

Explanatory Notes

All cases (locked and unlocked) admitted to hospital between 01 September 2024 and 30 November 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**.

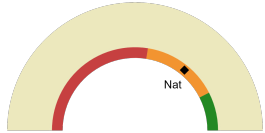


Ulster hospital

2024-25 Reporting Period 6: 01 September 2024 - 30 November 2024

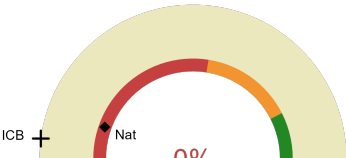
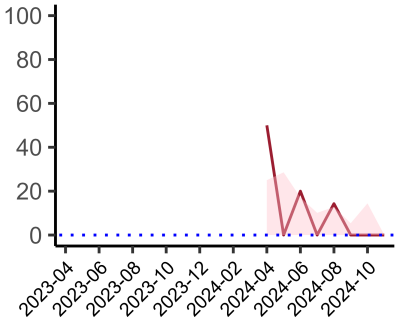
These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2024-25 Reporting Period 6 of NELA data collection. This version will be made publicly available via the NELA website. Feedback from participating hospitals is welcome.

NELA process and outcome measures



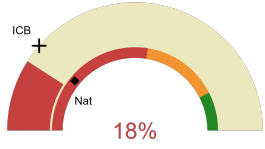
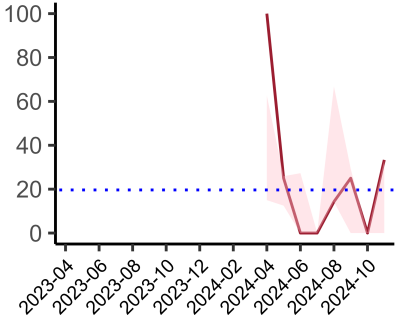
Estimated case ascertainment
01 September 2024 - 30 November 2024

**Estimated case ascertainment
(Based on HES/PEDW Data)**
Expected number of cases NA
Total cases entered 27
Cases locked 0
Cases unlocked 27



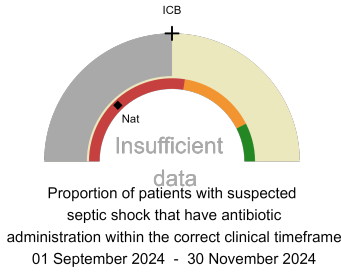
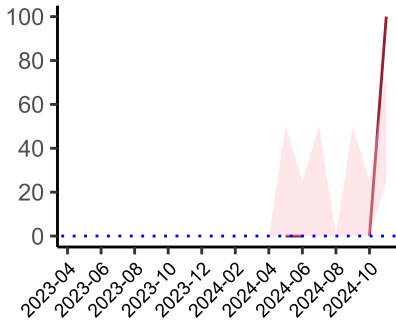
Proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery
01 September 2024 - 30 November 2024

CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.
National mean 11%
ICB mean 4%
Number of patients included 17
Data completeness 100%



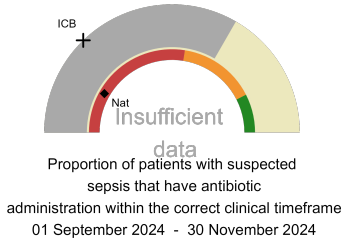
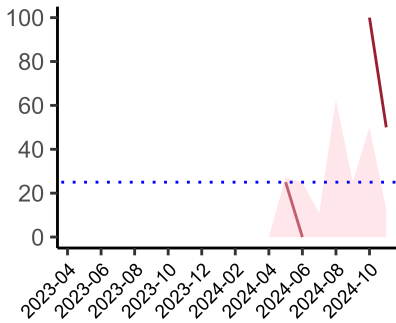
Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis or infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
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Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
National mean 22%
ICB mean 23%
Number of patients included 11
Data completeness 92%



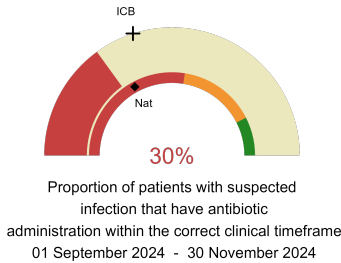
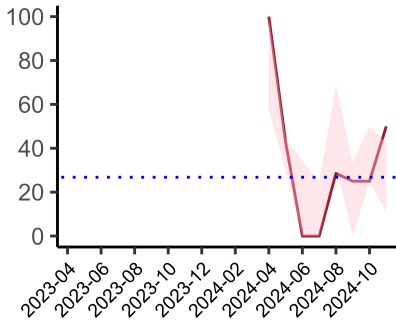
Septic Shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 26%
ICB mean 50%
Number of patients included 2
Data completeness 67%



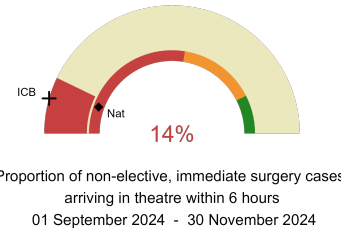
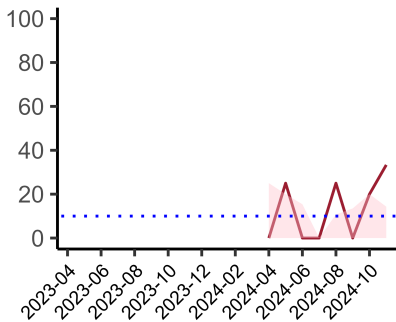
Sepsis - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 17%
ICB mean 26%
Number of patients included 3
Data completeness 75%



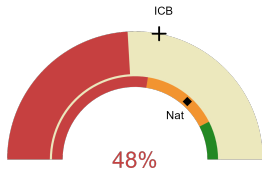
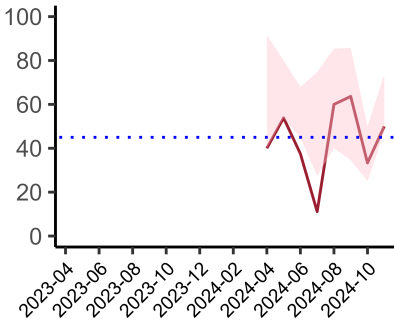
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 34%
ICB mean 40%
Number of patients included 10
Data completeness 91%



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

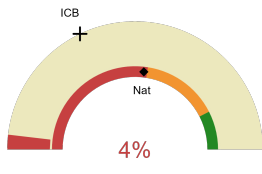
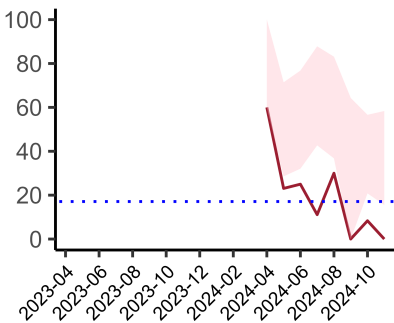
National mean 11%
ICB mean 9%
Number of patients included 14
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented before surgery
01 September 2024 - 30 November 2024

Risk documented before surgery

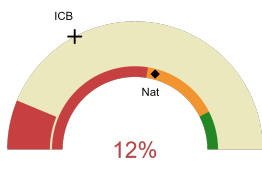
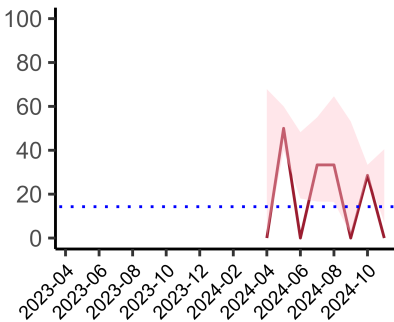
National mean 73%
ICB mean 56%
Number of patients included 27
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

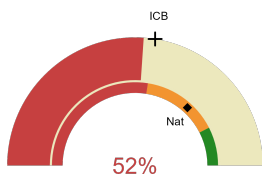
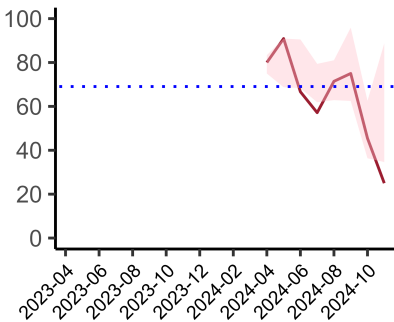
National mean 54%
ICB mean 36%
Number of patients included 27
Data completeness 100%



Admitted to critical care following surgery when the risk of death \geq 5% (Excludes patients who died in theatre or with a decision to palliate)
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Admitted to Critical Care (risk of death \geq 5%)

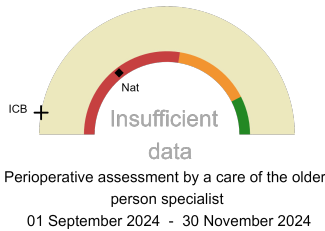
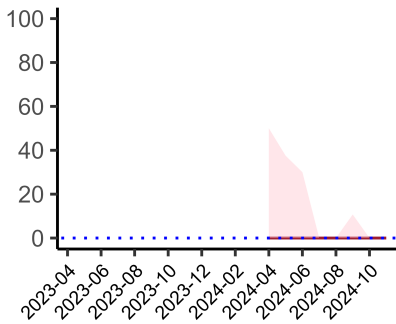
National mean 58%
ICB mean 34%
Number of patients included 16
Data completeness 100%



Consultant surgeon and anaesthetist present in theatre when risk of death \geq 5%
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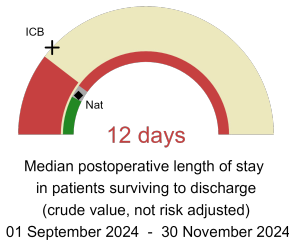
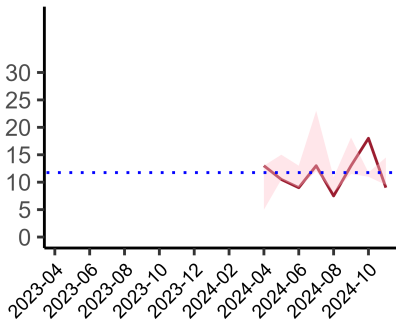
Consultant Anaesthetist & Consultant Surgeon in theatre (risk of death \geq 5%)

National mean 73%
ICB mean 55%
Number of patients included 23
Data completeness 92%



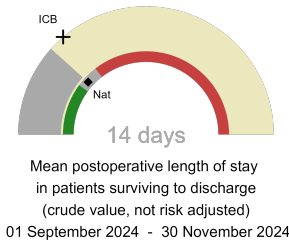
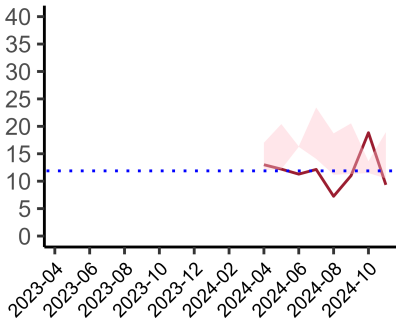
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 29%
ICB mean 5%
Number of patients included 8
Data completeness 100%



Median postoperative length of stay

National median 10 days
ICB median 14 days
Number of patients included 14
Data completeness 100%



Mean postoperative length of stay

National mean 14 days
ICB mean 17 days
Number of patients included 14
Data completeness 100%

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.