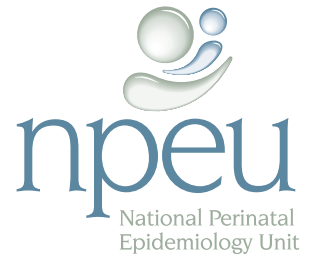




British Association of Paediatric Surgeons Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System (BAPS-CASS)



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

Newsletter 12 February 2010

Study updates

Gastroschisis – The first BAPS-CASS paper summarising the gastroschisis study results has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery*. The paper summarises the management and neonatal outcomes of a total of 393 infants with gastroschisis, describing simple and complex cases as well as those managed either with operative primary reduction and defect closure or a preformed silo. We will let you know as soon as the paper has been published either online or in print. We are currently analysing the results of the one year follow-up of these infants.

Oesophageal Atresia – The initial data on these infants has been analysed and an abstract submitted for consideration for conference presentation. We are now in the process of drafting the final manuscript for submission, so please can we urge any of you with outstanding data collection forms to return these as soon as possible. The last of this cohort will reach one year of age in March; we anticipate analysing this one year follow-up data in May/June, so can we also please ask that you return one-year forms promptly. If you have any difficulty in determining which infant the one year follow-up form refers to, please get in touch with Carole Harris (baps-cass@npeu.ox.ac.uk) and she may be able to help by matching clinical data. Unfortunately as you know we do not collect identifying information but we will do the best we can to help!

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia – This study is progressing well with 112 cases reported to date. We understand there are still some issues with R&D approvals in some centres; if you are having any problems please let us know and we will try to sort them out. As a result of the delay in the start of data collection in some centres, we will be extending data collection for this study until the end of September 2010.

Stop press! New study announced – The next condition to be studied through BAPS-CASS, following on from the CDH study, will be Hirschsprung's Disease. The study will be led by Gregor Walker and Tim Bradnock from Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and will commence in October 2010. More details to follow shortly.

Case Report Summary to 09/02/10

Condition	Cases Reported	Forms returned	Confirmed Cases	Unconfirmed Cases	Duplicate Cases
CDH	112	53 (47%)	52 (98%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Oesophageal Atresia	184	157 (85%)	151 (96%)	3 (2%)	2 (1%)

Star hospitals

Many thanks to the following units who have returned all the data for the oesophageal atresia study:

Addenbrooke's Hospital
Bristol Royal Hospital For Children
Chelsea and Westminster Healthcare Trust
Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children
Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children
Hull Royal Infirmary
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital
Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital
Sheffield Children's Hospital
Southampton General
University Hospital Lewisham
University Hospital of Wales

And to the following superstars who have also returned all data for the CDH study to date:

Addenbrooke's Hospital
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital
Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital

Thank you!



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To whom it may concern

BAPS-CASS UK National Study of the Surgical Outcomes of Infants with Oesophageal Atresia
October 2008 – January 2010 (ongoing)

This is to confirm that
Dr Paediatric Surgeon
has accurately and speedily completed and returned case reports and data collection forms for the
Anywhere Hospital, Anyshire
and has responded to queries in a timely and efficient manner.


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Certificates available for CPD/ Training portfolios

A number of reporting clinicians have contacted us to ask if they may have a record of the reporting they have undertaken for BAPS_CASS, either for their RITA portfolio or as evidence of participation in national audit and surveillance. We are happy to provide a certificate recording the reporting you have undertaken (See figure). If you would like a certificate, please get in contact with us via baps-cass@npeu.ox.ac.uk.

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