

NRAP Good Practice Repository – Adult asthma



Princess Royal University Hospital
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

KPI 1:
Respiratory Review within 24 Hours

Princess Royal University Hospital achieved:

92% - 2022/23*

*% of patients submitted to the audit.



Overview

NRAP data summarises that for the period April 2022-March 2023, the Princess Royal University Hospital show that 92% of cases seen received a respiratory review within 24 hours.

Our processes to achieve good practice in KPI 1:

- The respiratory team at the Princess Royal University Hospital is composed of respiratory consultants, registrars and respiratory clinical nurse specialists.
- The four full-time respiratory clinical nurse specialists provide a 7-day service who aim to ensure that all patients admitted to the hospital with an asthma exacerbation are reviewed within 24 hours of ED presentation and ensure the provision of all six elements of best practice care.
- The development of this team has been a step change in our ability to rapidly review patients admitted with exacerbations of airways disease. The Clinical Nurse Specialists are a team of autonomous practitioners, supported by specialist consultants, who are able to independently and proactively seek out and review patients admitted with airways disease.

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- There is a daily triaging of respiratory patients admitted in the hospital by looking into A&E attendance record and acute medical post admission lists
- The respiratory CNS also carry out daily walk around in the acute admissions ward areas to receive referrals from the wider medical teams and provide staff education about importance of early referral requests for specialist review via the electronic patient record (EPIC). Prompt review enables the provision of necessary treatment for asthma exacerbation and timely adjustments to treatment plans.
- Through a proactive and coordinated approach shared between respiratory nurse specialists, respiratory doctors, respiratory wards, adult asthma patients receive specialised timely interventions and continuity of care.
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- Dedicated protected time is allocated for clinical audits and input to the NRAP online web tool on a daily basis so that the time of reviews and treatments are accurately recorded.

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