettering
 Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny
 North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke
 Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottingham
 Prince Charles Hospital, Methyr Tydfil
 Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow
 Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath
 Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow
 Raigmore Hospital, Inverness
 Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley
 Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
 Royal Free Hospital, London
 Royal Jubilee Maternity Service, Belfast
 Royal London Hospital, London
 Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford
 Sharoe Green Unit, Preston
 Singleton Hospital, Swansea
 Solihull Hospital, Solihull
 St James's University Hospital, Leeds
 St John's Hospital, Chelmsford
 St Mary's Hospital, Manchester
 St Richard's Hospital, Chichester
 The Portland Hospital, London
 University Hospital of Coventry & Warwickshire, Coventry
 Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington
 Watford General Hospital, Watford
 Whittington Hospital, London
 Wishaw General Hospital, Wishaw
 Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax
 Furness General Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness
 Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast
 Mayday University Hospital, Thornton Heath
 Newham General Hospital, London
 Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, Norwich
 Princess Royal University Hospital, Orpington
 Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant
 Staffordshire General Hospital, Stafford
 York Hospital, York

Returned all three cards. Returned two cards. Returned one card.

New Study – Failed Intubation

Data collection for the new failed intubation study started on 1st April, and the condition will be listed for the first time on the blue card you will get in May. We sent folder documentation about the new study a few weeks ago; if it hasn't arrived, please contact us for another copy.

Background

Reports from the Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths have shown a decrease in the number of anaesthetic related deaths over recent years. However, a consistent cause of death is hypoxia relating to a failure to intubate and ventilate. The incidence of failed intubation among the pregnant population is estimated to be up to 8 times that of the non-pregnant population, but, as yet, no national data exist.

There are several possible reasons why failures might occur more commonly in the obstetric population:

- Physiological changes of pregnancy
- The infrequency of obstetric surgery under general anaesthesia, and therefore lack of training opportunities for junior anaesthetists
- The procedures are frequently required "out of hours" when the trainee anaesthetist is likely not to be working under direct supervision
- Reduced overall training time

Study Objectives

- To use UKOSS to estimate the national incidence of failed intubation in obstetric general anaesthesia, quantify the risk factors and describe management and outcomes.
- To use the results of this study to make practical improvements in prevention and management of failed intubation.

Case definition

Any woman of over 20 weeks gestation given a general anaesthetic (whether on delivery suite or another hospital department) where a failed intubation has occurred.

Failed intubation is defined as failure to achieve tracheal intubation during a rapid sequence induction for obstetric anaesthesia, thereby initiating a failed intubation drill.

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Please note:

This is a case-control study. Reporters will also be asked to complete data collection forms for the two immediately preceding obstetric patients who have had a general anaesthetic. This is different from our usual control selection procedure. If you are uncertain about which control women to select, please get in touch with either Carole or Marian on 01865 289714/289727.



Star Hospitals

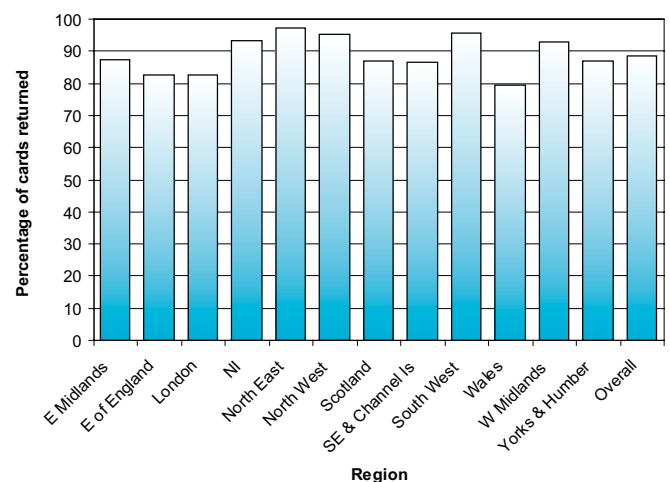
More 100% hospitals!
Congratulations to the following hospitals that also have 100% card and form returns for 2007, in addition to those reported in the last newsletter.

Borders General Hospital
Doncaster Royal Infirmary
Dr Gray's Hospital
Ealing Hospital
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Huddersfield Royal Infirmary
James Cook University Hospital
Macclesfield District General Hospital
Poole Hospital
Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend
Royal Alexandra Hospital
Royal Blackburn Hospital
Russells Hall Hospital
St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth
Ulster Hospital
Warrington Hospital
Worcestershire Royal Hospital

UKOSS Regional Card Return Rates

Congratulations to Northern Ireland, the North East, North West, South West and West Midlands who have all exceeded 90%! Overall cards returns are 89% nationally. If you have any odd cards lying around in your inboxes, please hunt them out and post them back so we can make this even better. Card returns, even reporting no cases, are particularly important to allow us to calculate the denominator number of women giving birth for each UKOSS study.

Card return rates November 2007 to January 2008



The Chocolate Box

Chocolates for Ann-Marie Whiting from Torbay for perseverance and patience in chasing case notes and forms, and Lisa Whittle from Warrington for patience with cards and forms lost in the post and for 100% card and form returns for the past 18 months. And finally, a big thank you to Carole and Patsy at the NPEU for processing more than 4000 forms for UKOSS over the past three years.

Reminder - RCOG/ UKOSS Award Deadline April 18

The deadline for applications for the RCOG/UKOSS Award, to enable an obstetric trainee to undertake a UKOSS study is April 18. Further details are available at <http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss/rcog-ukoss> or from Dr Marian Knight on 01865 289727.

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