

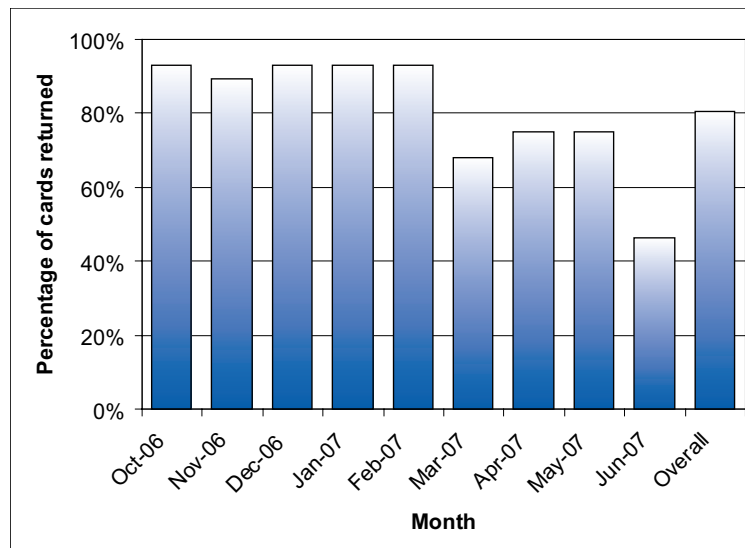
Newsletter 3: August 07

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

All UK and Ireland units reporting!

All the paediatric surgical units in the UK and Ireland are now reporting to BAPS-CASS, with the majority providing data on all infants born since October 2006. The overall national card return rate for the eight months is 81%, and for the first five months is now over 90%. In addition, nearly 60% of data collection forms have been returned from the first six months. This represents a huge effort from clinicians throughout the UK. However, there are still 60 data collection forms outstanding for infants born during this six months. Complete data collection is very important to give an unbiased national picture of the incidence and outcomes of gastroschisis, so please return any outstanding forms as soon as possible.

Card return rates Nov 2006-April 2007



Case Report Summary to 31/ 07/2007

Condition	Cases Reported	Forms returned	Confirmed Cases	Unconfirmed Cases	Duplicate Cases
Gastroschisis	185	91	89	0	2



The Chocolate Box

Chocolates and our special thanks this month to Melanie Drewett from Southampton for fantastic, consistent, complete returning of both cards and data collection forms, and to Michael Dawrant from Leicester for single-handedly tracking down all their cases and completing forms. We really appreciate your efforts!

Checking case reporting

In addition to case reporting through BAPS-CASS, we are also obtaining reports of cases of gastroschisis through UK obstetricians, midwives and obstetric anaesthetists via the UK Obstetric Surveillance System (UKOSS). This allows us to be sure that we have information about all cases in the UK, including those which are terminated or result in a stillbirth. We will also be checking our information with regional congenital anomalies registers in areas where these exist. We can then be sure we have a comprehensive national picture of the incidence and outcomes of gastroschisis. The diagram below shows the liveborn cases reported through UKOSS and BAPS-CASS to the end of June 2007, about whom data has been returned. 56 cases were reported through both BAPS-CASS and UKOSS, with an additional 26 cases through BAPS-CASS alone and 18 through UKOSS alone. Statistically we estimate that we have failed to identify only eight cases in this time.

BAPS UKOSS



Thank you to the coordinators from the following units who have returned cards over the last three months:

Addenbrookes Hospital
Bristol Royal Hospital For Children
Chelsea and Westminster Healthcare Trust
Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children
Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children
Hull Royal Infirmary
John Radcliffe Hospital
King's College Hospital
Leicester Royal Infirmary
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital
Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital
Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
Royal London Hospital
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
Royal Victoria Infirmary
Sheffield Children's Hospital
Southampton General
St George's Hospital
University Hospital Lewisham
University Hospital of Wales

Returned all three cards.

Returned two cards.

Returned one card.

If your unit is not listed, we have not received any cards from you for the past three months. If you think you have returned all your cards and are not listed in green, please let us know. In addition to the recent national postal strikes, Oxford Sorting Office has had further episodes of industrial action which have significantly disrupted our mail deliveries and collections. We are happy to receive email notifications if you are missing cards. If you are also expecting forms but haven't received them get in touch and we will try to get some new ones to you.

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