

Explanatory Notes

All cases (locked and unlocked) admitted to hospital between 01 August 2024 and 31 October 2024 have been included. Only cases where the necessary data are available have been included in the denominator for each individual analysis.

At hospital level, runcharts are compared to hospitals within the same ICB.

The results for process measures for which fewer than 10 cases have available data will not be reported. Instead the value will be marked as 'Insufficient data'.

The NELA standards include a newly updated composite standard for CT Scanning and Reporting. The new standard is composed of three metrics: (1) the proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by senior radiologist (ST3+), (2) the proportion of those reported within an hour or less of the scan, and (3) the proportion of those communicated preoperatively between a senior radiologist (ST3+) and senior surgeon (ST3+) to discuss the CT findings.

NOTE: due to changes in database structure, time related metrics may be calculated even if a time (NOT date) stamp is not entered. When time is entered as "00:00" and the "Time not known" box is not ticked, this time-stamp will be used for the standard calculation and may negatively affect reported metrics. We would therefore request that every effort is made to enter the time-stamps for the following variables:

- Date and Time of admission to hospital (Q1.9),
- Date and time of CT scan (Q2.7d),
- Date and time CT scan was reported (Q2.7e),
- Date and time of first dose of antibiotics (Q2.10),
- Date and time arrival in theatre (Q4.1).

For better insight to how these standards have been structured, please refer to the **NELA standards document**.

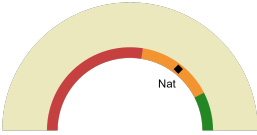


Ulster hospital

2024-25 Reporting Period 5: 01 August 2024 - 31 October 2024

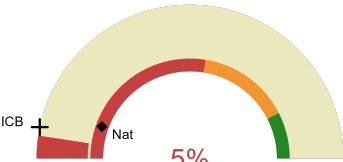
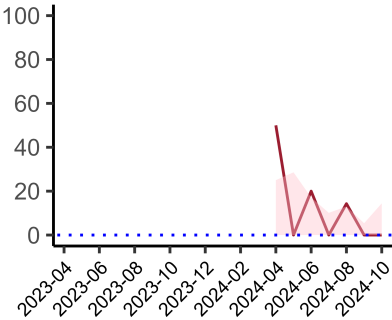
These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2024-25 Reporting Period 5 of NELA data collection. This version will be made publicly available via the NELA website. Feedback from participating hospitals is welcome.

NELA process and outcome measures



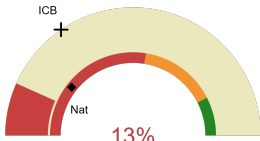
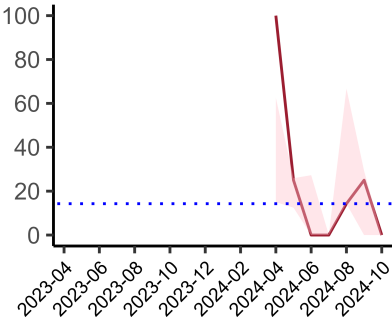
Estimated case ascertainment
01 August 2024 - 31 October 2024

**Estimated case ascertainment
(Based on HES/PEDW Data)**
Expected number of cases NA
Total cases entered 33
Cases locked 0
Cases unlocked 33



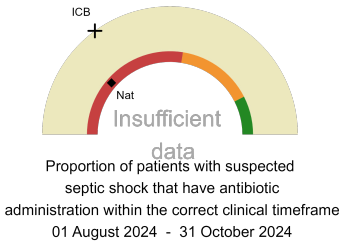
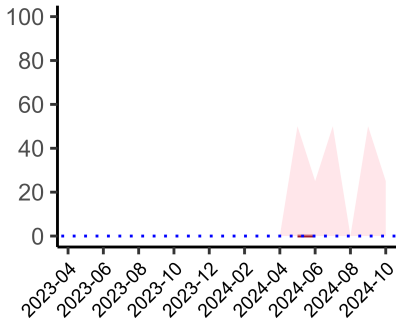
Proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery
01 August 2024 - 31 October 2024

CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.
National mean 11%
ICB mean 7%
Number of patients included 21
Data completeness 100%



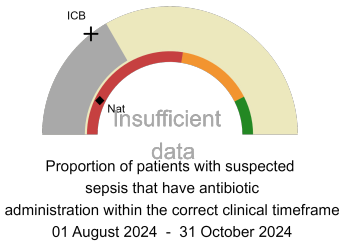
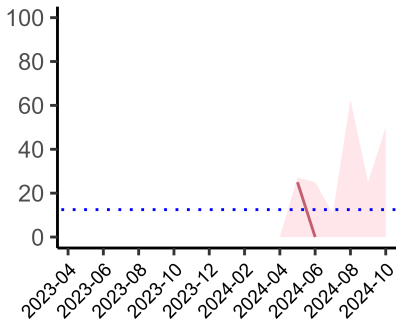
Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis or infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
01 August 2024 - 31 October 2024

Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
National mean 21%
ICB mean 31%
Number of patients included 15
Data completeness 94%



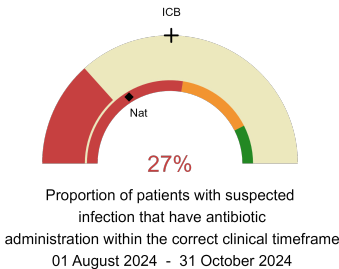
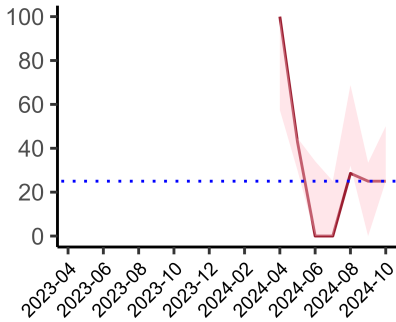
Septic Shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 23%
ICB mean 30%
Number of patients included 3
Data completeness 75%



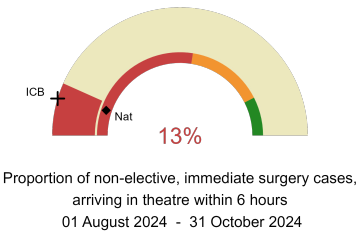
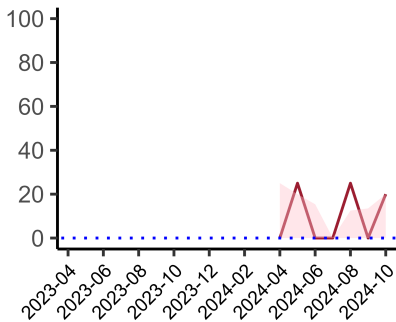
Sepsis - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 14%
ICB mean 29%
Number of patients included 3
Data completeness 75%



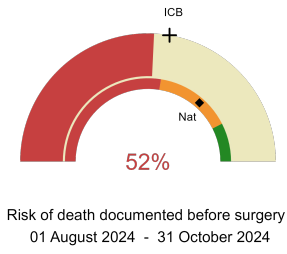
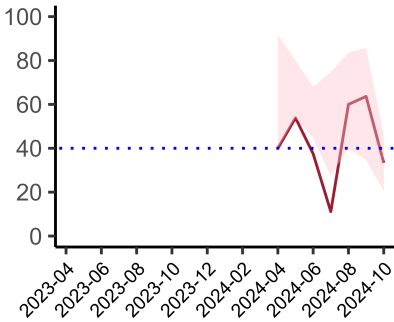
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 32%
ICB mean 50%
Number of patients included 15
Data completeness 94%



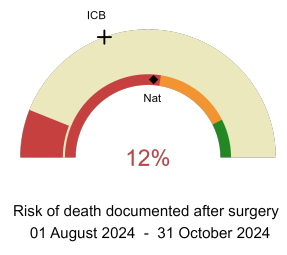
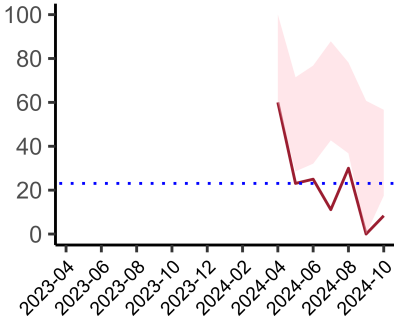
Non-elective, immediate surgery cases, arriving in theatre within 6 hours.

National mean 10%
ICB mean 9%
Number of patients included 15
Data completeness 100%



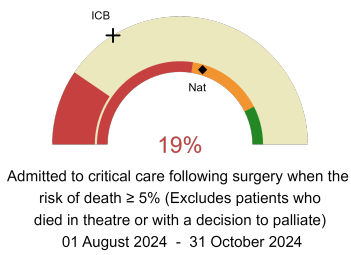
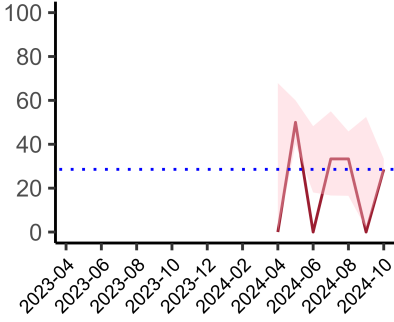
Risk documented before surgery

National mean 73%
ICB mean 55%
Number of patients included 33
Data completeness 100%



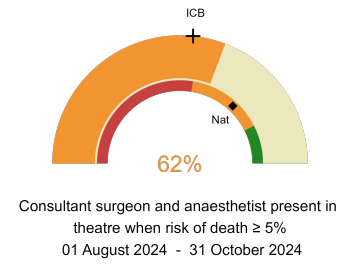
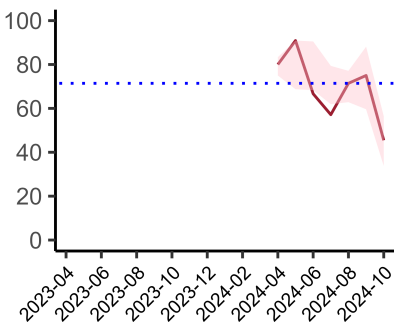
Risk documented after surgery

National mean 52%
ICB mean 39%
Number of patients included 33
Data completeness 100%



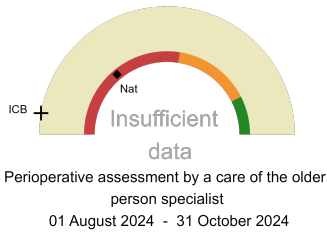
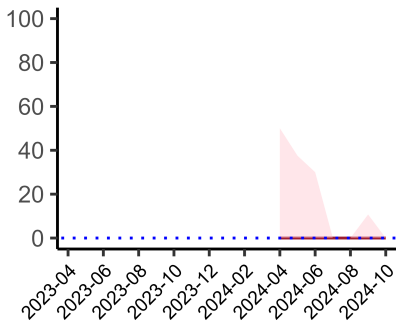
Admitted to Critical Care (risk of death \geq 5%)

National mean 59%
ICB mean 32%
Number of patients included 21
Data completeness 100%



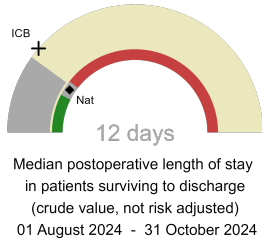
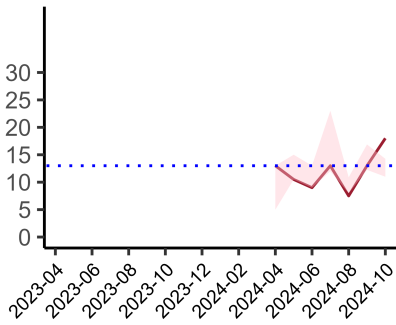
Consultant Anaesthetist & Consultant Surgeon in theatre (risk of death \geq 5%)

National mean 74%
ICB mean 53%
Number of patients included 26
Data completeness 93%



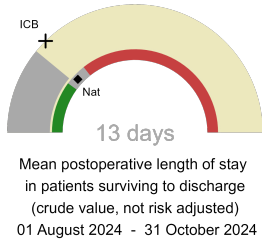
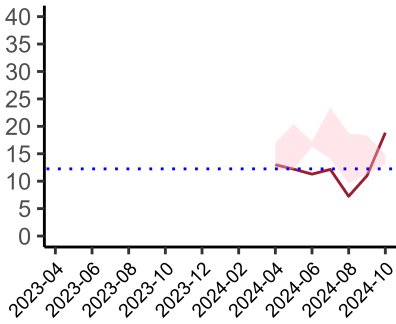
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 28%
ICB mean 5%
Number of patients included 9
Data completeness 90%



Median postoperative length of stay

National median 11 days
ICB median 14 days
Number of patients included 15
Data completeness 94%



Mean postoperative length of stay

National mean 14 days
ICB mean 15 days
Number of patients included 15
Data completeness 94%

Integrated Care Board

Ulster hospital is part of the Northern Ireland ICB. This comprises Antrim Area Hospital, Altnagelvin Hospital, Causeway Hospital, Craigavon Area Hospital, Ulster hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast City Hospital.